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## Iloilo Capitol, DILG ink MOA on Juana Awards

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Under the MOA, DILG Iloilo Province is tasked with developing evaluation criteria, monitoring tools, and providing technical assistance to LGUs to help them align their programs with national GAD policies. The DILG will also lead in validating and assessing the performance of participating LGUs.

Meanwhile, the Iloilo Provincial Government, through the PGAD-TWG, will support the implementation of the awards by providing financial incentives, sponsoring program activities, and integrating GAD into broader local development planning across the province.

The Juana Awards, initiated in 2023 by DILG Iloilo Province through the Iloilo Provincial Local Governance Resource Center (IPLGRC), aims to elevate local compliance to national GAD mandates such as the Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710) and relevant Joint Memorandum Circulars (JMC 2013-01 and 2016-01) of the PCW-DILG-NEDA-DBM.

In its second year, the Juana Awards further expanded its scope to include LGU compliance with emerging GAD-related laws and innovations in gender-responsive governance.

Early this month, the PGAD-TWG turned over a check worth P300,000 to the municipality of Alimodian for being the champion of the 2024 Juana Awards.

By partnering with DILG in this initiative, the Iloilo Provincial Government reinforces its commitment to inclusive development and empowering women at the grassroots level. (Capitol News)

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### CITY ... (from page 1)

Each unit will be assigned an identification number to be conspicuously displayed on its sidecar, along with the approved fixed route name, as stated in the ordinance.

After June 18, POSMO and TTMO personnel will begin issuing citation tickets and impounding units found operating without a franchise or without proof of an application. This also applies to those operating outside their designated route or driving without a license.

"We have already dedicated personnel nga may mga motorcycles, complemented sang amon Enforcement and Clearing Team," Garbanzos said, noting that random and intelligence-driven operations will be conducted.

According to Section 9 of Regulation Ordinance No. 2024-116, violators shall be fined not less than P1,000. Those operating for hire without the necessary valid franchise and Motorized Tricycle Operators Permit will also be fined at least P1,000.

Furthermore, drivers who default in the payment of fees and penalties for traffic violations, operate on highways without valid authorization, or transport passengers and/or goods beyond the limitations set by their franchise route, shall be fined P1,000 and may face revocation of their existing franchise. (Iloilo City PIO)

### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PAULINA TAJUELA ARMADA** consisting of **bank deposits** with **Janiuay Rural Bank, Inc., Janiuay, Iloilo** under the following accounts: **Savings Account No. 0051-21938-1, Premium Savings Account No. 0031-02640-4, and Premium Savings Account No. 31-02774-3** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **SHEILA TAJUELA ARMADA, CECILIA TAJUELA ARMADA and LEO ARNULFO TAJUELA ARMADA**. That **CECILIA TAJUELA ARMADA**, acting for herself and as attorney-in-fact of **LEO ARNULFO TAJUELA ARMADA** waived, ceded, transferred and conveyed to their co-heir and sister **SHEILA TAJUELA ARMADA** the above-mentioned deposit accounts as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. FELIZARDO D. AMIGABLE, JR.** per Doc. No. 487, Page No. 99, Book No. 194, Series of 2025.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

### MORE POWER ... (from page 1)

hour (kWh) drop in their electricity bills, bringing the rate down to P10.52 per kWh from P11.12 per kWh in May.

This translates to P122 in savings for an average household consuming 200 kWh per month—timely financial relief for families facing additional expenses for school supplies, uniforms, and other educational needs.

"This reduction is a big help for ordinary families, especially now that classes are about to start. Every peso saved on electric bills can be redirected to support their children's schooling," MORE Power President and CEO Roel Castro said.

This June's commercial rate is only P9.84/kWh from P10.45 last May. The rate cut was primarily driven by a P0.40 per kWh reduction in generation charges, thanks to the lower average price in the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM), which dropped from P4.45 per kWh to P3.70 per kWh due to improved power supply in the grid.

In addition, the transmission charge decreased by P0.0939 per kWh, mainly due to lower Ancillary Services – Reserve Market (AS\_RM) costs. The company also recorded a very low system loss of 5.73%, contributing further to the overall reduction.

MORE Power reaffirmed its commitment to tirelessly monitor generation mix prices and secure the most affordable and reliable power supply for Iloilo City consumers.

