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Iloilo City Gov't sets Project TRANSFORM in motion

ILOILO CITY, a leader in sustainability, continues to demonstrate its commitment to nurturing green spaces and creating a livable community. Project TRANSFORM (Transdisciplinary Approach for Resilience and Sustainability through Multistakeholder Engagement) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has swiftly progressed from concept and theory to practical action in Iloilo, outpacing other local government units (LGUs) that launched it earlier.

This was made possible by agile leadership from the Iloilo City Government, regional offices of DENR and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and other stakeholders working together for ecosystem resilience.

"We come together, and we talk to the experts. But the most important thing of all is action," said Mayor Jerry Treñas, who firmly emphasized the urgency of the situation. Iloilo City was identified as one of the priority areas for

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Iloilo City led by Mayor Jerry Treñas continues to demonstrate its commitment to nurturing green spaces and creating a livable community by putting into action Project TRANSFORM (Transdisciplinary Approach for Resilience and Sustainability through Multistakeholder Engagement) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). (Iloilo City photo)

Security, power assured during election day

POLICE Regional Office (PRO) 6 regional director Brig. Gen. Jack Wanky directed all police personnel to remain apolitical as they perform their duty of ensuring a peaceful and orderly May 12 national and elections.

Last week, PRO 6 deployed additional 1,528 uniformed personnel to Iloilo Police Provincial Office and Antique Police Provincial Office.

At the regional headquarters, Wanky said they deployed around 70 to 80 percent of their uniformed personnel to provide security to 2,854 voting centers across Western Visayas.

"We have stretched out all our personnel resources. Even my security was deployed for us to comply with the requirements," he added.

Wanky said other provincial offices have positive variance or have more than enough personnel so they

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Alexie Brooks redefines pageantry, breaking stereotypes

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

ILONGGO pride and Miss Eco International 2025, Alexie Mae Caimoso Brooks, shared her journey

in the pageantry during a homecoming press conference in Iloilo City last May 5.

In a heartfelt statement
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Police personnel were directed to remain apolitical as they perform their duty of ensuring a peaceful and orderly May 12 national and elections. (PRO 6 photo)

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the project's implementation in 2025–2026, alongside the provinces of Iloilo and Leyte in the Visayas.

To kick-start the initiative, P5 million was allocated from the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CDRRM) Fund to support transformative actions, including the green-blue-gray initiatives addressing climate and disaster-related risks.

"Amo na kadasig ang core group because we felt the urgency to address the issue, and it is aligned with the vision of the mayor," said City DRRM Officer Donna Magno.

In order that immediate and feasible solutions can be implemented, experts convened at the Knowledge Development Center in Central Philippine University on April 30.

Longtime champions of environmental protection and sustainable urban development were present, namely: Fiscal Jeremy Bionat, a well-known environmental advocate; Sanny Jegillos, former Senior Adviser for Disaster Risk Reduction at the United Nations Development Programme; Dr. Jurgenne Primavera, a renowned marine scientist celebrated for her contributions to mangrove ecosystem conservation; Dr. Leilani Suerte, a distinguished geologist, science research specialist, and current officer-in-charge of the Geosciences Division at the Mines and Geosciences Bureau Region 6; Prof. Jessica Dator-Bercilla, Science Resilience Fellow from the National Resilience Council; Engr. Noel Z. Hechanova, former Executive Director of the Iloilo-Batiano River Development Council; and Architect Tygrid Caipang from the City Engineer's Office.

Key department heads and top officials from the City and Provincial Governments, DENR-6 and its attached agencies led by Regional Executive Director Raul Lorilla, and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Region 6 represented by Assistant Regional Director Engr. Jose Al Fruto also attended the said meeting.

"LGU, DENR, DPWH, and green-blue-gray experts bravely responded to tough questions that helped us understand what we're dealing with and how we can move from concept and theory to practice — efficiently. More stakeholders, including Civil Society Organizations, People's Organizations, the academe, and the private sector, will be on board soon. Sabay-sabay na matuto, sabay-sabay

'Tubong-tubong Festival is Kasadyahan ready' -- Provincial Tourism Office

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS



Tubong Guinobatan of Lanag Norte National High School presented a spectacular performance which hailed them as champion in the 24th Tubong-tubong Festival Dance Drama Competition.

Provincial Culture, Arts, History and Tourism Office (PCAHTO) Chief Bombette Marin said that Tubong-Tubong Festival from the municipality of Tubungan is fully ready to compete at the Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan in 2026.

Marin noted that Tubong-Tubong Festival has leveled up and has greatly improved in terms of concept.

"The music (from Dance Drama Competition) gave me goosebumps as they were greatly directed... The costumes were very beautiful and I think Tubong-Tubong is ready to join Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan next year," Marin said.

"We just have some minor

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following her win, Brooks reflected on the deeper meaning of her success. She expressed pride in receiving the crown but shared that her greatest joy came from challenging the stereotype of pageantry.

"I'm proud of getting the crown. But what I'm most happy about is that I challenged the stereotype of pageantry. I'm not the typical prototype you see in the pageant room—my skin is different, my hair is short, my body is toned differently. People used to say, "She doesn't look like the pageant type." But that's exactly the point—not every woman does," Brooks said.

Brooks highlighted the value of accepting diversity and empowering women regardless of their physical appearance.

"Not every woman looks the same. If you want to empower women, you need to see all women and

understand that being different doesn't mean being incapable," she added.

Her victory also marked a historic moment for the competition, as she realized she was the first Black woman to win the title in the pageant's ten-year history. For her, that milestone carries significant meaning.

Brooks also expressed appreciation for the encouragement she got from the local community and was honored to represent Iloilo and the Philippines.

She acknowledged the responsibility that comes with the role and affirmed her belief that this moment would go down in history—not because the world changed her, but because she remained true to herself.

She also emphasized that people should not have to change their appearance to be accepted, and that what truly needs to change is society's mindset.

Brooks was recently crowned as Miss Eco International 2025 that was held in Alexandria, Egypt on April 19.

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no longer need augmentation.

He said the Comelec requires at least two personnel in every voting center.

The augmentation force includes personnel from the Iloilo City Police Office, Guimaras Police Provincial Office, and national support units, as well as recruits and personnel on schooling who were recalled for election duties.

Wanky assured that the regional headquarters is 100 percent ready and set with the accounting of personnel as among their last preparations.

He said there are 1,944,436 registered voters expected to swarm 7,337 polling precincts across the region, and their goal is to achieve zero crime incidents.

"We are 100 percent ready with our accounting a while ago. We are all set and ready to perform our election mandate," he added.

Meanwhile, More Electric and Power Corporation (MORE Power), the city's electricity distributor, to ensure

umaksyon," said Dator-Bercilla.

Meanwhile, Jegillos emphasized the benefits of infrastructure approaches combining nature-based and traditional engineering solutions — such as reducing flood risk and urban heat, improving air and water quality, supporting biodiversity, and enhancing urban livability and climate resilience. "Every citizen would love to benefit from these," he said.

A follow up meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) together with Mayor Treñas was held at Iloilo City Hall on May 2. The local chief executive earlier mandated the formation of the Iloilo City Task Force on Greening the Urban Spaces through Executive Order No. 23, in support of the National Greening Program.

"It's important that we align and harmonize our work with the national government and the projects in the

uninterrupted power supply on election day.

MORE Power will deploy inspectors near the polling precincts and canvassing centers in two shifts —morning and afternoon— to monitor power conditions and respond to any issues.

"We have response teams (RTs) in sites located near schools, not necessarily inside the schools, which will be deployed in case of minor troubles like low voltage," he said.

For major troubles, they have a line-gang team equipped with the necessary materials that can be installed immediately in case of power trouble.

A dedicated command center will operate at MORE Power headquarters, coordinating with the Commission on Elections (Comelec) and Philippine National Police (PNP) command centers for immediate action.

"The mandate of our president, Roel Castro, is we will not leave schools, not until all winners are declared," he said. (Phil. News Agency)

city with the initiatives and direction of the mayor," said EnP Ronald Cartagena, City Planning and Development Coordinator and Task Force vice chairperson.

In mid-March, the city joined the Visayas-Mindanao leg of the Project TRANSFORM Lecture Series: Unpacking Disaster Risk and Resilience in Cagayan de Oro. By the end of the month, an exploratory meeting was held between the Iloilo City and Provincial Governments at the Iloilo City Action and Resilience Center (ICARE) Gaisano with DENR Region 6.

Project TRANSFORM is likewise implemented in Luzon, including Baguio City, Pangasinan, Isabela, Palawan, Masbate, and the provinces surrounding the Verde Island Passage. Zamboanga del Norte, Davao de Oro, Maguindanao del Norte, and Bukidnon are the areas in Mindanao selected for the project.

City gov't reconstitutes tourism council

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Iloilo City Government issued Executive Order No. 040, reconstituting the Tourism Council on May 5, 2025.

This initiative seeks to improve basic services and facilities for tourism development and promotion programs pursuant to Sec. 17 of RA 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, which defines LGUs' responsibilities in areas such as health, infrastructure, and public services.

The said reinstitution also aims to enable the different groups in the government and the private sector, who are involved in the travel industry, to collaborate and combine their strengths in promoting Iloilo City as a tourism destination.

The Iloilo City Tourism Council shall have the following functions:

- * Formulate a strategic plan or a framework plan to develop and enhance the tourism potentials ad tourism industry in the City of Iloilo

- * Coordinate every tourism events and programs in the community

- * Formulate programs and recommendation to develop local tourism facilities and attraction tapping, local and outside resources and funds

- * Assist in the regulation and supervision off tourism oriented and tourism related establishments thereby ensuring wholesome and clean tourism activities

- * Assist in the monitoring the implementation of the Local Government Code particularly the matter of licensing of tourism establishments in the locality in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable stay of the tourists and travelers.

- * Assist in the promotion and marketing of local tourism and encourage tourism investment.

Mayor Jerry Treñas led the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement(MOA) along with Iloilo Tourism Foundation Inc. President Joseph Del Rosario, Vice Chairman Dr. Sandra Gomez, City Government Department Head Junel Ann Divinagracia, and Assistant Tourism Officer Maria Lea Victoria Lara.

Treñas also administered the oath of office of the council officials led by its Chairman Joseph Del Rosario.

Iloilo City reconstituted the Tourism Council with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement, followed by the oath-taking of its appointed members. City Mayor Jerry Treñas led the signing of the MOA alongside Iloilo Tourism Foundation Inc. President Joseph Del Rosario, Vice Chairman Dr. Sandra Gomez, and City Government Department Head Junel Ann Divinagracia and Assistant Tourism Officer Maria Lea Victoria Lara. (Iloilo City photo)



Iloilo City gov't evaluates over P18-B proposed public-private project

The city government here, through its public-private partnership office (PPPO), is evaluating the proposed PHP18.27-billion Iloilo Global City project.

The unsolicited proposal of the Iloilo Global City Corporation (IGCC) is among the projects in the pipeline published by the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center.

PPPO head, lawyer David Abraham Garcia, identified the proponent as the Cebu Landmasters, Inc. (CLI) which has an extensive background in reclamation.

IGCC is an associate of property developer CLI.

"They sent an unsolicited proposal for 662 hectares of reclamation project," he said in an interview on Tuesday.

Garcia said that based on the proposal, 51 percent of the total reclaimed area will be owned by the government, and the rest will go to the proponent.

"The government will not spend any money for that. There will be two sites --the city site from Fort San Pedro (City Proper) all the way to Villa (Arevalo), and then there is what they call coastal site somewhere in (Barangay)

Biton-on," he added.

Garcia said the project is not attached to the landmass of the city but is an island type.

In the design, the proponent is planning to put residential, commercial, and industrial areas.

The proposal is currently under detailed evaluation, which they target to complete by June. When found beneficial to the city, they will proceed to the negotiation phase.

They have also sent invitations to government agencies to secure their sentiments and determine requirements for the project to push through.

It will also pass the local development council and considering its size, the project has to be approved by the National Economic and Development Authority.

Currently, Garcia said Iloilo City needs more space.

"This is one way probably to help develop the city to add areas. For ordinary citizens, if this is properly planned and implemented, this will also benefit them," he said. (PNA)

Nonprofit, Iloilo State University join forces for child welfare, community development

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — CAMELEON Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to child protection advocacy, has forged a five-year partnership with the Iloilo State University of Fisheries Science and Technology (ISUFST) to expand opportunities in child protection, gender and development, education, health and inclusive community programs.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines collaborative efforts in research, community extension, capability building, training and advocacy campaigns.

This will integrate ISUFST's academic support with the

psychosocial, legal and livelihood services CAMELEON provides to its beneficiaries.

According to CAMELEON Executive Director Cornelia Udani, this agreement marks the first formal collaboration with a higher education institution in the organization's 28-year history.

"It gives us hope for more meaningful projects and programs for our scholars and partner communities. We are proud to take this step with ISUFST," Udani said.

ISUFST President Dr. Nurdy D. Siason Jr. shared that the partnership reflects the university's deeper commitment to

upholding the values of social justice.

Beyond its teaching mandate, Siason underscored the role of a public university in serving and empowering lives.

"Social justice must not remain in our mission statements—it must live in our classrooms, our programs, and how we welcome every student with compassion and care," Siason conveyed.

Siason also directed San Enrique Campus Administrator Dr. Rex Diaz to ensure the 40 enrolled CAMELEON scholars receive comprehensive support for their academic and personal development. (AAL/LMLE/PIA Iloilo)

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Taking charge with compassion and transparency

When crisis and tragedy strike, there is often a tendency to panic, assign blame or, in some cases, run for cover. Other companies send in a team of external crisis managers to handle the situation, often using a designated spokesperson in tandem with a lawyer.

But not Ramon Ang, president of NNIC. Soon after the tragic accident happened at NAIA Terminal 1 last Sunday, members of media received information about the accident along with initial information. The information was actively shared by RSA and not hidden, delayed or “managed.”

What followed soon after that was a demonstration of NNIC president Ramon Ang’s nature and character in addressing a “crisis” with “compassion” first, and “hands on” second.

When it was established that two persons died in the accident and that several others were injured, NNIC released a statement saying:

“NNIC president Ramon S. Ang has committed to providing immediate assistance to the victims of the vehicular accident that occurred earlier today at the departure level of NAIA Terminal 1.

“Ang said he will personally shoulder the medical expenses of the four individuals who were injured and provide financial assistance to the families of the two who died in the incident.”

“This is a very tragic incident. Our priority now is to make sure the victims and their families receive the support and care they need,” Ang said.

Given that the accident was beyond the control and responsibility of NNIC, Ramon Ang’s act of compassion was certainly meaningful and laudable. But for many of RSA’s friends and those who have experienced it firsthand, compassion and helping others is nothing new with RSA.

What many people missed on social media was the fact that upon hearing of the accident, Ramon Ang immediately headed out to NAIA 1 and took part in managing the situation “hands on.” He was not

giving out orders or instructions, he simply did what he could.

In one particular video clip, RSA was seen pushing the damaged SUV as a forklift operator was taking the vehicle away from the wall that it crashed into. Everybody else was busy clearing stuff in the area that no one noticed RSA guiding the rear of the vehicle as it wobbled on the forklift.

Those who understand corporate concerns will tell you that this is the sort of thing CEOs abroad and even the Philippines are told or advised not to engage in. Corporate continuity rules or “insurance” concerns frown on or discourage bosses from engaging in activities that may cause injury or risk to life.

In another clip, he was seen with DOTr Vince Dizon, who was equally hands on and also affected by the tragedy. They were not show-boating or “making an appearance.” Each of them was doing what they could under the circumstances with their respective crew on the ground. They certainly did not stay home or operate by remote control. They did not show up with the press in tow either.

