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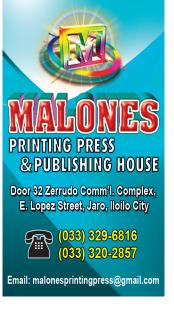
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Iloilo City government forms Task Force Mpox

By Mary Joy Cavañas

THE Iloilo City Government issued Executive Order No. 047, Series of 2025, creating the City Monkeypox (Mpox) Task Force on June 10, 2025.

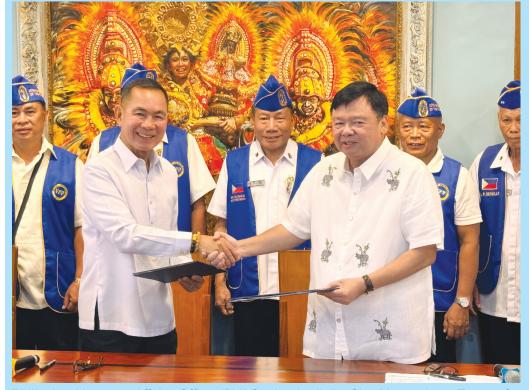
The task force, through coordinated efforts among various agencies, aims to implement proactive measures to mitigate Mpox transmission, protect at-risk populations, and ensure public health and safety. This includes disseminating accurate information to prevent misinformation and stigma.

Key personnel of the task force include Mayor Jerry P. Treñas as the Chairperson, CHO head Dr. Mary Ann Diaz who will serve as Vice Chairperson, and Hon. Alan Zaldivar, Chairperson of Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Health who will serve as the task force's Co-Vice Chairperson.

These includes representatives from various city departments and organizations, namely:

- * Iloilo City Health Office Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (ICESU)
 - * Health Emergency Management Bureau
 - * Uswag Molecular Laboratory

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Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) thanks Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas for entrusting the 5,824 square meters "Balantang Memorial Cemetery National Shrine" in Brgy. Quintin Salas, Jaro to their office through the signing of Deed of Donation and Acceptance on June 9, 2025. (Photo Source: Joy Fantilaga-Gorzal)

City gov't donates veterans' shrine property to PVAO

By Mary Joy Cavañas

The Iloilo City Government officially turned over the 5,824 square meters of land to the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) through a signing of Deed of Donation and Acceptance (DDA) on June 9, 2025.

The ceremonial signing was spearheaded by Mayor Jerry Treñas, PVAO Administrator Undersecretary Reynaldo CITY / page 2

DepEd Iloilo kicks off 2025 Brigada Eskwela with strong stakeholder support

Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division of Iloilo officially launched the 2025 Brigada Eskwela program on June 9, 2025, at Tubigan Elementary School

Zarraga, Iloilo, marking the beginning of a collaborative effort to prepare schools for the upcoming school year.

The kick-off event brought together key

marking the beginning of a collaborative effort to prepare schools for the upcoming school year.

Zarraga, Iloilo - The in Barangay Talauguis, education stakeholders, and Provincial EDCORE including Provincial Head Ma. Alfreda Administrator Raul Banias, S. Fajardo, alongside representing Governor Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Zarraga, Iloilo Municipal Mayor Jofel M. Soldevilla,

officials from public and private institutions, nongovernment organizations DEPED / page 2



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Various city offices and national government agencies are also involved to show support such as:

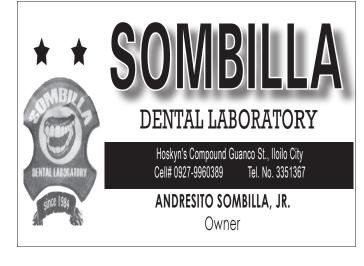
- * Iloilo City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO)
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- * Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division Office
- * Iloilo City Veterinary Office
- * Iloilo City Police Office
- * Iloilo City Bureau of Fire Protection

In August 14, 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Mpox a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

Mpox spreads through close contact (including sexual contact) with an infected individual, their bodily fluids, respiratory droplets, or contaminated materials.

As of June 9, CHO reported six laboratory confirmed cases who are currently receiving treatment and in stable condition, while there were also six suspected cases who underwent laboratory confirmatory test.

Meanwhile, Iloilo City recorded its first confirmed Mpox case on May 27, 2025.



Iloilo offers board exam review subsidy to scholars

ILOILO CITY (PIA) – Graduates of various scholarship programs of the Iloilo provincial government, who will take professional board examinations for the first time, can avail of up to P10,000 in financial aid.

This came after Iloilo Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. signed Executive Order No. 044 promulgating the implementing rules and regulations of Provincial Ordinance No. 2024-321, also known as "An Ordinance Granting Financial Assistance to the Graduate Scholars of the Province of Iloilo for their Review in the Board Examination on Respective Fields of Endeavor."

According to the provincial government, "this initiative aims to reduce the financial stress of scholars while reviewing, hence, enabling them to succeed in their professional journey."

The ordinance was authored and sponsored by Vice Gov. Christine Garin.

Those who are eligible for the financial grant are beneficiaries of the Iskolar sang Iloilo Program (ISIP), educational assistance for Indigenous People (IP),

scholarship for persons with disability (PWDs), scholarship program for the children of OFWs in crisis, and other provincial scholarship programs.

"Under the program, each scholar will receive a P10,000 aid to subsidize their fee in review centers. Those who would prefer self-review are also entitled to the aid, subject to documentary requirements," the provincial government said in a media release.

The beneficiary must be a resident of the province of Iloilo for at least six months upon application.

The provincial government further advised that documentary requirements should be submitted to the respective office handling the specific scholarship program such as the Human Resource Management and Development Office (HRMDO) – Province of Iloilo for ISIP scholars; Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) for IPs and PWD scholars; and Public Employment Services Office (PESO) – Province of Iloilo for children of Overseas Filipino Workers in crisis. (AAL/LMLE/PIA Iloilo/Capitol News)

DOST 6 to host 2025 AI Fest in Iloilo, pushes responsible use



RESPONSIBLE AI USE. Science and Technology in Western Visayas assistant regional director for technical operations Keithlyn Sarah Bernardino talks about the ongoing preparation for the AI Festival during a press conference on Wednesday (June 11, 2025). The event set on Aug. 11 -13 seeks to humanize the technology and likewise promote its responsible use. (PNA photo by PGLena)

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Science and Technology in Western Visayas (DOST 6) will hold a three-day Artificial Intelligence (AI) Festival on Aug. 11-13 with the theme "Coding a Better Future: Responsible AI for Cities and Communities."

The event aims to humanize artificial intelligence and advocate for its ethical and responsible use, especially as AI becomes increasingly integrated into daily life.

"This is also one of our efforts to position not only Iloilo but Region 6 as one

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Mapagu, and Engr. Diomedes C. Palor, OIC, VMHD of PVAO. It was also witnessed by General Services Office (GSO) head Engr. Neil Ravena along with the members of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines.

In his message, Treñas acknowledged the deep feelings of the veterans about the shrine, emphasizing the city government's honor in finally donating the property, granting full ownership to the veterans which allows them to implement improvements and enhance the shrine.

The city mayor also highlighted the significance of the shrine in commemorating the freedom fighters of Iloilo, not only from the Spanish era but also from the Japanese occupation.

"It is the honor of the city to finally donate this property

to you so that you can decide whatever you can do there to improve the shrine so that veterans will be very proud of this place," Treñas said.

Usec. Mapagu representing PVAO, expressed his gratitude and assured the city mayor that they will be taking care of the shrine, and make improvements if necessary, and also to follow zoning regulations.

"On behalf of the PVAO, rest assured that we will take care of this national shrine, and make improvements within it if necessary and we have prepared a master development plan, and we will assure you that we'll follow the zoning regulations," said Mapagu.

Proclamation No. 425, issued July 13, 1994, designated a land parcel in Brgy. Quintin Salas, Jaro named as "Balantang Memorial Cemetery National Shrine", reserving it for shrine purposes under the PVAO administration.

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(NGOs), and DepEd Iloilo personnel.

Leading the DepEd Iloilo delegation were Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Ernesto F. Servillon Jr., assisted by Assistant Schools Division Superintendents Jerson B. Labos, Marlon Destreza, and Ma. Lunie B. Sampani. Also present were Curriculum Implementation Division Chief Dr. Nestor Paul M. Pingil and School Governance and Operations Division Chief Dr. Gilbert D. Solidum, reinforcing the division's commitment to fostering strong partnerships for education.

The event, held in partnership with the Schools District of Zarraga under Public Schools District Supervisor (PSDS) Dr. Ma. Lenny Araneta, highlighted the spirit of bayanihan as stakeholders pledged their support for school maintenance and improvement initiatives. A ceremonial turnover of donations and resources to Tubigan Elementary School was also conducted, symbolizing the collective effort to ensure a conducive learning environment for students.

In his message, SDS Dr. Servillon Jr. expressed gratitude to all partners, emphasizing the importance of community involvement in achieving quality education.

Mayor Soldevilla and Provincial Administrator Banias likewise reaffirmed their support, underscoring the local government's commitment to education and youth development.

The 2025 Brigada Eskwela, with the theme "Sama-sama para sa Bayang Bumabasa", will run from June 9 to June 13, 2025, mobilizing volunteers for school repairs, clean-ups, and resource mobilization across Iloilo Province. (DepEd Iloilo)

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Early warning devices to boost disaster response

By Mary Joy Cavañas

The Taiwan-based National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), in collaboration with the National Resilience Council (NRC), turned over 24 Early Warning Devices to the Iloilo City Government during a Deed of Donation (DoD) Signing Ceremony held on June 10, 2025.

These devices include of rain gauges and P-Alert system which uses sensors to record real-time rainfall data and detect the p-waves of earthquakes. The P-alert system also issues alarms and provide a crucial four-second lead time before the occurrence of actual tremors.

Additionally, the data and information gathered by the Early Warning Devices could also support the decision-making of the Iloilo City Operations Center and the Local Chief Executive.