"We understand the financial pressures that come with the start of the school year, and we want to do our part in helping Ilonggo families. By consistently sourcing power at the lowest available rates and optimizing our operations, we aim to keep delivering these savings directly to our consumers," Castro added.

This marks yet another month of proactive efforts by the city's distribution utility to alleviate the burden of high electricity costs, reflecting both operational excellence and genuine concern for the welfare of Iloilo City residents.

### WORKERS ... (from page 1)

signed because Mayor-elect Raisa Treñas-Chu wanted our job order and contract-of-service employees will be covered effective on

July 1. This is a big help for them as this initiative can provide them with protection as well as benefits," said Treñas.

Treñas added that PhilHealth coverage will not only benefit the job orders and contract of service workers but also their dependents.

Through the said initiative, the city mayor affirmed his support for the National Health Insurance Program under the Universal Health Care Law.

Tabing also expressed gratitude to Treñas for enrolling contract of service workers and job hires in PhilHealth, which allows them to access various health services and benefit packages for their welfare.

He also called for the public's continued support for PhilHealth and assured that the government healthcare agency will remain responsive towards the services needed not only Ilonggos but also by Filipinos across the country.



# Iloilo City receives first COA unmodified opinion on 2024 annual audit report

**BY: MARY JOY CAVANAS**

Iloilo City received its first-ever unmodified opinion from the Commission on Audit (COA) on its Annual Audit Report for fiscal year 2024.

The COA report confirmed that the city's financial statements are compliant with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) and accurately represented the city's financial situation and performance.

An unmodified opinion confirms the accuracy and transparency of a local government unit's financial statements, ensuring they are free from material misstatements, whether from fraud or error.

The audit report covered all crucial factors including Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity, and a comparison of budget versus actual amounts.

In a released statement by Mayor Jerry Treñas, he

lauded this recognition as a testament to his 15 years of good governance and fiscal responsibility in the city of Iloilo.

“For the past 15 years that I have been given the trust to lead as the Mayor of Iloilo City, this recognition stands as a meaningful highlight and a testament to the integrity, transparency, and good governance that we have consistently upheld,” Treñas said.

Treñas also thanked the City Accountant's Office, led by Michelle Lopez, for their dedication and commitment to excellence in financial reporting, citing their hard work and professionalism which greatly contributed to earning COA's unmodified opinion.

He emphasized the city's dedication to efficient use of public funds and its continued efforts to serve the best interests of Ilonggos.

Treñas acknowledged this achievement as one of the lasting legacies of his term, which concludes June 30, 2025.



**RESERVE.** The groundbreaking ceremony for the PHP1.6-billion socialized housing project in Barangay San Pedro, San Jose de Buenavista, on Feb. 12, 2025. Over 600 employees of the provincial government of Antique signified to avail of the project. *(File photo courtesy of Eby Butiong)*

## Low-cost housing attracts over 600 Antique prov'l gov't workers

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Over 600 employees of the provincial government of Antique have made reservations to avail of the socialized housing project under the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program in Barangay San Pedro in this capital town.

The PHP1.6 billion Binirayan Village 4PH Towers, which broke ground on Feb. 12, 2025, will have eight towers for a total of 1,248 units.

“The employees are qualified Pag-IBIG Fund members who live in the municipalities but are working at the capitol and other provincial offices in San Jose de Buenavista, which is why they are interested in availing of the housing loan (project),” said Antique Provincial Housing and Regulatory

Office (PHARO) supervising home management specialist Eby Butiong in an interview on Wednesday.

Butiong said they have invited the developer, Ethan Property Development, to attend their meeting next week for updates. Based on their timeline, the project is set for turnover in 2028.

The housing units will then stand on a two-hectare lot acquired by the developer and would have a swimming pool, a clubhouse, and a children's park as part of the township concept. (PNA)

## Iloilo PESOs profile 61 Ilonggo OFWs affected by Israel-Iran clash

ILOILO CITY – The Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs) of the city and province of Iloilo have profiled 61 Ilonggos affected by the Israel-Iran conflict as of Wednesday.

The total includes 37 from the seven municipalities in the province -- 15 from Zarraga, 10 from Maasin, three from Janiuyay and Oton, and two from Leganes, Pototan and San Joaquin – and 24 from this city.

Provincial PESO manager Cynthia Dario said 14 OFWs declared they were safe, 18 did not indicate their situation, and five said they were unsafe.

Amid the situation, she said the Ilonggo OFWs opted to stay in Israel at the moment.