It is important to share these observations hoping that today’s leaders in business and government can learn from the tragedy and the value of “crisis management with compassion and hands on.”

We should also recognize selfless acts of leaders so that others may remember and copy them and hopefully bring hope in moments of darkness and confusion. While we rage against the wrongs, let us also acknowledge the good we see in others.

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People are finally angry, I think?!

Yes, the public has never expressed their anger and indignation over the loss of lives, injuries and pain caused by road accidents in the past months as they have this week. Two areas of focus have been the

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failure of government to implement road safety and the evident corruption in government projects that has killed people.

The most recent outcry has been the “Bollards of Corruption” at the NAIA T1, one of the many Bollards of Corruption that reportedly cost P8 million. In the SCTEX disaster, fingers are now pointed at the bus driver and the only solution is to detain him and charge him.

But like I wrote about recently, what about those in charge of rules and regulations, law enforcement, etc.? There are so many vehicle code violations on private cars, motorcycles, trucks and jeepneys but the LTO and the LTFRB do not do anything about them.

Each office or group complains of being undermanned like they never heard of “deputization” and force multipliers or joint operations. The government needs to admit they cannot do it alone and need the help of private organizations and groups.

They refuse because they don’t want people looking over their shoulder or exposing their incompetence if not their corruption! It is high time to demand that the President fire incompetent or ineffective appointees or officials who have failed to do their job and enforce regulations and road safety requirements.

The Philippine government is not an employment agency for political supporters, and neither should it be led by incompetents whose main role is to pay tribute and homage to their patron.

Since PBBM is actively shielding political allies from legitimate judicial action as in the case of the ombudsman versus Gov. Gwen Garcia, let us all pray that his Cabinet secretaries like Vince Dizon and Jonvic Remulla might be moved to reorganize the leadership at the LTO, LTFRB, PNP/HPG, etc.

Driving dangerously

This is the cost of irresponsible driving: As of Monday morning, Cynthia Masongsong was recuperating from surgery to stop internal bleeding of the spleen.

Because of her critical condition, she had not yet been told by her family that she had lost her only child, four-year-old Malia, in the accident on Sunday at the NAIA Terminal 1 that caused Cynthia serious injury.

Mother, daughter and Cynthia’s mom-in-law had gone to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to see off Malia’s father, Danmark Masongsong, who was flying out to the Czech Republic where he works as a machine operator, after a three-week vacation in the Philippines.

But what was supposed to be a happy family event turned into tragedy after a Ford Everest suddenly accelerated from a parking slot at the NAIA departure area and plowed into the crowd of passengers and well-wishers at the entrance.

The SUV pinned to death Malia and 29-year-old Dearick Keo Faustino, a company supervisor who was supposed to go on a business trip to Dubai. Faustino reportedly supported his siblings and elderly father.

That was Danmark wailing in a heartbreaking video that the girl pinned under the Everest was his child: “Anak ko ‘yan! Anak ko ‘yan!”

The SUV driver, Leo Sinlao Gonzales, 47, had dropped off his employer at the terminal. Holder of a professional driver’s license and reportedly a former overseas worker himself, Gonzales said he got confused. Now in police custody and facing years in prison for a double homicide and multiple physical injuries, he tested negative for drugs and alcohol.

In another horrible vehicular accident last week in Tarlac, families are also grieving over four children and their four adult guardians, while a two-year-old boy has become an orphan after his parents, together with the eight others, were crushed to death.

The reason? A Solid North bus driver had fallen asleep at the wheel and crashed the vehicle onto the cars lined up at the northbound toll exit booth of the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway. The cars, sandwiched between the speeding bus and a container truck hauler, were crumpled like accordions.

Bus driver Teodoro Merjan has reportedly been stripped permanently of his driver’s license, after he refused to undergo drug testing. He’s certain to spend life

in prison anyway, for 12 homicides and multiple serious physical injuries, so he’s never going to drive again. His family has lost a breadwinner.

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As of Monday, NAIA authorities had started replacing the bollards that failed to stop the Everest from crashing into the airport glass walls, mowing people along its path.

Seeing the apparent weakness of the bollards, which reportedly cost taxpayers P8 million when installed during the Duterte administration, people smelled corruption. President Marcos has ordered a probe into the deal.

Apart from installing new bollards at the NAIA, Transport Secretary Vince Dizon has ordered mandatory drug testing every six months for all drivers of public utility vehicles (PUVs).

Let’s hope bribery will not sabotage this requirement. It should be backed by random on-the-spot drug tests conducted by a composite team from different agencies.

Drugs can be flushed out of the system within a few days to a week, depending on the dosage and frequency of use. They can linger longer in urine, and longest – up to 90 days – in hair follicles.

Based on previous reports, the most common drug used by drivers is shabu, to keep them awake for long-haul drives. According to reliable websites on drug addiction, methamphetamine and cocaine can stay in the blood and urine for only up to three days. Drivers can learn to stay clean before mandatory drug testing.

To discourage shabu use, Dizon has also lowered the limit for the hours that PUV drivers can be assigned to drive, at just four hours straight from the current six. Who knew there was even a six-hour cap?

Again, the devil will be in the enforcement of this rule. What if the drivers themselves want to work longer hours for overtime pay? How will compliance be monitored?

Still, Dizon – still new on the job – can be commended for making an effort to promote road safety.

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Twice last year, within weeks of each other, I figured in vehicular accidents. Both times the vehicle I was in was at full stop at an intersection, waiting to make a turn. Both

times I was hit by cars whose young drivers apologized and told me they had fallen asleep at the wheel.

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



The first was a head-on collision, with the other car jumping to the opposite lane and barreling toward my vehicle at full speed, first sideswiping a motorcycle whose driver flew into the pavement. The sleepy driver was injured and his car was totaled, but he was saved by the air bag.

The only reason I didn’t fly into a rage was because I was worried that the driver had suffered critical internal bleeding and needed to be rushed to hospital emergency. (He didn’t.) The motorcycle driver was rushed to a hospital but also fortunately suffered only minor injuries.

The second accident was a mild fender-bender. The driver wanted to just talk it out; the damage was something that insurance could cover. But I would have none of it. Like the driver in the first accident, I wanted him to have a record in the police for reckless driving, which can be accessed by the Land Transportation Office so an alert will pop up when he renews his driver’s license.

Both times my driver and I fortunately were not injured, although my head was knocked against the car window the first time. But the awful sound of metal crunching against metal is unforgettable. I can grasp the horror of those two recent deadly road accidents.

These days I drive with the thought that every other driver could either be functionally illiterate, high on drugs or suffering from a hangover. There’s no guarantee that this will save me from another accident involving a sleepy driver, or a speeding truck whose brakes have failed, but maybe it will minimize the risks.

Meanwhile, we await the impact of the measures announced by the government. The World Health Organization reports that road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death among Filipinos aged 15 to 29.

In 2023, the PSA reported 13,101 deaths from road accidents nationwide. On average, five children die daily in the country from road crashes, according to official records.

Malia Masongsong and Dearick Faustino have become the latest additions to the grim statistics. Sadly, they won’t be the last.



SMOOTH OPERATION. Members of the electoral board submit the results of their final testing and sealing at the Iloilo City canvassing center on Wednesday (May 7, 2025). The Commission on Elections Iloilo City conducted the FTS for the remaining 414 automated counting machines to test their accuracy for the May 12 polls. *(Photo courtesy of Comelec-Iloilo City)*

No hitch in final testing, sealing of ACMs in Iloilo City

ILOILO CITY – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) confirmed the successful completion of the final testing and sealing (FTS) of 414 automated counting machines (ACMs) in Iloilo City on Wednesday.

According to Election Assistant II Jonathan Sayno, the FTS went generally without issue, with only minor concerns reported, such as a shortage of sample ballots and difficulty locating a USB device, which were immediately resolved.

“We have completed the conduct of the final testing and sealing. Hopefully, this will continue until Election Day,” he said in an interview.

He added that the Comelec's preparations are at 99 percent, with the final step being the dispatch of election paraphernalia in coordination with the Iloilo City Treasurer’s Office.

All ACMs will stay in various voting centers, fully guarded by the Philippine National Police, and will be opened on Election Day.

At the Robinsons Mall voting center, Department of Education Supervising Officer (DESO) Dymphna Leizel Jocson reported that all machines were functioning properly.

DESO technicians are also on standby to provide technical support if necessary.

The FTS is a standard procedure to ensure that the ACMs are operational and accurately reading ballots before election day.

In a separate interview, Election Officer IV Pinky Jevini Tentativa noted that the early voting program is exclusive to persons with disability, senior citizens, and heavily pregnant women.

She said they are anticipating challenges in the program because there might be regular voters who might insist on casting their votes during the period.

“Regular voters cannot vote in that certain period. This program of the Comelec is exclusive for the vulnerable sectors,” she said.

PWDs with non-apparent disabilities can show their ID as proof.

The exclusive time is from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. Those who could not cast their votes during this period can still vote during the regular hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. *(PNA)*



EVALUATION. The Iloilo City government is now evaluating the PHP18.27-billion unsolicited proposal of Iloilo Global City Corporation for a 662-hectare reclamation project. Iloilo City public-private partnership office head David Abraham Garcia on Tuesday (May 6, 2025) said that based on the proposal, 51 percent of the total reclaimed area will be owned by the government, and the rest will go to the proponent. *(PNA file photo)*

DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JOCELYN B. BELMONTE

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- 4. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2532**, Lot No. 133-B-5 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED TEN (310) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 5. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2531**, Lot No. 4387-A of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Pcs-224, being a portion of consolidated Lots Nos. 133-B-6 & 133-B-7, plan Psd-5384, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE (155) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 6. One-half (1/2) share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 47**, Lot No. 133-B-13 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 7. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-19063**, Lot No. 2699-C of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Pcs-302, being a portion of the consolidated Lots Nos. 1367, 2689 & 2691 of the Cadastral Survey of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, described in the Transfer Certificate of Title No. 10675, GLRO Cad. Rec. No. 690, with such buildings and improvements that as may exist thereon, situated in Barangays Lico-an and Tabucan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN (132,757) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 8. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81523**, Lot 2-B-4 of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-173754, being a portion of 2-B, Psd-8516, G.L.R.O. No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (122,180) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 9. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150596**, Lot 22, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (5,362) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 10. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150593**, Lot 5, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE (2,071) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 11. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150597**, Lot 23, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (31,984) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 12. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012860**, Lot 27-A, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT (268) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**

- 13. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012861**, Lot 27-B, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED (500) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 14. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012862**, Lot 27-C, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE (295) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 15. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012863**, Lot 27-D, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad., 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO (672) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
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- 17. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012865**, Lot 27-F, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY ONE (29,751) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 18. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82837**, Lot No. 158 situated in Ilaud, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY NINE (1,469) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 19. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82839**, Lot 146-B, located at Lanag, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY (1,340) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 20. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82838**, Lot No. 172 located at Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY (10,760) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 21. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 82836**, Lot No. 174 located at Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND TWENTY SIX (1,026) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 22. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005025**, Lot No. 1355-A-1, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (4,120) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 23. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005026**, Lot No. 1355-A-2, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY ONE (441) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 24. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005027**, Lot No. 1355-A-3, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **THREE HUNDRED FORTY SIX (346) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** are adjudicated to the surviving heirs: **HEIRS OF THE LATE NESTOR B. BELMONTE, namely, CARMENCITA G. BELMONTE, MA. CYNTHIA BELMONTE, CECILIA CLOTILDE BELMONTE, NESTOR JAIME BELMONTE, JR., CHRISTINE TERESA BELMONTE, MICHELLE BELMONTE, ROBERT LADDIE BELMONTE, and ROSARIO CARIDAD BELMONTE; HEIRS OF THE LATE EDUARDO B. BELMONTE, namely, DENNIS RAYMOND S. BELMONTE, EDUARDO S. BELMONTE, JR., TANYA NATIVIDAD S. BELMONTE and GERONIMO MONTANO S. BELMONTE; and HEIRS OF THE LATE MANUEL B. BELMONTE, namely, NILA S. BELMONTE, MATTHIAS LUKE IGNATIUS S. BELMONTE, ROBIN S. BELMONTE, and LAVINIA ETHYL S. BELMONTE.** Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CHRISTOPHER B. HONORARIO, CPA** per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 022, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.



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Whether you're a candidate for national or local positions in the May 12 polls or one of their supporters, you should be concerned about how you can contribute to improving the quality of life of our people and ensuring a better future for our country.

And when we talk about achieving a better future for the nation, then we must be concerned as well with improving the quality of the education of our youth.

A recent survey by the Philippine Statistics Authority called Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Study (FLEMMS) showed some 18.9 million Filipinos who completed secondary education between 2019 and 2024 may be considered "functional illiterate" as they still have problems with reading comprehension despite years of schooling.

According to Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian, chair of the Senate basic education committee, the results of the study should prod the national government to devise a strategy to address "the gravity of our situation now."

We agree. In fact, the lawmaker believes the

State of education

Editorial

failure to achieve higher levels of basic literacy in the country is among the factors behind the high poverty incidence in some provinces.

The country's poorest provinces, such as Tawi-Tawi and Davao Occidental, recorded the highest functional illiteracy rate, while the provinces that topped the PSA literacy list, like Cavite and Bataan, have lower poverty incidence rates.

The senator estimated that based on the PSA data and available information, about 24.82 million Filipinos age 10 to 64 could be considered functional illiterate, or individuals who could read, write and compute but could not understand what they have read.

That's not all. Another 5.86 million Filipinos belonging to the same age group are "basic illiterate," or unable to read, write and compute.

14.QUI According to education experts, those who are considered functional illiterate have very basic reading and writing skills but are unable to

apply them in everyday situations. For instance, they may know how to write their full names but cannot properly fill out job applications or understand complicated written instructions.

Moreover, the functional illiterate would be unable to perform complex tasks or acquire higher literacy skills and consequently, have limited employment opportunities. They are also likely to remain poor and remain vulnerable to social exclusion.

The end-result of functional illiteracy is intergenerational disadvantage, or a situation where children who grow up in a low literacy household usually experience educational difficulties as well.

Do your candidates for national or local positions have clear positions on how they can help improve our educational system and prepare the youth to take an active part in nation-building?

If not, ditch them and vote for somebody else. (manilastandard.net)

Negligence and recklessness

As the month of May begins, we are once again confronted with the tragic and heartbreaking consequences of vehicular accidents -- the unnecessary loss of lives that could have been avoided if not for negligence and utter recklessness.

On May 4, two people, including a five-year-old girl, died while four others were injured after a car crashed near the entrance of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 1. This was due to a reckless driver, security lapse and a bollard that failed to do its job. Questions remain unanswered -- from the unintended acceleration, to too many people in the airport entrance, to a bollard that did not do what it was intended to do.

Just a few days before the tragic incident, a bus driver reportedly fell asleep while driving and rammed into four other vehicles near the northbound toll plaza of Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), leaving at least 10 people dead and around 30 individuals injured. Again, what caused him to fall asleep? Was he overworked and driving without rest? What was the condition of the killer bus?

My heart goes out to all the victims and their families. Those were preventable.

These incidents are only the most recent in a spate of road accidents that seem to have become the norm on our major thoroughfares, spotlighting the urgent need for systematic reforms to improve driver education, road safety culture, and strict government implementation of land transportation laws.

In 2024, road crashes killed over 2,700 people -- about 35 percent more than the 2,030 fatalities reported the year before, according to the Highway Patrol Group. Of the more than 31,000 vehicular crashes recorded in 2024, around 87 percent or over 27,000 were caused by reckless driving, such as using a mobile phone while behind the wheel and drunk driving. The infuriating and disturbing reality is that this is a problem that could be prevented.

