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## FISHERFOLK ... (from page 1)

FARMC Alternative Focal for Aklan, pointed out the need for commitment from LGUs.

"We need a strong commitment from our local government units to ensure that FARMC is not just a project but an integral part of our government system," Compao stated.

The 36 participants, composed of BFAR personnel, Provincial FARMC coordinators and FARMC mentors, collaborated to develop concrete strategies for FARMC operations during a two-day planning workshop in Iloilo City.

The workshop focused on reviewing Phase 1's accomplishments, identifying best practices and addressing the challenges faced by FARMC groups.

The discussion also centered on the status of FARMC Levels of Development across various provinces.

Participants further outlined a strategic action plan for 2025-2027, ensuring FARMCs become fully functional in fisheries resource management.

With this, BFAR 6 and LGUs have committed to strengthening the FARMC program by enhancing policy reports, securing documentation for every activity, providing a capacity-building program, securing adequate funding and increasing fisherfolk participation. (PIA 6)

## ANTIQUÉ ... (from page 1)

The conduct of checkpoints started January 12, 2025 in order to prevent election-related violence, enforce the election gun ban, and ensure a peaceful and orderly electoral process.

AnPPO Provincial Director PCol. Lea Rose B. Peña emphasized the importance of these security measures: "The PNP is fully committed to upholding the integrity of the elections by ensuring strict implementation of COMELEC checkpoints. We urge the public to cooperate with our law enforcement officers as we work together for a safe and secure election period."

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# PVB opens World War II exhibit at Capitol

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB) opened its World War II Exhibit—"War of Our Fathers" to the public at the Iloilo Provincial Capitol Lobby in line with the commemoration of the 80th Victory Day in Panay, Romblon and Guimaras on March 18.

This initiative—in collaboration with the Iloilo Provincial Government, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), and Veterans Federation of the Philippines—serves as a tribute to the bravery of unsung heroes from the Sixth Military District (6th MD), including Lt. Col. Julian Chavez, Lt. Col. Ramon Offemaria, and several other guerrilla fighters who secured the liberation of Panay prior to the arrival of American forces in March 1945.

The exhibit which will conclude on March 30,

showcases rare photos, wartime artifacts, and veterans' firsthand accounts, honoring the resilience and sacrifices of Filipino freedom fighters.

PVB OIC-President Yul Catabran said the exhibit honors the valor of veterans and the indomitable spirit of Filipinos.

He emphasized that the 6th MD guerrillas, led by Gen. Macario Peralta Jr. along with other commanders, had already secured Panay before the American forces arrived.

Catabran also reaffirmed PVB's commitment to preserving and sharing the legacy of the nation's heroes.

Meanwhile, the exhibit's opening ceremony included a tribute to surviving war veterans and their families along with the discussion of local resistance's significant role during the World War II.



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## Long-awaited electrification project begins in northern Iloilo islands

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Residents from island barangays in northern Iloilo will soon have access to electricity following the groundbreaking ceremony of the P388 million Estancia-Manlot-Calagna-an-Sicugon Island Submarine Cable Interconnection Project at Barangay San Fernando, Sicugon Island in Carles, Iloilo.

House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez led the ceremony with Ayala Land Director Fernando Zobel de Ayala and local leaders.

Beneficiaries of the project include residents from Manlot Island, Barangays Barangalan, Bito-on, Talingting, Tinigban and Punta Batuanan in Calagna-an Island, and Barangays Buaya, Alipata and San Fernando in Sicugon Island.

The project, expected to benefit more than 13,000 households on the islands, is considered the largest rural electrification project funded by the 2024 Locally Funded-Total Electrification Project (LFP-TEP) of the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Electrification Administration's 2011-2022 subsidy

visual inspections will be performed.

\*Individuals caught carrying firearms, deadly weapons, or illegal items in violation of the election gun ban will be subject to legal action.

The PNP reminds the public that these checkpoints will be clearly marked, staffed by uniformed personnel, and conducted in a manner that respects human rights. Any reports of abuse or misconduct by law enforcement officers should be immediately reported to the PNP through its official hotlines and social media platforms.

The PNP encourages all Antiqueños to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to help maintain peace and order during the election period. (Report from AnPPO)

savings.

Implemented by the Iloilo Electric Cooperative III (ILECO-III), the project aims to electrify the islands through a submarine cable connected to the main grid.

It involves extending the 13.2KV distribution line from Barangay Dacutan, Estancia, to the three islands.

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## PINTADOS ... (from page 1)

Php400,000. Tribu Hamungaya was declared as the first runner-up with Php250,000 cash prize, while Tribu Baklud was declared as second runner-up with Php200,000 cash prize.

In addition, participating tribes were also recognized in minor awards including:

- \* Street Dancing - Tribu Baklud
- \* Best in Discipline - Tribu Pasi
- \* Pinta Lawas - Tribu Buay Buay
- \* Best in Music - Tribu Pasi
- \* Best in Costume - Tribu Pasi
- \* Best in Props - Tribu Bulahanon
- \* Best in Performance: Tribu Baklud
- \* Best in Choreography/Choreographer - Tribu Pasi

On the other hand, the tribe participants were also given cash assistance of Php50,000 each by 4th District Representative Cong. Ferjanel Biron, and they also received Php10,000 each coming from one of the sponsors of the said festival.

First held in March 1999, the Pintados de Pasi Festival began after Passi became a city on March 14, 1998 through the Republic Act (R.A.) 8469 signed by Former President Fidel Ramos on January 30, 1998.

The recent celebration, held from March 1-16, showcased Visayan body painting, street dances, and tribal performances, highlighting Passi City's rich cultural heritage.

# Guimaras province attains second-class-income status

**THE island province of Guimaras secured the second-class status in income classification since January this year, with an average annual regular income of P1,108,335,869.33.**

According to the provincial government, this development is expected to spur development projects and programs, financial grants, and other forms of assistance for Guimaras as well as adjustment of compensation for local government personnel.

From a fourth class province, Guimaras has attained a remarkable rise in the annual regular income for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The Department of Finance (DOF) classifies second class provinces as those which earned an average annual regular income of P900,000,000.00 or more, but less than P1,500,000,000.00.

Meanwhile, the income classification of the five municipalities in the province was also upgraded, with the town of Buenavista attaining first-class status.

The municipalities of Jordan and Nueva Valencia moved up from third-class to second-class category.

The municipality of San Lorenzo also advanced to third class category from fifth class municipality, and the municipality of Sibunag from fourth class to third-class category. *(PIA Iloilo)*

## MORE Power announces lower electricity rates for March

The average residential electricity rate for MORE Power has dropped to P10.4177 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), a significant reduction of P0.7836 per kWh compared to February 2025.

This positive shift is primarily attributed to lower generation and transmission charges, a testament to MORE Power's commitment to providing affordable and reliable electricity to its consumers.

A key factor in achieving this decrease is MORE Power's strategic approach to energy procurement. The company has maximized its energy purchases from the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM), which now accounts for 57.5% of its generation mix.

This strategy allows MORE Power to secure electricity at more competitive rates, ultimately benefiting consumers. The lower rates this month will translate into tangible savings for households across Iloilo City. Consumers with an average monthly consumption of 200 kWh can expect to save approximately P156 from their electricity bills.

"We are committed to providing our customers with the most affordable and reliable electricity possible," MORE Power said in their social media post.

"This rate reduction is a direct result of our strategic procurement practices and our commitment to delivering value to our consumers."



National Irrigation Administration (NIA) 6 Regional Manager and JRMP II Concurrent Project Manager Engineer Jonel B. Borresled the inspection of the Jalaur River Multi-purpose Project (JRMP) Stage II dams and High Line Canal even on March 18, 2025. He personally checked the status of water impounding in the High Dam and ongoing activities in the irrigation component of the project. Together with Manager Borres is the Division Manager for Construction Management, Engineer Gwendolyn Mae Velasco. *(NIA 6)*

## Iloilo City urges residents to take precautions amid rising heat

**ILOILO CITY (PIA) –** The Iloilo City local chief executive has encouraged the public to take proactive measures to safeguard their health and well-being amid the rising temperature in the city.

Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas, in a statement, said the city's response teams are on high alert, ensuring mobility assets and medical supplies are readily available to address possible emergencies.

The city government also encouraged residents to adhere to recommended safety measures, which include staying hydrated, avoiding prolonged exposure to direct sunlight and wearing appropriate clothing to mitigate the risks of heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Region VI, in coordination with DOST-PAGASA and the



Department of Health, issued advisories emphasizing the need for preparedness in response to the anticipated extreme heat.

A DOST-PAGASA Heat Index Forecast on March 5 indicated the maximum heat index in Iloilo City is forecast at 41°C.

With this, Treñas said the Iloilo City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and operations center are continuously monitoring the situation and will provide regular updates to ensure public safety.

"Let us all remain vigilant and take care of each other

to safeguard the health and well-being of Ilonggos during this period of extreme heat. For any concerns or emergencies, please reach out to your operations center or health center. Let's stay safe, hydrated and resilient," he added. *(AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)*

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## The Unrepentant

I almost did not write a column for today, given my shock and mixed feelings about the “extradition” or “kidnapping” of former president Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

With so many ideas and sentiments rushing through my mind I opted to be the last, not rush to comment, and wait until all the “players” showed their cards. As they say, prudence is a virtue.

As it turned out, “cooperated with Interpol” was actually premeditated, the missing Warrant of Arrest had indeed been issued about a week ago but kept confidential by ICC, Interpol and Malacañang.

After praying about it, I was reminded of a parable in the Bible, Chapter 18 of the book of Matthew, that highlights the parable of the Unforgiving Servant where Jesus teaches us about compassion, gratitude, wickedness and retribution.

23 Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he began to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him saying, “Master, have patience with me and I will pay you all.”

27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying “Pay me what you owe.”

29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him saying, “Have patience with me, I will pay you all.”

30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, came and told their master all that had been done.

32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, “You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me” 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?”

34 And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 “So, My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

The Unrepentant Servant in the parable, to me, is none other than President Bongbong Marcos, who in February 1986 was chased out of Malacañang along with his family, loaded on a US Air Force plane and flown to Hawaii.

If the Americans had not interfered or intervened, chances are most of them would have been hurt, imprisoned or killed. While in exile, they enjoyed personal freedoms and movement in the US, even entertaining friends and visitors from the Philippines.

By God’s grace and mercy, the Marcoses were able to return to the Philippines, where they were expected to “behave” not stir up trouble and, according to some; settle debts owed to the Filipino people. None of them spent a day in jail or were physically assaulted.

The very same people who accuse Rodrigo Duterte of human rights abuse have also accused Ferdinand Marcos Sr. of human rights abuse when they both fought the NPAs. Thanks to a “functioning judicial system,” practically all the ill-gotten wealth cases have been thrown out in the Philippines, along with human rights cases.

Senator Imee Marcos publicly declared that they owe so much to the Duterte’s for their father’s burial, for VP Sara agreeing to the Unity ticket and stepping aside to become vice president. The vote then was for “Unity,” not Mutiny.

Unfortunately, Sen. Imee Marcos has said that reminding PBBM of the virtues of “utang na loob” is

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an exercise in futility. Other relatives claim that PBBM finds it impossible to forgive after Digong called PBBM “bangag” and threats made by VP Sara Duterte.

Last weekend, PBBM, aided by Remulla, Año and Teodoro, did to Rodrigo Duterte what was done to the Marcoses and associates in 1986. But unlike the Marcoses, Digong was not being chased out of Malacañang.

Even expert commentators abroad point out that PRRD is not being tried for the usual type of crimes against humanity or genocide, but for EJK in an actual “drug war.”

Yes, Digong has his sins before men and God, but what does the deceitful manner of his extradition make of Marcos Jr.? The Golden Rule that Jesus Christ left us tells us to “do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”

The Book of Proverbs warns us that pride comes before the fall and the signs are beginning to show in the words and actions of the administration’s cast of characters. They declare that more arrests and extraditions will follow.