“These numbers are increasing because we continue to monitor, we continue to profile because Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. would like to know the count of Ilonggos affected in Israel and other countries affected by the conflict. As of the moment, we have not received information or a count of affected Ilonggos from Iran,” Dario said in an interview.

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SPL PROC. CASE NO. 2024-1576

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION  
FOR CORRECTION OF  
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH  
OF MICKEL GABRIEL  
BESEDILLAS NG WITH THE  
LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF  
BALASAN, ILOILO WITH  
REGISTRY NO. 2018-107

JENET BESEDILLAS-NG,  
*Petitioner,*

-versus-

THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS  
AUTHORITY (PSA) AND THE  
LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR  
OF BALASAN, ILOILO,  
*Respondents.*

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### ORDER

In a verified petition, petitioner avers that she is of legal age, married and a resident of Brgy. Pasayan, Batad, Iloilo.

The public respondents are government offices sued in their official capacities. They respectively hold offices at 3/F Vibal Bldg.. Times St. Cor. EDSA, West Triangle, Quezon City and the Municipal Hall of Balasan, Iloilo.

The petitioner is the mother of Mickel Gabriel Besedillas Ng, who was born on January 6, 2018, as evidenced by the Certificate of Live Birth issued by the Municipal Registrar of Balasan, Iloilo under Registry No. 2018-107.

The petitioner avers that the entries, particularly the name and the citizenship of the father, on the certificate of live birth of Mickel Gabriel Besedillas Ng under registry no. 2018-107 both issued by the LCR of Balasan and PSA, are erroneous. In the certificate of live birth issued by the LCR of Balasan, Iloilo, under column 14, the father's full name is listed as "TIAN KOON NG" instead of KOON TIAN NG; while in the certificate of live birth issued by the PSA under column 15, the father's citizenship is recorded as "British" instead of Singaporean.

Thus, the petitioner seeks to correct these discrepancies to reflect the true and correct name of the father of Mickel Gabriel Besedillas Ng as KOON TIAN NG and his citizenship as Singaporean in both certificates.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition sufficient in form and substance, the same is given due course. Set the hearing for the compliance of jurisdictional requirements on **September 12, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.**

The petitioner is ordered to cause the publication of this Order at his expense once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the News Express, a publication of general circulation accredited by this Court.

Let a copy of this Order be posted for a period of three (3) consecutive weeks in the bulletin boards of the RTC-Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, and the Municipal Hall of Balasan, Iloilo.

Issue notice of hearing to petitioner Jenet Besedillas-Ng.

Petitioner is directed to complete the annexes attached to the petition under Section 6, Rule 7 of the Rules of Civil Procedure as amended, within thirty (30) days from receipt hereof otherwise, this case shall be dismissed pursuant to Section 3, Rule 17 of the same rule.

SO ORDERED.

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo. Philippines, 24 June 2024.

(SGD.) JOSE MAURICIO E. GOMEZ  
Presiding Judge

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

PRESENT:

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| <b>HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON</b><br>Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer             |        |
| <b>HON. SEDFREY L. CABALUNA</b><br>Temporary Presiding Officer            |        |
| Hon. Urminico M. Baronda, Jr.   | Member |
| Hon. Romel D. Duron   | Member |
| Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr.  | Member |
| Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon  | Member |
| Hon. Jelma Crystel C. Implica, <i>SK Federation President Ex Officio</i>  | Member |
| Hon. Sumakwel C. Nava, Jr.  | Member |
| Hon. Maria Irene D. Ong, <i>Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex Officio</i> | Member |
| Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia ( <i>Asst. Floor Leader</i> )                  | Member |
| Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres, <i>Floor Leader</i>                  | Member |
| Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas   | Member |
| Hon. Johnny Y. Young  | Member |
| Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar   | Member |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Trefias ( <i>on Leave</i> ) | Member |
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**REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-169**  
**AN ORDINANCE (1) APPROVING THE PARAMETERS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS (PTCs) OF THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL-ILOILO BULK WATER SUPPLY PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT CONTAINING THEREOF, AND (2) APPROVING THE 90-CALENDAR-DAY COMPARATIVE CHALLENGE PERIOD COMMENCING FROM THE ISSUANCE OF COMPARATIVE CHALLENGE DOCUMENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE PROPONENTS TO SUBMIT THEIR COMPARATIVE PROPOSALS**

*Sponsored by Hon. Romel D. Duron, seconded by Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon, Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas and Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar;*