The ceremonial signing was led by Mayor Jerry P. Treñas and the NCDR Head Dir. Hongey Chen. It was also witnessed by Ms. Donna P. Magno of the Iloilo City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office

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PRO-6 turns over ICT equipment, vehicle to boost units' capabilities

The Police Regional Office 6 (PRO-6), under the leadership of Regional Director, Police Brigadier General Jack L. Wanky, conducted the blessing and turnover of information and communications technology (ICT) equipment and one police vehicle on June 9, 2025, at Camp General Martin Teofilo B. Delgado, Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City.

A total of 226 desktop computer sets, nine tablets, and one 4x4 personnel carrier pick-up were officially turned over to enhance operational efficiency and administrative capability across PRO-6 units.

These assets were provided by the Philippine National Police National Headquarters and allocated to various police offices under the PRO-6, including the Negros Occidental Police Provincial Office and Bacolod City Police Office.

The following are the equipment distribution by unit:

- PRO-6 Regional Headquarters 1 desktop computer set and one tablet:
- Aklan Police Provincial Office (PPO) 23 desktop computer sets and one tablet;
- Antique PPO 23 desktop computer sets and one tablet;
- Bacolod City PO 23 desktop computer sets and one tablet:
- Capiz PPO 23 desktop computer sets and one tablet;
- Guimaras PPO 8 desktop computer sets and one tablet;
- Iloilo City Police Office 15 desktop computer sets and one tablet;
- Iloilo PPO 55 desktop computer sets and one tablet; and
- Negros Occidental PPO 55 desktop computer sets and one tablet.

Additionally, the Leganes Municipal Police Station, Iloilo Police Provincial Office, received one 4x4 personnel carrier pick-up to further support its mobility and response capabilities.

During the ceremony, a message from Police Brigadier General Jack L. Wanky was read by Police Colonel Roland V. Bulalacao, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Deputy Regional Director. He emphasized the importance of maximizing the value of government-issued resources.

"Personnel carrier and ICT equipment have corresponding useful life spans. But if they are properly taken cared of, they could be useful beyond their limits," he stated.

He further reminded all recipients: "First, use them according to purpose. Second, keep them in their best form. And third, be responsible stewards of these government properties."

The turnover assets were formally accepted by Provincial and City Directors along with their respective Supply Officers. (PRO 6)



Police Colonel Roland V. Bulalacao, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Deputy Regional Director, representing Police Regional Office 6 Regional Director Police Brigadier General Jack L. Wanky, lead the turnover of information and communications technology (ICT) equipment and one police vehicle on June 9, 2025, at Camp General Martin Teofilo B. Delgado, Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City. (PRO 6 photo)

Prioritize what helps, not what divides

The front pages of the past few days have been peppered with articles about the "agad-agad" impeachment trial of Vice President Sara Duterte.

Unbeknownst to many, the silent, apolitical majority have slowly but surely been getting turned off by the "rabid" desire to politically "lynch" the Vice President. The people are simply tired and frustrated that their needs come last.

Unfortunately, this preoccupation with politics, vendettas and ideology has distracted many individuals, leaders and professionals from using their God-given talents and resources to address the plight and blight being experienced by Filipinos.

In the pursuit of prosecuting one person, millions of individuals have lost sight of their capacity for compassion and to make a real difference in their community as well as to those in need.

Remember what Christ said: "Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand" (Matthew 12:25).

Since losing the midterm elections, President Bongbong Marcos has made efforts to recognize the mistakes and correct them. The problem is, the rest of the team, leaders in society and public personalities are not on board.

They continue to be myopic and "lock on target" on politics while Filipino problems dangerously rise to the surface via social media and word of mouth. I have tried to bring attention to our deplorable state of public and private health services.

Hospitalization is so expensive, medicine unaffordable and legislated discounts for seniors and PWD made by complicated requiring prescriptions, booklets and the ID. Lack one and you don't get the discount.

Pharmacies limit the number of medicines to 30 pieces for 30 days even if your doctor wrote 90 or more because you need to take the medicine two to three times a day! DOH, Congress and PBBM have the power to correct this.

Speaking of IDs, many of us still use paper IDs that we each need to have laminated instead of the digitalized ID consolidating prescriptions, ID and booklets. Even the

identity card is not all plastic digitized cards.

I also called attention to the "wildfire" of real estate developments on agricultural land. How did the DENR and DA allow such illegal conversions? These will strain natural resources, particularly water supply, while nearby barangays don't have running water and depend on "igib" or collecting water with plastic jugs.

Over the weekend, the topic was the uncontrolled hikes in rent and tuition fees. Even expats find the annual increases ridiculous and unbelievable, considering employees don't get annual salary increase!

Fellow columnist Ariel Nepomuceno wrote about the lack of housing. I add to that the increasing number of people living on sidewalks. In a time where "container housing" and tiny homes is fashionable, why not for mass housing?

Yesterday, a Facebook post shared the experience of singer/artist Celeste Legaspi and friends who got sick from drinking contaminated water.

Many tourist destinations in the Philippines have no reliable, affordable electricity, no telecoms or cell sites, most have no medical facility to address trauma and poisoning or emergency transport for islands resorts.

Local water is generally drawn from deep wells in populated area or springs from hilltops. Many brands of bottled water sold are "filtered" but rarely tested by the LGU. I know, because we've had to change suppliers twice.

Many populated barangays don't have proper sewage facilities, thereby draining septic tanks into the ground resulting in dangerous levels of E-coli bacteria, which is a suspect in the El Nido incident. Why not barangay clustered septic tank-sewage treatment?

The only way to solve the problem is for the national government to "do it yourself." The national government always tells provincial small town LGUs what to do but more often than not, LGUs are left to their own resources.

The national government benefits from tourism investments and arrivals, but rarely reinvest in the needed tourism infrastructure of destination LGUs. PBBM gave orders to improve all airports nationwide to ensure the comfort and convenience of tourists. But what happens

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after they get out of the airport?

We don't have an organized, modernized transport system in and outside Metro Manila, much worse in the provinces. How can tourists make bookings or orders if they can't even get decent signal strength in many places? Many destinations don't have adequate, secured, working ATM machines.

Social media has become the "Tourist Bureau of the Philippines," where even I have discovered more places than anything the DOT rolls out or promotes. Why? Because the DOT prioritizes the rich and ritzy and easy to sell destinations for moneyed tourists.

PBBM has "appointees" in the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), "the government agency responsible for promoting, developing and financing local water utilities outside Metro Manila."

The question is, does the President have qualified people in the agency and do they have the needed funds to fulfill their mandate? From what's on the ground, I think not!

Sorry, but in all the years I spent in the islands of Palawan and barangays in Batangas, I have never seen a LWUA water impounding project.

Given the vast knowledge and expertise at the Department of Science and Technology, many of the problems confronting Filipinos could be addressed if PBBM lets them. Solar technology will solve half the problems, but DOST does not want to trespass on DOE territory.

If the government and LWUA wants to provide water in every barangay, it can be done with the help of the DILG if only they focused on needs, not politics. Whether it's health related, housing, transport or tourism, the solutions abound if PBBM wants them.

There are solutions, but everybody has to prioritize what helps and not on what divides.

Inordinate delay

South Koreans impeached their president Yoon Suk Yeol on Dec. 14 last year for briefly imposing martial law on Dec. 3 to quell opposition to his government.

Also impeached on Dec. 12 were the justice minister and national police chief. The former defense chief was arrested days earlier. The prime minister who took over from Yoon in an acting capacity was also impeached on Dec. 27 for refusing to fill vacancies in the Constitutional Court.

At around that time in Manila, impeachment complaints were filed at the House of Representatives against Vice President Sara Duterte, for multiple offenses including corruption and betrayal of public trust over her alleged misuse of over P600 million in confidential funds as VP and secretary of education.

On Jan. 15, Korean police and anti-corruption investigators raided the presidential compound and detained Yoon. He was formally arrested on Jan. 19 and indicted on Jan. 26 for attempted rebellion but released on March 7.

On March 24, Korea's Constitutional Court reversed the prime minister's impeachment and restored him as acting president. On April 4, the Constitutional Court upheld Yoon's impeachment and removed him from office, and called an election within 60 days. That was less than four months from his impeachment.

Last June 3, with a voter turnout of nearly 80 percent, South Korea elected opposition leader Lee Jae-myung as president. That was just six months from the day the impeachable offense was committed.

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In our case, the first complaints to impeach Vice President Sara Duterte were filed on Dec. 2 at the House of Representatives. It took two months of wheeling and dealing at the HOR before four complaints were consolidated and the Articles of Impeachment forwarded to the Senate, which has the constitutional duty to convene as an impeachment court "forthwith" – or, in the official Filipino translation, "agad."

Senate President Chiz Escudero also has a valid observation about the sense of urgency in the HOR: the Articles of Impeachment were transmitted to the Senate on Feb. 5, just two hours before the 19th Congress was set to adjourn for the election campaign break.

Escudero said the Senate would not be rushed into trial during the session break, and would instead draw up rules for the first-ever impeachment trial of a vice president of the republic.

Some legal experts at the time said Escudero could comply with the constitutional mandate to hold the trial forthwith by taking his oath as the presiding judge of the impeachment court, to be followed by the oath-taking of the senator-judges.

Escudero refused to perform even this act. "Forthwith" dragged on for four months – the time it took for the South Koreans to remove their president by impeachment. And here we are, still waiting for the trial to get underway.

Last Monday, Escudero finally took the oath as presiding judge of the impeachment court. This came after hours of plenary debates on a motion of the minority to get the trial going pronto.

Yesterday, the 4 p.m. oath-taking of the 22 other senator-judges was delayed by over two hours because Dela Rosa was allowed to deliver a privilege speech, which he said was his precondition for agreeing to take his oath. The speech called for the dismissal, even before trial, of the impeachment complaint for being constitutionally infirm due to the dilly-dallying of the House in transmitting the complaint to the Senate – an argument of the VP's camp.

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It's early days yet, and Sen. Robinhood Padilla, who says he's familiar with

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Ana Marie Pamintuan

court proceedings being an ex-convict, might yet muster support for his resolution to declare the impeachment process "effectively terminated."