The head of the CIDG bragged about carrying Duterte bodily into the plane. Contradicting or implicating statements and events have popped up that support the claim that legal procedures required in the process were not done.

When the hero Ninoy Aquino was murdered in cold blood at the NAIA tarmac, there were protest marches, millions paid respect and stood along the way of the funeral procession. But a revolution did not take place. People Power happened three years later.

From Pasig to Zambales, check points are suddenly everywhere. While Digong’s supporters mourn, the perpetrators worry.

## ‘A done deal’

All those protest rallies and petitions before the Supreme Court notwithstanding, at this point it looks like the International Criminal Court will proceed with the trial of Rodrigo Duterte for crimes against humanity.

The ICC has already acquired jurisdiction over the person of the former Philippine president. Several lawyers familiar with international law say the ICC generally disregards the manner by which a person wanted by the court is brought to its custody.

As Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla put it yesterday, “It’s a done deal.”

The lawyers also noted that the opening manifestation delivered by Duterte’s current legal counsel, former executive secretary Salvador Medialdea – which they described as out of order in an introductory hearing at the court – did not help Duterte win points with the ICC, with its dig at a “troubled legal institution” finding a “prize catch.”

Perhaps with ICC-accredited Harry Roque joining the legal team, and with British-Israeli lawyer Nicholas Kaufman hired as its head, Duterte’s defense will be fully cognizant of ICC procedures.

As noted by the lawyers, Medialdea, who was allowed by the ICC to initially serve as Duterte’s lead counsel, appeared unfamiliar with ICC procedures, which are different from ordinary courts especially in the Philippines.

But Medialdea is not an ICC-accredited lawyer. And maybe his remarks were directed not so much at ICC Judge Iulia Motoc, but at the audience in the Philippines.

That audience of Duterte Diehard Supporters or DDS is being accused of engaging in a campaign of trolling and spreading fake news against the Marcos administration, the drug war victims’ relatives and their lawyers, and even Motoc, who read Duterte his rights and the charges against him.

The trolling at least can be avoided by those who don’t bother reading the garbage proliferating online.

A bigger problem is if the harassment becomes

physical and turns violent.

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Even relatives of the man who campaigned on a kill, kill, kill platform are not known for holding back their violent tendencies. And they behave as if they are entitled to slap around ordinary Filipinos.

Sara Duterte, when she was mayor of Davao, repeatedly punched a sheriff who had served a court order for the demolition of shanties in the city. More recently, she openly admitted wanting to decapitate Bongbong Marcos. Naturally, BBM’s supporters described it as the peroration of an unhinged psycho.

When Rodrigo Duterte was being led by police to the jet that would fly him to The Hague, his partner Honeylet Avanceña whacked a female member of the police Special Action Force on the head with a cell phone. Avanceña and her daughter Veronica were being restrained by police from preventing Duterte from boarding the plane.

This psychotic propensity to violence can be dangerous for those who are expected to testify against Duterte.

In reading the formal charges against Duterte, the ICC’s Motoc cited only 43 killings. Lawyers have explained that the 43 constitute a representative grouping of cases that will prove the charge of state-sponsored, systematic extrajudicial killings that can constitute murder as a crime against humanity.

The representative cases were mostly from “one-time, big-time” Oplan Tokhang operations in Bulacan and Caloocan City in 2017 and 2018. Within a span of 24 hours from Aug. 15 to 16, 2017, Bulacan police shot dead 32 suspects and arrested 107. It was the highest death toll in a single police operation in one day during Duterte’s crackdown on drugs. The Bulacan police chief at the time, Romeo Caramat Jr., could be among those to be issued ICC arrest warrants.

Told about the incident, then president Duterte publicly said it was good, and expressed hope that 32 more could be killed daily: “Yung namatay sa

Bulacan in a massive raid... maganda yun. Makapatay lang tayo ng another 32 every day,

maybe we can reduce what ails this country.”

There are reports that relatives of the victims in the 43 cases announced by Motoc in the charge sheet against Duterte are beginning to receive threats and experiencing dangerous harassment.

\* \* \*

ICC assistant to counsel Kristina Conti says if the harassment of victims’ relatives continues, they could file a formal complaint against Duterte’s camp before the ICC.

Such complaints are not unusual in the ICC, and the court has acted on them, Conti told The STAR’s online show “Truth on the Line” last Monday. If proven, she said the complaints could aggravate the case against Duterte.

Due to concerns over the safety of prosecution witnesses, Conti said the ICC has allowed their remote testimony in several cases in the past.

It’s the first time, however, that Conti saw a suspect allowed to face the court by remote feed for the introductory hearing. Maybe this was in deference to Duterte’s position as a former head of government.

Conti says she herself has been subjected to blistering online vitriol since Duterte’s turnover to the ICC. She appealed to the DDS to raise the level of public discourse. Doing this, of course, would defeat the purpose of trolling.

Several government agencies have partnered to crack down on trolls and purveyors of fake news. The Marcos administration may also consider providing some form of protection to potential victims of violent harassment.

It’s been just a week since Duterte’s arrest. The battle for accountability is being waged on multiple platforms, and it is just starting to heat up.

### Sketches

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Act No. 3135, as amended.

**MARAYO BANK, INC.,**  
Mortgagee

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**Spouses ALAN B. SERANTES**  
**and MA. LUISA JUSTINIANI-SERANTES**  
Debtors/Mortgagors,

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the **MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK) - Oton Branch**, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal place of business at Cortez Street, Brgy. 1, Pontevedra, Negros Occidental, and with branch office at Mabini St., Poblacion West, Oton, Iloilo, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagee**, against **Spouses ALAN B. SERANTES and MA. LUISA JUSTINIANI-SERANTES**, Filipinos, residents of **Block 2 Lot 2, Land Heights Subdivision, Phase II, Quezon St., Arevalo, Philippines**, hereinafter referred to as **Mortgagor**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **February 06, 2025** amounted to **SIX MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THREE PESOS AND FORTY SEVEN CENTAVOS (Php6,134,503.47)**, Philippine Currency, plus all other charges including the attorney's fees representing 10% of the total obligation, damages, and other fees, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will **SELL** at Public Auction on **MAY 27, 2025**, at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, C.J Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER** for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the real property with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

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# Iloilo airport to transform into 'Terminal Mall'

ILOILO CITY (PIA) – Department of Transportation officials visited the Iloilo International Airport and the Visayas Container Terminal to assess ongoing infrastructure developments in the region.

Transportation Secretary Vivencio "Vince" Dizon, along with Philippine Ports Authority General Manager Jay Santiago and Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines Director General Raul Del Rosario, led the DOTr team in the inspection of the transportation infrastructures.

"We have to fix it [Iloilo International Airport] immediately. I think Iloilo is one of the fastest, if not the fastest, growing cities in the country. And the most important asset of Iloilo is this international airport," the DOTr chief noted.

He also assured local officials that the public-private-partnership proposal of the airport with Prime Asset Ventures Inc. would be fast-tracked "in order to ensure the sustainable development of the airport and support the growth of the city."

According to Dizon, the PPP proposal is targeted to be completed within the year. Meanwhile, a P190 million fund was assured by the secretary, under CAAP, to implement the necessary repairs and rehabilitation of the airport.

Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. also favored the privatization of the airport's operations as this would mean speedy implementation of developments and needed repairs of its facilities and equipment.

"It's better operated by the private sector because they can move faster than us. Halimbawa lang, especially if you have a good operator, nga madasig 'ya magkay-o sang facilities ang private sector. Unlike the government nga damo pa ang proseso," Defensor underscored. (It's better operated by the private sector because they can

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## LONG-AWAITED ... (from page 2)

The extension will use three segments of submarine cable to deliver a reliable 24/7 power supply to nine barangays on the islands.

Residents expressed gratitude to the government, noting it has been their long-time dream to have access to electricity, as they have been using solar lights and power generators.

"We are really thankful because this is really a big help for us if it will be finished already. It won't be hard for us to do our things and this is really a great help," Barangay Bitoon village chief Junjun Bantillo said in an interview.

Queenlyn Acupio also said the project will boost their livelihood on the island, as well as the education of their children, especially when they are studying at night.

Romualdez, in his message, emphasized no one should be left behind in the government's goal for progress.



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DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION  
CASE NO:  
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DATE: **MARCH 17, 2025**

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION  
OF CHRISTIAN DANIEL CUENCA TO  
BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS  
CHRISTIAN DANIEL CUENCA  
TEMPLANZA**

**SPOUSES, PERSEUS ENTONA  
TEMPLANZA AND JOSIE ANN  
CUENCA TEMPLANZA**

*Petitioners*

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**ORDER**

A verified petition for the adoption of Christian Daniel Cuenca filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee, **Christian Daniel Cuenca** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be changed particularly to appear as **Christian Daniel Cuenca Templanza**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **May 15, 2025**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3F, Ana Ros Building, Simon Ledesma Street, 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 Petitioners once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

**(SGD.) AIRLN JENM C. BARRO, RSW**  
Alternate Officer-in-Charge

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"In this groundbreaking ceremony, we are together in the declaration that no Filipino will be left behind in progress. This P388 million project is not just a project because it is a light of hope, a light of livelihood and a light of progress for more than 13,000 families on these islands," Romualdez stressed.

The electrification project, set to finish within 170 calendar days, will also aid the livelihood of residents whose main source of income is fishing, improve the education of students on the islands and boost the tourism industry in the area. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)



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Narratives pertaining to the arrest of former President Rodrigo Duterte, his subsequent detention and trial at the International Criminal Court are circulating online, and all of them are portraying the erstwhile strongman as a victim.

There is the yarn that the arrest was illegal (it was not), that the Supreme Court had issued a temporary restraining order on the arrest (it had not), that he was deprived of his rights and grossly disrespected (he was not; in fact, he was given utmost deference), that he was barely fed (he was flown out of the Philippines in a private jet, with all the amenities including a bed). His own lawyer, the former executive secretary, said that Duterte was kidnapped (he was not) and that for a time after his arrival in The Hague, he went missing (he was there all along). Videos of large crowds rallying in the European city purportedly showed the gathering of numerous Duterte supporters (the video was taken at a different time and place).

Easily shared quote cards are also making the rounds of social media, and they involve real persons like Pope Francis and King Charles, as well as fictional lawyers or politicians in television series. All the quote cards say the same thing: that the trial of Duterte is a grave mistake. None of them is true.

Here at home, supporters have been gathering in

## Disinformation's power

*Editorial*

various permutations, with some urging taking to the streets even as their leader supposedly told them to relax because there will be reckoning soon. And of course, the accounts of known personalities in the legal battle, including the ICC judge who presided in the pre-trial conference and the assistant to counsel to the ICC are seeing a flurry of comments on their feeds. The comments are neither sober nor logical.

These narratives are easily lapped up and pushed by Duterte supporters, who think of the former leader as their father and the father of the nation, one who is misunderstood and persecuted, one who may have a filthy mouth and maverick ways but who has a heart of gold that wants only the best for the people.

Tragically, disinformation has been proven to be a powerful tool to capture the people's hearts and minds and sway public opinion. It has also been shown to affect voter sentiment and help install certain personalities in office.

It is perplexing, really, how this supposed father of the nation could be as ruthless as to order the killing of thousands, feel entitled to his power over life and death, and admit to his own culpability could still be hailed as a

much-maligned hero.

It is the right of individuals to express their feelings, support whomever they want, and argue what they believe is right. We must, however, be aware that more than articulating support or hatred for someone or for a cause, the more important step is deciding to support or hate based on the information that we receive. Vested interests pounce upon the people's inability – worse, refusal – to exercise critical thinking in this emotionally charged issue, such that they feed the public things which they know to be false, manipulating them to achieve their own end.

It is up to the people not to reject attempts at manipulation.

The education system is beset with many problems; molding young Filipinos to become critical thinkers is one of the most serious of those problems.