WHEREAS on 12 August 2024, the Iloilo City Government (ICG), through the Office of the City Mayor, received an endorsement from the Public-Private Partnership Center-Project Evaluation Division (PPPC-PED), to process the Unsolicited Proposal-Iloilo Bulk Water Supply Project (USP) of AboitizInfraCapital, Inc. (AIC);

WHEREAS on 19 August 2024, the ICG, through its Pre-qualifications, Bids, and Award Committee (PBAC), issued Resolution No. 07, Series of 2024, rejecting the above-mentioned USP;

WHEREAS on 22 August 2024, the ICG received a request from the AIC for the Reconsideration of PBAC’s decision pursuant to Resolution No. 07, Series of 2024;

WHEREAS on 24 September 2024, the AIC personally conducted a high-level presentation of their USP before the PBAC, where the latter posted clarificatory questions that AIC answered;

WHEREAS on 14 October 2024, finding merit to the Request for Reconsideration and the high-level in-person presentation by the private proponent, the PBAC resolved to continue the processing of the USP and to proceed to the 90-day detailed evaluation, from 15 October 2024 to 13 January 2025;

WHEREAS on 08 January 2025, after a thorough discussion and deliberation by the PBAC, the committee unanimously voted to accept the USP and to proceed to Negotiation, which were initially set for a period of eighty (80) days, pursuant to the PPP Code and its IRR, or from 05 February 2025 to 28 April 2025;

WHEREAS on 24 April 2025, with the expectation that the negotiation cannot be concluded on the initially set 80-day period, the Negotiation Committee (NC) Teams of the ICG and the AIC jointly agreed that the negotiation period shall be extended for a period of thirty (30) calendar days from the end of the initial negotiation period, or from 29 April 2025 to 28 May 2025;

WHEREAS on 07 May 2025, the ICG and AIC were able to agree on the terms and conditions of the Concessionaire Agreement and its Annexes, subject to the amendment and review thereof and of the PTC, to reflect thereto their agreements;

WHEREAS on 14 May 2025, the ICG and AIC reviewed and finalized the aforementioned documents, ensuring that the true and correct intentions and agreements of the parties are reflected thereon;

WHEREAS the NC of the ICG submitted a report to the PBAC declaring a successful negotiation for the Unsolicited Proposal-Iloilo Bulk Water Supply Project of AboitizInfraCapital, Inc., and recommending thereto for its approval and adoption. The same report likewise recommends that the Implementing Agency, through the Office

of the Mayor, issue a letter granting an original proponent status (OPS) to AIC;

WHEREAS on 15 May 2025, the ICG granted the Original Proponent Status to AIC;

WHEREAS on 16 May 2025, pursuant to Section 7 (a) (2) of the PPP Code and Section 34 of its IRR, the proposal was endorsed to the Local Development Council (LDC);

WHEREAS on 20 May 2025, the LDC Executive Committee (LDC Execom) issued Resolution No. 01, Series of 2025 confirming that the Unsolicited Proposal-Iloilo Bulk Water Supply Project is aligned with the local development plans of Iloilo City, and recommending to the SangguniangPanlungsod the approval thereof;

WHEREAS on 20 May 2025, the City Mayor endorsed the Unsolicited Proposal-Iloilo Bulk Water Supply Project, together with all the attachments Annexes A-J, to the SangguniangPanglungsod for the approval of the PTCs, authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a contract containing thereof, and approve the 90-calendar-day comparative challenge period;

WHEREAS the endorsement was included in the 21 May 2025 Agenda of the SangguniangPanlungsod and a Committee Hearing was set on 26 May 2025, inviting all members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Water Distributors, Stakeholders, and the Media;

WHEREAS the Committee Report of the 26 May 2025 Committee Hearing, recommending the (1) approval of the PTCs of the Unsolicited Proposal-Iloilo Bulk Water Supply Project, authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a contract containing thereof, and (2) the approval of the 90-calendar day comparative challenge period, commencing from the issuance of the comparative challenge documents for prospective comparative proponents to submit their comparative proposals, was endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod on 05 June 2025, for deliberation and approval on the 11 June 2025 session;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the** SangguniangPanlungsod of Iloilo City, Iloilo, in session assembled, the **(1) approval of the of the PTCs** of the Unsolicited Proposal-Iloilo Bulk Water Supply Project, **authorizing the City Mayor to enter into a contract containing thereof,** and **(2) the approval of the 90-calendar-day comparative challenge period,** commencing from the issuance of the comparative challenge documents for prospective comparative proponents to submit their comparative proposals:

**Section 1. THE PROJECT.** This Unsolicited Proposal-Iloilo Bulk Water Supply Project refers to the construction, by the private proponent, of a Bulk Water Treatment Plant with an 80 million liters per day (80MLD) capacity and a Treated Bulk Water Pipeline.