The unnecessary loss of lives due to preventable accidents is not only frustrating but more so heartbreaking. Addressing these issues require a multifaceted approach that includes stricter implementation of driver licensing policies and traffic rules, and widespread education to promote responsible driving behavior and accountability.

On the part of the government, there is a need to implement stricter and more rigorous testing procedures, both practical driving assessments and theoretical exams, for driving license applicants. Drivers with major traffic violation records should not be easily allowed to renew their licenses. Rather, they should be subject to reevaluation before being allowed back on the road.

Everyone who gets behind a wheel should adopt the mindset that they are responsible for the safety of others on the road just as much as they are responsible for their own safety.

Drivers must recognize that their actions have direct impact on their safety and that of others. Lives are at stake.

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BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

The government should also see that public utility vehicle (PUV) companies conduct regular maintenance of their respective fleet and have adequate policies to ensure safety. The recent SCTEX accident should prompt companies to take a hard look at their policies, particularly those that push drivers to exhaustion with profit as a priority over safety. These exploitative practices not only risk the lives of drivers but also of the riding public.

While the government plays a major role in addressing the widespread problem of road accidents, promoting a culture of road safety is and should be everyone's business.

A good start to addressing these road safety problems is the recent pronouncement of Transportation Secretary Vince Dizon mandating drug tests for PUV drivers and reducing the driving hours from six to four hours. For trips lasting six hours or more, reliever drivers are required.

These are all crucial steps to reform our road safety culture to avoid more road accidents that claim lives.

If all of us adopt the mindset that we all play a role in promoting road safety, we can move towards a safer transportation environment -- one that safeguards the lives of people and ensures that we all reach our destinations safely.

Election musings: Jokes, branding, and the smile

Cracking jokes during campaign sorties is nothing new. It is very difficult to maintain the interest of the audience, especially where there are several candidates giving speeches in one sortie. As such, jokes are essential in getting audience attention and interest. Unfortunately, the art of properly delivering jokes or anecdotes in a political campaign is difficult to master. There is a very thin line between funny and offensive. Over the past few days, several candidates learned this fact the hard way. The Commission on Elections (Comelec) has issued several show cause orders to candidates who have recently been accused of using offensive language during their campaign speeches.

One candidate in the National Capital Region has the now dubious distinction of being able to offend two sectors in successive sorties with bad and offensive jokes. In one sortie, he offended

single mothers and in another sortie, he offended plus-sized women. Rather than being contrite in issuing apologies, the candidate defended himself by doubling down and attempting to deflect the issue by blaming others and claiming that the issue was being used by his political opponents. His press conference and sortie explanation speech session are masterclasses on how not to conduct crisis management sessions. If you are going to apologize, then just apologize. Any other way is just arrogance, plain and simple.

The ability to deliver offensive jokes during campaigns and get away with it is a skill not everyone can learn. It requires a granular knowledge of brand creation and maintenance. To be able to inoculate oneself from the effects of these types of jokes, one has to develop the political brand of a charming rogue. A candidate who can perfect the persona of the charming rogue will be able to get away with delivering these types of jokes. Sadly, the candidate in question is as far away from a charming rogue as one can possibly become.

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

One requisite for a proper charming rogue persona is the ability to display the proper smile. For politicians, the appropriate smile is a type of smile called the affiliative smile. An affiliative smile communicates approachability, acknowledgment, and appeasement. It exudes affinity towards the onlookers and promotes cooperative relationships. The candidate in question's smile is what is called a leer. Add his normal stance of a half akimbo during speeches and you have a template for how not to project yourself as a candidate. His entire package screams arrogance.

All is not lost, however. True repentance and contrition and admission of errors mixed with humility can go a long way for politicians. Pride is a heavy baggage in politics.

Education in emergencies matters for the Philippines

From April 28 to May 5, 2025, the Philippines joins the global community in observing the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) 2025. With the theme "Education Saves Lives: Protect Education in Emergencies," this year's celebration highlights the urgent need to ensure access to education even in times of crisis.

The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE, 2018) defines "Education in Emergencies" (EiE) as the provision of quality learning opportunities for individuals of all ages during crises. This includes early childhood care and development, primary and secondary education, as well as non-formal, technical, vocational, and adult learning. Education in emergencies not only supports cognitive development—it also offers physical and psychosocial protection that can help sustain and even save lives. It becomes essential in contexts such as armed conflict, violence, forced displacement, natural disasters, and public health emergencies.

The theme resonates strongly with the Philippine experience. The Philippines, one of the world's most disaster-prone countries, regularly experiences both natural and human-induced emergencies that severely disrupt education. Typhoons, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, armed conflict, and, more recently, extreme heatwaves and widespread flooding have led to repeated school closures and prolonged interruptions in learning. These challenges threaten not only the academic progress of learners but also their overall well-being and long-term development.

Perhaps the most striking reminder of the vulnerability of Filipino children to such disruptions was Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), the strongest tropical cyclone ever recorded at landfall, which devastated parts of the Visayas region on Nov. 8, 2013. The typhoon claimed over 6,000 lives, displaced millions, and destroyed thousands of schools, leaving students without classrooms, learning materials, or access to psychosocial support for months—if not years—after the disaster.

These recurring emergencies emphasize the urgency of building resilient education systems that can withstand crises and continue to serve learners even in the harshest conditions. Education must not be the first casualty in emergencies—it must be protected and prioritized as a fundamental right and a critical tool for recovery, hope, and future development.

To emphasize the need to protect education in emergencies more, the World Bank stated that between 2021 and 2023, around 4,000 schools were damaged due to various disasters, resulting in the disruption of learning for two million children. Approximately 78 percent of public schools and 96 percent of students in the Philippines face multiple hazards, according to the report.

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The Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2) has reported that typhoons and other natural disasters frequently disrupt classes across the country, resulting in substantial losses in instructional time. As a striking example, the commission cited a school in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) that lost 48 percent of its school days in 2024 due to weather-related disruptions.

These disruptions not only hinder academic progress but also impact students' mental health and well-being. For instance, the combination of the Covid-19 pandemic and natural disasters has caused stress and anxiety among students adjusting to distance education and coping with technological challenges.

Civil society organizations (CSOs) in the Philippines play a crucial role in promoting resilient, inclusive, and rights-based education systems. Among them, the Civil Society Network for Education Reforms (E-Net Philippines) stands out for its commitment to ensuring that every child has access to quality education—especially during times of crisis. E-Net is a national coalition of CSOs actively engaged in policy advocacy and multi-sectoral partnerships aimed at driving meaningful education reforms.

These organizations work in close collaboration with government agencies, local communities, and international partners to address the complex challenges posed by emergencies. Their initiatives include the distribution of emergency education kits, the establishment of temporary learning spaces, and the training of teachers to effectively manage and respond to crisis situations—all essential measures to keep learning going amid disruptions.

One of E-Net Philippines' flagship initiatives is Kalambag—short for KALAMPag at AmbAG ng Kabataan. Launched during the pandemic in partnership with Education Out Loud (EOL), Kalambag is a Facebook Live program that emerged in response to the call of children and youth for a platform where they could express themselves, be heard, and remain engaged during those challenging times.

This youth-led program plays a key role in advancing the agenda of Education in Emergencies by empowering young people to raise their voices and participate in shaping responsive and inclusive education policies. Through youth dialogues, school-based engagements, and community-led activities, Kalambag provides platforms for learners to share their experiences, articulate their needs, and propose solutions to strengthen the resilience of the education system in the face of disasters, conflict, or health emergencies.

By placing youth at the center of the conversation, Kalambag ensures that those most affected by educational disruptions are heard and included in

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BY BRIAN JAMES LU

policy-making processes. The program exemplifies the power of youth participation in pushing for education strategies that are not only inclusive and participatory but also better equipped to respond to the realities of emergencies in the Philippines.

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The Department of Education's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DepEd-DRRMS) plays a vital role in sustaining education during crises through its Education in Emergencies program. DRRMS leads the department's initiatives in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from both natural and man-made disasters that disrupt learning across the country. Its responsibilities include pre-positioning emergency education supplies, conducting rapid damage assessments, and implementing alternative learning modalities—such as modular and blended learning—when in-person classes are suspended due to emergencies.

In addition to ensuring academic continuity, DepEd-DRRMS provides psychosocial support to students, teachers, and staff affected by disasters. It also works closely with local government units and humanitarian partners to set up temporary learning spaces when schools are damaged or repurposed as evacuation centers.

Moreover, the service supports the integration of disaster preparedness and climate resilience into the basic education curriculum, fostering a culture of safety, awareness, and adaptability among learners.

Through these coordinated and proactive measures, DepEd-DRRMS ensures that education is not sidelined during emergencies. Instead, schools become more than just centers of learning—they serve as safe spaces that uphold the rights, dignity, and well-being of children during times of crisis.

GAWE 2025 serves as a poignant reminder of the indispensable role education plays in children's lives, particularly during emergencies. Education offers stability, protection, and a sense of normalcy, which are crucial for children's development and prospects.

As the Philippines continues to confront various challenges, from natural disasters to public health crises, it is imperative to prioritize education in emergency preparedness and response plans. Investing in resilient infrastructure, supporting educators, and ensuring access to learning materials can mitigate the adverse effects of emergencies on education.

With collective action and sustained commitment, we can ensure that every Filipino child's right to education is upheld—even in times of adversity.



TECHNICAL REPAIR HUB. Personnel from the Commission on Elections (Comelec) Capiz prepare the provincial technical repair hub on Wednesday (May 7, 2025) ahead of the May 12 elections. The hub is set to provide immediate assistance in the event of technical issues during the voting process. *(Photo courtesy of Comelec Capiz)*

Capiz completes testing, sealing of 773 ACMs

ILOILO CITY – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) in Capiz has completed the final testing and sealing (FTS) of all 773 automated counting machines (ACMs) designated for the province’s clustered precincts ahead of the May 12 national and local elections.

Capiz Provincial Election Supervisor, lawyer Salud Milagros Villanueva, confirmed that all machines across 17 local government units passed the testing phase.

Minor issues, such as screen freezing due to low

voltage and misplaced smart cards, were resolved immediately.

“We successfully opened all 773 clustered precincts. That means we completed the FTS without major issues,” Villanueva said.

To ensure seamless operations, Comelec has 116 contingency machines on standby —106 distributed to municipal offices and 10 at the provincial hub.

None have been used, which Villanueva said reflects the durability of the ACMs.

Technical support is also in place, with

information technology professors tapped by ACM provider Miru, alongside staff from the Department of Information and Communications Technology and the Department of Science and Technology, manning the repair hub.

“We’re 100 percent ready. We’re just waiting to deploy our ballots to different precincts,” she said.

On Monday, around 539,459 registered voters are expected to cast votes in 773 clustered precincts situated in 468 voting centers in Capiz. *(PNA)*

KADIWA program boosts local livelihood in Antique

SAN JOSE, Antique (PIA)—A total of 32 exhibitors or local entrepreneurs participated in this year’s third run of the KADIWA program at the Old Capitol, San Jose de Buenavista, slated April 30-May 3, 2025.

In line with the directive of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., KADIWA (Katuwang sa Diwa at Gawa para sa Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita) hopes to showcase the products of local entrepreneurs, making these products accessible to the market.

Zaiza M. Dalahes of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), during the opening program, said it is a collaborative effort among government agencies, local producers, and the community.

Through this initiative, affordable, quality, and locally sourced products are made available to the public while simultaneously strengthening the livelihoods of Antiqueños.

Community Affairs Officer Ge Anthony Recopuerto from the Provincial Agriculture Office (OPA) emphasized the wide variety of local products being offered, with participation from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including Bimbong’s Integrated Farms, Fish Vendors Organization, Kamapat, and Bugasong Fisherfolks.

He shared that the previous KADIWA event generated P1.4 million in sales, greatly benefiting local farmers and producers.

“This monthly KADIWA activity provides Antiqueños with affordable, quality products while helping our local producers earn a living,” said Recopuerto, who also mentioned they are still awaiting updates on the regional implementation of the P20-per-kilo rice program.

Chard Bin Pon-an of SIBACAFA, representing the Bugasong Fisherfolks, shared that their products, priced between P40 and P120, are from the local fisherfolk.

He expressed gratitude for the opportunity, stating that the program not only supports their income but also affirms their vital role in the community.

The KADIWA initiative continues to serve as a valuable platform for local producers, offering a sustainable way to uplift the rural economy while ensuring accessible goods for the public. *(AGP/PSM/PIA Antique with reports from MPO/DOLE intern)*

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Spl. Proc. No. **22-15051**

For:

**Judicial Declaration of
Heirship, Recovery of Share
in Common, Inheritance and Damages**

**Heirs of Loreto Rivera, namely:
Danilo, Francisco, Rosalinda and
Jesus, all surnamed Rivera and herein
represented by co-plaintiff Danilo Rivera,**
Plaintiffs,

-versus-

**Segunda Villanueva-Rivera and Heirs
of Florencio Rivera: namely: Florencio, Jr.
Gelardo and Jesus, all surnamed Rivera,**
Defendants.

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ORDER

On file with this Court is a “Compliance with Court Order dated March 3, 2025 with Motion for Publication of Notice of Settlement of the Estate of the Deceased Spouses Narciso Rivera and Segunda Rivera”, filed by the plaintiffs, through counsel. No pleading was filed by the defendants.

This is verified complaint for **Judicial Declaration of Heirship, Recovery of Share in Common Inheritance and Damages**, filed by plaintiffs **Heirs of Loreto Rivera, namely: Danilo, Francisco, Rosalinda and Jesus, all surnamed Rivera and herein represented by co-plaintiff Danilo Rivera** through counsel, with Segunda Villanueva-Rivera, and Heirs of Florencio Rivera namely: Florencio Jr., Gelardo and Jesus, all surnamed Rivera, as defendants, praying that after due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered in favor of the plaintiffs and against the defendants, to wit:

1. Declaring that plaintiffs Danilo, Rosalinda, Francisco and Jesus, all surnamed Rivera, are legal heirs of the late Narciso Rivera;

2. Ordering that the intestate estate of the late Narciso Rivera consists of one-half or 3,553.5 square meters of the area of Lot No. 2122-B-2, situated in Sta. Rosa, Mandurriao, Iloilo City previously covered by TCT No. T-72720 and now covered by the new certificate of title TCT No. 095-2019001057 of the Register of Deeds of Iloilo City;

3. Declaring that plaintiffs Danilo, Rosalinda, Francisco and Jesus, all surnamed Rivera, are legally entitled to inherit from said intestate estate of the late decedent Narciso Rivera an area of 1,015.28 square meters of Lot 2122-B-2 above cited which is hereby specified as the area which is marked as Annex “K-1” of Annex “K” or sketch plan attached to the Complaint and ordering defendant Segunda Villanueva-Rivera to execute the necessary Deed of Conveyance thereof in favor of plaintiffs;

4. By compelling plaintiffs to litigate this plainly just and valid claim, ordering Defendant Segunda Villanueva-Rivera to pay plaintiffs litigation expenses in the amount of P140,000, filing and sheriff’s fees as shown by receipts attached to the record as actual expenses as well as appearance fees in the amount of 3,000.00 per appearance as shown by the record.

The Court finds the petition to be sufficient in form and substance. Notice is hereby given that the Complaint for **Judicial Declaration of Heirship, Recovery of Share in Common Inheritance and Damages** will be heard by this court on the jurisdictional facts on **July 14, 2025 at 8:30 in the morning.**

All persons claiming to be heirs of the deceased Loreto Rivera, and to all whom it may concern, are hereby ordered to appear before this court on the date and time indicated above to present their claims and/or opposition to the petition.