Let's take back our power by refusing to share anything online without thoroughly, personally verifying it. This will see us through not only during this ugly period in our history, but in all our days as a nation and through all the challenges that we have yet to encounter. ([manilastandard.net](http://manilastandard.net))

## Walking the talk

Last week, Meralco took a pioneering step in corporate animal welfare advocacy by hosting its first-ever seminar on the matter and unveiling a dedicated catio for community cats—a concrete example of corporate commitment to animal welfare or in other words, walking the talk.

This milestone, made possible through the dedication of the company's volunteer employees and strong partnerships with Biyaya Animal Care and the Philippine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), underscores the private sector's potential to drive social change.

While some may argue that more pressing national concerns deserve priority, this does not diminish the importance of animal welfare as a social issue.

In fact, recent high-profile cases of animal cruelty across the country have outraged many Filipinos, proving that this issue remains deeply relevant on a national level. On social media alone, abuses of animals are quick to earn condemnation.

From the recent death of a community cat allegedly in the hands of a foreign national in Makati City to the death of five pet dogs in La Union, highly publicized animal cruelty cases have revived stronger calls for the amendment of the country's animal welfare law to enact stricter penalties for violators.

Beyond the ethical concerns, animal welfare is also a public health issue given the growing threat of rabies due to the uncontrolled population of strays in the country. Data from PAWS show that there are over 12 million strays

in the Philippines which pose a threat to both the public health safety and security of our communities.

It bears each one of us to do our part in raising awareness on animal welfare not only for the benefit of animals but also for the overall well-being of our communities.

Biyaya Animal Care chief executive officer Rina Ortiz proves that everyone can take part even with simple actions: "Let's adopt and co-exist with the animals. Learn how to feed the strays properly, and let's support local animal shelters."

As PAWS Executive Director Anna Cabrera said during Meralco's pioneering animal welfare seminar: "If you give animals a chance, they show us the very best aspects of our humanity. They have so much love to give. I hope we can love them back—especially those who are homeless, helpless, and voiceless."

Indeed, how we treat animals reflects our values as a nation. For the private sector, supporting animal welfare is not just about enhancing corporate reputation—it is about responsibility, ethics, and creating a better society for all.

The private sector has a significant role to play in promoting animal welfare and, by extension, improving the communities it serves. At Meralco, I personally advocated for the integration of an animal welfare initiative, starting with the community cats in Ortigas, where our corporate headquarters is located.

Through the "CATropa" program, the company

## ESPRESSO MORNINGS

BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

has committed to creating safe spaces for stray cats, implementing Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return (TNVR) activities. This initiative not only protects animals in urban environments but also mitigates public health risks associated with stray populations.

Now, we are working towards expanding the program to cater to more animals.

Other businesses can follow suit by embedding animal welfare into their corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs—or even their daily operations. Companies can also work with the government and various animal welfare advocacy groups to implement programs that help animals, and in effect, benefit communities as well.

Such efforts reinforce a company's commitment to holistic community development beyond business interests and corporate image.

In the end, integrating animal welfare in the CSR portfolios of companies or even in business operations is not just a charitable act, it is a strategic business decision—one that can help improve brand trust while contributing to the improvement of the communities we serve.

It is my hope that more companies will consider integrating animal welfare into their respective advocacies for a more humane Philippines.

## Teaching

This year, I was able to complete 50 semesters or 25 years of teaching part-time at a university. As I sat and waited for my name to be called during the plaque-giving ceremony, I had a rare opportunity to reflect on the issues facing college teachers all over the country and even the world.

AI finding its way into college systems is sparking debate worldwide. In some countries, AI tools, including language models, image generators, chatbots and chatGPT and its ilk, have slowly wormed their way into the said system. Some professors have warned that these AI tools would promote cheating, produce student overreliance on said tools, and generally diminish critical thinking. Several groups of college teachers have advocated for a slowdown in adapting AI tools into the school system. Some college professors have embraced AI and found ways to integrate the same into curricula and research. These professors view AI encroachment as inevitable and feel that what is imperative is teaching the new generation to fit in

the AI-first generation.

Another issue facing college professors is the debate on whether or not teachers should be overtly vocal about their political inclinations, especially in classrooms. A month ago, a University of the Philippines professor got into hot water for allegedly red-tagging some students and shouting insults at the same. Recently, some students in a top university complained about their teachers expressing their strong position on the recent political events in our country, which they deemed offensive and irrelevant to the subject he was teaching. Like comedians, teachers are currently having problems with over-sensitive audiences who get offended easily.

The issue of compensation has been a persistent problem, especially for full-time teachers. Teaching has never been a profession where one can get rich. The problem is when the compensation is not enough to meet one's needs. As such, we have an ongoing exodus of teachers seeking higher

## The Tandang Sora Museum and women's fight for equality

Once again marking a first for the Philippines, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte inaugurated the Tandang Sora Museum, the country's first women's museum. Its location on Banlat Road holds deep historical significance, as it is the birthplace of Melchora Aquino, widely known by her revolutionary name, Tandang Sora.

Mayor Belmonte emphasized, "This museum is more than just a collection of artifacts—it stands as a testament to the strength, struggles, and triumphs of Filipino women throughout history. Through its exhibits, we hope to inspire the next generation to continue advocating for equality, justice, and progress."

The establishment of a women's museum is a groundbreaking initiative, highlighting the vital roles women have played in shaping Philippine history. Throughout the nation's past, women have been at the forefront of revolutionary movements, advocacy, and leadership. Tandang Sora, revered as the "Mother of the Philippine Revolution," is a prime example of this legacy. As we reflect on history, let us honor her invaluable contributions to Philippine nationhood and recognize the enduring impact of women in the country's fight for freedom and progress.

Tandang Sora is known as the "Mother of the Philippine Revolution" for her invaluable contributions to the Katipunan during the fight for independence against Spanish rule. Despite being in her 80s, she played a crucial role in supporting the revolutionaries by providing shelter, caring for the wounded and sick, and supplying food and essential resources. Beyond material aid, she offered moral support and guidance, using her wisdom and influence to inspire Katipuneros to persevere in their struggle for freedom.

Due to her involvement in the revolution, Spanish authorities arrested Tandang Sora and subjected her to intense interrogation, attempting to extract information about the Katipunan. However, she refused to betray the revolutionaries, standing firm in her loyalty to the cause. As punishment, she was deported to Guam alongside other revolutionaries. She remained in exile until the end of Spanish colonial rule, after which she finally returned to the Philippines.

Filipino women played a vital role in the struggle against Spanish colonial rule, serving as revolutionaries, spies, medics, and key supporters of the Katipunan. Many actively participated in the secret revolutionary society, with some even joining its women's chapter. Gregoria de Jesus, known as the "Lakambini of the Katipunan," safeguarded critical documents, provided strategic support, and ensured the safety of fellow

revolutionaries.

Meanwhile, Gabriela Silang took on a leadership role in armed resistance, leading revolts against Spanish forces.

Beyond the battlefield, revolutionary women worked behind the scenes, carrying messages, raising funds, and tending to the wounded—proving their indispensable role in the fight for independence. Beyond direct combat, women played a significant role in sustaining the revolutionary movement through their intellectual and emotional contributions. They organized resistance efforts, participated in propaganda campaigns, and educated fellow Filipinos about their rights and the need for independence. Many women also engaged in subversive activities, such as smuggling weapons and supplies or serving as informants against Spanish forces. Despite the constraints of a patriarchal society, Filipina revolutionaries proved that they were not merely passive observers but active agents of change, significantly shaping the country's fight for freedom.

The Women's Museum goes beyond preserving revolutionary memorabilia. It features the "Women in Action" gallery, which displays progressive materials and artifacts from various feminist movements, showcasing the resilience and activism of women's organizations that have shaped the country's socio-political landscape.

There is also the "HERstorical Philippine Timeline" that showcases women's contributions to faith, leadership, peacebuilding, and revolution. This exhibit highlights the Babaylan as spiritual leaders, the emergence of women-led labor unions, and the growing involvement of women in politics, the arts, science, and media.

This groundbreaking museum was made possible with the support of Senator Risa Hontiveros, a longtime advocate for women's rights. In her keynote address, she stated, "This museum is not just about remembering history—it's about empowering women today and in the future. We honor the legacies of those who came before us and pave the way for those who will come after."

Filipinos should visit the Tandang Sora Women's Museum to gain a deeper understanding of the significant contributions of women in Philippine history.

As we honor the contributions of Filipino women in our history, let us also recognize and celebrate them on International Women's Day (IWD). Dating back to the early 20th century, IWD is rooted in the labor and feminist movements advocating for

## OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

paychecks abroad. This has given rise to the influx of more part-time teachers who do not rely solely on their compensation as teachers.

These and other issues are changing the landscape for college teachers. Can college teachers adapt? We must adapt. Otherwise, this profession will be diminished in ways we cannot yet fathom or contemplate.

As my name was called and I began to approach the stage, I ended my musings with the thought that we really need more teachers who can adapt and afford to make sacrifices. And so, I call upon many of my friends or batchmates who are contemplating retiring early from their day jobs to consider joining the academe. You really are needed.

These are my oblique musings.

## FRESH VIEWPOINTS: A NEW PERSPECTIVE

By BRIAN JAMES LU

women's rights, fair wages, and better working conditions. The first National Women's Day was observed in the United States on Feb. 28, 1909, following a declaration by the Socialist Party of America. A year later, German activist Clara Zetkin proposed an annual global observance during the International Socialist Women's Conference in 1910. The idea quickly gained traction, leading to the first International Women's Day celebration on March 19, 1911, in countries such as Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland, where demonstrations demanded voting rights, labor protections, and gender equality.

Through the decades, International Women's Day evolved into a global movement advocating for women's empowerment, equality, and human rights. The United Nations officially recognized March 8 as International Women's Day in 1977, encouraging member states to adopt policies promoting gender equality. It is interesting to note that March 8 was chosen as International Women's Day in recognition of the women textile workers in New York City who, on March 8, 1857, marched in protest against unfair working conditions and gender inequality. During the demonstration, they demanded a shorter workday and fair wages, marking a pivotal moment in the fight for women's labor rights.

Today, IWD is marked by rallies, educational campaigns, and policy discussions, with themes highlighting pressing issues such as gender-based violence, economic empowerment, and political representation. While IWD celebrates the achievements of women in various fields, it also serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggles for equal rights and the need for continuous efforts toward a more just and inclusive society.

The Tandang Sora Museum stands as a powerful tribute to the resilience, bravery, and contributions of Filipino women throughout history. More than just a collection of artifacts, it is a space that honors the past, educates the present, and inspires the future. By showcasing the pivotal roles women played in the Philippine revolution, social movements, and nation-building, the museum reinforces the importance of gender equality and the ongoing fight for women's rights. As we celebrate International Women's Day, let this museum serve as a reminder that women have always been, and will continue to be, at the heart of shaping our nation's history and progress.

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**Special Civil Action No.**  
**2023-1389**

**For: Expropriation with**  
**Urgent Prayer for Issuance of**  
**Writ of Possession**

**NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES,**

*Plaintiff,*

-versus-

**HEIRS OF ADRIA CAUSING, NAMELY: GELIA B. FLORES,**  
**JOSEPHINE BALEDIATA, JOCELYN PACIFICAR, AND ALL OTHER**  
**HEIRS OF ADRIA CAUSING OF UNKNOWN IDENTITIES AND**  
**WHEREABOUTS;**

**SPOUSES BEBSIE C. SALVADICO AND FERNANDO SALVADICO, JR.;**  
**AND**

**ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST**  
**OVER LOT NO. 362, LOCATED IN BRGY. SANTO DOMINGO,**  
**BAROTAC VIEJO, ILOILO**

*Defendants.*

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## DECISION

Well-settled is the rule in eminent domain cases that the determination of just compensation is a judicial function.