**Section 2. THE PARAMETERS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS (PTC).** This refers to the PTC Forms one (1) to five (5) that the Negotiation Committee Representatives of the Iloilo City Government and the Private Proponent signed on 14 May 2025, containing all the terms and conditions of the project that the parties had agreed on.

**Section 3. AUTHORITY TO SIGN.-** This refers to the authority granted by the SangguniangPanlungsod to the City Mayor to enter into and sign the Concessionaire Agreement with the Private Proponent, where the provisions of the PTCs are reflected thereon, including its amendments or variations due to the Comparative Challenge, involving an Unsolicited Proposal-Iloilo Bulk Water Supply Project.

**Section 4. THE 90-CALENDAR-DAY COMPARATIVE CHALLENGE.-** This refers to the period of 90-calendar-day comparative challenge, pursuant to Section 10 (e) of the PPP Code and Sections 93 and 94 of its IRR, where prospective comparative proponents may submit their comparative proposals from the time the comparative challenge documents were issued by the Iloilo City Government, through its Pre-qualifications, Bids, and Awards Committee (PBAC) for PPP projects of Iloilo City.

**Section 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.-** If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, ultra vires, inoperative, or otherwise illegal or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof that are not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

**Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE.-** All other ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby amended, modified, or repealed accordingly.

**Section 7.EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.-**This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

**ENACTED,** June 11, 2025.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

**(SGD.) FRANCIS RODOLFO T. CRUZ**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
City Government Department Head II

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ADOPTED

APPROVED:

**(SGD.) SEDFREY L. CABALUNA**  
Temporary Presiding Officer

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



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SCA NO. S.P. - 08-L

IN RE: SETTLEMENT OF INTESTATE  
ESTATE OF THELMA ALBELAR WITH  
ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

PEOPLE’S CREDIT NETWORK  
FINANCE COMPANY, INC.  
Represented by  
MR. ADOLFO C. ALVAREZ, JR.  
Petitioner.

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**ORDER**

Filed before this Court is a Petition by People’s Credit Network Finance Company, Inc. for the Settlement of the Intestate Estate of Thelma Albelar with prayer for issuance of Letters of Administration to petitioner, as represented by one Mr. Adolfo C. Alvarez, Jr.

Petitioner alleges that:

- On May 5, 2008, Thelma Albelar sold her property covered by Certificate of Title No. F-41987 in favor of the Petitioner. As proof, copy of the Deed of Absolute Sale is attached as Annex “B”;
- On July 23, 2024, Thelma Albelar died without leaving any will. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Brgy. Nagsulang, Lemery, Iloilo. As proof, copy of her Certificate of Death is attached as Annex “C”. Thus, venue is and jurisdiction are properly laid based on Section 2 of Republic Act No. 115761;
- To the best knowledge of the petitioner, she was survived by the following compulsory heirs, namely: Sally Degala and Ronnie Albelar, all of legal ages and residents of Brgy. Nagsulang, Lemery, Iloilo;
- The deceased left several properties at the time of her death, including the abovementioned property with a market value of Php797,270.00, and assessed value of Php67,650.00. Copy of Tax Declaration is attached as Annex “D”;
- To the best knowledge of the petitioner, the surviving heirs have not accounted, liquidated, settled and partitioned the estate of the deceased;
- Petitioner is not aware of any other debts or obligations of the deceased;
- To finally settle the estate of the deceased, petitioner, being a creditor, would like to seek for the issuance by this Honorable Court, letters of administration in order to make a full inventory and accounting of her estate, administer such estate, and settle any and all claims for and against such estate during the pendency of estate proceedings.
- Petitioner has none of the disqualifications under Section 1, Rule 78 of the Rules of Court. Petitioner is thus qualified under the law, and is competent and willing to assume such solemn duty of administering the estate of the deceased. Hence, for this purpose, he is willing to post a bond that may be fixed by this Honorable Court conditioned upon the circumstances enumerated under Section 1, Rule 81 of the Rules of Court.