Plaintiffs’ counsel is required to be ready during the said **date of hearing with the prepared list of exhibits with proposed marking thereof**, copies of which shall be furnished this Court on or before the date of hearing.

Let copy of this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo and be posted in three (3) conspicuous public places, at (1) Bulletin Board of Iloilo Provincial Capitol, Iloilo City, (2) Bulletin Board, Civil Registrar of Iloilo City, Iloilo City Hall, Iloilo City; and (3) Iloilo Hall of Justice Bulletin Board, Iloilo City, for at least **thirty (30) days** prior to the scheduled date of hearing at the expense of the petitioner, for the information of all persons interested therein to come out and appear in order to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let summons be issued to defendant Segunda Villanueva-Rivera at Sta. Rosa, Mandurriao, Iloilo City; and Heirs of Florencio Rivera: namely: Florencio, Jr., Gelardo and Jesus, all surnamed Rivera, at Zuzuarregue, Old Balara, Quezon City.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, April 7, 2025.

(SGD.) HON. NESTLE A. GO
Acting Presiding Judge



ILOILO-BATIANO RIVER SYSTEM SHORTLISTED FOR OUTSTANDING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Iloilo-Batiano River System has made it to the official shortlist of nominees for the Search for Outstanding Water Quaoity Management Area (WQMA) 2025 shared by the Environmental Management Bureau.

It is among 16 WQMAs listed in no particular order that have been shortlisted for national evaluation based on the regional nominations submitted by the April 1 deadline. Site validation will be conducted from April 21 to June 6, 2025.

The final awardees will be announced during the Water Summit 2025 on June 27, 2025.

The selection was guided by their achievements in: Water Quality Improvement, Pollution Control, Stakeholder Engagement, and Sustainability of Initiatives.

Let us continue working together for a #CleanWaterPH and a more sustainable future.



City Mayor Jerry P. Treñas, along with Iloilo-Batiano River Development Council, met with DENR Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, at Iloilo City Hall to discuss plans and projects for the river moving forward.



OFFICIAL

Shortlisted Nominees

for Outstanding WQMA 2025

in no particular order

1

NAGUILIAN RS

2

SINOCALAN-DAGUPAN RS

3

CALAO-DELINQUENTE-DIADI RS

4

SABANG BAY

5

BACUIT-EL NIDO BAY

6

NAGA RIVER

7

BORACAY ISLAND

8

ILOILO-BATIANO RS

9

PANGLAO ISLAND COASTAL WATERS

10

ORMOC BAY

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TUMAGA RIVER

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CAGAYAN DE ORO RIVER BASIN

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TALOMO-DAVAO RIVER

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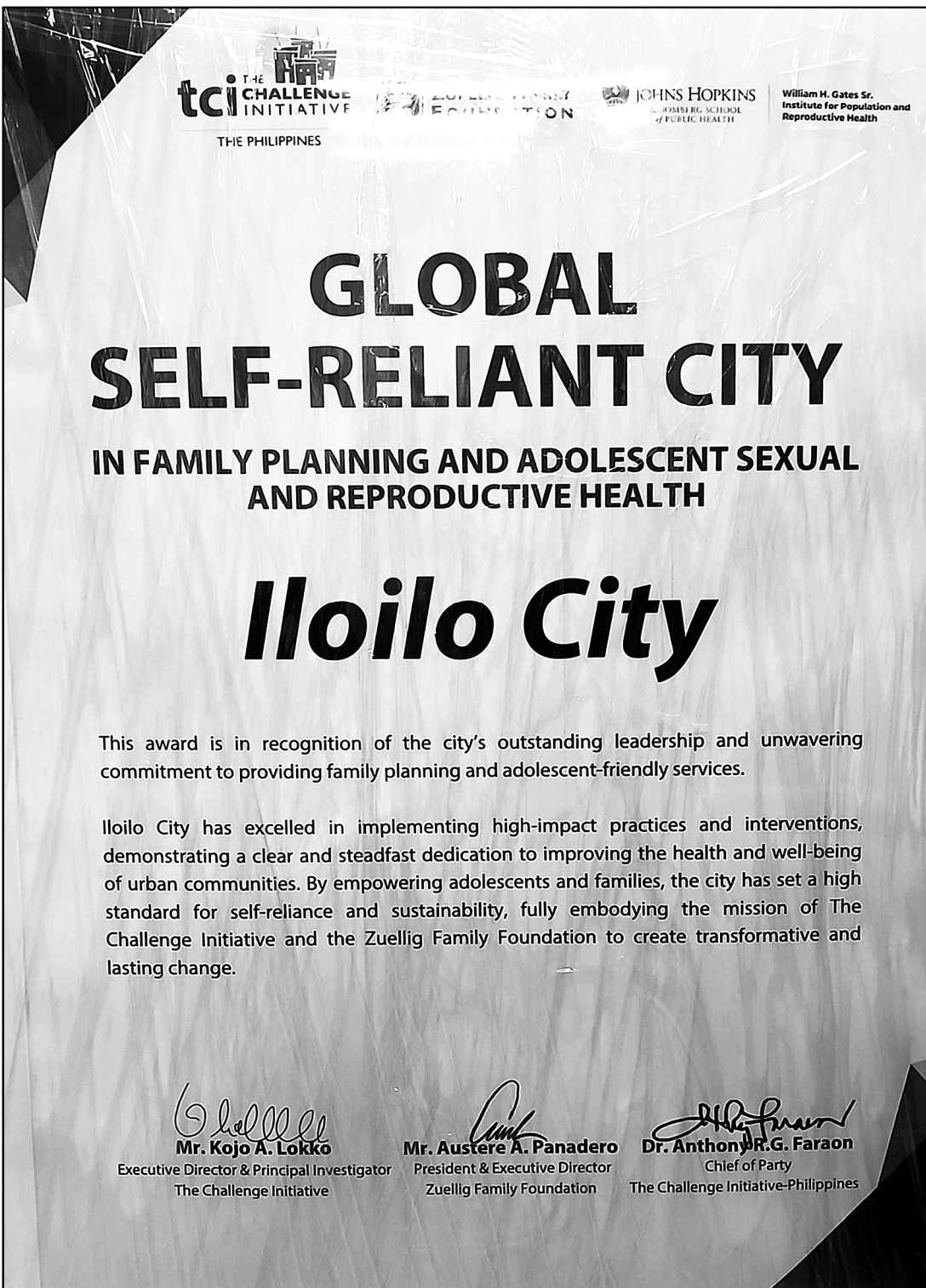
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UPPER AMBURAYAN RS

Site Validation to run from April 21 to June 6, 2025

ILOILO CITY RECOGNIZED AS GLOBAL LEADER IN FAMILY PLANNING, ADOLESCENT SEXUAL, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



Iloilo City was recognized as a Global Self-Reliant City in Family Planning and Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health during Monday flag-raising ceremony, April 28, 2025.

This recognition, awarded by The Challenge Initiative (TCI), highlights the city's exceptional leadership and commitment to providing accessible and impactful services for family planning and youth health.

Since joining The Challenge Initiative in May 2023, Iloilo City has significantly improved the local implementation of family planning (FP) and adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health (AYSRH) initiatives.

These efforts have resulted in remarkable achievements, including the training of 601 community health workers, 252 post-partum family planning providers, 831 mobile outreach service providers, and 290 adolescent-friendly health service providers.

Notably, 100% of eligible facilities now offer post-partum family planning and adolescent-friendly health services. The city also conducted 95 mobile outreach activities and 480 demand-generation campaigns, bringing essential services and awareness directly to communities.

The city's success is credited to the leadership of Mayor Jerry Treñas and key officials, including City Health Officer Dr. Annabelle Tang, City Population Officer Ma. Cecilia Guillergan, TCI Focal Person Ma. Annie Masigon (PPO III), CPD Regional Dir. Harold Alfred Marshall, and DOH Regional Dir. Dr. Adriano Suba-an.

Their efforts were supported by the Office of the City Population Officer, City Health Office, Social Welfare and Development, Schools Division Office, SK Federation, Local Youth Development Office, and FPOP.



CITY PROFILE

FOOTPRINT (2025)

Total Population: 494,422
Woman of Reproductive Age:
Total: 127,828
10-14 years old: 24,350
15-19 years old: 25,700

LEADERSHIP

Mayor:
Geronimo "Jerry" Treñas

City Health Officer:
Dr. Annabel S. Tang

City Population Officer:
Ma. Cecilia Guillergan

TCI Focal:
Ma. Annie Masigon (PPO II)

CPD Regional Director:
Harold Alfred Marshall

DOH Regional Director:
Dr. Adriano P. Suba-an

CITY LEADERSHIP TEAM COMPOSITION

- City Health Office (FP, AHD, HEPO)
- Social Welfare and Development
- Schools Division Office
- SK Federation
- Local Youth Development Office
- FPOP



William H. Gates Sr.
Institute for Population
and Reproductive Health

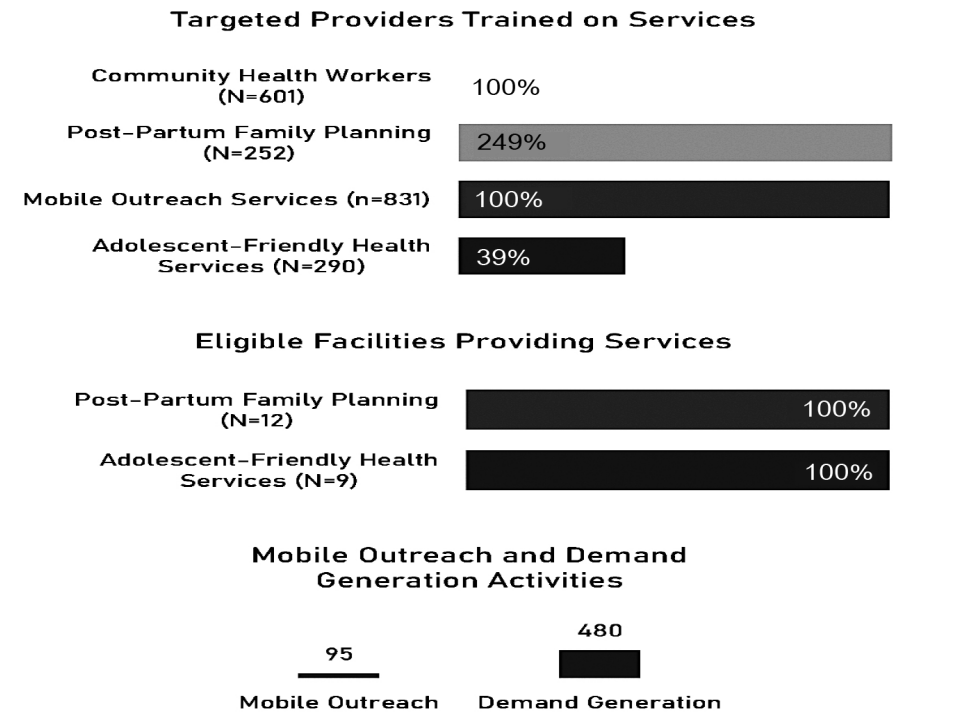


ILOILO CITY

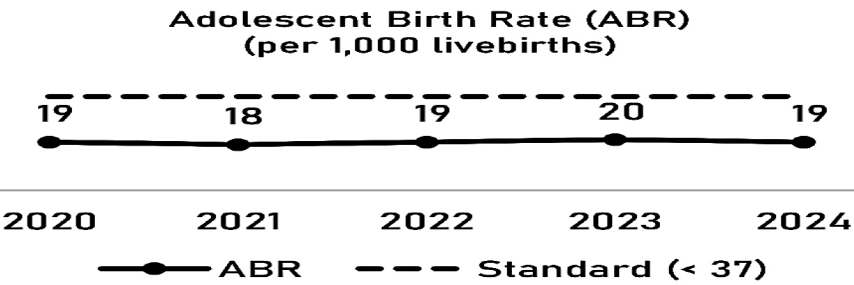
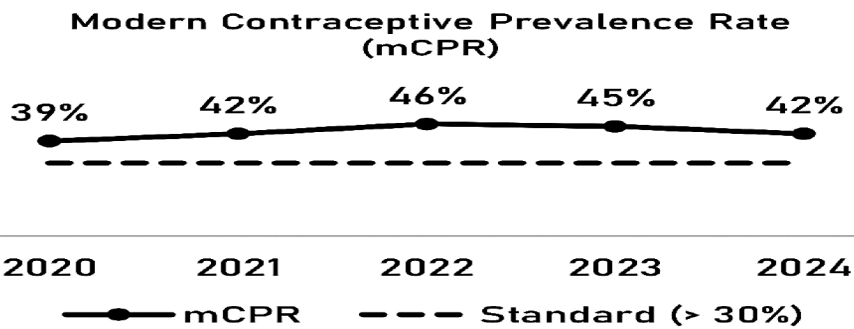
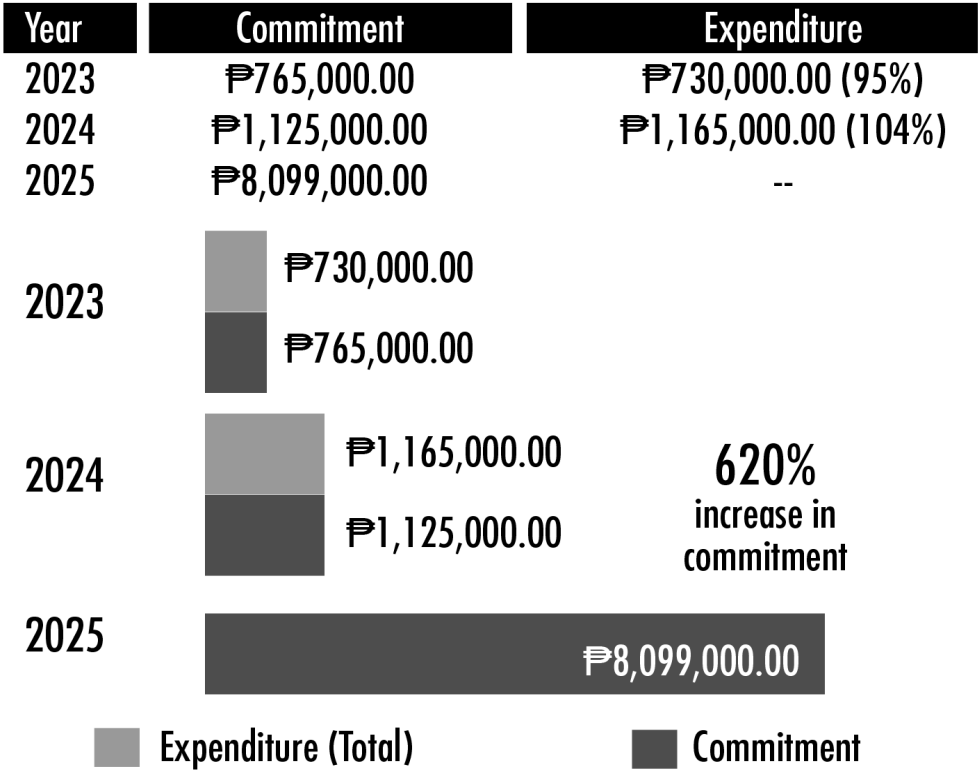
PARTNERSHIP BACKGROUND
Iloilo City officially joined The Challenge Initiative (TCI) on May 2023, as part of its NextGen cities. Its City Leadership Team has been established since then and has improved the local implementation of the family planning (FP) and the adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health (AYSRH) programs through TCI's support in capacity building for local leaders and healthcare workers, ensuring comprehensiveness of services in healthcare facilities, establishing systems, coaching and mentoring, and implementation of activities. An Executive Order (EO) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) are currently underway to officiate its partnership.