For resolution is the Complaint for Expropriation filed on 28 February 2023 by the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines ("NGCP", for brevity) against defendants heirs of Adria Causing, namely, Gelia B. Flores, Josephine Balediata, Jocelyn Pacificar, and all other heirs of Adria Causing of unknown identities and whereabouts, spouses Bebsie C. Salvadico and Fernando Salvadico, Jr. and all other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. 362, located in Brgy. Santo Domingo, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, praying for the issuance of a Writ of Possession and an Order of Expropriation, and for judgment determining the just compensation of the properties sought to be affected by the implementation of its project, the "Barotac Viejo - Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project." The said project is intended to address the increasing demand for electricity in the municipalities, cities and provinces in the Island of Panay, as well as in the other islands of Visayas.

The NGCP intends to expropriate a portion of a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. 362**, declared in the name of defendant Adria Causing, covered by Tax Declaration No. 08-0023-00003. As alleged, the affected area consists of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six (1,756) square meters.

Prior to the filing of the case, the plaintiff negotiated with the known defendants' for the acquisition of the affected property, but no settlement was reached. Considering the urgency of construction of the project, the plaintiff resorted to filing the present Complaint. Allegedly, the total amount of compensation based on NGCP's computation is Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and 48/100 (PHP 202,489.48), comprising of the BIR zonal value plus cost of the affected improvements.

Defendants' heirs of Adria Causing namely, Gelia B. Flores, Josephine Balediata, and spouses Bebsie C. Salvadico and Fernando Salvadico, Jr., with known addresses were served of summonses by personal service. On the other hand, all other defendants were served summons by publication. Despite such notices, only defendants' spouses Bebsie C. Salvadico and Fernando Salvadico, Jr., Gelia B. Flores, and Josephine Balediata have filed verified comment/answer. In their verified comment/answer dated April 24, 2023, said defendants through counsel are alleging, among others, that they admit the allegations in the instant complaint for expropriation, that they do not interpose any objection to the case filed against them over a portion of the subject parcel of land identified as Lot No. 362, situated in Barangay Sto. Domingo, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, registered in the name of Adria Causing with Tax Declaration No. 08-0023-00003, the affected area of which is One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six (1,756) square meters, that defendants' Gelia B. Flores and Josephine Balediata are not contesting the proffered value for the land in the amount of Seventy Thousand Pesos, Two Hundred Forty (Php70,240.00) based on the BIR Zonal Value of the affected area and the amount of Thirty Thousand Nine-Hundred Thirteen Pesos and Fifty Centavos (Php 30,913.50) for the cost of improvements as compensation for the affected area, that defendants' spouses Bebsie C. Salvadico and Fernando Salvadico, Jr., do not contest the proffered value for the affected house/structure in the amount of One Hundred One Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty Five Pesos and Ninety Eight Centavos (Php 101,335.98) as compensation for the affected area, that herein defendants note that the full amount of Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and 48/100 Pesos (Php 202,489.48) is not yet deposited with the honorable court, and they have not received a notice to take possession of the property, and, they are praying that the plaintiff be ordered to pay them the amount of Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and 48/100 Pesos (Php 202,489.48) as compensation in relation to their respective claims prior to NGCP's actual and peaceful take-over of the property.

In the Order dated 22 May 2023, the court directed the issuance of Writ of Possession following the receipt by the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo of NGCP's provisional deposit amounting to PHP 202,489.48, representing the total amount for the zonal valuation and cost of improvements on the affected area.

The defendants' neither objected to the public use behind the taking of their property nor the propriety of the deposit. Accordingly, the court issued the Order (Expropriation) dated 16 June 2023 declaring that the NGCP has the legal right to the property sought to be expropriated, specifically, portion of Lot No. 362.

In accordance with the existing rules and jurisprudence dictating that the appointment of the commissioners who will ascertain the compensation due to the owner of the property sought to be expropriated is mandatory in nature and cannot be dispensed with, the court, per Order dated 18 April 2024, appointed three (3) commissioners, namely, Atty. Retzel Amour P. Cadena-Villaruz, Clerk of Court of this branch, Mr. Jun A. Celoso, nominee of the plaintiff and NGCP's Regional Right of Way Senior Associate, and Engr. Jane B. Daquita of the Provincial Assessor for the Province of Iloilo. On 26 April 2024, commissioners Atty. Cadena-Villaruz,

Mr. Jun Celoso and Engr. Jane B. Daquita of Iloilo Provincial Assessor's Office, and took their oaths before the presiding judge. Pursuant to this court's order, the appointed commissioners submitted their Report on 25 June 2024. On the other hand, defendants' Gelia B. Flores, Josephine Balediata, and spouses Bebsie C. Salvadico and Fernando Salvadico, Jr., despite notices, failed to appear in the meeting of the commissioners, and neither file comment/objection to the Commissioner's Report after they received the same.

Essentially, the Commissioners' Report suggests setting the fair market value for Lot 362 at Forty Pesos (PHP 40.00) per square meter, plus the cost of all improvements and the legal interest from the time of taking, if applicable. The lot, though classified as agricultural, portions of it should be considered as residential according to the highest and best use principle, hence the uniform valuation. Consequently, the total just compensation for the 1,756 square meters affected area due to the defendants is Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and 48/100 (Php 202,489.48), plus applicable legal interest from the time of taking, if applicable.

In its Comment, NGCP posits that, since the subject property is classified as agricultural based on its tax declaration and on its actual use, the recommended amount of just compensation of P40.00 per square meter is fair, just, reasonable and proper. Moreover, the plaintiff has no objection to the recommended valuation of the commissioners, except for the applicable interest from the time of taking, and therefore, alleged that there should be no imposition of interest on the just compensation in this case, because the plaintiff, on 11 May 2023, had early on deposited with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, the amount of Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and 48/100 (Php202,489.48) which is equal to the total amount of the recommended just compensation in this case, and the said amount was deposited even before the taking of the subject property which was on 12 July 2023. It is further contended that the commissioner's fee of PHP 20,000.00 each is not in consonance with the computation under the Rules of Court and jurisprudential rules. Instead, it should be pegged at no more than PHP 5,000.00 per commissioner.

## RULING OF THE COURT

The power of eminent domain is defined as the right of the government to take and appropriate private property for public use, whenever the public exigency requires it, which can be done only on condition of providing reasonable compensation therefor.<sup>1</sup> Undoubtedly, the plaintiff is delegated with a right to eminent domain, and its exercise thereof, as provided by Rule 67 of the Rules of Court, has two stages: *first*, the determination of the authority of the plaintiff to exercise the power of eminent domain and the propriety of its exercise in the context of the surrounding facts; and *second*, the taking of the land subject to payment of just compensation.<sup>2</sup>

At the outset, the purpose of this expropriation case is the undertaking of construction and implementation of the Barotac Viejo Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project. The court, per Order of Expropriation, has ruled that the plaintiff has the legal right to property sought to be expropriated.

Further, there being no question raised as to the authority of the plaintiff to exercise eminent domain, the issue left for this court to resolve is the determination of just compensation of the affected property of the defendants' consisting an area of 1,756 square meters.

*Just compensation* is anchored on the mandate of the Constitution stating that no private property shall be taken without just compensation. As stated in the recent case of *National Transmission Corporation v. Religious of The Virgin Mary*,<sup>3</sup>

"Just compensation pertains to "the full and fair equivalent of the property taken from its owner by the expropriator." It is measured not against the taker's gain, but against the owner's loss. The idea of just compensation, rather than plain compensation, "convey[s] thereby the idea that the equivalent to be rendered for the property to be taken shall be real, substantial, full, and ample."

In eminent domain or expropriation proceedings, the general rule is that just compensation which the owner of the condemned property is entitled is the market value.<sup>4</sup> It embraces not only the correct determination of the amount to be paid to the owner of the land but also payment within reasonable time from its taking.<sup>5</sup>

In determining the "just compensation", parties must be given the opportunity to show and dispute the: (1) nature and extent of the taking; (2) length of the dispossession; and (3) scope of the owners' deprivation of the use of their property. The same is done with the aid of commissioners<sup>6</sup> as provided by Section 8, Rule 67 of the Rules of Court.

To summarize, the plaintiff's computation of just compensation of the condemned property is specifically described as follows:

Lot No.	Classification per Tax Declaration	Total Area (sq. m.)	Area Affected (sq.m.)	BIR Zonal Value (P/ sq.m.)	BIR Zonal Value of Areas Affected (P)	Cost of improvements (P)
362	Agricultural	11,536	1,756	40.00	70,240.00	132,249.48
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>PHP202,489.48</b>

The plaintiff maintains that the just compensation should be based on the BIR zonal value as shown above, and this is likewise consistent with the recommendation of the commissioners, which suggests that the condemned property, should be valued at PHP 40.00 per square meter.

After a careful examination of the records, the court finds the recommendation of the commissioners proper, and hereby adopts the recommended just compensation. The indices of the fair market value of real estate, zonal valuation, and the market value stated in tax declarations cannot, by themselves, serve as the sole bases for determining just compensation in expropriation cases. There is a sufficient evidence to allow this court to adopt the commissioners' recommended just compensation, which is supported by evidence obtained through ocular inspections, opinion values, online offers for similar lots and other pertinent legal documents from private individuals and the local government unit relevant to the valuation of the subject property.

The court likewise deems reasonable the classification of the land for purposes of determining the just compensation, which is based on the principle of highest and best use (HABU). According to jurisprudence, "highest and best use" is defined as the reasonably probable and legal use of the vacant land or an improved property, which is physically possible, appropriately supported, financially feasible, and that results in the highest value. Corollary thereto, the Supreme Court held that among the factors to be considered in arriving at the fair market value of a property is its potential use.<sup>7</sup>

Moreover, the Commissioners are in a better position to determine the value of the property sought to be expropriated given their unassuming educational background, qualifications and expertise.

Considering that the determination of just compensation being a judicial function and there being no showing that the commissioners' recommended fair value or just compensation for the expropriated property is excessive or inadequate, this court resolves and so holds that the just

compensation for the One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six (1,756)-square meters area sought to be expropriated be in the amount of Forty Pesos (PHP 40.00) per square meter. Hence, plaintiff National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) should pay the defendant the amount of **Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Pesos and 48/100 (PHP 202,489.48)**, itemized as follows, to wit:

Lot No.	Affected Area	Market Value per SQM	Sub-total (Affected Area x Market Value per SQM)	Cost of Improvements	TOTAL
362	1,756	PHP 40.00	PHP 70,240.00	PHP 132,249.48	PHP 202,489.48

As to the contention of the plaintiff that defendants are not entitled for the payment of interest considering that they have already deposited the said amount in court before the taking of the subject property, the court answers in the affirmative. Jurisprudential rule provides that "Legal interest accrues on the difference between the final amount of just compensation adjudged by the court and the government's initial provisional deposit. It begins from the taking, when the private owner was deprived of the property."<sup>8</sup> A perusal of the records would show that the plaintiff has deposited an amount of Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Pesos and 48/100 (PHP 202,489.48) as provisional deposit for Expropriation in this case on May 12, 2023, before the Regional Trial Court, Office of the Clerk of Court, as evidenced by Land Bank of the Philippines Check Deposit Slip and Official Receipt issued by RTC-OCC, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo. Conversely, in accordance to the recommendation of the commissioners', the court adjudged that the just compensation for One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six (1,756)-square meter area expropriated is Forty Pesos (PHP 40.00) per square meter, and thus, plaintiff National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) should pay the defendant the amount of Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Pesos and 48/100 (PHP 202,489.48). From the foregoing, there being no difference between the initial provisional deposit and final amount of just compensation, legal interest therefore, is not imposable in this case.

The Commissioners are entitled to fees and the same should be charged as part of the cost of the proceedings. Section 16 of Rule 141 of the Rules states that the fees of the commissioners appointed to appraise land sought to be condemned to be fixed by the court of not less than Three Hundred Pesos (Php 300.00) per day for the time actually and necessarily employed in the performance of their duties and in making their report to the court. The court deems that a commissioner's fee of TWELVE THOUSAND PESOS (P12,000.00) each is reasonable.