The clever phrasing must have been cooked up by the same legal minds behind Dela Rosa's proposed "de facto dismissal" of the impeachment complaint even before trial, using the same arguments that he raised yesterday.

Escudero ruled that the Senate must first convene as an impeachment court before the complaints can be dismissed or the impeachment nullified, as moved by the pro-Duterte senators.

Dela Rosa cited the delay, which he described as unconstitutional, in the HOR's actions, from the filing of the impeachment complaints until their submission to the Senate at the eleventh hour.

We have become familiar with a term for this: "inordinate delay." It has been successfully invoked in dismissing criminal charges for large-scale corruption involving billions in public funds, from the kleptocracy during the Marcos dictatorship to the misuse of congressional pork barrel funds.

In many cases, the defendants themselves contributed to the inordinate delay, with their lawyers resorting to delaying tactics, and then invoking the long-drawn-out prosecution to win a dismissal that isn't based on the merits of the charges. And for millions of reasons, judges and justices have sided with the defense in many high-profile cases.

Precedents have been set and it looks like "inordinate delay" will pave the way for the courts' dismissal of all the ill-gotten wealth cases against the Marcoses and their cronies.

Now the impeachment case against the nation's second highest official may also be junked due to inordinate delay, by both the House and the Senate.

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DTI urges parents to plan, buy school supplies early



ILOILO CITY (PIA) can compare what fits your

With classes opening on June 16, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in Western Visayas is urging parents and students to plan ahead and buy school supplies early to avoid the rush and ensure better choices.

In a press conference held June 4. DTI Western Visavas Director Rachel Nufable emphasized the importance of early shopping.

"It's a matter of doing the canvas first, and it's good to buy early so that you budget," Nufable said.

The updated Suggested Retail Price (SRP) list for school supplies includes 195 stock-keeping units (SKUs) from nine manufacturers and one retailer.

Nufable shared that 52 percent of the items retained their prices from last year, 15 percent became cheaper, and only 9 percent increased in price.

According to the school supplies industry, the reasons for the price increases are high cost of paper, improved

quality, and an increase in production costs.

Despite these adjustments, DTI Western Visayas Consumer Protection Division chief Grace Benedicto assured the public that the market outlook is positive.

"Prices are stable and supplies are sufficient," Benedicto said.

DTI also reported that decreases in prices were observed in common items such as notebooks, pad paper, and pencils.

These prices dropped due to promotional pricing in previous years.

The agency is urging the public to refer to the guide and practice wise spending during the back-to-school season.

"We encourage the public to use this guide as a reference when shopping for school supplies. By being informed consumers, we can all contribute to a smooth and affordable backto-school season," Nufable noted.

The DTI will continue monitoring stores in the region to ensure compliance with the SRP guide and safeguard consumer welfare. (AAL/ED/PIA6)

base.

"For more than 10 years of being a client of CARD SME Bank, I have found a reliable partner that has consistently provided financial assistance whenever I needed it. They have always supported me and other local entrepreneurs, empowering us to achieve great things and continue being a source of inspiration to many. With their support, I have learned that no dream is too big when you have the right people behind you," Arlene said.

Arlene's journey is not just one of personal success, but it's one of community impact. She actively supports local flower farmers in Busay, ensuring that her business not only thrives but also uplifts those around her.

"My heart and passion truly lie in this business. Through it, I can give back by supporting local floral growers and helping keep our community blooming," she says.

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of the AI hubs in the country," DOST assistant regional director for technical operations Keithlyn Sarah Bernardino said in a press conference on Wednesday.

DOST 6 Regional Director engineer Rowen Gelonga underscored the need for stronger support for the development of the country's AI sector.

He cited a recent International Monetary Fund (IMF) study showing that around 30 percent of current jobs in the Philippines are "highly exposed to AI," including the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector —a key industry in Iloilo and the broader Western Visayas region.

"With the necessary capability to use AI, it could help boost productivity rather than displacing people," Gelonga

Gelonga said they also would like to give attention to the ethical use of AI in the creative sector, a big contributor to the economy.

"We don't want that to be undermined because of the irresponsible use of AI. That is why, we are facing this issue squarely. We cannot ignore the use of AI in the creative sector. We want it to be ethical and responsible," he added.

The festival has four sub-events, including the AI Hackathon, a technical conference, SineAI, and exhibits.

Meanwhile, the Unified Movement in Western Visayas to Accelerate Startup and Spinoff Development (UMWAD) will be the DOST partner in the hackathon, while the Regional Association of State Universities will lead the technical conference.

The technical conference will focus on discussions on emerging trends, breakthroughs, and applications, while the hackathon is a showdown of nationwide student

The exhibits, spearheaded by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Iloilo chapter, will showcase cutting-edge AI initiatives and foster industry-academegovernment collaboration, while Sine AI will explore the role of the technology in the creative industry through AI film-making class in partnership with the West Visayas State University College of Information and Communications Technology. (PNA)

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(CDRRMO) and Dr. Wei-sen Li of NCDR.

Also present in the said event were representatives from the National Resilience Council, Manila Observatory, members of the CDRRMO and CDRRM council, among others.

In 2017, Iloilo City was recognized by NRC as one of the pilot recipients on its Resilient LGUs program.

The Iloilo City Government also signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with NRC, Manila Observatory, and the NCDR in 2019 for their joint efforts on improving regional resilience against natural hazards.



Arlene B. Borres, 53, a proud CARD SME Bank client and entrepreneur from BarangayMalubog, Cebu City, shows that with faith and perseverance, life blooms at the right time despite the toughest odds.

A Blossoming Spirit to Succeed

Cebu City, the story of Arlene Borres begins. Born the eldest of nine children in a farming family, the rows of vegetables, the scent of cut blooms, and the responsibility of helping her parents make ends meet shaped Arlene's childhood. At just five years old, Arlene was already selling flower bouquets after school, an early sign of the determination and business mindset that would one day transform her life.

"I had to grow up quickly," Arelene says. "My parents worked hard, and I knew I had to help. Even as a child, I wanted to do something," she added.

Her early efforts were the seeds of a future destined to flourish despite all challenges. With no guarantee of finishing school,

In the quiet, flower-filled Arlene's story could have calamities, and the constant her dedication caught the attention of generous souls who helped her complete high school.

With big dreams and the support of her family, she worked hard and eventually earned a technicalvocational college certificate, a milestone made possible by her determination and perseverance.

Rooted in Resilience

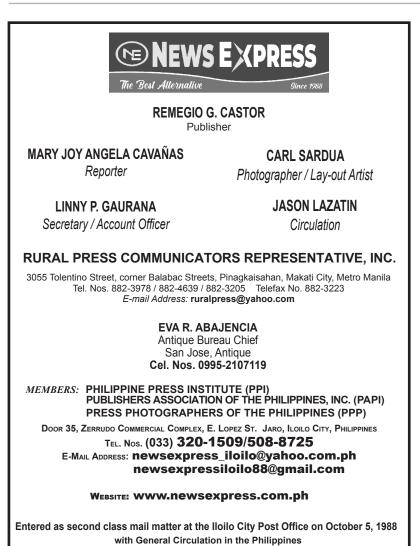
When Arlene decided to turn her passion into a formal business, she had just PHP 750, determination, and years of experience bundled into every bouquet. She started small. She visits flower farms, selects fresh blooms, and crafts arrangements with care and precision.

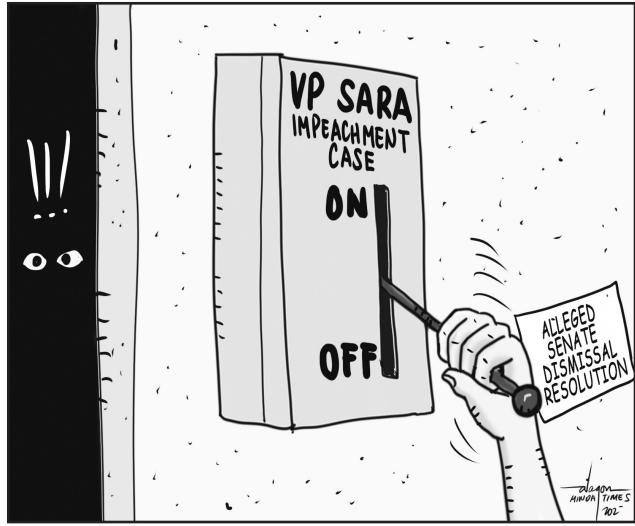
The road was far from easy. Arlene faced tight competition, natural

hills of Barangay Malubog, easily ended in struggle. But challenge of limited capital. But she never allowed those hardships to uproot her dreams.

> "Growing up in poverty, I never allowed it to stop me from pursuing a better life," Arlene shares. "My faith in God gave me the strength and determination to move forward and chase the life I have always dreamed of for myself and my family."

With faith and hard work, Arlene's business began to blossom. An important moment came when she became a client of CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank under CARD MRI. Starting with a modest loan of PHP 5,000, her credit line eventually grew to PHP 100,000, providing essential capital to support her growing business and maintain a steady inventory for her expanding customer





The Philippines will commemorate 127 years of independence this week, amid a growing public clamor for the Senate to discharge its Constitutional duty to conduct an impeachment trial – forthwith, otherwise defined as immediately.

Given these developments, this year's commemoration takes on an even greater significance. As it should.

The Senate President finally took his oath as presiding officer of the impeachment trial on Monday, with the rest of the senators being sworn in as members of the impeachment court Tuesday. There was some debate on whether the court should be deemed already convened after all the oaths have been taken.

Late in the day, the situation remains fluid, unfortunately depending on the whims and preferences of the Senate leadership.

Clearly, after hemming and having for the past four months during which they could have acted expeditiously on a grave political issue, this independence, threats we face on a daily

The Senate on trial

Editorial

now the senators are running out of time.

But the leader does not constitute the entire body.