Finding the petition sufficient in form and substance, is given due course. Set hearing of this petition on **August 7, 2025 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon**. At which date, time, any and all persons interested and concerned may appear to show cause, if any, why the allowance should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Iloilo, prior to the date and time appointed. The expenses for publication shall be advanced by the petitioner and chargeable against the estate. Let copy of this order be sent to the known heirs of the decedent and any other persons who may have an interest in the estate at their place of residence by personal service at least ten (10) calendar days, or by registered mail at least twenty (20) days before the hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Sara, Iloilo, Philippines, April 29, 2025.

**(SGD.) GONZALO S. ESPA**  
**Presiding Judge**

# Gov't services reach remote Aklan barangay

ILOILO CITY – A three-day Serbisyo Caravan by various government agencies has, for the first time, reached the remotest barangay of Libacao, Aklan after a long and arduous journey starting on June 15.

“This Serbisyo Caravan, a convergence of government agencies and community partners, enabled the residents of Dalagsa-an, a geographically isolated and disadvantaged area in Libacao, to access essential government services often beyond their reach,” Lt. Col. Jovert Pimentel, commanding officer of the 82nd Infantry Battalion of the 3rd Division of Philippine Army, said on Wednesday.

He said the activity from June 15 to 18 brought PHP2 million to PHP3 million worth of services; the largest being the release of PHP600,000 as initial fund for the integrated organic farming project of the Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit.

“The total project costs PHP1.2 million, so the remaining funds will be released once they achieve their milestone,” he added.

Meanwhile, 197 beneficiaries received free medical check-ups, 45 children received free circumcisions, 251 residents registered for their National IDs through the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), and 65 residents availed of free haircuts from Army and Philippine National Police personnel.


Pimentel said army troopers carried PSA computer equipment used in the registration as a lot of residents in the barangay lacked birth certificates and marriage contracts.

They installed Starlink connectivity in the area for the e-consultation with doctors who could not come to the venue.

There were also engagements with the youth, training on citizen arrest for barangay tanods, and action planning for sustainable livelihood program.

“For the Philippine Army, since we have a detachment there, it is also to strengthen


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Iloilo City, Philippines, June 09, 2025.

**(SGD.) EnP. EVA MARIA P. MARFIL**  
Regional Director

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our territorial defense posture. So, we coordinated with other agencies," he said.

The Serbisyo Caravan reached the barangay after crossing the Aklan River several times and trekking on difficult terrains for several hours.

Dalagsa-an, situated nearly 22 km. from the town proper, consists of four to five sitios, with travel between sitios taking 5 to 10 hours of arduous trek.

"That's the most forested area here in Aklan, touching the boundary to Calinog, Iloilo. It is like a tri-boundary of Aklan, Antique, and Iloilo," Pimentel said.

Besides volunteers, the Philippine Army hired porters, paid PHP700 to PHP1,000 each, to help carry their logistics to the mountainous barangay.

Punong Barangay Esmeraldo Orao expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participating agencies for their unwavering commitment to the community's needs.

"This initiative reflects true public service. The people of Dalagsa-an are deeply thankful for being seen, heard, and served," he said in a statement.

Meanwhile, 3rd Infantry Division commander, Maj. Gen. Michael Samson, said the outreach program embodies the principle "Remote, but not forgotten."

"In this far-flung barangay, where work and residents often work tirelessly, the Serbisyo Caravan serves as a reminder that their labor is valued. Even in the most remote corners of Aklan, the spirit of Father's Day finds a way to reach them," he said in a statement.

The activity was launched together with the provincial government of Aklan, the local government of Libacao, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the National Commission on Indigenous People. (PNA)