The court, at this point, shall determine the issue as to who will shoulder the Capital Gains Tax (CGT) and other taxes necessary for the transfer of the expropriated property to the plaintiff. In a case, the highest court has declared that:

x x x [J]ust compensation in expropriation cases is defined "as the full and fair equivalent of the property taken from its owner by the expropriator. The Court repeatedly stressed that the true measure is not the taker's gain but the owner's loss. **The word 'just' is used to modify the meaning of the word 'compensation' to convey the idea that the equivalent to be given for the property to be taken shall be real, substantial, full and ample.** (Emphasis supplied)

The loss incurred by the affected owner necessarily includes all incidental costs to facilitate the transfer of the expropriated property to the expropriating authority, including the CGT due on the forced sale and other transfer taxes. These costs must be taken into consideration in determining just compensation in the same way these costs are factored into the selling price of real property in an arm's length transaction. x x x

In the present case, the defendants will receive, as just compensation, an amount equal to the sum of zonal value of the property expropriated. Evidently, the value of the CGT and transfer taxes due on the transfer of the expropriated property was not factored in the recommendation of the commissioner's report. Since just compensation requires that real, substantial, full and ample equivalent be given for the property taken, the loss incurred by the affected owner necessarily includes all incidental costs to facilitate the transfer of the expropriated property to the expropriating authority including the CGT, other taxes and fees due on the forced sale<sup>9</sup>. As such, the court recognizes that these taxes must form part of the just compensation to ensure that the property owner is fully compensated for the financial impact of the expropriation, and is not left to bear the burden of taxes that would ordinarily be accounted for in a voluntary sale.

The court had already declared that the plaintiff has the legal right to the property sought to be expropriated. Such Order dated 16 June 2023 is hereby incorporated in this Decision.

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, the portion of Lot No. 362 consisting of One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six (1,756) square meters covered by Tax Declaration No. 08-0023-00003 declared in the name of Adria Causing, located in Brgy. Santo Domingo, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, is ordered EXPROPRIATED in favor of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines for the Barotac Viejo-Natividad 69kV Transmission Line Project after full payment of just compensation in the amount of **Two Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Pesos and 48/100 (PHP 202,489.48)** to be paid immediately to the defendant.

The plaintiff is directed to shoulder such capital gains tax and other transfer taxes as part of just compensation due to the respondents.

The plaintiff is ordered to pay the Commissioners the amount of Twelve Thousand Pesos (PHP 12,000.00) each as commissioner's fees and expenses or for a total of Thirty-Six Thousand Pesos (PHP 36,000.00) to be paid immediately to them.

The Register of Deeds is hereby ordered to ANNOTATE this Decision in the Registry Day Book and on any certificate of title that may be issued over the subject property and upon application of the plaintiff, ISSUE certificate in the name of the plaintiff over the portion of Lot No. 362, which has been declared as expropriated.

The Provincial Assessor, Province of Iloilo is hereby directed to CANCEL Tax Declaration No. 08-0023-00003 and ISSUE new and separate tax declarations in the name of the plaintiff with respect to the portion of Lot No. 362 which has been declared as expropriated.

Pursuant to Section 13, Rule 13 of the Revised Rules of Court, the plaintiff is directed to cause the publication of this Decision once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Iloilo accredited by this court.

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

Furnish copies of this decision to plaintiff, counsel for the plaintiff, defendants and their counsel, the Register of Deeds for the Province of Iloilo, and the Provincial Assessor, Province of Iloilo.

**SO ORDERED.**

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, Philippines. 22 October 2024.

**(SGD.) OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA**  
Judge

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**Special Civil Action No.**  
**2023-1389**

**For: Expropriation with Urgent Prayer for Issuance of Writ of Possession**

**NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,**  
*Plaintiff,*

-versus-

**HEIRS OF ADRIA CAUSING, NAMELY: GELIA B. FLORES, JOSEPHINE BALEDIATA, JOCELYN PACIFICAR, AND ALL OTHER HEIRS OF ADRIA CAUSING OF UNKNOWN IDENTITIES AND WHEREABOUTS;**

**SPOUSES BEBSIE C. SALVADICO AND FERNANDO SALVADICO, JR.; AND**

**ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST OVER LOT NO. 362, LOCATED IN BRGY. SANTO DOMINGO, BAROTAC VIEJO, ILOILO**

*Defendants.*

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**RESOLUTION**

Before this Court is the Partial Motion for Reconsideration (Re: Decision dated 22 October 2024) filed by plaintiff through counsel, dated November 28, 2024, praying for the court to partially reconsider its Decision dated 22 October 2024, more particularly to allow the plaintiff to deduct from the just compensation taxes on the transfer of the property, especially the estate taxes and the unpaid real property taxes. Plaintiff further prays that the Commissioner's fee be reduced and fixed at P5,000.00 per commissioner or the total amount of P15,000.00 for the three commissioners. No comment opposition appears on the records. Hence, this resolution.

Plaintiff argues that the defendants must be made liable to pay for the taxes, especially Real Property Taxes and the Estate Taxes, and the same must be deducted from the just compensation to be paid to the defendants.

The court is persuaded in so far as the estate tax and the unpaid real property tax are concerned.

Section 84 of the National Internal Revenue Code states:

*Section 84. Rate of Estate Tax-There shall be levied, assessed, collected and paid upon transfer of the net estate as determined in accordance with Sections 85 and 86 of every decedent, whether resident or non-resident of the Philippines, a tax at the rate of six percent (6%) based on the value of such net estate.*

Under the same code, the value of the gross estate of the decedent shall be determined by including the value at the time of his death of all property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, wherever situated<sup>1</sup>. The estate tax imposed by Sec. 84 shall be paid by the executor or administrator before delivery to any beneficiary of his distributive share of the estate. Such beneficiary shall, to the extent of his distributive share of the estate, be subsidiarily liable for the payment of such portion of the estate tax as his distributive share bears to the value of the total net estate. Clearly, the estate of the decedent is liable for the payment of estate taxes and the amount of which is based on the value of the estate at the time of the death of the decedent. The Estate Tax is not due to or in any way related or a consequence of the expropriation. This shall be borne by the defendants, being heirs of the decedent Adria Causing.

As to the payment of the unpaid Real Property Taxes is concerned, the ruling of the high Court in the case of *Government Service Insurance System vs. City Treasurer and City Assessor of the City of Manila* is instructive, thus:

"As we declared in *Testate Estate of Concordia T. Lim*, the unpaid tax attached to the property and is chargeable against the taxable person who had actual or beneficial use and possession of it regardless of whether or not he is the owner. Of the same tenor is the Court's holding in the subsequent *Manila Electric Company v. Barlis* and later in *Republic v. City of Kidapawan*. Actual use refers to the purpose for which the property is principally or predominantly utilized by the person in possession thereof.

Being in possession and having actual use of Katigbak property since November 1991, MHC is liable for the realty taxes assessed over the Katigbak property from 1992 to 2002."<sup>2</sup>

Again, prior to the taking of the property by the plaintiff, defendants are presumed to have the actual or beneficial use and possession of the property and not the plaintiff. As, such defendant should be liable for unpaid real property taxes.

Plaintiff likewise pray that with defendants being liable to pay for the Estate Tax and unpaid Real Property Tax, if any, these should be deducted by plaintiff from the just compensation. Without, however, tax assessments from the Bureau of Internal Revenue as to the Estate Tax due and from the Municipal Assessor and/or Treasurer of Barotac Viejo, as to the unpaid real property tax, if any, there is no basis for the amount to be deducted from the just compensation due the defendants.

On the other hand, as to the contention of the plaintiff that Capital Gains and Documentary Stamp Taxes must be deducted from the just compensation to be paid to the defendants, the court had already discussed extensively in the decision sought to be reconsidered its ruling that defendants shall not be liable for the said taxes.

As to Commissioner's Fees, the court maintains that the amount of Twelve Thousand Pesos (Php 12,000.00) each as commissioner's fees and expenses, is reasonable.

**WHEREFORE**, the Partial Motion for Reconsideration (Re: Decision dated 22 October 2024) filed by the plaintiff, dated November 28, 2024, is **PARTIALLY GRANTED**. The defendants are liable for the payment of the Estate Taxes as well as the unpaid Real Property Taxes prior to the taking of the property.

There being no basis for the amount of the estate tax and the unpaid real property tax, the court could not yet order the deduction of said taxes from the just compensation due the defendants.

Furnish copy of this order to parties, counsels, and the Register of Deeds, Province of Iloilo.

**SO ORDERED.**

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, January 20, 2025.

**(SGD.) OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA**  
Judge





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## NOTICE OF SALE OF DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of provisions of Section 260 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the 1991, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **APRIL 24, 2025 at 9:00 A.M** until finish at the Main Entrance of the City Treasurer's Office. The Real Properties, herein below specified are hereby certified to be delinquent in the payment of taxes. This notice specifies the delinquent real property taxes, penalties and other incidental expenses cost due therein as of the date of sale.

	DECLARED OWNER	LOCATION	KIND	AREA (sq.m.)	LOT NO.	PIN	ASSESSED VALUE	YEARS DELINQUENT	TAX DUE	PENALTIES	REGISTRATION FEE	COST OF SALE	GRAND TOTAL
1	SPS. JONATHAN B. ALCAIN & NENITA O. ALCAIN	BRGY. BO. OBRERO, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	88.16 SQ.M.		139-04-027-02-282-1001	111,930.00	2017 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	27,702.68	17,528.26	802.64	4,523.09	<b>50,556.67</b>
2	PEDRO ARQUIOLA	URBAN POOR RELOCATION SITE, BRGY. EAST BALUARTE, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	108.00 SQ.M.		139-06-005-01-089-1001	121,600.00	2013 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	43,906.80	28,986.34	802.64	7,289.31	<b>80,985.09</b>
3	JOEL C. AYOP M/TO LOLITA D. AYOP	BRGY. BOLILAO, MANDURRIAO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	80.80 SQ.M.		139-05-003-02-145-1001	135,740.00	2015 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	41,740.05	27,120.91	802.64	6,886.09	<b>76,549.69</b>
4	TERESITA S. BARRANCO, (SINGLE)	SAN JUAN COMPANIA ST., BRGY. COMPANIA, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	185.70 SQ.M.		139-06-004-01-048-1050	533,430.00	2017 2ND QTR-2025 1ST QTR	128,023.20	80,654.63	802.64	20,867.78	<b>230,348.25</b>
5	MARITES ITURIAGA BELLEZA, SINGLE	QUARANTINE ROAD, BRGY. LIBERTAD, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	154.06 SQ.M.		139-04-017-01-131-1001	434,040.00	2017 3RD QTR-2025 1ST QTR	100,914.30	63,283.07	802.64	16,419.73	<b>181,419.74</b>
6	SPS. ROSA BERNADAS & PORFERIO BERNADAS	BRGY. NORTH BALUARTE MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	76.96 SQ.M.		139-06-012-03-007-1001	46,570.00	2011 2ND QTR-2025 1ST QTR	18,730.01	12,479.67	802.64	3,120.96	<b>35,133.28</b>
7	ARNIEL A. BENOMAN, MARRIED	ROSARIO VILLAGE SUBD., BRGY. TACAS, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	126.00 SQ.M.		139-03-039-03-465-1001	273,260.00	2014 4TH QTR-2025 1ST QTR	85,857.36	55,914.83	802.64	14,177.21	<b>156,752.04</b>
8	SUSAN L. CALIDGUID M/TO JOHN A. CALIDGUID	BRGY. LOBOC, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	61.20 SQ.M.		139-04-018-03-181-1001	50,200.00	2006 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	25,094.94	16,983.99	802.64	4,207.89	<b>47,089.46</b>
9	RENATO S. DE LA CRUZ M/TO ELSA D. DE LA CRUZ	ST. JOSEPH SUBD., PHASE III, BRGY. BALABAGO, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	122.28 SQ.M.		139-03-002-18-059-1001	143,050.00	2018 3RD QTR-2025 1ST QTR	28,967.62	17,766.81	802.64	4,673.44	<b>52,210.51</b>
10	ESTRELLA D. DENILA	BURGOS ST., BRGY. BURGOS, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	157.20 SQ.M.		139-04-006-01-068-1001	68,240.00	2013 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	24,639.60	16,266.59	802.64	4,090.61	<b>45,799.44</b>
11	SPS. NOLI C. DIAZ AND JONALYN J. DIAZ	PUERTO REAL SUBD., (PHASE II) BRGY. BAUYAO, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	229.35 SQ.M.		139-04-005-03-228-1001	604,380.00	2017 4TH QTR-2025 1ST QTR	135,985.50	84,854.97	802.64	22,084.04	<b>243,727.15</b>
12	ASHER D. DUGA M/TO MARY GRACE H. DUGA	LEDESCO SUBD. (MAIN) BRGY. TABUC SUBA, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	122.60 SQ.M.		139-04-036-01-193-1001	117,550.00	2015 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	36,146.63	23,486.49	802.64	5,963.31	<b>66,399.07</b>
13	SPS. ANDREW L. ENICOLA & RHODA APRIL ROSALIND G. ENICOLA	BRGY. JEREOS, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	86.11 SQ.M.		139-04-013-02-162-1001	65,100.00	2015 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	20,018.25	13,006.98	802.64	3,302.52	<b>37,130.39</b>
14	ROLANDO JAYME	BRGY. JEREOS, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	82.32 SQ.M.		139-04-013-01-096-1001	13,830.00	2006 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	7,587.23	5,164.10	802.64	1,275.13	<b>14,829.10</b>
15	LANDRICO LANADO	BRGY. JEREOS, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	62.40 SQ.M.		139-04-013-01-269-1001	20,760.00	2010 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	8,997.60	6,029.80	802.64	1,502.74	<b>17,332.78</b>