- IDENTIFIED HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES (HIPs)**
In the inception and program design phase, the city identified key priorities to implement in TCI's menu of high impact practices and interventions (HIPs/HII):
- Community Health Volunteers (CHV)
 - Post-Pregnancy Family Planning (PPFP)
 - Mobile Outreach Services (MOS)
 - Community Group Engagement (CGE)
 - Adolescent-Friendly Health Services (AFHS)
 - Health Leadership & Governance (HLG)

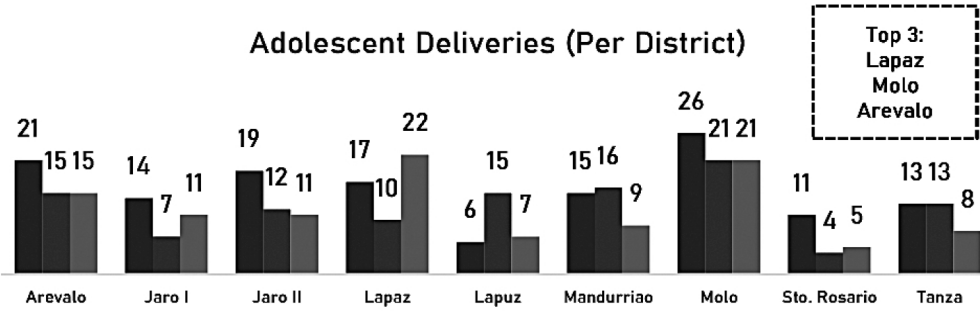
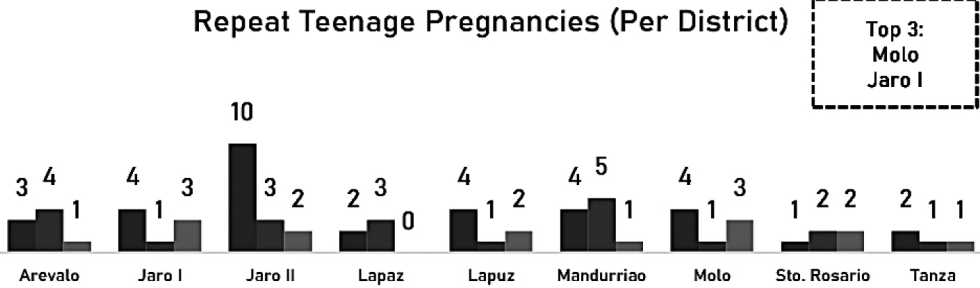
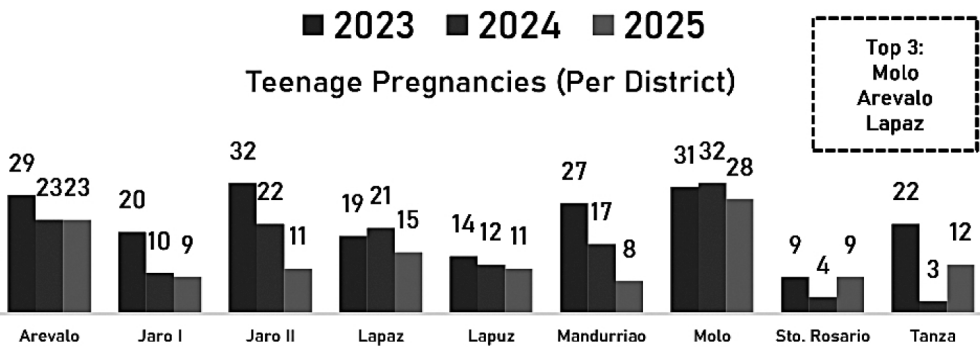
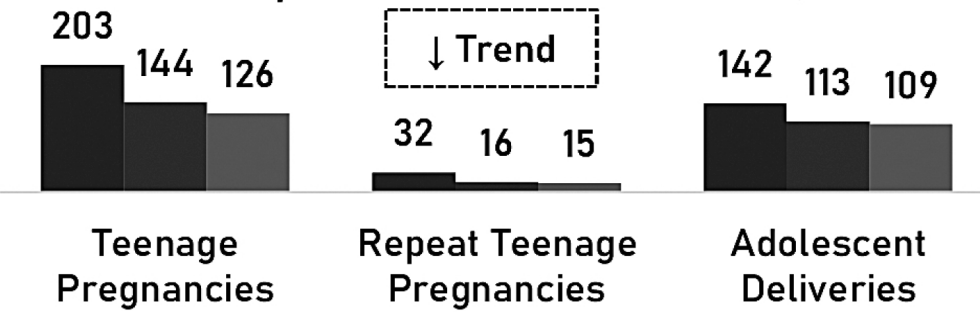
ACHIEVEMENTS
To date, Iloilo City's partnership with TCI has accomplished the following:



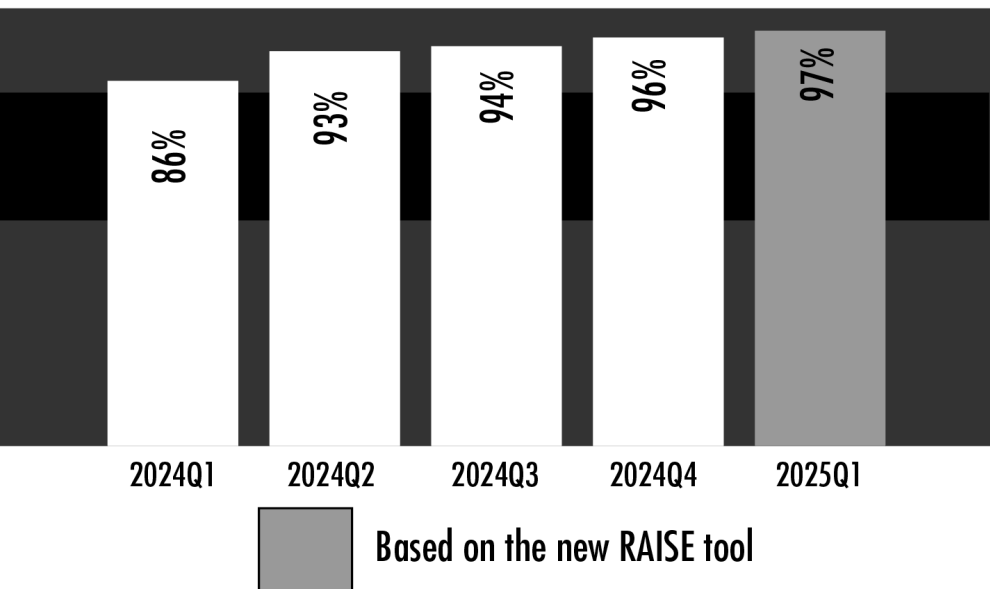
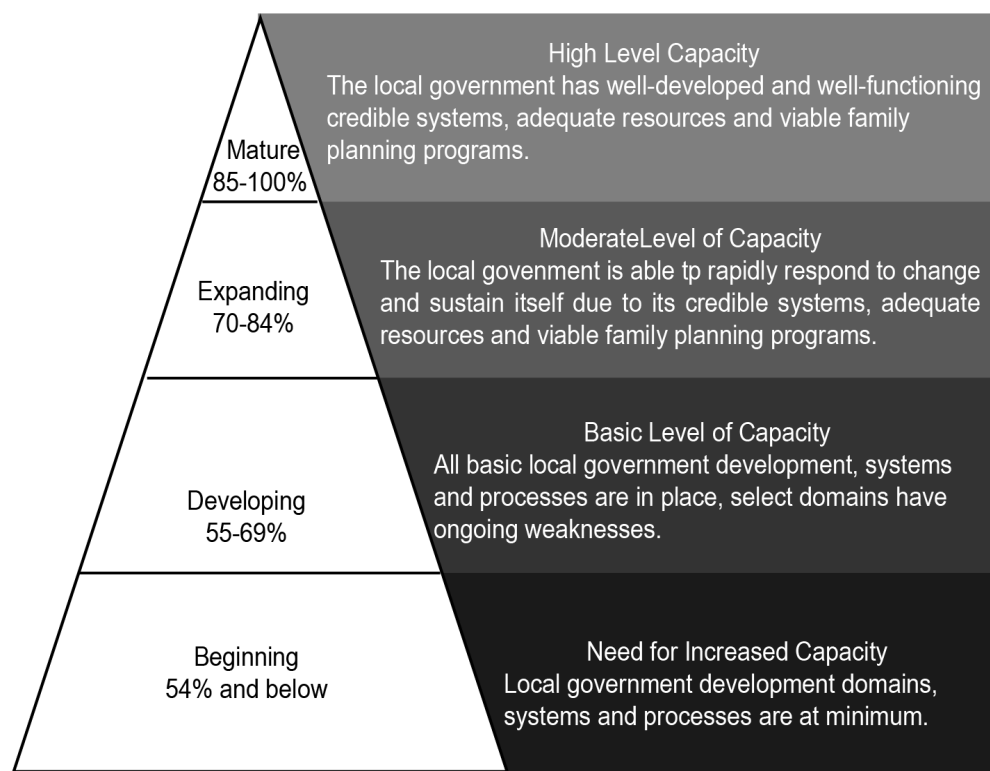
Budget Allocation



Adolescent Pregnancies and Deliveries (Comparison of Q1 Across Years)



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Province of Antique
Municipality of Hamtic



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAMTIC, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE HELD APRIL 2, 2024, TUESDAY, AT THE SB SESSION HALL

Present:

Hon. Julius LI. Pacificador	Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Liberty S. Bertolano	SB Member,
Hon. Cyrus O. Tiron	SB Member,
Hon. Jovito M. Sanchez, Jr.	SB Member,
Hon. Diamond O. Kasilag	SB Member,
Hon. Gil M. Checa	SB Member,
Hon. Joker Alberto LI. Pacificador	SB Member,
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Hon. Julius Pierre R. Pacificador	Ex-Officio Member/President
	Liga ng mga Barangay
Hon. Kaye Fernhel M. Arellano	Ex-Officio Member/Vice President
	SK ng Pambayang Pederasyon

On Leave:

Hon. Ma. Eva D. Pacificador	SB Member,
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02 SERIES OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE SECOND (2nd) WEEK OF MAY OF EVERY YEAR AS FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS WEEK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAMTIC, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.

Introduced and sponsored by: Hon. Liberty S. Bertolano
Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries

WHEREAS, the month of May of every year is proclaimed as Farmers and Fisherfolks Month by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 33 issued on May 21, 1989 to recognize the role and contributions of the farmers and fisherfolk in alleviating poverty, ensuring food security and sustainability;

WHEREAS, the government has accorded the highest priority to the development of agriculture and fishery not only to achieve an equitable distribution of benefits but also to enable the farmers and fisherfolks maximize their contribution to the nation's wealth;

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of the population of Hamtic belongs to the agricultural and fisheries sector that depends on farming as the source of subsistence livelihood;

WHEREAS, it is fitting that a week be set aside each year for the purpose of focusing the attention of the Hamtikanons to the essential role the farmers play in the economic welfare of the country, and to afford occasion of thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest, and if properly observed, will serve to arouse popular farm consciousness, stimulate interest in agricultural pursuits, and accelerate the food production campaign, and an opportunity for the Municipality to properly appreciate its gratitude for the services of the farmers and the blessings of the Divine Providence;

WHEREAS, the role of fisherfolks should also be highlighted and given importance in the annual celebration to show appreciation for those who are engaged in sustainable fishing and those who fight against illegal fishing activities, and to bring awareness to the relevance of fisherfolks to the country's economy;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the marketing matching, promotion and patronization of the locally produced products of farmers and fisherfolks as an income enhancement.

WHEREFORE, on motion made by Hon. Diamond O. Kasilag and duly seconded by Hon. Joker Alberto LI. Pacificador;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF HAMTIC IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Declaring the Second (2nd) Week of May of Every Year as Farmers and Fisherfolks Week in the Municipality of Hamtic, Province of Antique and Providing Funds Thereof.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. The Municipal Government of Hamtic adheres to the principles of sustainable development and promotes self-sufficiency in crops and other prime commodities.

SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage. This Ordinance shall apply to persons engaged in farming and fishing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Hamtic.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. The words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall mean as follows:

- Agriculture - the science, art or practice of cultivating the soil, producer's crops and raising livestock and in varying degrees the preparations and marketing of the resulting products.
- Farmer - a person engaged in agriculture, raising living organism for food or raw materials. The term usually applied to people who do some combination of raising field crops, orchards, vineyards, poultry and other livestock.
- Fisherfolks – people directly or personally or physically engaged in taking and/or culturing and processing fishery and/or aquatic resources.
- Incentives - something that tends to incite actions or greater effort as a reward for the increased productivity and profitability.

SECTION 5. Program Activities and Incentives. The Farmers and Fisherfolks Week shall have several equally important component events, programs, and activities spread throughout the week to complete the celebration, which include, but not limited to the following:

- Agri-Fishery Expo and Trade Fair. Exhibit and selling of Agriculture,

Livestock, and Poultry and Fishery Products (fresh and processed), photo exhibit, food festival, and other support services;

- Agri-Fishery Stakeholders’ Forum. Dialogue among Agri-Fisheries stakeholders such as LGUs, NGAs, Farmers and/or Fisherfolks Associations (FAs), Cooperatives, CSOs, Academe, and Research Institutions, etc.;

- Investment forum. Market matching and linkages;

- Technology Lectures and Demonstration. Presentation of emerging and thriving Agri-Fisheries Technologies;

- Farm Women and Youth Gathering. Recognizing participation and contribution of Women and Youth in the Agriculture and Fisheries Industry. Empowerment and capacity enhancement of women and youth;

- Farmers’ and Fisherfolks’ Day. Socialization of Farmers and Fisherfolks, games, picnics, and Family Day;

- Recognition and Awards. Recognition of outstanding individuals (farmers and fisherfolks), organizations (Farmers’/Fisherfolks’ Association and Cooperatives), LGU and LGU personnel, Best Practices and other exemplary undertakings; Contest on Biggest Produce (fruit, vegetable, fish, egg, etc.), farmers’ and fisherfolks’ skills and ability, etc.; and,

- Culmination of Farmers’ and Fisherfolks’ Week. Awarding, Literary, Musical, and Cultural Contest, Mr. and Ms. Agriculture-Hamtic, etc.

SECTION 6. Schedule. The Farmers’ and Fisherfolks’ Week shall be celebrated on the second week of May of every year.

SECTION 7. Administrative Obligations. The formulation of the implementing rules, guidelines and procedures necessary for the implementation of the plans, programs, activities and other related matters pertaining to the yearly celebration of Hamtic Farmers and Fisherfolks Week shall be the primary responsibility of the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO). The MAO shall spearhead in the conduct of events, programs, and activities during the Farmers and Fisherfolks Week celebration.

SECTION 8. Funding and Appropriations. The funding and appropriation for the Farmers and Fisherfolks Week Celebration shall be sourced from the General Fund of the Local Government Unit. The Hamtic Municipal Agriculture Office shall incorporate in its annual budget the funds needed in implementing this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Municipal Agriculture Office shall, within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Ordinance, prepare its implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remainder or any other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. Any existing ordinances, executive orders, and issuances including rules and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality for at least three (3) consecutive weeks.

APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its Regular Session on April 2, 2024.