The newly-constituted court will have a narrow window to discharge its function as the senators also fulfill their regular legislative

It will be difficult, but it will be necessary. Independence presupposes that an entity – a country, a person, a society – is free and selfgoverning, able to make choices from an array of options known to it. While the Philippines obtained its independence in 1898, numerous threats to it have kept our situation far from ideal. Precious freedom has been lost several

And even then, there remain threats to

took a heavy toll on our people.

times after the declaration, and reclaiming it

basis.

As the senators prepare to push through with the impeachment trial, may they be moved by the spirit of June 12 and the example set by generations of Filipinos who fought so hard to achieve independence.

They may be driven by their own political survival and interests, true. But the impeachment trial of the VP is also a moral trial for the Senate. Our senator-judges will themselves be judged by how fiercely they fought for what is right – not to decide any specific way, but to conduct a fair and transparent process.

Generations from now, we will be talking about how our senators lived up to the demands of their mandate.

Or, tragically, how they failed. (manilastandard.net)

Bracing for rainy days ahead

Rainy season in the Philippines has begun, and for many Filipinos, this time of the year brings a familiar feeling of worry and uncertainty. With climate change intensifying weather patterns, the risks we face today have become more unpredictable and more destructive than before.

Over the weekend, we saw another preview of the worsening impact of climate change. What used to be ordinary downpours now cause widespread flooding, stranding vehicles and forcing families in some areas to leave their homes.

This isn't the exception anymore. It's becoming the new normal.

With the Philippines being battered by an average of 20 typhoons each year, coupled with unpredictable weather patterns, complacency is no longer an option. Last weekend was a wake-up call: the time to prepare is now, before we bear the brunt of powerful storms.

Nowadays, preparing for the rainy season has become (or if not yet, should be) an essential part of our lives. And we're not just talking about bringing an umbrella when going out of the house or stocking up on canned goods. It's about preparing our homes—inspecting roofs for leaks, clearing out gutters, and securing lightweight materials that can be blown away by strong winds. At Meralco, we always remind customers to practice electrical safety. This is critical, especially during the rainy season—one faulty outlet during flooding can spell the difference between life and death.

Beyond preparing our homes, equally important as well is protecting our health. Historically, the rainy season is associated with spikes in illnesses associated with the cold weather and damp conditions such as influenza, pneumonia, and dengue. This underscores the importance of getting vaccinated, especially for the elderly and those with weakened immune systems, and maintaining a basic medicine supply at home. Ensuring clean drinking water and removing potential mosquito breeding sites can do a lot for one's health and wellbeing this season.

Rainy season preparedness goes beyond the household level. The national government and local government units (LGUs) both play critical roles in preparing communities through disaster preparedness, public information drives, and medical missions to prevent the spread of diseases, particularly water-borne

The national government bears the responsibility of leading our country's preparations for the rainy season and ensuring that local government units (LGUs) are well-equipped to respond to the needs of communities. This includes ensuring timely and seamless coordination among critical agencies like the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and LGUs.

To ensure readiness this rainy season, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s administration is implementing the Buong Bansa Handa (BBH) program, particularly in

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By Joe Zaldarriaga

areas prone to storms and flooding. The program aims to synergize government and private sector resources for better disaster preparedness and response.

On the part of LGUs, one of the most immediate ways they can help is by conducting clean-up drives in flood-prone areas to avoid trash buildup and to clear drainage systems of clogs. LGUs should also prepare evacuation centers, pre-position rescue equipment and emergency supplies, and revisit coordination protocols with barangays to ensure timely weather updates and evacuation notices during typhoons.

Offering health services like flu vaccination and information programs on how to prevent common diseases during the rainy season such as dengue also help protect communities particularly vulnerable populations such as the children and the elderly.

Beyond physical preparation, a strong public awareness campaign is essential to strengthen community readiness against the impact of heavy rains and strong winds. People need to know what to do in case of flooding, when and where to evacuate, and who to contact in case of emergencies.

We cannot control the weather but if we work together to improve our readiness as a country, we can weather the challenges this rainy season.

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Acts of inhumanity against persons with disabilities

There is a video on Facebook, threads and Instagram which showed an individual riding a bus who was clearly within the autism spectrum being mauled and tasered by his fellow passengers because he was allegedly bothering them.

If one watches the video carefully, it can be seen that the victim was agitated and moving around and going near another passenger who was taking a video. He then pushed the victim which agitated the victim further. Other people came in and started shoving the victim when he began shouting. When the victim pushed back, he was mauled by the other passengers who then tried to push the victim out. Unable to understand the situation, the victim tried to bite the other passengers in his defense. He then retreated to the corner of the bus pleading the other passengers to stop. Unfortunately, the other passengers wanted to kick him out and

began pummeling the victim again. Then one of the passengers used an electric taser on the victim. The victim began screaming in pain. The other passengers then mercilessly threw the passenger out.

When I saw this video, I felt anger and extreme sadness at how people can be so ignorant of the plight of adults with disabilities. What they did to the person with disability (PWD) was inhumane. As a father of an adult with autism who also undergoes meltdowns such as the person in the video, the scenes in that video rekindled what every parent of adults with disabilities fear. We are all afraid of what so called "normal" people will do to our children because of their ignorance, bias, and sometimes hatred of people they do not understand.

What is even more disturbing are the comments of some misguided people defending the actions of the persons who mauled and tasered the victim. There were those who said that it is right to maul people when they are disturbing others. There were those who insulted and even looked down on the victim and saying he had it coming. I spent a bit of time trying to

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

educate some of these netizens. Unfortunately, many of them are too steeped in their ignorance and bias that they fail to understand their errors.

We have sufficient laws in our countries that punish anyone mocking, defaming and doing acts of discrimination against persons with disabilities (RA 9442 and RA 7277). In fact, committing assault against PWDs may be considered an aggravating circumstance to the crime at hand. Perhaps it is time actions be taken against those who commit these inhuman acts against those who cannot defend themselves.

For those who watched the video and know the relatives of the victim or for those who can identify the perpetrators of the dastardly act as seen in that video, please contact me.

Advancing equity through open gov't partnership (2nd of 2 parts)

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) operates as a collaborative platform that brings together government agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs), and other stakeholders to promote transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in governance. Spearheaded by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), OGP initiatives are co-created through national and local action plans developed with inputs from both government and CSOs. These action plans outline concrete commitments aimed at improving public service delivery, enhancing access to information, and fostering inclusive policymaking.

In the case of Civil Society Network for Education Reforms (E-Net Philippines), Inc., its participatory budgeting efforts aim to make the needs of marginalized, excluded, and vulnerable (MEV) groups visible in both local and national planning. It also seeks to enhance transparency in the education spending of the Department of Education (DepEd) and local government units (LGUs), increase funding for nontraditional learning pathways such as the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and Indigenous Peoples Education (IPED), and strengthen trust and accountability between the government and citizens.

E-Net pushes for an increase in the annual funding for education both at the agency and legislative levels. The rise in annual budgets for inclusive education programs is significant for MEV groups. Some of the notable 2024 achievements include the following: an increase in the budget for education for learners with disabilities from PHP581.6 million to PHP999.2 million; Madrasah education from PHP359.5 million to PHP431.6 million; and the Alternative Learning System budget from PHP562 million to PHP632.5 million.

There have been significant increases in budget allocations for MEV groups through the years—gains that would not have been possible without the patience and persistence of CSOs like E-Net. Sustaining a network of over a hundred CSOs united by shared advocacy to ensure that no child is left behind in Philippine education is no small feat for E-Net. Yet, many of these achievements remain largely unrecognized, documented only in the internal records and performance reports of these committed organizations.

The Philippines also engages local government units (LGUs) in the OGP Local program, expanding open governance practices at the grassroots level. However, it may surprise you to learn that only six LGUs are currently members of the OGP: South

Cotabato (since 2018), Borongan in Samar (since 2020), and more recently, Tagbilaran, Larena, Quezon City, and Baguio City, all of which joined in 2024.

To become a member of the OGP, prospective LGUs must meet specific criteria and follow established processes. These include demonstrating a strong commitment to the principles of open government, providing evidence of past reforms that promote transparency and accountability, and actively engaging civil society in the co-creation of action plans. Ultimately, participation in the OGP requires a local chief executive and the local council who embrace a developmental framework and are genuinely committed to transparent, inclusive, and participatory governance.

Consider the level of commitment required: for an LGU to join the OGP, it must apply to the OGP Local program by submitting a joint Expression of Interest (EOI) endorsed by both government and non-government stakeholders. This must be accompanied by a letter from the LGU head, details of the current administration's term limit, and a clear outline of how the LGU intends to contribute to advancing open government principles.

Across the country, many CSOs continue to face challenges in engaging their LGUs in participatory governance. Meaningful collaboration often requires persistence and patience, as it may take time for some local leaders to fully recognize the vital role CSOs play in promoting good governance and advancing the welfare of their constituents.

QCitizens are fortunate to have a platform like the OGP that amplifies their voices in governance. However, long before joining the OGP, civil society organizations (CSOs) in Quezon City had already been actively promoting good governance. The establishment of the People's Council of Quezon City (PCQC) in 2009 was an important event, as it institutionalized the partnership between the city government and its constituents—paving the way for more inclusive and participatory policymaking.

The OGP has strengthened citizen participation in Quezon City by providing more inclusive avenues for engagement. As part of its pledge to open governance, the Quezon City government made five key commitments: enhance public involvement in the city's budgeting process; expand access to legal aid through a network of pro bono lawyers; increase transparency via a centralized data dashboard and feedback system

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By Brian James Lu

on the QC e-Services platform; strengthen civic engagement through capacity-building programs; and establish community centers through the Bayanihang QC Volunteer Program.

Citizen engagement in Quezon City is facilitated through more than 50 sectoral organizations under the People's Council of Quezon City (PCQC), which represents over 5,000 accredited CSOs. To strengthen their participation in governance, the city government regularly conducts training and workshops that equip CSOs with the knowledge and skills needed to engage meaningfully, especially in the budget process.