	DECLARED OWNER	LOCATION	KIND	AREA (sq.m.)	LOT NO.	PIN	ASSESSED VALUE	YEARS DELINQUENT	TAX DUE	PENALTIES	REGISTRATION FEE	COST OF SALE	GRAND TOTAL
16	SALOME M. LIBRIS	RIZAL ST., BRGY. BONIFACIO TANZA, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	115.50 SQ.M.		139-01-004-01-026-1004	58,210.00	2014 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	19,458.98	12,753.07	802.64	3,221.20	<b>36,235.89</b>
17	SONIA L. LOSAÑES	RAILROAD TRACT., BRGY. SAMBAG, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	216.76 SQ.M.		139-03-031-01-320-1001	573,980.00	2014 3RD QTR-2025 1ST QTR	184,186.05	120,216.02	802.64	30,440.20	<b>335,644.91</b>
18	RODOLFO NG & WILLIAM NG	BRGY. CALUMPANG, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	391.40 SQ.M.		139-06-002-01-001-1063	67,490.00	1990 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	42,365.54	39,551.22	802.64	8,191.67	<b>90,911.07</b>
19	IRENEO NOFUENTE	MOLO-AREVALO BLVD., BRGY. CALUMPANG, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	117.50 SQ.M.		139-06-002-02-114-1008	126,040.00	2003 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	67,835.94	46,119.49	802.64	11,395.54	<b>126,153.61</b>
20	JOHN NOFUENTE	MOLO-AREVALO BLVD., BRGY. CALUMPANG, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	143.75 SQ.M.		139-06-002-02-114-1009	136,990.00	1998 1ST QTR-2025 1ST QTR	80,318.21	54,870.16	802.64	13,518.83	<b>149,509.84</b>
21	SPS. MICHAEL S. TAN & HYGEA P. TAN	WESTWOOD SUBD., BRGY. DUNGON, MANDURRIAO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	316.64 SQ.M.		139-05-006-02-403-1001	957,810.00	2019 3RD QTR-2025 1ST QTR	165,222.22	98,271.28	802.64	26,349.35	<b>290,645.49</b>
									<b>1,293,698.71</b>	<b>841,308.68</b>	<b>16,855.44</b>	<b>213,500.64</b>	<b>2,365,363.47</b>

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 260 of R.A 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 the foregoing statement is correct transcript of records of this office as of **MARCH 10, 2025**. If the date of auction sale which is **APRIL 24, 2025**, falls on or be declared as a Holiday the next working day will be the date of auction sale.

Approved by:

**(SGD.) ENGR. JINNY C. HERMANO**  
City Treasurer

Recommending Approval:

**(SGD.) CLAIRE JOHN P. LADRILLO**  
Chief, Tax Enforcement Division

Noted:

**(SGD.) HON. JERRY P. TREÑAS**  
City Mayor

NE/March 17 & 24, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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**SPL. PROC. NO. 24-0235**

**FOR: RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN DECREE OF DIVORCE**

**EVA JEAN FERNANDEZ,**  
*Petitioner.*

-versus-

**ERWIN C. CATALOCTOCAN,**  
**THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR-GENERAL, THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL,**  
*Respondents*

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**ORDER**

Before this Court is a verified **PETITION** filed by petitioner, through counsel, praying that the Court recognize the divorce between petitioner **Eva Jean Fernandez** and **Erwin Cataloctocan** as embodied in the Final Order (Decree) of Divorce; confirm the legal capacity of petitioner Eva Jean Fernandez to remarry, and direct the Civil Registrar-General and Philippine Statistics Authority to cancel the Certificate of Marriage of Eva Jean Fernandez and Erwin Cataloctocan, and to issue a Certificate of Capacity to Marry to petitioner.

Petitioner Eva Jean Fernandez avers that she is a natural-born Filipino citizen and also became a Canadian citizen in May 2005. She is a permanent resident of Brgy. Jibolo, Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, but currently resides at 12-5291 Oakmount Crescent, Burnaby, British Columbia V5H 4S7, Canada. Respondent Erwin C. Cataloctocan

is a Filipino citizen residing at Brgy. Carvasana, Calinog, Iloilo, where he can be served with court orders and other legal processes.

The petition states that the petitioner and Erwin Cataloctocan were married on June 24, 1997, at the Office of the Mayor of Calinog, Iloilo. On September 8, 2009, the petitioner filed for divorce with the Divorce Desk Order Applications of the Supreme Court of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and the application was docketed as Divorce Desk Order Application File No. **E091867**. The divorce was granted on November 2, 2009, as indicated in the Final Order of Divorce issued by the Deputy District Registrar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada, through the Judge of the Court, along with the Certificate of Divorce under Registry No. **S-E-091867**.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the initial hearing thereon be set before this Court on **May 5, 2025** at 8:30 in the morning, at which time, date, and place, any interested person may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let copy of this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner. Let copy of this Order be posted in at least (3) conspicuous places in the municipality of Janiuay, Iloilo, and at the Regional Trial Court Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo, so that any person who may have interest thereto may appear to show cause why this petition should not be granted.

Furnish Atty. Roma Joy R. Jordan, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Iloilo, the Philippine Statistics Authority, and the parties, a copy each of this Order.

**SO ORDERED,**

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, February 5, 2025

**(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO-TAROL**  
Presiding Judge

NE/March 24, 31 & April 7, 2025

## Pneumonia, stroke, dengue cases top Philhealth claims in Western Visayas

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation or PhilHealth paid for pneumonia, stroke and infarction, pneumonia (high-risk), dengue fever, hypertension/hypertensive emergency urgency, stroke (hemorrhagic), newborn sepsis, chronic kidney disease, acute gastroenteritis, and urinary tract infection as among the top cases in the region.

PhilHealth 6 Acting Regional Vice President Lazaro T. Tabsing, during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas (KBP) episode, clarified that the office hasn't received any directive from the Central Office to halt or cut the claims processes.

From December 27, 2024 to January 31, 2025, PhilHealth has paid P20.13 billion, which is 38 percent higher compared to the same period from the previous year.

PhilHealth 6 further reported that it has disbursed P927,449,839.99 for timely payments for valid claims.

"PhilHealth is committed to partner with healthcare providers, health centers, rural health units, freestanding clinics (stand alone facilities) and hospitals in addressing payment delays and streamline payment processes. We have actually lessened our average processing time to 19 days," said Tabsing.

Janimhe Jalbuna, head of the Public Affairs Unit of PhilHealth 6, said these top cases were paid for by PhilHealth to assure the public that it has sufficient funds to cover its enhanced benefit packages, citing its P281-billion fund in reserves and P150-billion surplus funds as of October 2024, and an investment portfolio of P489 billion as of November 2024.

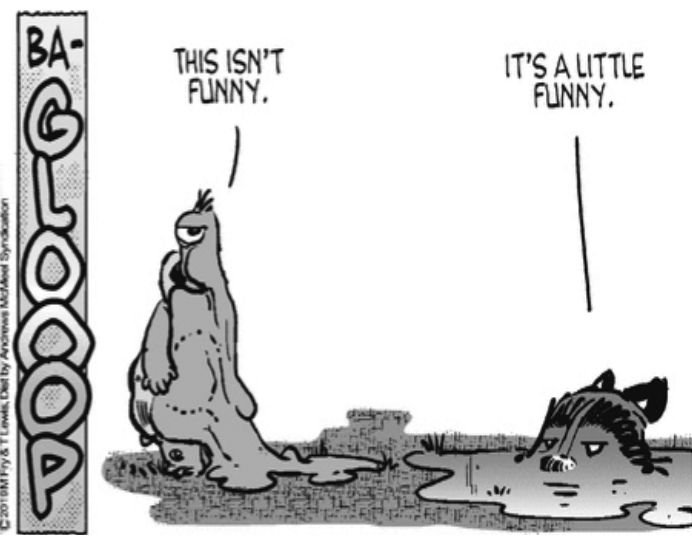
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**ARIES**  
 March 21 - April 19  
 Something or someone may prod you to take action today, Aries. It may be best if you beat them to it and motivate yourself. Break away from the herd and go wherever you want to go. It's likely that you will run into conflict regarding an issue you feel strongly about. People may be stubborn, so prepare for a stalemate rather than any sort of resolution.

**TAURUS**  
 April 20 - May 20  
 You might experience a great deal of emotional confusion, Taurus. There's a debate brewing inside you, and you're having a hard time deciding whether to be practical or more fanciful. Looking to others for help may only add to the problem, so take other people's advice with a grain of salt. If nothing seems clear, wait out the storm and proceed when you have a better handle on the weather.

**GEMINI**  
 May 21 - June 21  
 It will be a challenge to keep your emotions on an even keel today, Gemini. Conflict may be brewing and you might fear it could get out of hand. Everything will work out. Don't add to the pressure. The best solution is to escape into reverie and come back to Earth when the storm has passed. Don't try to untangle the knots if they won't give.

**CANCER**  
 June 22 - July 22  
 Tension may arise today, Cancer. It's possible that you're either too dreamy or too practical to deal effectively with the issue. It's important to strike a balance. The toughest part will be finding others who agree with you. The people you're in conflict with aren't likely to budge from their position. You may have to be flexible in order to reach a compromise.

**LEO**  
 July 23 - August 22  
 Yesterday's trajectory may run into trouble today, Leo. Your intrinsically dreamy nature is dragging down the action you initiated. This conflict could create tension that will be difficult to resolve. Your emotions may deceive you, so try not to get pulled off course by a passing whim. Try to keep your feelings grounded.

**VIRGO**  
 Aug. 23 - Sept. 22  
 Try to align your mind with your emotions today, Virgo. It's possible that a powerful yet subtle force is slowly pulling you off track. If so, you should think about taking a break and doing some fast-paced physical activity to get your heart rate up and blood pumping. Jogging will help clear your head and enable you to think more rationally about decisions you need to make.

**LIBRA**  
 Sept. 23 - Oct. 22  
 An emotional issue could be rubbing you the wrong way, Libra. Your impulse is to escape. Try to do so in a healthy manner. Go see a movie or read a book. Don't fall prey to the temptation to indulge in alcohol or food. This will only push the problems away temporarily. When they resurface again, they may be even harder to handle.