(SGD.) PORTIA PAULETH P. AGPOON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

(SGD.) JULIUS LI. PACIFICADOR
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

CONCURRED:

(SGD.) LIBERTY S. BERTOLANO
SB Member

(SGD.) CYRUS O. TIRON
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APPROVED:

(SGD.) JULIUS RONALD L. PACIFICADOR
Municipal Mayor



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAMTIC, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, TUESDAY, AT THE SB SESSION HALL

Present:	
Hon. Julius LI. Pacificador	Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Cyrus O. Tiron	SB Member,
Hon. Jovito M. Sanchez, Jr.	SB Member,
Hon. Diamond O. Kasilag	SB Member,
Hon. Gil M. Checa	SB Member,
Hon. Joker Alberto LI. Pacificador	SB Member,
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Hon. Julius Pierre R. Pacificador	Ex-Officio Member/President
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Hon. Kaye Fernhel M. Arellano	Ex-Officio Member/Vice President
	SK ng Pambayang Pederasyon,
On Official Business:	
Hon. Ma. Eva D. Pacificador	SB Member,
On Leave:	
Hon. Liberty S. Bertolano	SB Member,

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 03 SERIES OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OR USE OF UNIFORMS, INSIGNIAS, AND ACCOUTREMENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAMTIC, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE.

Introduced and sponsored by: Hon. Gil M. Checa
Committee on Peace and Order

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code or Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the General Welfare Clause provides in part that every local government unit shall ensure and support the maintenance of peace and order within their respective territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 297, Series of 2000, prohibits the unauthorized manufacture, sale, distribution, and use of uniforms, insignias, and other accouterments of the Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS,E.O No. 297 imposes as penalties the immediate closure of establishment; cancellation of business license or permit; condemnation, seizure and forfeiture of unauthorized items; and, imposition of reasonable fines for violators of the said order, all of which could be undertaken by the local government units concerned;

WHEREAS, the unauthorized production, manufacture, storage, sale, distribution and possession or use of Law Enforcement Agencies uniforms, insignias and other accouterments impose serious concerns since such symbolic identifiers, instead of providing a comforting sense of security, could be used by lawless elements in the commission of crimes within the municipality;

WHEREAS, there is a dire need to enact a corresponding municipal ordinance to mitigate, or even eradicate, the proliferation of the unauthorized production, manufacture, storage, sale, distribution and possession or use of uniforms and accouterments of law enforcement agencies within the Municipality of Hamtic, Antique;

WHEREFORE, on motion made by Hon. Kaye Fernhel M. Arellano and duly seconded by Hon. Diamond O. Kasilag, be it;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF HAMTIC IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. TITLE OF ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall be known as “**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OR USE OF UNIFORMS, INSIGNIAS AND ACCOUTREMENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAMTIC, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE.**”

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICATION. All businesses operating within the territorial jurisdiction of Hamtic, Antique whether in physical, online or in digital platforms, engaged in the manufacture, storage, sale, distribution and possession or use of uniforms, insignias and other accouterments of law enforcement agencies. It includes enterprises dealing with raw materials for the production of aforementioned items.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of implementation of this ordinance, the following definitions shall be binding and controlling:

- a. Uniforms, insignias, and accouterments - include uniforms, badges, insignia, and other accouterments of the AFP, PNP, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Bureau of Corrections, National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Bureau of Immigration, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Philippine Ports Authority, Philippine Coast Guard, Land Transportation Office, Office of the Transportation Security, Bureau of Customs and other uniformed law enforcement agencies. This also covers which have close semblance to the color, design and pattern of official uniforms and accouterments.
- b. PNP Certificate of Conformity - a certification issued by the which signifies the authority to manufacture, sell, or distribute PNP uniforms, insignias, and accouterments.
- c. Distributor - an authorized agent of a supplier or manufacturer to supply or deliver PNP uniforms, insignias, and accouterments wherein the latter has a valid PNP Certificate of Conformity.
- d. Manufacture and sale - the act of producing or trading fit-to-use, ready-to-wear, or ready-to-use PNP uniforms, insignias, and other accouterments.
- e. Certificate of Distributorship - a certification issued by a holder of PNP Certificate of Conformity which warrants that the person/company is authorized to distribute, supply, and sell specific PNP uniforms, insignias, and other accoutrement.

SECTION 4. REQUIREMENT FOR PNP CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY AND/OR CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTORSHIP - All businesses engaged and dealing with PNP uniforms, insignias, and accouterments must secure a PNP Certificate of Conformity and/or a Certificate of Distributorship before applying for a corresponding business license or permit. All existing businesses must likewise secure the same certification before they apply for business license/permit renewal.

SECTION 5. UNIFORM BUYER - buyers of uniform must have authorization of purchase and shall present their official and valid AFP, PNP, or law enforcement agency identification card prior to any purchase of uniform, fully citing the purpose for which the uniforms and other accoutrements will be used.

SECTION 6. UNIFORM WEARER - prospective wearer of uniform or other accoutrements of law enforcement agencies will be required to apply for authorization for use, fully citing purposes authorized under Republic Act 493.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES - For effective implementation of this Ordinance, the Hamtic PNP shall coordinate with the Business Permit Licensing Office (BPLO), to ensure that all covered establishments engaged in the manufacturing, selling, or distribution of PNP uniforms, insignias and other accoutrements that are applying for a business permit shall be evaluated by a dedicated PNP personnel and other law enforcement agency.

The PNP and other Law Enforcement Agency shall also submit to the BPLO a Negative List of registered covered establishments who failed to secure the Accreditation Certificate issued by the concerned law enforcement agency.

SECTION 8. COORDINATION WITH PNP - The BPLO will coordinate with Hamtic PNP for the latest list of manufacturers, suppliers, sellers, distributors, etc., with valid and existing PNP Certificate of Conformity and/or Certificate of Distributorship. The updated list will be the basis of verification by the Municipal Government of Hamtic of the status of the applicant for a business license/permit.

SECTION 9. AUTHORITY TO INSPECT ESTABLISHMENTS - The BPLO, in coordination with the PNP, shall be authorized to inspect business establishments requiring the presentation of its respective PNP Certificates Conformity and/or Certificate of Distributorship. Authorized distributors of PNP uniform insignias and other accouterments shall likewise present acceptable proof of authority to supply sell or trade the aforementioned items.

- SECTION 10. PROHIBITED ACTS-**
- a) Purchase or use of uniforms or other accoutrements by individuals who are not members of AFP, PNP or other uniformed law enforcement agencies, except when duly authorized;
 - b) The production, manufacture, storage, sale, distribution or possession of uniforms or other accoutrements without the proper accreditation certificates issued by the concerned agency and the business or mayor’s permit;
 - c) Failure to record, by any person or establishment, every transaction, including details of the distribution of uniforms and other accoutrements;
 - d) The use of any uniform or accoutrements for the purposes other than what is covered by the issued authorization of use.

SECTION 11. PENALTY

For Individual Violator:
First Offense - confiscation of the item and an administrative fine of Php 1,000;
Second Offense - confiscation of the item and an administrative fine of Php 1,500.00;
Third Offense - confiscation of the item, a fine of not exceeding Php 2,500.00 and/or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months at the discretion of the court.

For Business Establishment, or Juridical person - Failure to present or submit a PNP Certificate of Conformity and/or PNP Certificate of Distributorship is a ground for denial of the application for issuance/renewal of a business permit or license for the covered businesses.

For purposes of this Ordinance after thirty (30) days from the initial findings of non-compliance, continued and subsequent failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute grounds for suspension, revocation, or cancellation of the establishment’s business permit.

In case of violations found during the aforementioned inspections for failure to present competent proof of authority to deal PNP uniforms, insignias, and other accouterments, the items found therein shall be seized and confiscated subject to proper disposal, without prejudice to the cancellation revocation of business license/permit and the filing of appropriate administrative, civil or criminal case.

Any violator of the aforementioned provisions shall be imposed a penalty in the amount not exceeding **Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) and/or an imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, at the discretion of the court.**

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason, any section of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other sections which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules and regulations contrary or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that the rights that are vested upon the effectivity of this Ordinance shall not be impaired.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and posting in three (3) conspicuous places in the municipality.

APPROVED.
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its Regular Session on September 24, 2024.

(SGD.) PORTIA PAULETH P. AGPOON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**

(SGD.) JULIUS LI. PACIFICADOR
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APPROVED:

(SGD.) JULIUS RONALD L. PACIFICADOR
Municipal Mayor



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Antique
Municipality of Hamtic



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAMTIC, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2024, TUESDAY, AT THE SB SESSION HALL

Present:	
Hon. Julius LI. Pacificador	Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Cyrus O. Tiron	SB Member,
Hon. Jovito M. Sanchez, Jr.	SB Member,
Hon. Diamond O. Kasilag	SB Member,
Hon. Gil M. Checa	SB Member,
Hon. Joker Alberto LI. Pacificador	SB Member,
Hon. Edmand O. Sumaculub	SB Member,
Hon. Julius Pierre R. Pacificador	Ex-Officio Member/President <i>Liga ng mga Barangay</i>
	Ex-Officio Member/Vice President <i>SK ng Pambayang Pederasyon,</i>
Hon. Kaye Fernhel M. Arellano	
On Official Business:	
Hon. Ma. Eva D. Pacificador	SB Member,
On Leave:	
Hon. Liberty S. Bertolano	SB Member,

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04 SERIES OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH OF HAMTIC, ANTIQUE AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS CELEBRATION

Introduced and sponsored by: Hon. Cyrus O. Tiron

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution states in Article II, Section 10 that the State shall promote social justice in all phases of National Development and Section 11 states that the State values dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Local Government Code (RA 7160) mandates every local government unit to promote the general welfare of its constituents which includes the promotion of social justice, by providing the same level of access to opportunities in all phases of life, regardless of sex, race, religion or ethnicity;

WHEREAS, in “The Global Divide on Homosexuality” survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, 73% of adult Filipinos agree that homosexuality should be accepted by society and it showed that Philippines placed second as the most gay-friendly country in the whole Asia-Pacific;

WHEREAS, in the Municipality of Hamtic, the LGBTQIA+ community and its members are considered active partners towards community development. The Municipality likewise, embraced these people, recognizing them as a dynamic group of talented, creative and empowered citizens with equal human rights;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Gender and Development (GAD) Programs and initiatives of the Municipality, mainstreaming all people on both ends of gender spectrum in all development agenda is a must;

WHEREAS, regardless ofnon-existence of National Laws, the month ofJune is celebrated as pride month in recognition of the impact of the LGBTQ individuals have had on human history locally, nationally and internationally;

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH is a positive stance against discrimination and violence towards LGBTQIA+ to promote their self-affirmation dignity and equal rights, increase their visibility as a social group; build community; and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variance;

WHEREFORE, on motion made by Hon. Kaye Fernhel M. Arellano and duly seconded by Hon. Diamond O. Kasilag, be it;

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF HAMTIC IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as “*Hamtic Pride Month.*”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.The Municipality of Hamtic recognizes the role the LGBTQIA+ in the community. The Local Government Unit is highly committed in valuing unique and talented Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual plus, in the community. Thus, it shall offer a wide range of programs to achieve development by addressing the gaps among the populace by promoting unity and encouragement of acceptance of all regardless of sex and gender.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. The words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall mean as follows:

- a. **Discrimination** - constitutes any distinction, exclusion, restriction, preference or other differential treatment that is directly or indirectly based sexual orientation, gender identity, or on gender expression, which has the intention or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment, or exercise on an equal footing, of political, civil, economic, social, and cultural rights;
- b. **Gender expression** – refers on how a person publicly presents their gender. This can include behavior and outward appearance such as dress, hair, make-up, body language and voice. A person’s chosen name and pronoun are also common ways of expressing gender;
- c. **Gender Identity** – refers to each person’s internal and individual experience of gender. It is their sense of being a woman, a man, both, neither, or anywhere along the gender spectrum. A person’s gender identity may be the same as or different from their birth-assigned sex. Gender identity is fundamentally different from a person’s sexual orientation;
- d. **Homophobia** – a term that refers to the fear of homosexuals;
- e. **Transphobia** - a term that refers to the fear or dislike of someone based on the fact they are trans, including denying their gender identity or refusing to accept it;
- f. **LGBTQIA+ -** refers to a diverse and complex range of identities based on SOGIE. This term refers to all gender and sexuality non-conforming people, including but not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer persons:

a. Lesbian - a woman whose emotional, romantic and sexual energies are geared towards other women;

b. Gay – a person who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to members of the same sex. Although all encompassing, this term refers mainly to men;

c. Bisexual – a person who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to members of both the same and opposite sex;

d. Transgender – refers to the state of one’s gender identity (self-identification as woman, man or neither) not matching one’s “assigned sex” (identification by others as male or female based on physical/genetic sex). Transgender does not imply any specific form of sexual orientation; transgender people may identify as

- heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, pansexual, polysexual or asexual.
- e. Queer – refers to a person who is gender non-conforming and who do not want to be defined by any of the labels.
- f. Intersex – refers to a person who is naturally born and possesses both male and female organs;
- g. Asexual – refers to a person who does not experience sexual attraction toward individuals of any gender.

g. **Pride** - a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one’s own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired;

h. **Sex** – is a human and civil status of a person acquired by birth having organ and system of reproduction;

i. **Sexual Orientation** – refers to the emotional or sexual attraction or inclination of a person towards persons of his/her own sex, or both masculine and feminine sexes.

SECTION 4. Coverage. This Ordinance covers the LGBTQIA+ Community with the participation and support of the Municipality of Hamtic. To visualize the Ordinance, it has the following purpose:

1. Serve as a vehicle for a systematic and periodic assessment of the quality of life of LGBTQIA+ individuals in the community and make recommendations regarding the need for establishment of specific services and programs.
2. Maintain connection and coordination and strengthen ties among the LGBTQIA+ for equal development and progress in Municipal policies and regulations.
3. Celebrate diversity of creativity, talents and intellect of various individuals and groups to express concerns related to issues of homophobia and transphobia.

SECTION 5. Mainstreaming of Gender fairness activities. The Local Government Unit shall implement gender fair activities in all its celebrations of activities and programs such as but not limited to:

- a. Seminars, trainings and workshops about SOGIE shall be inclusive in both private and public workplaces.
- b. Celebrating Women’s Month, Youth Day and other festivities while incorporating LGBTQIA+ Pride Activities.
- c. All other observance as legislated and passed by the National Legislature and the Sangguniang Bayan of Hamtic.

SECTION 6. June as Pride Month. It is hereby declared by the Municipality of Hamtic to celebrate the Month of June as LGBTIA+ Pride Month. This shall be celebrated every last Saturday of the month of June of every year.

SECTION 7. A Committee shall be formed comprising different representative from LGBTQIA+ Organizations of different barangays in the Municipality of Hamtic which shall carry out activities to reach the grass root.

SECTION 8. Creation of Hamtic LGBTQIA+ Desk. There shall be a creation of LGBTQIA+ Desk and officer which shall oversee the implementation of this ordinance and other existing laws, regulations and guidelines relevant to the celebration and promotion of LGBTQIA+ rights. The officer shall also ensure the integration of programs, projects and activities for the LGBTQIA+ Community in support to the efforts in promoting gender development.

SECTION 9. Support for LGBTQIA+. The Municipality shall provide all means of support to the LGBTQIA+ needs in order to pave way to their holistic development and as active members of the society. This Ordinance mandates the following:

- a. Conduct of data gathering, profiling and assessment of LGBTQIA+ Community.
- b. Provision of medical, educational and livelihood assistance especially to its indigent PWD and Senior Citizen Members.
- c. Encourage LGBTQIA+ individuals and groups to tie and create linkages with other organizations and agencies to maximize the support of the community in the development and improvement of people’s lives.