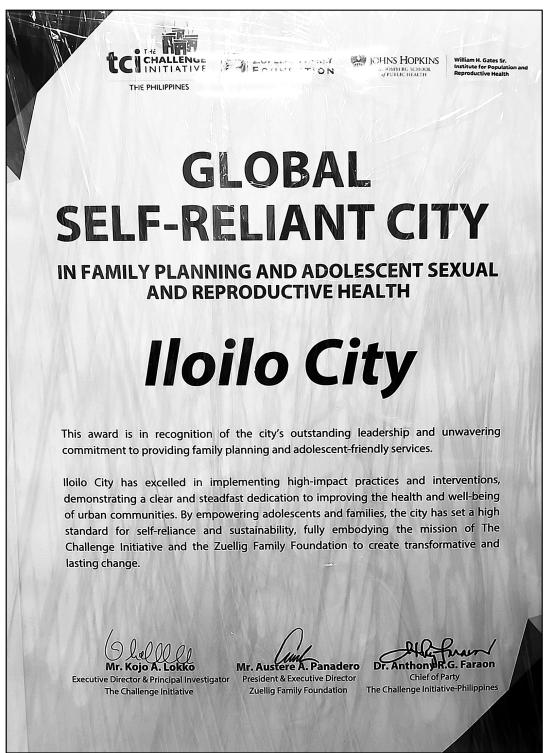
The annual budget of Quezon City serves as a vital platform for civil society engagement to ensure that public resources are allocated effectively and equitably. By strengthening partnerships with CSOs, promoting inclusive representation, and establishing feedback mechanisms, the city is making its budgeting process more transparent, participatory, and responsive to community needs. Quezon City actively invites relevant civil society organizations to take part in the budget preparation of each department or office—ensuring that every sector has a voice in shaping the city's priorities.

Civil society organizations (CSOs) are invited to participate in budget hearings at the City Council, giving them the opportunity to directly engage with government officials on budget allocations. The city government also facilitates forums and consultations where CSOs can provide input and feedback on budget proposals. To ensure meaningful and equitable participation, it regularly reviews CSO representation across various government offices, making sure that their voices are not only heard but truly reflected in the decision-making process.

Indeed, the Open Government Partnership continues to prove that meaningful governance thrives when citizens are empowered to participate, advocate, and co-create solutions with their government. From national policy reforms to grassroots initiatives like those in Quezon City, the growing involvement of CSOs reflects a deepening culture of transparency and accountability. As more LGUs and sectors embrace the OGP framework, the promise of a more inclusive, responsive, and people-centered governance becomes not just a vision but a tangible path forward for the Philippines.

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





loilo 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. Cecilla 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.



THE PHILIPPINES

CITY PROFILE

FOOTPRINT (2025) Total Population: 494,422 Woman of Reproductive Age: Total: 127,828 10-14 years old: 24,350

15-19 yearls old: 25,700

CITY LEADERSHIP TEAM COMPOSITION

LEADERSHIP

Geronimo "Jerry" Treñas

City Health Officer:

Dr. Annabel S. Tang

City Population Officer: Ma. Cecilia Guillergan

Ma. Annie Masigon (PPO II)

CPD Regional Director:

Harold Alfred Marshall

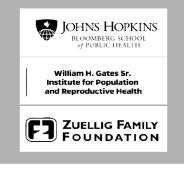
DOH Regional Director:

Dr. Adriano P. Suba-an

Mayor:

TCI Focal:

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



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.

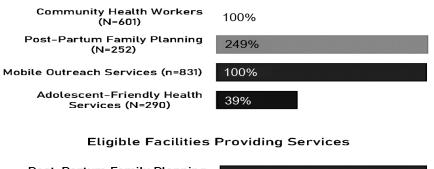
IDENTIFIED HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES (HIPs)

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:

Targeted Providers Trained on Services

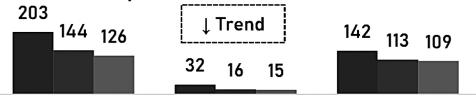


Post-Partum Family Planning (N=12) 100% Adolescent-Friendly Health Services (N=9)

> Mobile Outreach and Demand Generation Activities



Adolescent Pregnancies and Deliveries (Comparison of Q1 Across Years)



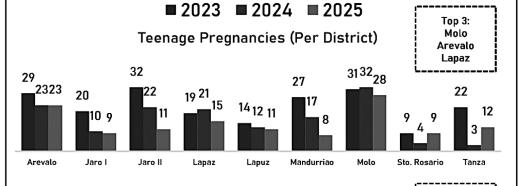
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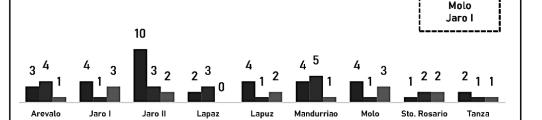
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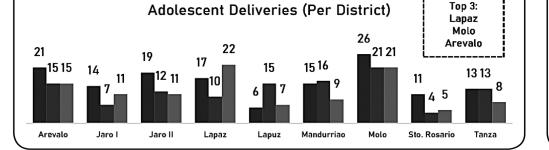
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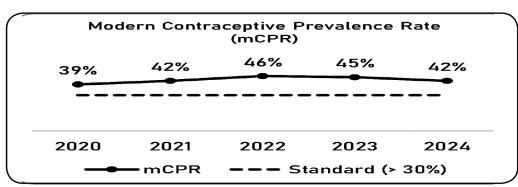


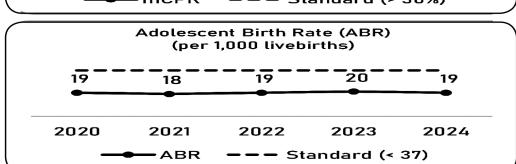
Repeat Teenage Pregnancies (Per District)



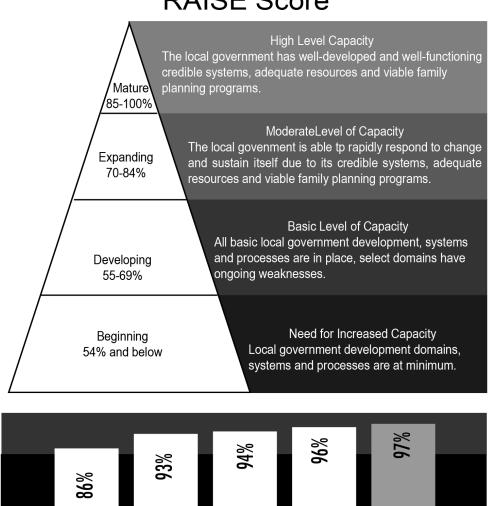
Budget Allocation

Year	Commitment	Expenditure			
2023	₱765,000.00	₱730,000.00 (95%)			
2024	₱1,125,000.00	₱1,165,000.00 (104%)			
2025	₱8,099,000.00				
2023	₱730,000.00 ₱765,000.00				
2024	₱1,165,000. ₱1,125,000.	UZU/0			
2025		₱8,099,000.00			
	Expenditure (Total)	Commitment			









2024Q3

Based on the new RAISE tool

2024Q4

2025Q1

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT 6th Judicial Region OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City

FORECLOSURE CASE NO: F-11267-25

For: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSTRE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 1135 AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4118

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

Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES RENE P. PALOMO and CHERRY H. PALOMO Mortgagor/s.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon EXTRA-JUDICIAL PETITION FOR SALE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118 filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358. Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the mortgagor/s, SPOUSES RENE P. PALOMO AND CHERRY H. PALOMO, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with postal address at #23 Bougainvilla St., Patalsville Subd., Brgy. Tabuk Suba, Jaro, lloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 28, 2025, amounted to (P 3,427,753.35) inclusive of interest and other charges, the EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO or his LAWFUL DEPUTY will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on JULY 31, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the OFFICE OF THE CLERK COURT, REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, CJRQA HALL OF JUSTICE, BONIFACIO DRIVE, ILOILO CITY, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real estate property including the buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 095-2020000446

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 5, BLOCK 2, PCS-06-000107, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION SURVEY OF LOT 7, BLOCK 18, ROAD LOT 8 AND SIDEWALK LOT 7, PCS-06-000070), SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF JARO, CITY OF ILOILO XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) SQAURE METERS, MORE OR LESS."

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

In the event, the public auction should not take place on the sand date, it shall be held on <u>AUGUST 7, 2025</u> at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, May 21, 2025.

(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB

Ex-Officio Sheriff and Clerk of Court Regional Trial Court Iloilo City

> (SGD.) AL HOLBERT D. LIM Sheriff-in-Charge

NE/June 9,16 & 23, 2025



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6th JUDICIAL REGION

BRANCH 76 JANIUAY, ILOILO (033) 320 5408 / 503 5371

SPL. PROC. NO. 24-0239

rtc2jyi076@judiciary.gov.ph

IN THE MATTER OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF JOEL T. CASTRACION AND ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION,

ELENA B. SANGOY HEREIN REPRESENTED BY HER ATTORNEY-IN-FACT CORAZON B. CATALUÑA,

Petitioner,

ORDER

Before this Court is a verified PETITION filed by petitioner, through counsel, praying that:

- "1. The letters of administration be issued and Corazon B. Cataluña be appointed as Administrator for the estate of Joel T. Castracion;
- 2. That after proper inventory, due notice, publication and hearing, the above-listed properties of the deceased as well as all future properties that may be discovered during the course of the proceedings be partitioned among the surviving heirs in accordance with the law.
- 3. Such other reliefs just and equitable in the premises."

Petitioner avers that Joel Castracion died intestate on February 8, 2024, at West Visayas State University Medical Center. At the time of his death, Joel Castracion was a resident of Brgy. Guadalupe, Janiuay, Province of Iloilo.

Joel Castracion is survived by his compulsory heirs, specifically his surviving spouse, Elena B. Sangoy, and his illegitimate child, Joel Castracion, Jr.

Petitioner further states that she and the late Joel Castracion had been living separately, while the latter resided with his live-in partner, Mary Jean Alianza Amar, and their son, Joel Castracion Jr., at Brgy. Guadalupe, Janiuay, Province of Iloilo.