**SCORPIO**  
 Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
 Your artistic side wants to take to the airwaves in some way, Scorpio. Perhaps you should consider building a website or becoming a commentator on a local radio show. Your dreams need a vehicle in order to reach their audience. Find the means. You have the ability to inspire a many people. Take this ability seriously and make use of your creative talents.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 Nov. 22 - Dec. 21  
 It may be apparent that what was so light and active yesterday is running into a few roadblocks today, Sagittarius. You're suddenly heading into a brick wall with some of the projects you've been working on. Suddenly there's a more reserved tone to things and you may lose precious momentum. Use this time to back off and reassess the wisdom of your direction.

**CAPRICORN**  
 Dec. 22 - Jan. 19  
 The pace of things is likely to slow compared to what it was yesterday, Capricorn. This is probably best. Take this time to plan and stabilize. You've plowed, sown, and reaped the fields. Now stop and assess what you've produced and decide what to do with it. Take things one step at a time and don't get ahead of yourself. Be patient and things will naturally come your way.

**AQUARIUS**  
 Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  
 There may be dreaminess about your emotions today, Aquarius, which could keep you from focusing on the task at hand. The aspects dictate that people may be stubborn and confused - and you're likely to be one of them. Your mind may seem to be going in two different directions and you aren't sure which way to proceed. Try to incorporate more of your dreams into your waking reality.

**PISCES**  
 Feb. 19 - March 20  
 Many of your personal goals have either been met or are in progress, Pisces, and you're feeling exhilarated. However, people around you might have their hands out. You may be asked to contribute to charities or make personal loans to people you don't know well. You want to help whenever you can, but be discriminating about whom you help now. Some may be less than trustworthy.

**JALAPENO-CHEDDAR PORK CHOPS**

**INGREDIENTS:**  
 1 EGG 2 TABLESPOONS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR 1 PINCH GROUND BLACK PEPPER 1/4 CUP SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE 1/4 CUP CRUSHED JALAPENO POTATO CHIPS (SUCH AS MISS VICKIE'S®) 1 1/2 TEASPOONS GRATED LIME ZEST 2 BONE-IN PORK CHOPS 2 TEASPOONS OLIVE OIL 1 TEASPOON MARGARINE

**Directions:**  
 Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Whisk egg in a shallow bowl. Combine flour and pepper in another shallow bowl. Mix Cheddar cheese, jalapeno chips, and lime zest in a third bowl. Toss pork chops in the flour to coat. Shake off excess, then dunk in egg. Coat chops in the chip and cheese mixture. Heat oil and margarine in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Fry each pork chop until browned on the outside, 2 minutes per side. Transfer chops to a baking dish or foil-lined baking pan. Bake in the preheated oven until pork is no longer pink in the center, about 25 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 145 degrees F (63 degrees C).



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**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-2025-108**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF RHONA LYN AMOR ALBONIAN TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS RHONA LYN AMOR AMO**

**EDGAR ALIMEOS AMO SR. AND JACINTA AMOR AMO**  
 Petitioners

x-----x

**ORDER**

A verified petition for the adoption of Rhona Lyn Amor Albonian filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee, Rhona Lyn Amor Albonian be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be changed particularly to appear as **RHONA LYN AMOR AMO**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **APRIL 25, 2025** to be held at **NACC-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

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Republic of the Philippines  
**City Local Civil Registry Office**  
**Province: ILOILO**  
**City/Municipality: ILOILO**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ROSEBELL AQUITANIA** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from "**ROSEMARIE**" to "**ROSEBELL**" in the certificate of Live Birth of **ROSEMARIE OÑATE AREVALO** and was born on **July 3, 1988** at **Iloilo City, Iloilo** and her parents are **ROSBERT SALCEDO AREVALO** and **MEDIATRIX VALDEZ OÑATE**.

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

**(SGD.) CHERIE J. AMPIG**  
 City Civil Registrar

NE/March 24, 2025 & March. 31, 2025

Republic of the Philippines  
 Province of Iloilo  
 Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

In compliance with R.A. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **KATHLEEN MAGBANUA** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in the birth certificate of **KATHLEEN HERNALIM MAGBANUA** who was born on **June 21, 2001** at **Salihid, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

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

NE/March 24, 2025 & March 31, 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 **JUDY C. LIBUNA** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **JOSE JUDY** to **JUDY** in the birth certificate of **JOSE JUDY CAMARIG LIBUNA** who was born on **June 14, 1970** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **WILFREDO LIBUNA** and **ESTELITA CAMARIG**.

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

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

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

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

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. No. 10172**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **KIM LACA SUAREZ** 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 **KIM LACA SUAREZ** who was born on **DECEMBER 12, 2000** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **WILMER L. SUAREZ** and **JENNETH S. LACA**.

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

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

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"We want to see how it is because I heard, since the privatization, andami na pong mga improvements. Dati walang halos laman yung container port na 'yan. Pero ngayon dagsa-dagsa na pagpasok ng mga container ships. So, that is another sign that privatization really works," Dizon added, noting that they wanted to replicate the success of the project with other ports in the country. (We want to see how it is because I heard, since the privatization, there have been a lot of improvements. That container port used to be almost empty. But now container ships are arriving in droves. So, that is another sign that privatization really works.)

Meanwhile, Santiago welcomed Defensor's suggestion to establish a new container port that would cater to local demands as the VCT, in due time, will purely cater to foreign or international cargoes.

"Upon the instruction of Sec. Dizon, naatasan po ang

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DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION  
 CASE NO:  
**RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0107**

DATE: **MARCH 12, 2025**

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF JAMES KAISER AGAN TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS JAMES KAISER BOSQUE CANONG**

**SPOUSES, NESTOR OLAIRA CANONG AND LORNA BOSQUE CANONG**  
 Petitioners

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**ORDER**

A verified petition for the adoption of James Kaiser Agan filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee, **James Kaiser Agan** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be changed particularly to appear as **James Kaiser Bosque Canong**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **APRIL 30, 2025**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3F, Ana Ros Building, Simon Ledesma Street, 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 Petitioners once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

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

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**CITY OF ILOILO**  
**CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MERLINDA P. ORGUIA** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry of date of birth from "**MARCH 18, 1965**" to "**MARCH 7, 1965**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MERLINDA PANES** who was born at **Iloilo City** and whose parents are **LEONARDO PANES** and **ABDULIA SINGABOL**.

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

**(SGD.) CHERIE J. AMPIG**  
 City Civil Registrar

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move faster than us. For example, especially if you have a good operator, that is faster in repairing facilities. Unlike the government that entails a lot of process.)

The local chief executive also added that he has been suggesting for the airport terminal to be a "terminal mall" where he envisioned totally changing the nature of a terminal, embodying Ilonggo culture and removing the stress of travel among passengers.

Following the airport visit, Dizon proceeded to the Visayas Container Terminal, a crucial hub for maritime trade in the region, which is under a concession agreement with International Container Terminal Services Inc. and the PPA.

PPA para mag-inspect ng possible sites. Kailangan po nating maglagay at magtayo ng domestic cargo terminal," Santiago said. (Upon the instruction of Sec. Dizon, the PPA was assigned to inspect possible sites. We need to locate and build a domestic cargo terminal.)

Under the PPA, major port development projects in the region include the construction of a crane railway and installation of a quay crane used to load and unload containers at the Iloilo Commercial Port Complex, construction of a cruise ship port in Buruanga, Aklan, and the Alegria Port Development Project also in Aklan. (AAL/FRG/PIA6)

## AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estates of the late **MERLINDA P. CASTAÑEDA, LORETO P. CASTAÑEDA, and MARY GRACE P. CASTAÑEDA** consisting of the following: **Lot 1, Pcs-06-000634**, being a cons-subd. of Lots 965-C-14, Psd-26244 and Lot 960-C-45, Psd-6283, situated in the District of Jaro, City of Iloilo, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 71790** with an area of **THREE HUNDRED THREE (303) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; **Lot 2654-G-2-A-1**, Psd-06-060413, being a portion of Lot 2654-G-2-A, Psd-063036-027500, situated in Brgy. Mali-ao, Pavia, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-205,811** with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED (500) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; bank deposits with **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (BPI), E. Lopez, Jaro Branch**, namely, **Peso Savings Account No. 001333-3348-59** and **Peso Time Deposit Account No. 001339-2471-25** are adjudicate to sole surviving heir **AMY P. CASTAÑEDA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. FLORA MAY L. ALEJANDRO** per Doc. No. 22, Page No. 06, Book No. II, Series of 2023.

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## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NONIE SILVELA DENAMARQUEZ** known as **Lot 8020-A-2, PSD-06-057823**, being a portion of Lot 8020-A, PSD-06-035868, situated in Brgy. Pagdugue, Dumangas, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-215220) 090-2017006596** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **GUILLERMA BARON DENAMARQUEZ and MARIAM DENAMARQUEZ ESPORTON**. That, **GUILLERMA BARON DENAMARQUEZ** renounced and relinquished her rights and interests over the said parcel of land in favor of **MARIAM DENAMARQUEZ ESPORTON**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ROSIE G. GARCIA** per Doc. No. 231, Page No. 48, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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## DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses EMILIANO C. CAUYONAN and MAE JOY C. CAUYONAN** known as 1. **Lot 567-E-34** covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-202628** situated in Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE (483) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; 2. **A residential house** standing on **Lot 567-E-34** situated in Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo covered by **Tax Declaration No. 1608**; 3. **A motor vehicle** described as **Kia Stonic 1.4LXMT** with **MV File No. 0601-00009644424** with **Plate No. FAF6152**, **Engine No. G4ICL1075747**, **Chassis No. LJD4AA19AL0076461** and **Denomination: Sports Utility Vehicle**; 4. **Hyacinth Lawn C Block 35 Lot 2 STD, Forest Lake Memorial Park-Iloilo**; and 5. Any and/or all benefits, dividends and claims covered by and/or from the (a) **Land Bank Provident Fund**, (b) **GSIS**, (c) **Dingle Government Workers' Development Corporation, Dingle, Iloilo**, (d) **PAG-IBIG**, and/or (e) **any government and private entities** which they may have interests and participation are adjudicated to sole surviving heir **NICOLE CONFESOR CAUYONAN**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. THERESA MALONES-SANCHEZ** per Doc. No. 156, Page No. 33, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses RICARDO SINA-ON PROVIDO SR. and LOURDES CELO PALMARES** known as **Lot No. 7963-B-5-C-8-B** situated at Osmeña St., Calinog, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-122064** is adjudicated to the heirs of the late **RICARDO P. PROVIDO, JR.**, namely, **IRIS L. PROVIDO, RICARDO L. PROVIDO III, and IVY RISSA L. PROVIDO** and the heirs of the late **ANTONIO PALMARES PROVIDO**, namely, **CLAUDINA V. PROVIDO, DINO GERARDO V. PROVIDO, and MEL ANTONIO V. PROVIDO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ROBERTO F. CASTILLON** per Doc. No. 280, Page No. 27, Book No. VXXIII, Series of 2022.

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## DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **TEODULFO L. C. CASTRO** known as **Lot 7-E, Psd-06-007628**, being a portion of Lot 7, (LRC) Pcs-21218, situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-117619** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FIVE (205) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **LUCILE ABRAHAM CASTRO, TEODULFO RICARDO A. CASTRO, JR., MARTIN SAMUEL A. CASTRO, and JOSEFA MARIA A. CASTRO-ALFABETO**. That, the heirs waived and relinquished their share and interest over the said parcel of land in favor of **TEODULFO RICARDO A. CASTRO, JR.**, free from all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. HENEDINES C. ARANDA** per Doc. No. 309, Page No. 63, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELLAVIRA PEREGRINO BOYNTON** known as bank deposit with **LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES** under **Account No. 0031540623** is adjudicated to heirs **BRENDA VILLARETE LABASTIDA, REBECCA VILLARETE YANDOG, FRANCISCO DUNDEE VILLARETE (aka as FRANCISCO VILLARETE), ALEX PEREGRINO VILLARETE, CELINO PEREGRINO VILLARETE, CONNIE VILLARETE CONTE, and NORINYL MAE RONIMO AMBI**. That, the heirs undertook to waive and transfer their rights, claims and interests pertaining to the said bank deposit in favor of **CONNIE VILLARETE CONTE** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JUDE VINCENT D. FONTILON** per Doc. No. 52, Page No. 12, Book No. VI, Series of 2024.