Section 10. Planning. Within the beginning of the new fiscal year, the Hamtic LGBTQIA+ Association and other concerned institutions/individuals shall meet and plan for a program which shall be submitted to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office or any Municipal Departments for the inclusion and consideration in the budgetary processes. The LGBTQIA+ programs and activities with corresponding budget shall be incorporated and visible to the GAD Plan of the Municipality.

Section 11. Budgetary Appropriation. For the effective implementation of this Ordinance, the Municipal Government of Hamtic shall source out funds from the annual budget appropriated to finance the Gender and Development (GAD) plans, projects, programs and activities.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remainder or any other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Repealing Clause. Any existing ordinances, executive orders, and issuances including rules and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality for at least three (3) consecutive weeks.

APPROVED.
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its Regular Session on September 24, 2024.

(SGD.) PORTIA PAULETH P. AGPOON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

(SGD.) JULIUS LI. PACIFICADOR
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

CONCURRED:

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SB Member

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SB Member

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Municipal Mayor

DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE EDUARDO B. BELMONTE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EDUARDO B. BELMONTE** consisting of the following parcels of land:

1. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81516**, Lot 2-A-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-39502 being a portion of Lot A, described on plan Psd-8516 LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR (29,994) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
2. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2532**, Lot No. 133-B-5 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384 being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED TEN (310) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
3. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2531**, Lot No. 4387-A of the consolidation and subdivision plan,Pcs-224, being a portion of Lots Nos. 133-B-6 & 133-B-7, plan Psd-5384, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE (155) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
4. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2533**, Lot No. 133-B-14 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
5. **One-half (1/2) share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 47**, Lot No. 133-B-13 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
6. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81512**, Lot 2-L2 of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-166513, being a portion of 2-L, Psd-LRC Record No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (79,828) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
7. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81523**, Lot 2-B-4 of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-173754, being a portion of 2-B, Psd-8516, G.L.R.O. No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (122,180) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
8. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-19063**, Lot No. 2699-C of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Pcs-302, being a portion of the consolidated Lots Nos. 1367, 2689 & 2691 of the Cadastral Survey of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, described in the Transfer Certificate of Title No. 10675, GLRO Cad. Rec. No. 690, with such buildings and improvements that as may exist thereon, situated in Barangays Lico-an and Tabucan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN (132,757) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
10. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150597**, Lot 23, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (31,984) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
11. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82837**, Lot 158 situated in Ilaud, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY NINE (1,469) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
12. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82839**, Lot 146-B located at Lanag, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY (1,340) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**

13. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82838**, Lot 172 located at Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY (10,760) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
14. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82836**, Lot No. 174 located at Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND TWENTY SIX (1,026) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
15. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012860**, Lot 27-A, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT (268) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
16. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012861**, Lot 27-B, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED (500) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
17. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012862**, Lot 27-C, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE (295) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
18. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012863**, Lot 27-D, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO (672) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
19. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012864**, Lot 27-E, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
20. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012865**, Lot 27-F, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUINDRED FIFTY ONE (29,751) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
21. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005025**, Lot No. 1355-A-1, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (4,120) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
22. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005026**, Lot No. 1355-A-2, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY ONE (441) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
23. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005027**, Lot No. 1355-A-3, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **THREE HUNDRED FORTY SIX (346) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
24. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150593**, Lot 5, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY ONE (2,071) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
25. **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150596**, Lot 22, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (5,362) SQUARE METERS, more or less**, are adjudicated to surviving heirs **DENNIS RAYMOND S. BELMONTE, EDUARDO S. BELMONTE, JR., TANYA NATIVIDAD S. BELMONTE, and GERONIMO MONTANO S. BELMONTE**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CHRISTOPHER B. HONORARIO, CPA** per Doc. No. 027, Page No. 07, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

TUBONG-TUBONG . . . (from page 2)

comments on the costumes but basically as a whole, the costumes are very nice. The colors popped up because the event was held during night time,” Marin emphasized.

The provincial tourism chief also praised Tubungan as it was very clean during and after the event, noting that the crowd were also behaved and disciplined while cheering for their respective bets during the dance drama competition. He also added that the decoration within the venue also added on to the festive mood of the municipality.

Marin also said that there are things which needed to be improved during the performance of tribes such as throwing of lines or dialogues as well as making eye contact with the judges.

He also stated that whoever wins the festival should best represent the municipality for the next Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan.

Last May 1, the municipality of Tubungan headed by Mayor Roquito Tacsagon and Vice Mayor Leo Cezar Taypen, held its Dance Drama Competition in line with the celebration of the 24th Tubong-Tubong Festival.

The said competition was joined by six Tubong competing tribes including:

- * Tubong Guinobatan - Lanag Norte National High School
- * Tubong Jar-ao - Victoria Integrated School
- * Tubong Babaylan - Tubungan National High School Group B
- * Tubong Panaet - Tubungan National High School Group A
- * Tubong Sidlangan - Adgao-Tagpu-an-Ingay Integrated School
- * Tubong Bukidnon - Igtuble Integrated School

During the competition’s awarding ceremony, Tubong Guinobatan was hailed as champion while Tubong Babaylan was declared as first runner-up, and Tubong Panaet was the second runner-up.

Tubong-Tubong Festival is derived from a Hiligaynon word, “Tubong” which means “to contribute” or “to chip-in”.

The said festival is celebrated in accordance with Tubungan's 87th year of emancipation from the municipality of Guimbal, wherein it was declared as an independent municipality in the province of Iloilo on May 1, 1938.

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PHP5,000 to PHP20,000 in fines and imprisonment of six to 12 years.

He also appealed to employers to fulfill their legal responsibilities by registering their employees within 30 days of hiring and remitting monthly contributions without fail.

“Social security coverage is a lifeline for workers in times of need. Employers must do their part to ensure their employees are protected,” Blancaver said. (PNA)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **TERESA M. LEDESMA** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **MARY JANE** to **TERESA** in the birth certificate of **MARY JANE VILLARIN MAGLUYAN** who was born on **June 9, 1964** at **CALINO, ILOILO** and whose parents are **GONZALO MAGLUYAN** and **REMEDIOS VILLARIN.**

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

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

NE/May 12, 2025 & May 19, 2025

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SPL PROC. CASE NO. 25-15983

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE
ALLOWANCE OF THE WILL OF
THE LATE MARIO J. SALAZAR

MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V.
SALAZAR-BARRERA,
Petitioner.
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ORDER

Before this court is a petition for Probate of the Notarial Will allegedly left by the decedent MARIO JAENA SALAZAR who died on March 7, 2021 in Jaro, Iolilo City.

Petitioner MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V. SALAZAR-BARRERA, with given address at #11 Libertad Street, Jaro, Iloilo City was named executor and consented to act as such and accepted the trust reposed on her by the testator.

The petitioner, MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V. SALAZAR-BARRERA and her sister, MA. CARMEN MILAGROS V. SALAZAR-DABAO are the appointed executrixes of the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of the late MARIO JAENA SALAZAR;

That during the lifetime of MARIO JAENA SALAZAR, he executed his notarial LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT dated December 25, 2019 in Iloilo City.

That the said LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT is kept and in the possession of the executrix MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V. SALAZAR-BARRERA;

The decedent is survived by his wife MA. ELENA VASQUEZ-SALAZAR and daughters - MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V. SALAZAR-BARRERA and MA. CARMEN MILAGROS V. SALAZAR-DABAO, all Filipinos and legal age and residents of #11 Libertad Street, Jaro, Iloilo City;

The decedent is likewise survived by grandchildren SUYEN, MIKO and NINA, all surnamed SALAZAR, of legal age, by way of right of representation and who can be contacted at #11 Libertad Street, Jaro, Iolilo City;

Aside from the legal heirs who are all devisees, grandchildren MAYEN, OLIVER and ANTHONY, all surnamed DABAO, all of legal age, also named devisees and who can be contacted of #11 Libertad Street, Jaro, Iloilo City;

The estate mostly consists of real properties situated in Iloilo City, Iloilo as well as in Silay City, Negros Occidental. The said real properties are registered under the following titles:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-65344

“A parcel of land (Lot 1 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-3079, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 1183 and 1258 of the cadastral survey of Jaro, LRC (GLRO) cad. Rec. no. 9959 situated in the district of Jaro, Iloilo City, Bounded on the NE., points 11-1 and 1-2-3 by Lot 590, Jaro, Cadastre; on the SE., points 3-9 by Lot 2 of the consolidation-subdivision plan; on the SW., 9-10

by Calle Libertad and on the NW., point 10-11 by Calle Sta. Isabel. Xxx Containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND FIFTEEN (1,015) SQUARE METERS, more or less**”.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 095-2019001801

“A parcel of land (Lot 643 of the cadastral survey of Jaro) with the Improvements therein, situated in the Municipality of Jaro. Bounded on NE., by Lot No. 642; on the SE., by Calle El 98; and on the SW, by Lot No. 644; xxx Containing an area of **EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY SIX (846) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**”

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 095-2019001799

“A parcel of land Lot 642-A of the subdivision plan BSD-1299, being a portion of Lot 642 of the Cadastral survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 9959), situated in the Municipality of Jaro, Province of Iloilo, Bounded on the NE., by Lot 597 and Lot 642-C of the subd. plan; on the SE., by Lot 643; on the SW., by Lot 644; on the NW., by Lot 642-B of the subdivision plan; and Lot 598. xxx Containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY SEVEN (1,267) S Q U A R E METERS, more or less.**”

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 095-2019001800

“A parcel of land (Lot 642-C of the subdivision plan BSD-1299, being a portion of Lot 642 of the Cadastral survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 9959), situated in the Municipality of Jaro, Province of Iloilo. Bounded on the NE, by Calle Libertad (10.00 M. Wide); the-SE., by Calle EL “98”; on the SW., by Lot 643 and Lot 642-A of the Subd. Plan; and on the NW., by Lot 597. xxx Containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY (1,070) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**”

The estate has also personal properties arising from the rentals of these real properties. The rentals are the primary source of sustenance of the surviving spouse.

The surviving spouse relies principally for her survival on the rentals paid by SM (Savemore) on Lots 643, 642-A and 642-C.

Petitioner prays that letters testamentary shall issue appointing her as executor of the Will.

Finding the petition sufficient in form and substance, let the merit thereof be set for hearing on **September 2, 2025 at 8:30 in the morning** at the session hall of this branch of court Chief Justice Ramon Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City. All concerned may appear to contest the allowance thereof.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks prior to the scheduled hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and province of Iloilo, at the expense of the petitioner.

Further, let copies of notice of time and place fixed for proving the Notarial Will be addressed to the known heirs at their places of residence and to the counsel of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, April 2, 2025.

(SGD.) NESTLE A. GO
Presiding Judge

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses EUSTAQUIO MIRANDA and REGINA PADILLA MIRANDA** known as **Lot 8773** of the Cadastral Survey of Oton, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Sta. Rita, Oton, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 66938** with an area of **ELEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE (11,269) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **EUSEBIA M. ABALON, WILFREDO A. MIRANDA, and EXEQUIEL A. MIRANDA**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees thereby **SOLD, CEDED, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED** by way of Sale the above-said parcel of land in favor of **Spouses CRISPIN E. GICO and SYLVIA I. GICO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RUBEN M. MACA** per Doc. No. 186, Page No. 37, Book No. X, Series of 2025.

NE/May 5, 12 & 19, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JUANCHO G. AGUIRRE** known as **one-eighth (1/8) of one-half (1/2)** of the entire portion of the parcel of land described as **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2018010494** with an area of **FORTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED (46,800) square meters, more or less**; **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2019001722** with an area of **NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIX (9,306) square meters, more or less**, and **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2018010495** with an area of **THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (3,200) square meters, more or less**, all located in Brgy. Manhut Sur, Balasan, Iloilo is adjudicated to heirs **NILDAA. AGUIRRE, JUANCHO A. AGUIRRE, JR. and IRVIN DENNIS AGUIRRE** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JAMES G. BALSOMO II** per Doc. No. 251, Page No. 52, Book No. CLXVI, Series of 2025.

NE/May 5, 12 & 19, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **GREGORIO CELDA**, married to **Clarita Llorente** known as **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EP-4536, Lot 922-Q, Csd-06-001418 (OLT)** with an area of **FORTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHT (43,708) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **MARCELINA C. MIRAFLORES, MINDA CELDA, ERNA C. TUANTE, MARIETTA C. NAVIO, SILVESTRE L. CELDA, RUFINO CELDA, and VICENTE L. CELDA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. PLEBISCITO T. ALFARO** per Doc. No. 12, Page No. 4, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

NE/May 5, 12 & 19, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses ROGELIO BOFITIADO JONDONERO and NANCY DEREQUITO JONDONERO** known as **Lot 6256-A, Psd-06-017297**, being a portion of Lot 6256, Cad-181, Dumangas Cadastre, located at Brgy. Sulangan, Dumangas, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-134,423** with an area of **NINE THOUSAND (9,000) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to sole heir **RONANS DEREQUITO JONDONERO**. That, **RONANS DEREQUITO JONDONERO** hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed by way of Sale the above-said property in favor of **RONALD DUMAGUIN DEREQUITO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR.** per Doc. No. 91, Page No. 20, Book No. XIX, Series of 2025.

NE/May 5, 12 & 19, 2025

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL
SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALFREDO VALENZUELA LARGO, JR. and LUZ MINA LARGO** known as **Lot No. 917** of the Cadastral Survey of Cabatuan, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Cabatuan, Iloilo, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-181819** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN (1,319) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; and **Lot No. 768** of the Cadastral Survey of Cabatuan, situated in the Municipality of Cabatuan, Iloilo, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-62459** with an area of **SEVEN THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO (7,592) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **CLARISSA L. RASO, MARY GRACE L. SOLDEVILLA**, the heirs of **MICHAEL M. LARGO, namely, LUZZENERI LANCITA LARGO and MYKEL VIN LANCITA LARGO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA** per Doc. No. 357, Page No. 73, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late **FEDERICO TORIANO and MAGDALENA L. TORIANO**, namely: **Nellie Toriano Dalisay, Gloria Toriano Gavan** through their attorney in fact **Cecilia A. Billena**, have executed a **Deed of Extrajudicial Adjudication** dated December 9, 2022 notarized by **Notary Public Nelson C. Oberas** under Doc. No. 154; Page 32; Book No. 233; Series of 2022; and another **Addendum to the Deed of Extrajudicial Adjudication of the Estates** of the late **FEDERICO G. TORIANO and MAGDALENA L. TORIANO** dated August 22, 2023 executed by their heirs, namely: **Nellie Toriano Dalisay, Gloria Toriano Gavan, Lonnie Toriano, Rosalia Toriano Billena, Yolanda Toriano Canaria, Federico Toriano Jr.** through their attorney in fact **Cecilia A. Billena** notarized by **Notary Public Nelson C. Oberas** per Doc. No. 42; Page No. 10; Book No. 237; Series of 2023, involving a parcel of land including improvement thereon, covered by **TCT No. T-5037** under **Lot 24**, located at Brgy. Bulay, Maasin, Iloilo.

NE/May 12, 19 & 26, 2025

‘Don’t Sell Your Votes’: COMELEC prepares for honest elections

ILOILO CITY (PIA) – “Let us not sell our votes. It is about time that we take seriously the future of our country and society by responsibly exercising our rights.”

These were the parting words of lawyer Reinier Layson, Iloilo provincial election supervisor, as the local Commission Elections office declared its full readiness for the 2025 national and local elections.