Petitioner alleges that following the death of Joel Castracion, Mary Jean Alianza Amar refused her request for an amicable settlement of the estate. They also refused to disclose all the properties of the deceased nor provide the necessary information to make a proper inventory of her late husband's estate.

She posits that due to their continued refusal, she, through her lawyers, sent several letters demanding that Mary Jean Alianza Amar and her son cooperate in preparing a proper inventory and work towards a fair and reasonable settlement of her husband's estate. However, their continued noncompliance compelled her to file the present petition.

Petitioner likewise contends that Joel Castracion left several properties at the time of his death, consisting primarily of the following personal properties:

1. 2023 Toyota Pick-up with Plate No. FAO4006;

- 2. 2022 KTM/Motorcycle with Plate No. 060106;
- 3. 2018 Toyota/SUV with Plate No. FAG7591;
- 4. 2015 Isuzu/Double Cab with Plate No. FAM6306;
- 5. 2019 Sinotruck/Dump Truck with Plate No. NGL1201;
- 6. 2018 Ford/Wagon with Plate No. FAD8424;
- 7. Kawasaki Ninja;
- 8. Kawasaki Rouser,
- 9. Jewelry and other valuable personal items.

Petitioner claims that, as the surviving spouse and a compulsory heir of the deceased, she seeks the issuance of letters of administration to protect her rights, facilitate a full inventory and accounting of the estate, manage its administration, and settle any claims for or against the estate during the ongoing estate proceedings.

She avers that, based on the limited information available to her, the estimated value of the estate is approximately Four Million Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (P4,530,000.00), excluding those that might be discovered later on the conduct of full inventory and accounting.

Petitioner finally maintains that she is currently working abroad in United Kingdom and is the surviving spouse of the deceased, Joel Castracion. She posits that she is willing to post a bond that may be fixed by this court conditioned upon the circumstances enumerated in Section 1, Rule 81, of the Rules of Court, as amended.

Finding the said petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is set for hearing on <u>August 20, 2025</u>, at 8:30 in the morning before this court. Notice is hereby given that any person who has objection to this petition may file his/her opposition thereto within 15 days from service or last day of publication of this Order, stating the grounds or reasons therefor.

The petitioner shall cause this Order to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Iloilo.

Record, however, shows that there is no proof that the Office of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Iloilo have been served with a copy of the instant Petition.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, the petitioner is hereby directed to submit proof that they have furnished the Office of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Iloilo a copy of the Petition, within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this Order.

Furnish Atty. Alvin G. Delgado, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Iloilo, petitioner Elena B. Sangoy, Joel Castracion, Jr., and Mary Jean Alianza Amar, a copy each of this Order.

The Sheriff/Process Server of this Court is directed to personally serve copy of this Order to Corazon B. Cataluña, Joel Castracion, Jr., and Mary Jean Alianza Amar.

SO ORDERED.

May 26, 2025. Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines

(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO-TAROL Presiding Judge

NE/June 9, 16 & 23, 2025

A BLOSSOMING ... (from page 5)

Blooms of Dedication

Today, Arlene caters to clients from Manila, Negros Oriental, Iloilo, Bohol, and across Cebu. She now owns a comfortable home and two vehicles. Her eldest child has earned a degree in Secondary Education. True to her



generous nature, she also financed two years of college for her nephew, who pursued engineering.

Arlene's floral offerings now include both local and select imported flowers, but her advocacy remains rooted in championing local farmers. Her loyal suppliers in Busay continue to play an important role in her operations. It mirrors the mutual respect and community spirit she nurtures

Her story is not just about business, but a symbol of perseverance, faith, and the strength of women who rise above life's hardships.

"The journey to success is never easy. Some ups and downs test our patience, dedication, and faith. But like a flower, we bloom at the right time and in the right place, despite the odds," she concluded.



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 Shorflisted Nominees for Outstanding WQMA 2025

in no particular order

- 1 NAGUILIAN RS
- 9 PANGLAO ISLAND COASTAL WATERS
- 2 SINOCALAN-DAGUPAN RS
- (10) ORMOC BAY
- 3 CALAO-DELINQUENTE-DIADI RS
- 11 TUMAGA RIVER
- 4 SABANG BAY
- CAGAYAN DE ORO RIVER
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- BASIN

 13 TAGOLOAN RIVER BASIN
- 5 BACUIT-EL NIDO BAY
- 6 NAGA RIVER
- 14 TALOMO-DAVAO RIVER
- 7 BORACAY ISLAND

8 ILOILO-BATIANO RS

16 UPPER AMBURAYAN RS

15 LAKE SEBU

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



over the **HEDGE**

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY







FILIPINO STYLE BEEF STEAK

Tender beef steak stew with onions.



INGREDIENTS

- □2 lbs. beef (note 1)
- □1 Knorr Beef Cube □2 onions (note 2)
- □4 cloves garlic (note 3)
- □1 teaspoon peppercorns (note 4)
- $\ \ \, \square \text{2 teaspoons cornstarch}$
- □1 ½ teaspoons brown sugar
- □6 tablespoons soy sauce
- □1/2 lemon





In a philosophical or political conversation, you don't hesitate to offer your thoughts, Aries. Your examples may be extreme, but your principles are sound. You may get in over your head before you know it and suddenly need an escape route. Your first reaction may be to change the subject. It's better to admit you don't know the answer or don't understand the question.

You should be in a good mood, Taurus, although you might have a hard time fully expressing yourself. Perhaps you feel like there is someone keeping an eye on your every move. April 20 - May 20 You may feel like a kid in class being watched by the teacher. Don't be intimidated by those with a self-righteous air. You have just as much right to speak your mind as anyone else.





You may get the feeling that despite all the hard work you've accomplished, something is still missing, Gemini. There's still a long road ahead, regardless of the goals you've attained so far. Perhaps the thing you're searching for is a tender moment with a loved one, something that's much closer than you think. Stop searching far and wide for the thing that's right under your nose

Freedom may be a theme for you today, Cancer. You're beginning to question what it is you're trying to free vourself from, A person? Job? Commitment? These may be the very things you start to search for as soon as you're free of them. Trying to figure out what you want and need in life is sometimes easier said than done. Don't get stuck on one concept. Do your best to take things gradually.



CANCER

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You're the liquid that takes the shape of its container, Leo. Even though this may seem like the most non-LEO confrontational way to do things, you may find that July 23 - August 22 it's actually a cause of great frustration for you and others. People may be annoyed that you're always following someone else's lead instead of taking the initiative. Try to be more assertive while continuing to be easygoing

You may feel like a puppy that has been let outside for the first You may feel like a puppy that has been let outside to the like time, Virgo. The air is warm and you're full of energy. You're ready to run over the fields and hills. Unfortunately, you're Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 tied to a stake and you can't move beyond a ten-foot radius. Your heart is ready to fly, but something beyond your control keeps you where you are. Start chewing the rope

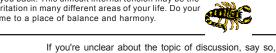




You may feel a strange tension. It seems that nothing you say or Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 do is quite right, Libra. As much as you may try to do the correct thing, you can't make things click the way you'd like. Try not to raise vour expectations too high. Let go of the idea that things are going to work out exactly the way you want. You may not even know what's best for you in the end.

It may be hard for you to maintain your self-discipline Scorpio. Your childlike nature wants to go out and play Emotionally, you're anxious to let loose and follow your playful, instinctual nature, yet your sense of responsibility is holding you back. This difficult internal tension may be the cause of irritation in many different areas of your life. Do your best to come to a place of balance and harmony.







SAGITTARIUS Sagittarius. Asking questions is an important part of learning. Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 You shouldn't be afraid to ask. Communication may take on a serious tone, and intellectual discussions are likely to get heated. Bring up political topics at the dinner table and give everyone a chance to speak on the matter. Don't try to change the subject in order to avoid the conversation

You may be shy when it comes to expressing your emotions today. Capricorn. This could be a rare thing for you. Other people may wonder if something is wrong. The truth is, you may feel like you need to calm down and focus more of your attention inward instead of directing it outward. Don't look to others to resolve your problems. Deal with them yourself. You're just going through an introspective period.



CAPRICORN





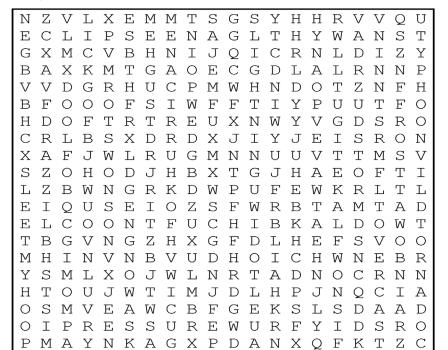
You may not know which way to turn, Aquarius. You may be emotionally weighed down by sentimental feelings and memories that bind you to the past. You may also feel restricted by authority figures who've been around the block more times than you, and therefore feel they have the right to tell you how to run your life. Try not to let your thoughts get tied up in either of these scenarios.

Your mind may be going in many different directions, with fantastic ideas about how things should be done. Pisces. The difficulty is communicating these ideas in a way that makes sense. Others may see you as a threat to their Feb. 19 - March 20 authority. Perhaps they feel your ideas would undermine their plans, so they reject them. Don't give up. Fight for your right to be heard and respected.









Word list:

BLIZZARD CLOUD **DEWPOINT DROUGHT ECLIPSE FLOOD** FOG

FROST OVERCAST GUST PRESSURE HAIL **RAIN** RAINBOW **HEATWAVE** HURRICANE SLEET LIGHTNING **SNOWFLAKE** MIST **SNOWSTORM**

STRATUS THUN DER **TORNADO** TYPHOON WILDFIRE WIND

STORM



□2 ½ cups water

□3 tablespoons cooking

oil

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine beef, soy sauce, juice from ½ lemon, and ½ teaspoon cracked peppercorn in a bowl. Mix well. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Heat cooking oil in a pan. Fry each side of the marinated beef for 1 minute. Remove and set aside. Using the remaining oil (you

can add more if needed), sauté half of the onion and add the garlic. Put the beef in the pan once

the onion softens. Sauté for 1 minute. Pour 1 ½ cups of water into

the pan. Cover and let the liquid boil. Add Knorr Beef Cube. Cover

the pan and then adjust the heat to a low setting. Cook for up to 40 minutes. Note: add more water as needed. Add remaining onion and season with cracked peppercorn and add brown sugar.