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## DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MA. GLENDA DAYADAY BARABONA** known as a savings account at **PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK Iloilo Branch** is adjudicated to heirs **WILSON A. BARABONA, VINCE HERSON D. BARABONA, CELINE JOY D. BARABONA, KRISTINA ANGELA D. BARABONA, and KRYTSAL ANN D. BARABONA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 183, Page No. 38, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

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## DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PEDRO B. BATERBONIA, ANECITA T. BATERBONIA, CEZAR T. BATERBONIA** consisting of parcels of land identified as **Lot 1250** covered by **Original Certificate of Title (O-12644) 2016000211** situated in the Municipality of Barotac Viejo, Iloilo with an area of **33,575 square meters, more or less**; **Lot No. 1399** covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. O-12330** situated in the Municipality of Barotac Viejo, Iloilo with an area of **34,352 square meters, more or less**; and **Lot 1136** covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. O-12332** situated in the Municipality of Barotac Viejo, Iloilo with an area of **4,334 square meters, more or less**, are adjudicated to surviving heirs **ANDELINA G. BATERBONIA, ZARLINA B. CUELLO, LEAH G. BATERBONIA, and WILMA B. MAGO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. REY G. CANINDO** per Doc. No. 403, Page No. 82, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

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## Iloilo university enhances workforce readiness through automotive project

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The upgrading of Iloilo State University of Fisheries Science and Technology's (ISUFST) automotive training facilities is planned after the university secured the P1.89 million Rotary International Global Grant.

This milestone, according to ISUFST, vows to enhance technical education and workforce readiness in Iloilo.

ISUFST President Nurdy D. Siason Jr. referred to the grant as a key step in the university's commitment to quality, industry-relevant education.

"We're not just teaching students—we're preparing them to shape Iloilo's workforce. This grant is an investment in education and a commitment to empowering ISUFST and the local community for years to come," Siason said.

The project is set for full use by April 2025, after turnover rites at the ISUFST Main Campus.

The grant was made possible through ISUFST's collaboration with the Rotary Clubs of Iloilo and Namweon Central (South Korea), designed to bridge the automotive skills gap by providing students with hands-on training using modern technology.

The grant will fund the acquisition of cutting-edge automotive equipment, including a heavy-duty electric car post-type lifter, a light-duty electric car scissor-type lifter, diesel engines with computer boxes and harnesses, gasoline engines with computer boxes and harnesses, TIG/MIG welding machines, portable welding machines, acetylene welding machines and a digital oscilloscope dual trace.

ISUFST faculty member and Primary Rotarian Proponent of the grant Herman Lagon said the project is aimed at job generation and entrepreneurship.

"This grant is a relief and a great opportunity for our present and future students and extension beneficiaries. With advanced training facilities, they can build careers and even start businesses, creating jobs and strengthening the local economy," Lagon shared.

The initiative is part of AIM Iloilo (Automotive Industry Modernization Project), a three-year extension program meant to train over 300 students and community members, enhance faculty expertise in automotive technology and establish sustainable automotive services for local residents. (AAL/LMLE/PIA Iloilo/With reports from ISUFST)

## EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **OSCAR C. GAURANA** known as a parcel of land (Lot 23-B-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-333017, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 23-B, Psd 13-000533; L.R.C. Record No. 2099), located at 7990 Units 1-4, St. Paul Road corner Mayapis St., Brgy. San Antonio Village, Makati City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 141799** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SQUARE METERS AND FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (120.50) more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **MARIETTA GALVE GAURANA, NESTOR GALVE GAURANA, OMAR GALVE GAURANA, CARIE GALVE GAURANA, MARICAR GAURANA TUNGCU and MARSHA GAURANA ROBINSON** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 211, Page No. 44, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

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**AMNESTY.** Amnesty application kicks off in Panay and Negros Islands in July 2024. The Local Amnesty Board during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas on Wednesday disclosed that there are 216 applicants from Western Visayas. (File photo courtesy of 31D)

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE AND PARTITION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EFREN CALA-OR** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 222-A** located in Brgy. Poblacion, Leon, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2014007959** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND EIGHTEEN (1,018) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **CAROLINA A. CALA-OR, CAYCE MAE A. CALA-OR, CHARMAINE ANN CALA-OR, and EARLWIN JAY A. CALA-OR**. That, a **150 sq.m. (Lot 222-A-1)** portion of the said property was sold to **JOSE GLENN PEOLLO CALIMLIM**; That, a **200 sq.m. (Lot 222-A-2)** portion of the said property was sold to Spouses **RONALD LIM CASTILLON and CHERYL CALIMLIM CASTILLON**; That, **150 sq.m. (Lot 222-A-3)** portion of the said property was sold to **CONNIE PEOLLO CALIMLIM**. That, the remaining **Lot 222-A-4 and Lot 222-A-5** shall belong to heirs **CAROLINA A. CALA-OR, CAYCE MAE A. CALA-OR, CHARMAINE ANN CALA-OR, and EARLWIN JAY A. CALA-OR**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARIANIE C. TANATE** per Doc. No. 231, Page No. 48, Book No. VI, Series of 2024.

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**ADDENDUM TO DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE AND PARTITION**

As Addendum to the Deed of Extrajudicial Adjudication with Absolute Sale and Partition executed by **CAROLINA A. CALA-OR, CAYCE MAE A. CALA-OR, CHARMAINE ANN CALA-OR, and EARLWIN JAY A. CALA-OR** entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARIANIE C. TANATE** per Doc. No. 231, Page No. 48, Book No. VI, Series of 2024, the late **EFREN CALA-OR** is also the lawful co-owner of a parcel of land known as **Lot 27, Block 8**, of the subd. plan, Psd-00-050210, being a portion of Lot 1, (LRC) Pcs-13303, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. C-373883** located at Novaliches, Caloocan City, Metro Manila with an area of **EIGHTY FOUR (84) SQUARE METERS, more or less**. The said property is also adjudicated to the above-named surviving heirs. Further, **Lot 222-A** was subdivided into several sub-lots and inadvertently omitted to include the **Right of Way** known as **Lot 222-A-6** which should be added as **item No. 6) Lot 222-A-6** – consisting of **SEVENTY TWO (72) square meters, more or less, as ROAD RIGHT OF WAY**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARIANIE C. TANATE** per Doc. No. 334, Page No. 70, Book No. VI, Series of 2024.

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **ROGER G. BOCATIJA** has filed a petition for **Correction of Child's Date of Birth** from "**APRIL 25, 1984**" to "**APRIL 4, 1984**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROGER GONZAGA BOCATIJA JR.** whose parents are **Roger G. Bocatija and Sony L. Gonzaga**.

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

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

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**ENGR. JOMARIE A. ARIB, Ph.D., PME, ASEAN**  
General Manager / Inventor

**DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses VICTOR LLAMAS and JULIETA CANTARA** known as a parcel of land known as **Lot No. 2269** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-30716** located at Brgy. San Antonio, San Miguel, Iloilo with an area **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO (18,532) square meters, more or less** and **Lot No. 253** situated in Brgy. Poblacion, Leon, Iloilo covered by **TAX DECLARATION NO. 25-0001-00957** with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX (486) square meters, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **ELSA L. CALAMBUHAY, MICHAEL C. LLAMAS, JOSE RUBMILL C. LLAMAS, JOVIE CALUCAB y LLAMAS, MARY ANN T. LLAMAS, ROBIE ANN T. LLAMAS and ROB EROS T. LLAMAS**. That, the heirs hereby **WAIVE, TRANSFER and CONVEY** unto their co-heir **MARY ANN T. LLAMAS** their rights and interests over **Lot 2269** located in San Miguel, Iloilo as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARIANE C. TANATE** per Doc. No. 135, Page No. 28, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2023.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EDWIN S. QUERUBIN** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 727, Pls-1099** situated in Poblacion, Concepcion, Iloilo covered by **KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. F-58184** with an area of **SIX HUNDRED THIRTY (630) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **CARMELA R. QUERUBIN and ROMEO SONZA QUERUBIN**. That, **CARMELA R. QUERUBIN** hereby **WAIVE, RELINQUISH, and RELEASE** in favor of **ROMEO SONZA QUERUBIN** all her rights and interests over the above-mentioned property as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 186, Page No. 39, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

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**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND PARTITION**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses GENEROSO S. JAMORIN and JOAQUINA BOBLO-JAMORIN** known as a parcel of land **Lot 146-C, Psd-06-005958**, being a portion of lot 146, Iloilo Cadastre, located in Barangay Ungka II, Pavia, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-12,405** with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE (569) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **ALMA J. ODIO, ROSITA J. HILAGA, CELEDONIA B. JAMORIN, ADELAIDA J. RAMOS, ELMER B. JAMORIN, heirs of THERESA J. ANATAN** as represented by **EDUARDO J. ANATAN JR.** That, **ADELAIDA J. RAMOS and ELMER B. JAMORIN** hereby waive their respective share in the estate of the late **GENEROSO S. JAMORIN**. That, **ALMA J. ODIO** share includes **Lot 146-C-2** with an area of **50 sq.m.**, **Lot 146-C-3** with an area of **89 sq.m.**, and **Lot 146-C-5** with an area of **54 sq.m.**; That, **ROSITA J. HILAGA** share include **Lot 146-C-1** with an area of **154 sq.m.**; That, **CELEDONIA B. JAMORIN** share include **Lot 146-C-4** with an area of **146 sq.m.**; That heirs of **THERESA J. ANATAN** as represented by **EDUARDO J. ANATAN JR.** share include **Lot 146-C-6** with an area of **30 sq.m.** Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CHARL STUYVER P. MOLEÑO** per Doc. No. 524, Page No. 106, Book No. II, Series of 2021.

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**PNEUMONIA... (from page 11)**

In terms of procedural case rates, hemodialysis is on top, followed by the claims for cesarean sections.

"PhilHealth is financially robust and we are much capable of continuing paying to fulfill our mandate. Given the figures, wala sang dapat ikakulba as we continue to give benefits," **Jalbuna** assured.

(Given the figures, there is nothing to worry about, as we continue to give benefits.)

To note, the latest set of its newly-introduced and enhanced benefit packages include ischemic heart disease—acute myocardial infarction, Z package for peritoneal dialysis, Z package for kidney transplantation covering living organ donor transplantation, preventive oral health services as part of primary care services under its Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama (KonSulTa) package, and Outpatient Emergency Care Benefit providing comprehensive coverage for emergency services, among others. (*AAL/AGP/PIA 6*)

**EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY AND DEED OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JOHN SENEN GARINGALAO** known as a parcel of land **Lot 5-Q-1-A, Psd-06-058991**, being a portion of Lot 5-Q-1, Psd-50825, located in La Paz, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-149717** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT (158) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heir **MARISA JULLY GARINGALAO, GEORGE JULLY GARINGALAO, RYAN JULLY GARINGALAO and NENISA GARINGALAO LEON**. That, the heirs appoint their mother **MARISA JULLY GARINGALAO** as their lawful Attorney-in-fact. That, the heirs hereby **SELL, TRANSFER and CONVEY** the above-said parcel of land by way of **Absolute Sale** in favor of **MARK JULLY TOMAS**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. DIANNE PARI-AN MEDIANERO** per Doc. No. 365, Page No. 76, Book No. V, Series of 2025.

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

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

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

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

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