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC)-Iloilo, Iloilo Police Provincial Office (IPPO), Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO), the Philippine Army, and the Department of Education (DepEd)-6 gave updates on their preparations, including the security situation, for the upcoming 2025 national and local elections during the press conference organized by the Philippine Information Agency (PIA)-Iloilo at PIA-6 office. *(PIA Iloilo photo)


Layson emphasized the importance of honest and peaceful elections, reminding both candidates and voters of their responsibility. He encouraged the public to report any prohibited actions, particularly vote-buying.

To ensure a safe and orderly election process, COMELEC is working closely with the Iloilo Police Provincial Office (IPPO), Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO), the Philippine Army, and the Department of Education (DepEd).


“We will be conducting the final testing and sealing activity of our automated counting machines to ensure that all our election machines in the province and city of Iloilo are functioning properly and accurate in its counting capability,” Layson said during a media conference organized by the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) – Iloilo Information Center.

He added that they are on track and ready for the elections, awaiting only the delivery of automated counting machines, official ballots, and other election paraphernalia.

COMELEC is also set to hold mall voting in Iloilo City, utilizing four establishments to cater to approximately



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MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Regional Office VI
MRO VI Bldg., De La Rama Street
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000



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

GERLIE G. TIMBAS
Applicant

Case No. MRO VI 25-027
CPC NEW

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ORDER

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

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
PULUPANDAN. NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO SIBUNAG, GUIMARAS AND VICE VERSA				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	PASSAGE RATE
MB "MIGUEL MVP"	35.00	FRP	Passenger/ Liner	Regular Rate: Php 350.00 Senior Citizen/PWD: Php 250.00 6- 12 years old: Php 160.00 0-5 years old: FREE

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS				
Origin	Time	Destination	Time	Daily
Pulupandan Negros Occ.	7:00 AM	Sibunag Guimaras	8:00 AM	Daily
Sibunag Guimaras	9:00 AM	Pulupandan Negros Occ.	10:00 AM	Daily
Pulupandan Negros Occ.	12:00 NN	Sibunag Guimaras	1:00 PM	Daily
Sibunag Guimaras	4:00 PM	Pulupandan Negros Occ.	5:00 PM	Daily

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **16 May 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 30th day of April 2025.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) **JEFFREY A. BANGSA**
Regional Director

Copy furnished:
Applicant Caticlan, Malay, Aklan
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila
Phil.6th Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City
File

12,000 voters on May 12.

DepEd Region 6 Information Officer Hernani Escullar Jr. affirmed that all deployed teaching personnel will serve “with all honesty and integrity,” reiterating their commitment to neutrality and nonpartisanship.

The education department will also establish a task force to monitor and coordinate field issues with relevant authorities during the elections. *(AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)*

DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NARCISO DE ASIS** known as **Lot 9492-D-9**, Plan No. Psd-06-011905 being a portion of Lot 9492-D, Psd-35373 situated in Brgy. Tularocan, Mina, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2024012719** with an area of **SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE (7,929) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **JANUARY ASPRIL DE ASIS, VIVIAN NAGALLO – DE ASIS, KAREN BARBY DE ASIS-ASUNCION and ROSELLE DE ASIS-APUZEN**. That, the said heirs waived, transferred, and conveyed all their rights, interests, and participation in the above-said property in favor of **ROSELLE DE ASIS-APUZEN**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. DENNIS T. VENTILACION** per Doc. No. 202, Page No. 42, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

NE/May 12, 19 & 26, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NORMA C. VILLAFLO** known as **Lot 28, Blk. 13** of the consolidation-subd. plan (LRC) Pcs-7475 (Sheet 2), being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 1-B-2, Psd-69345 and Lot 1-A (LRC) Psd-29036, LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 95, situated in Barangay Bahay Pari, Meycauayan, Bulacan covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-9512 (M) BULACAN** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED TWENTY NINE (229) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to **EDITH Y. DEASIS** pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of the late **NORMA C. VILLAFLO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. FLORECITA B. GELVEZON** per Doc. No. 245, Page No. 50. Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/May 12, 19 & 26, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **NORALYN A. PATUBO** known as bank deposits with **Metrobank** under **Savings Account No. 012-3-01278116-5** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **MILDRED A. PATUBO, BERNARDO P. PATUBO, NELSIE P. LASAC, JUSTIN A. PATUBO, and JULIETA P. BANAY**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. GEORGE H. GREGORI** per Doc. No. 175, Page No. 36, Book No. XL, Series of 2025.

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GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **WILLY U. AU** owner of a dredger vessel named **DREDGER “SP-7000”** with a business address at Cor. Lopez Jaena Rosario St., Bacolod City, Negros Occidental has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the original certificates per Affidavit of Loss dated 06 May 2025 submitted by Willy U. Au. Notarized by Atty. Ludovico L. Tabino, Jr., a Notary Public in the Cities of Bacolod and Talisay, docketed as Doc. no. 417, Page No. 84, Book No. XXIV, series of 2025. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the publication date.

Republic of the Philippines
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 **TEODORA A. MORENO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **HELZA TEODORA** to **TEODORA** in the birth certificate of **HELZA TEODORA CARASMA AGODILLA** who was born on **November 2, 1960** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **SALVADOR P. AGUDILLA** and **TEOPISTA C. CARISMA**.

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

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

NE/May 12, 2025 & May 19, 2025



DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALAN LICANTO TONOGBANUA** known as a parcel of land **Lot 18, Block 18**, PSD-06-058836, being a portion of Lot 9207-B-2-B, PSD-06-041856 (AR), covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2013001635** situated at Brgy. Sambag, Zarraga, Iloilo with an area of **NINETY (90) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **TERESITA BANIEL TONOGBANUA, MA. THERESA TONOGBANUA ANDRES, ARLAN BANIEL TONOGBANUA**, and **ARVIN BANIEL TONOGBANUA**. That, the heirs do hereby **SELL, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** unto **MILAGROS ELACAR ALVAREZ** the above said property as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CLAUDIO M. SIGAYA, JR.** per Doc. No. 237, Page No. 48, Book No. XVI, Series of 2024.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELIZA GANANCIAL SALCEDO** known as a parcel of land **Lot 188, Pls 774** located at Nueva Valencia, Guimaras covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-17643** with an area of **Six and Forty Nine Hundredths (6.49) hectares** is adjudicated to heirs **DIONISIO G. SALCEDO, LEOPOLDO G. SALCEDO, TERESITA G. SALCEDO** and **CAYETANO G. SALCEDO, JR.** That, the heirs do hereby **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** unto **Spouses ABRAHAM CAPERO, JR. and ANELIE G. CAPERO** a portion of the above said property known as **Lot 188-A** with an area of **Ten Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight (10,598) square meters, more or less**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 338, Page No. 48, Book No. XV, Series of 2022.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MELECIO GANANCIAL** known as a parcel of land **Lot 2475, Pls 775** located at Dolores, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-8289** with an area of **Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety (28,790) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **BERNABE GANANCIAL, CELESTINO GANANCIAL**, and **ORLANDO GANANCIAL**. That, the heirs do hereby **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** unto **Spouses ABRAHAM CAPERO, JR. and ANELIE G. CAPERO** a portion of the above said property known as **Lot 2475-B** with an area of **Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven (14,857) square meters, more or less** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 342, Page No. 69, Book No. XV, Series of 2022.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

ILOILO CITY – The Social Security System (SSS) issued violation notices to 87 delinquent employers in Panay Island during the first quarter of the year, hoping to recover PHP4.63 million in unpaid contributions.

As part of its intensified campaign against delinquent employers, SSS Visayas West 2 Division held a series of Run After Contribution Evaders (RACE) operations through branch offices in Iloilo Central, Molo, Roxas, Antique, and



DELINQUENT. Social Security System (SSS) personnel conduct their Run After Contribution Evaders campaign against delinquent employers in Numancia, Aklan in this March 11, 2025 photo. The government agency issued violation notices to 87 delinquent employers in Panay Island during the first quarter of 2025. *(File photo courtesy of SSS)*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **POLICARPIO CAUSE SURESCA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 23 Block No. 16, Plan No. PCS-06-004833** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-202412349** located at Brgy. Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to compulsory heirs **FELISA ARSENAL SURESCA, HERES JUN ARSENAL SURESCA, CHRISTINE SURESCA PEÑAFLOIDA** and **PAUL ARSENAL SURESCA**. That, the heirs do hereby **SELL, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** unto **MILAGROS J. JARDELEZA** and **JOSELLIE A. JARDELEZA** the above said property as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. THERESA MALONES-SANCHEZ** per Doc. No. 125, Page No. 26, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETLLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **VICTORIA VILLAPRUDENTE TAY** and **CHONG PIN TAY** known as the following parcels of land: **a) Lot 20-B-3-A** situated in Mission Extension, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **200 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-32228**; **b) Lot 3852-C** situated in Lanit, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **380 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-58760**; **c) Lot 3856** situated in Lanit, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **11,661 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-50985**; **d) Lot 2417-F** situated at Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **300 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-37423**; **e) Lot 2417-G** situated at Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **433 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-37424**; and **f) Lot 2417-K** situated at Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **8,194 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-162194** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **PETER C. TAY** and **NANCY V. FISCHER**, all American citizens and residents of the United States of America. This **Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate** was notarized in **New York, USA** on **October 16, 2023** under Notary Public **DAVID LEVER** as certified by **MILTON ADAIR TINGLING**, County Clerk of the County of New York.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

SSS targets 87 delinquent employers in Panay

Kalibo during the first three months of the year.

Upon receipt of their notices, employers have 15 days to settle their contribution delinquencies to avoid any legal action, SSS Vice President for Visayas West 2 Division Angelo O. Blancaver said in a statement released on Wednesday.

“Several employers who received the written notices have made initial compliance with the SSS, resulting in collection of about PHP600,000 worth of past-due SSS contributions and corresponding penalties. About 521 employees will benefit from this compliance because they will now have updated contribution records, making them eligible to avail of SSS benefits and loans in times of need,” Blancaver said.

He warned that employers who fail to comply may face charges under Republic Act 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018, which carries penalties ranging from

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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 **JOEVY BITALAC** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction of Clerical Error (Date of Birth) from **“AUGUST 13, 1966”** to **“AUGUST 1, 1966”** in the birth certificate of **JOEVY O. BITALAC** who was born on **AUGUST 13, 1966** at **Baras, 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/May 5, 2025 & May 12, 2025

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Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Calinog

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ERNA C. MABALING** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **ERVE** to **ERNA** in the birth certificate of **ERVE GALLAZA CELEBRIA** who was born on **March 11, 1962** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ERNESTO CELEBRIA** and **VISITACION GALLAZA**.

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

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

NE/May 5, 2025 & May 12, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR
Calinog, Iloilo

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1. Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. EDEN LASTRELLA ONTOY** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the child’s sex from **“M”** to **“FEMALE”** in the certificate of live birth of **MA. EDEN LASTRELLA** at Calinog, Iloilo and whose parents are **LORENCIO LASTRELLA** and **MA. ELBA PADILLO**.

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

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

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Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Leganes

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 **RUBEL J. PALMA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the Child’s Sex from “**MALE**” to “**FEMALE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RUBEL JINON PALMA** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **RUBEN P. PALMA** and **EVELYN H. JINON**.

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

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

NE/May 5, 2025 & May 12, 2025

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012 (IRR on RA No. 10172), Notice is hereby serve to the public that **MARY EARL DARYL GULMATICO VENTURA** 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 **MARY EARL DARYL FRANJE GULMATICO** who was born on **FEBRUARY 19, 1986** at **Mina, Iloilo** and whose parents are **EDUARDO PRODIGO GULMATICO** and **MARJORIE DECIDA FRANJE**.

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

(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/May 12, 2025 & May 19, 2025

DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE LADISLAO B. BELMONTE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LADISLAO B. BELMONTE** known as a parcel of land **Lot 159, CAD. 205**, Barotac Nuevo Cadastre, AP-06-006192, situated in the Poblacion, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-RO2015000513 (32403)** with an area of **FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE (55,165) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to the following legal heirs: **HEIRS OF THE LATE NESTOR B. BELMONTE, namely, CARMENCITA G. BELMONTE, MA. CYNTHIA BELMONTE, CECILIA CLOTILDE BELMONTE, NESTOR JAIME BELMONTE, JR., CHRISTINE TERESA BELMONTE, MICHELLE BELMONTE, ROBERT LADDIE BELMONTE, and ROSARIO CARIDAD BELMONTE; HEIRS OF THE LATE EDUARDO B. BELMONTE, namely, DENNIS RAYMOND S. BELMONTE, EDUARDO S. BELMONTE, JR., TANYA NATIVIDAD S. BELMONTE and GERONIMO MONTANO S. BELMONTE;** and **HEIRS OF THE LATE MANUEL B. BELMONTE, namely, NILA S. BELMONTE, MATTHIAS LUKE IGNATIUS S. BELMONTE, ROBIN S. BELMONTE, and LAVINIA ETHYL S. BELMONTE.** That, the above said parcel of land shall be distributed and divided equally per stirpes as follows: **one third (1/3) to the heirs of Eduardo B. Belmonte; one third (1/3) to the heirs of Nestor B. Belmonte;** and **one third (1/3) to the heirs of Manuel B. Belmonte.** Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CHRISTOPHER B. HONORARIO, CPA** per Doc. No. 026, Page No. 07, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with Section 5 of RA 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARY SEFE PARCON SORONGON** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from “**MA. SEFE**” to “**MARY SEFE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MA. SEFE PARCON SORONGON** who was born on **November 07, 1974** at **Mina, Iloilo** whose parents are **SERGIO PEÑAFIEL SORONGON** and **FELISA PARACHA PARCON**.

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

(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/May 5, 2025 & May 12, 2025

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JULIET MAGBANUA PINES** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from “**MA. JLULIET**” to “**JULIET**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JULIET LAGAÑA MAGBANUA**” who was born on **OCTOBER 17, 1966** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **PATERNO L. MAGBANUA** and **THELMA P. LAGAÑA**.

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

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

NE/ May 12, 2025 & May 19, 2025

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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 **MARICEL G. DAGO** has filed a petition for **Correction of Child’s SEX** from “**MALE**” to “**FEMALE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RYAN GANANCIAL DAGO** whose parents are **RONGIE D. DAGO** and **MARICEL C. GANANCIAL**.

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

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

NE/May 12, 2025 & May 19, 2025

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **LINA SUMAGAYSAY COLON** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from “**MERILINDA**” to “**LINA**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LINA PADERNAL SUMAGAYSAY** who was born on **MAY 17, 1960** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **JESUS SUMAGAYSAY** and **ROSENDA PADERNAL**.

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

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

NE/ May 5, 2025 & May 12, 2025

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Municipality of 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 and R.A. 9048**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **MILA MATULAC VILLANUEVA** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD’S DATE OF BIRTH** from “**15 SEPT. 1979**” to “**18 SEPTEMBER 1979**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MILA PINEDA MATULAC** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 18, 1979** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **GIL MATULAC** and **CONSUELO PINEDA**.

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

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

NE/May 12, 2025 & May 19, 2025

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LEOPOLDO C. CEJALVO, SR.** known as **Lot No. 663-G-1, TAX DECLARATION NO. 22-0047-00027** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2013000094-3**, situated in National Road, Brgy. Maite Pequeño, Lambunao, Iloilo is adjudicated to heirs **ALEX S. CEJALVO, LEOLYN S. CEJALVO, GERLON S. CEJALVO, GENIEVEB C. DEDEL, AL JUBAIL S. CEJALVO, and LEOPOLDO S. CEJALVO, JR.** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL CLINT J. LINGAYA, R.N.** per Doc. No. 82, Page No. 18, Book No. XX, Series of 2025.

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