Make the sauce thicker by pouring-in the slurry. Do this by mixing cornstarch with 3 tablespoons of water. Once the sauce gets thick enough, you may turn the heat off and transfer your Filipino Style Beef Steak to a serving bowl

Serve with warm rice. Share and enjoy!

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

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

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

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT 6TH JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT and EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City rtc1iloocc@judiciary.gov.ph (033) 3353190 -oOo-

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11257-25

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

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

JEFFREY CHRISTIAN E. MABILOG, Respondent/Debtor-Mortgagor

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/ mortgagee PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under Philippine laws, with principal office address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Pasav City. Metro Manila, against respondent/debtor/mortgagor JEFFREY CHRISTIAN ESCALANTE MABILOG, of legal age, Filipino and with postal addresses at (1) #4 San Jose St., Molo, Iloilo City and (2) Lot 3-B, Block 3, Bankers Village Subdivision, Brgy. Tabuc Suba, Jaro, Iloilo City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 28, 2025 amounted to FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT PESOS & 01/100 (P4,712,978.01), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney's fees, publication cost, Sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies will sell at public auction on JULY 22, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

> Registry of Deeds for Iloilo City Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2021001481

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 3-B, PSD-06-003424, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 3, BLK. 3, PSD-06-003424), SITUATED IN THE DISTRICT OF JARO, CITY OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 4, BLK. 3, PSD-06-003424; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 3-A OF THIS SUBD. SURVEY, ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 2, BLK. 3; ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 1; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY ROAD (10.00 METERS WIDE) ALL OF PSD-06-003424. X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (130) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS."

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **AUGUST 5**, **2025** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, May 16, 2025,

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

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

WARNING:

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

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS OF THE LATE ABELARDO NONATO DELA CRUZ, JR.

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ABELARDO NONATO DELA CRUZ, JR. known as a parcel of land and all the improvements therein located at Brgy. La Huerta, Parañaque covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 010-2013001823 with an area of Fifty One (51) square meters, more or less is adjudicated to heirs RENALYN DELA CRUZ BARRANCO, RALPH JUN DONESA DELA CRUZ, RHOSY BELLE DELA CRUZ RAFAL and ROSIE DONESA DELA CRUZ as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. CARL RUPERT CRISME MUELA per Doc. No. 407, Page No. 83, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

NE/June 2, 9 & 16, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late NINFA **VELEZ LUMAQUE** consisting of the following: **six-tenths** (6/10) share over a parcel of land Lot No. 3415-C, PSD-06-006287 being a portion of Lot 3415, Iloilo Cadastre, covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2023001702 situated in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of One Hundred Seventy Six (176) square meters, more or less; Two (2) Burial Lots in FOREST LAKE MEMORIAL PARK - ILOILO under Certificate of Ownership No. I-4430 (Lot 4, SECTOR B - 135 and Certificate of Ownership No. I-6717 (Lot 1, SECTOR B - 136, both of area DATE PALM GARDEN), are adjudicated to compulsory heirs LYNIE L. AGUILAR, LEO JOHN V. LUMAQUE, RON ELY V. **LUMAQUE and DEXTER PAUL V. LUMAQUE. FURTHER.** LEO JOHN V. LUMAQUE, RON ELY V. LUMAQUE and DEXTER PAUL V. LUMAQUE designate their co-heir/ adjudicatee LYNIE L. AGUILAR to be their true and lawful Attorney-in-fact as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. KIMBERLY J. PACLAUNA per Doc. No. 26, Page No. 7, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/June 2, 9 & 16, 2025

Republic of the Philippines Province of Iloilo Municipality of Janiuay

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARILOU LARIOS PALESTRA** has filed with this office a petition for **Change of First Name** from "JOSE ROMY" to "NOLI" in the Birth Certificate of **JOSE ROMY PAREDES LARIOS** who was born on **October 21, 1966** at Janiuay, Iloilo and whose parents are **Leopoldo Larios** and **Estelita Paredes**.

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/June 9, 2025 & June 16, 2025

Iloilo City police seize 23 kilos of shabu, arrest 735 in 10 months

ILOILO CITY – In just 10 months, the Iloilo City Police Office has confiscated over 23 kilos of shabu and 123.63 grams of marijuana, with a combined estimated street value of more than PHP157 million.

From July 2023 to May 2024, police conducted 529 anti-drug operations that led to the arrest of 735 suspects—189 of them classified as high-value individuals, while the rest were street-level dealers. Two of those arrested were minors.

"This is a strong, unified effort of all our units. We want to send a clear message: illegal drugs have no place in Iloilo City," Col. Kim Legada said in an interview on Monday, adding that the campaign is guided by timely intelligence and consistent monitoring of drug activity.

"We will exert more efforts until the time they realize that illegal drug will destroy not only our people but also

DEED OF EXTRAJUCICIAL PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses FRANCISCO G. HISOLE and ROBERTA VILLEGAS consisting of the following parcels of land: 1) Lot No. 3027 of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-119,321 with an area of THIRTY THOUSAND SIX **HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN (30,687) SQUARE METERS,** more or less; 2) Lot No. 3344 of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-25569 with an area of ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY (11,730) SQUARE METERS, more or less and Lot No. 3369 of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-25569 with an area of NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND ONE (9,301) SQUARE METERS, more or less; 3) Lot No. 3025 of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-133,095 with an area of FORTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN (40,967) SQUARE METERS, more or less; and 4) Lot No. 3932 of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-133,093 with an area of TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHT (2,908) **SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs AGUSTIN V. HISOLE, ROGELIO V. HISOLE, LOLITA HISOLE PALLADA, PRUDENCIO V. HISOLE, NICANOR V. HISOLE, TERESITA V. HISOLE, BEN V. HISOLE, ROLANDO V. HISOLE, LORNA HISOLE REGODOS, GERRY V. HISOLE, EVELYN HISOLE PANES, and VIOLETA V. HISOLE, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. VICENTE B. DE ASIS per Doc. No. 159, Page No. 33, Book No. XCVI, Series of 2006.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

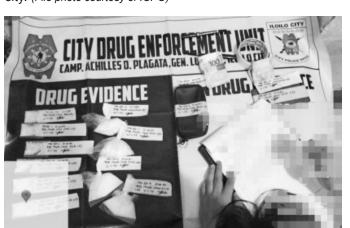
In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that LINA L. JAMILI has filed with this office, a petition for correction of entry in the child's SEX from "FEMALE" to "MALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of JOCEL LASTIMOSO JAMILI at Janiuay, Iloilo and whose parents are CELSO L. JAMILI and LINA LASTIMOSO.

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/June 9, 2025 & June 16, 2025

ILLEGAL DRUGS. The intensified anti-drug campaign launched by the Iloilo City Police in 10 months from July 23, 2024, yields over PHP157 million worth of shabu and marijuana. Iloilo City Police Office director Col. Kim Legada, in an interview on Monday (June 9, 2025), said they are sending a message that illegal drugs are not allowed in the city. (File photo courtesy of ICPO)



their future."

Legada said that even if most of those arrested availed of plea bargaining or have served jail terms, they do not consider the situation alarming.

"We don't consider it alarming. If they won't stop, we will still pursue them," he added.

Legada assumed the city police directorship on July 23 last year, succeeding Col. Joeresty Coronica, who now heads the Bacolod City Police Office. (PNA)

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Republic of the Philippines Sixth Judicial Region REGIONAL TRIAL COURT Iloilo City

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

> FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-11276-25

> **BDO UNIBANK. INC..** Mortgagee,

> > -versus-

SPOUSES JUANITO B. CHAN & ALOHA G. CHAN & JBC CALTEX SERVICE STATION, INC.,

Debtors/Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified petition for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by BDO **UNIBANK**, **INC.**, a corporation existing under the Philippine laws, with principal address at BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City 1226, Metro Manila, against (1) Spouses JUANITO B. CHAN & ALOHA G. CHAN. Filipinos, married to each other, with last known address at 22-E Soriano Subdivision, Molo, Iloilo City, and (2) JBC CALTEX SERVICE STATION, INC., a domestic corporation with principal address/es at Brgy. Botongan, Estancia, lloilo, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 17, 2025, has amounted to FOUR MILLION TWELVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX & **50/100 PESOS** (Php **4.012,166.50**), the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on 14 JULY 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, CJRQA Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-50997, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and described as

> "A parcel of land (Lot 27, Block 1 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) PCS-19502, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 2261-B, Psd-10107, 2269-B-1, Psd-22763, 2269-B-5, Psd-22763, 2275 & 2297, Jaro Cadastre, LRC. Cad. Record No. 8), situated in the District of Jaro, City of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the NE., points 2 to 3 by Lot 26; on the SE., points 3 to 4 by Lot 15; on the SW., points 4 to 1 by Lot 2___, all of Block 1; and on the NW., points 1 to 2 by Road Lot 5, all of the consolidationsubdivision plan. Xxxx containing an area of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN (357) SQUARE METERS, more or less. Xxxx"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **05 AUGUST 2025** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, 13 May 2025

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB **Authorized Deputy Sheriff**

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THE SOLUTION TO ENVIRONMENT

SEWAGE TREATMENT

Philippine Clean Water Act If you have Problem of Waste Water or STP....



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

Iloilo City seeks local lab authorization for mpox testing

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The Iloilo City government, through its City Health Office (CHO), will submit a request to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) to authorize its molecular laboratory to conduct monkeypox virus testing.

This move aims to accelerate specimen processing, enabling faster detection, prompt response, and more effective containment of potential

By establishing localized testing capabilities, Iloilo City seeks to enhance its public health surveillance system, reduce dependence on external laboratories, and bolster overall preparedness against emerging infectious diseases.

Roland Jay Fortuna, assistant department head of the CHO, also stated that they will convene City Hall department heads, barangay captains, the transport sector, and other stakeholders to update them on advisories and guidelines to help prevent the further spread of the disease.

Meanwhile, CHO head Mary Ann Diaz reported that, in addition to the four confirmed mpox cases, two more suspected cases are currently under investigation.



All six individuals are in stable condition, undergoing medical treatment, and remain in strict isolation.

Diaz further explained that each case is separate, with no recent travel history reported by the patients themselves, although a companion of one confirmed case did have local travel exposure.

Several close contacts have also been identified within the community.

However, following Department of Health (DOH) protocols, asymptomatic contacts are not required to undergo isolation.

As to the first confirmed mpox case recorded on May 28, Diaz detailed that the patient is nearing the end of the 21-day monitoring period but remains in isolation due to unhealed skin lesions.

Despite the increasing number of cases, the physician emphasized that the situation remains under control.

She clarified that there is no confirmed outbreak or evidence of community transmission at this time, as current DOH guidelines have yet to define criteria for such declarations.

The CHO reassured the public that while mpox is contagious, transmission risks can be significantly mitigated by following recommended preventive measures.

Mpox primarily spreads through close human contact, including exposure to bodily fluids, skin or mucosal lesions, respiratory droplets, and contaminated objects.

Common symptoms include a characteristic skin rash or mucosal lesions lasting two to four weeks, accompanied by fever, severe headache, muscle aches, back pain, fatigue, and swollen lymph nodes.

Diaz appealed to the public to remain vigilant, practice preventive health protocols, and cooperate with authorities, noting that the CHO is actively coordinating with various sectors to reinforce a collective response focused on prevention, early detection, and containment of Mpox. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)

Antique child development workers urged to be protection advocates

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The said. Commission on Human Rights in Western Visayas (CHR 6) to be protection advocates.

CHR 6 Human Rights Promotion Division chief Christopher Montaño said as advocates, they can remind local councils for the protection of children (LCPC) to operationalize the laws safeguarding them.

"Be the conscience and mouthpiece for the protection of the children," said Montaño, who is the vice chair of the sub-committee for the welfare of children of the Regional Development Council, in his message during the CDW Congress at the San Remigio Evacuation Center, in San Remigio, Antique, on Wednesday.

He added that there are councils for the protection of children in the barangays, municipalities, and province, which should be fully operational by implementing the various laws on the protection of children, such as the Presidential Decree 603 or the Child and Youth Welfare Code and Republic Act 9344 or Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act.

The Child and Youth Welfare Code mandates the care, basic needs, education and legal protection of children. The Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act provides intervention or diversion programs for children-at-risk or children-in-conflict with the

"The Republic Act 9344 or Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act is a potent tool to navigate the childrenat-risk or children-in-conflict with the law," he

He said that children 18 years old or even older but with has urged child development workers (CDWs) in Antique mental, physical, and emotional handicaps are provided with intervention or diversion programs under Republic Act 9344 rather than punishment.

> These children at risk or children-in-conflict with the law are victims of circumstances such as abuse, dysfunctional families, and insensitive communities. Intervention or diversion programs serve as child protection measures.

In a separate interview, CDW Antique Federation President Joenard Juales said that they are up to the

"We will be advocates of the child protection laws so that even through our initiatives, we could help children," he said. (PNA)



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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses CANDIDO CANOSO ALLESA, JR. and ARLENE AMOYAN ALLESA consisting of the following parcels of land: Lot 982-A, Psd-06-061550, being a portion of Lot 982, Psc-29, Alimodian Cadastre, situated in Poblacion, Alimodian, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-20675 with an area of Three Hundred Sixty Five (365) Square Meters, more or less and Lot 982-E, PSD-06-061550, being a portion of Lot 982, PSC-26 Alimodian Cadastre, situated in Poblacion, Alimodian, lloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2010009343 with an area of Four Hundred Thirty Three (433) Square Meters, more or less are adjudicated to sole heir FRANZ MATTHEW A. ALLESA, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. RUTH A. FLORENTINO per Doc. No. 83, Page No. 18, Book No. IV, Series of 2024.

NE/June 16, 23 & 30, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late RAYMUNDO C. CASALMIR consisting of the following parcels of land: 1.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-23485 - Lot 3105-A-12-M-10, of the subdivision plan (LRC Psd-34180, being a portion of Lot 3105-A-12-M, described in plan (LRC) Psd-28251, LRC (CLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 9738, situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City with an area of FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO (432) square meters, more or less; 2.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-56283 - Lot 1 of the consolidated-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-5840, being a portion of Lots 3139-B, Psd-5358 and 3158, Iloilo Cadastre, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 9738, situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City with an area of TWO **HUNDRED NINETY FIVE (295) square meters, more** or less; 3.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-66270 - Lot No. 5864 of the Cadastral Survey of Janiuay, Cadastral No. 86, LRC Cadastral Record No. 1564, situated in Brgy. Quipot, Janiuay, Iloilo with an area TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY (257,970) square meters, more or less; 4.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-53598 - Lot No. 6055 of the Cadastral Survey of Calinog, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Calinog, Iloilo with an area of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE (125,585) square meters, more or less; and 5.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-80126 - Lot No. 965 of the Cadastral Survey of Cabatuan, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Cabatuan, Iloilo with an area of SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO (662) square meters, more or less are adjudicated to surviving heirs CANDELARIA M. CASALMIR, RONNIE M. CASALMIR and CYNTHIA M. CASALMIR, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. HONORATO P. SAYNO, JR. per Doc. No. 364, Page No. 74, Book No. I, Series of 2020.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late EUFRACIO S. MADERADA consisting of bank deposits with Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) under the following account numbers 001473-0165-55 and 001479-0473-55 are adjudicated to surviving heirs ELEANOR SOLIGAM MADERADA and ELMAR SOLIGAM MADERADA waived his share in the said estate. Entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. RYAN J. ODIO per Doc. No. 247, Page No. 51, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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ILOILO CITY – The city government here is embarking on intensified advocacy and awareness campaigns and will be making services more accessible to clients amid the high number of cases of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

"For Iloilo City, we have a total of 1,694 cases from 1988, which is our first case up to the first quarter of 2025. These data are all from laboratories and hospitals of Iloilo City offering HIV testing," Dr. Ma. Odeta Villaruel, STI/HIV/AIDS (sexually-transmitted infections/HIV/acquired immune deficiency syndrome) coordinator here, said in a press briefing on Tuesday.

Villaruel said that from 2020 to the first quarter of 2025, the 25-34 age group has the highest cases with 361, followed by the 15-24 age group with 267.

For the same period, the most affected were males with 771, while there were 39 females.

"For HIV cases per mode of transmission, data show that sexual contact has been consistently the leading mode of Republic of the Philippines
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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RONNIE BRAGA** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from "ROBERTO" to "RONNIE" in the birth certificate of **ROBERTO BRAGA** who was born on **March 27, 1961** at **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

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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 **MA. LENI A. MAGALLON** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **LENI** to **MA. LENI** in the birth certificate of **LENI FACTON AREPIO** who was born on **August 30, 1968** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **WILFREDO ARIPIO** and **JOSEFINA FACTON**.

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

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

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DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ROQUE CALUYO CAJILIG known as a parcel of land Lot No. 130 of the Cadastral Survey of Leon, Cadastral Psc No. 4 L.R.C. Cadastral Record No. N. 268, situated in Poblacion, Leon, lloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-43434 with an area of Two Hundred Ninety Two (292) square meters, more or less is adjudicated to sole heir ELENA C. MEMORIAL. That, ELENA C. MEMORIAL sold, transferred and conveyed by way of sale the abovesaid parcel of land unto NERIO C. MEMORIAL, married to MA. MARIBEL CAINGLET as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. LESLIE F. AM per Doc. No. 93, Page No. 20, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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Iloilo City heightens advocacy campaign amid high HIV cases

transmission," she added.

Data showed that males to male having sex with males have the most number at 434, followed by males having sex with males and females at 218, male to female sex with 139, and 19 through unknown modes.

Villaruel said they presented the data to Mayor Jerry Treñas last week, who approved their recommendation on intensified advocacy and education lectures targeting key populations.

She was instructed by the mayor to target groups usually involved in the rise of HIV cases, especially the 15-24 age group.

They will also bring the initiatives to the Sangguniang Kabataan (youth council), business process outsourcing industry, and the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JUDY CALVO** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name and Clerical Error from "MARIA DEODY" to "JUDY" and from "8-23-1963" to "AUGUST 20, 1963" in the birth certificate of MARIA DEODY ARAGONA BRETAÑA who was born on August 23, 1963 at 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

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FRANCIS S. CORDERO** has filed with this office a petition for **Change of First Name** from "**ALFREDO**" to "**FRANCIS**" in the Birth Certificate of **ALFREDO CORDERO** who was born on **February 26**, **1962** at **Janiuay**, **Iloilo** and whose parents are **Francisco Cordero** and **Clarita Salamanca**.

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

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

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GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that BORACAY ISLAND FISHEYE DIVERS, CORP. with business address at Balabag, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from FISHEYE DIVERS CORP. to BORACAY ISLAND FISHEYE DIVERS, CORP. of the Vessel Name MBCA "FISHEYE". Notarized by Atty. Mark Almund M. Casimero, a Notary Public in the Province of Aklan, docketed as Doc. No. 103, Page No. 22, Book No. XXXIX 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 date of posting.

queer or questioning) affairs office.

The Social Hygiene Clinic, which she heads, will intensify HIV testing by deploying mobile voluntary counseling and testing.

They also intend to promote pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV, establish a primary HIV care clinic, and reopen the sundown clinic.

She said that for now, there are four centers in Iloilo City serving as treatment hubs, but the social hygiene clinic will soon become a treatment facility.

They are also formulating the proposed reopening of the sundown clinic and making services on sexually transmitted infections (STI)/HIV more accessible to clients.

"This sundown clinic was already launched in 2026, funded by the DOH (Department of Health) only for two years. This operates from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., making STI/HIV services more accessible to those working 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.," she said. (PNA)

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