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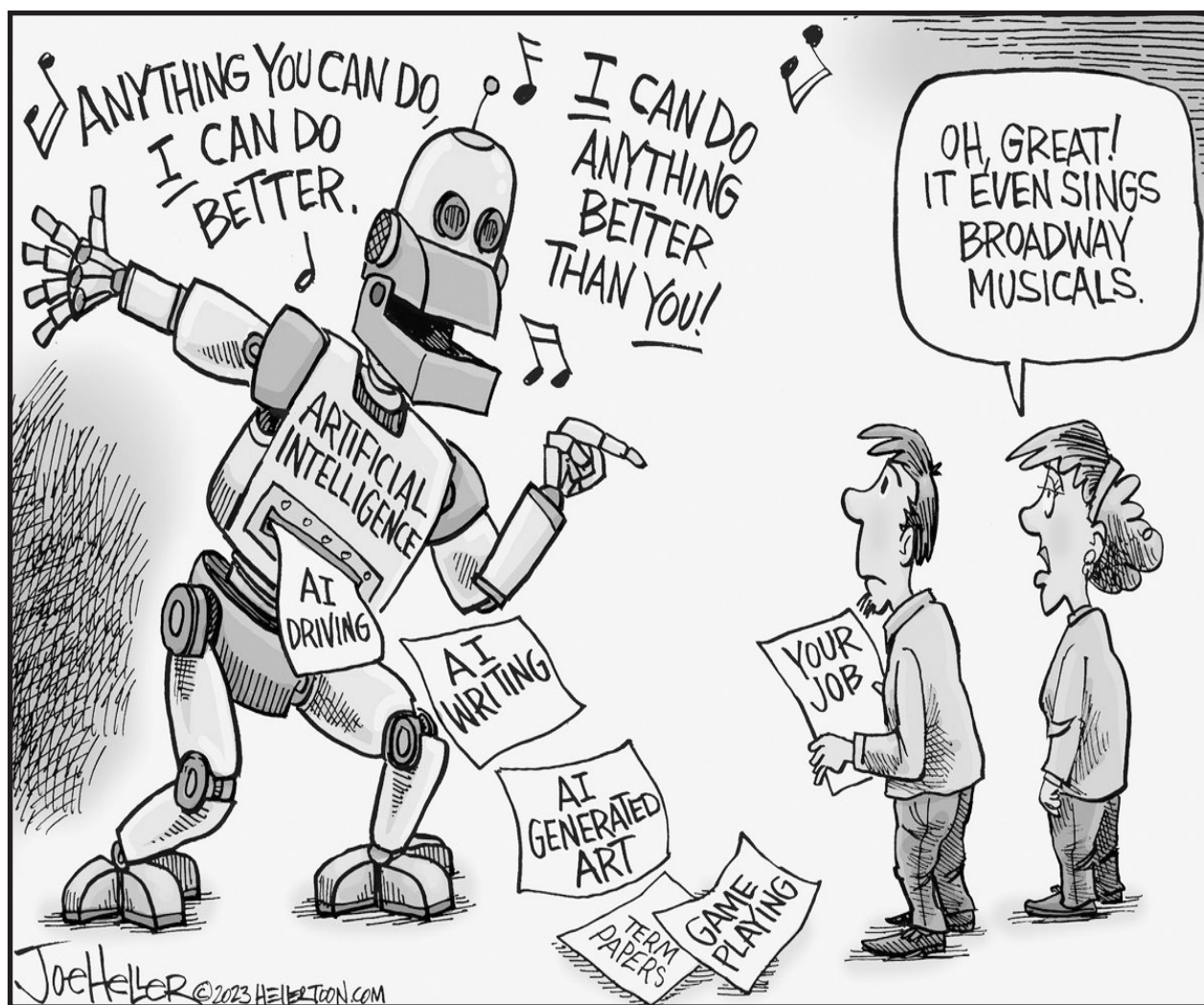
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Technology in and of itself is neutral – neither good nor bad. It provides benefits that are potentially transformative. Look at how computers, for instance, or the internet, have revolutionized the way we live and work. Today we can no longer imagine how it is to not be connected.

At the same time, technology has traps into which we could fall if we are not careful, or aware. It can be misused or weaponized to gain advantage over others, especially those who lack technological sophistication or who uncritically accept and pass on whatever they receive.

Artificial intelligence, for one, offers opportunities – and commensurate risks.

In recent days, Senator Ronald dela Rosa and Davao City Mayor Sebastian Duterte shared a video showing students defending Vice President Sara Duterte amid her looming impeachment trial. The students said the process was politically motivated and that justice would be selective.

The video was exposed to have been created

## Message, messenger, and malice

## Editorial

through AI. The senator and the mayor thus were criticized for spreading the AI-generated content.

But dela Rosa, after initially insisting that the video was legitimate, said it was the message that was important.

The Vice President herself, the beneficiary of the video, downplayed the transgression.

“There’s nothing wrong with sharing AI video in support of me as long it is not used for business. If I were a social media account owner and I will create an AI to support a certain personality, but not as business, there is nothing wrong with that,” she said.

The importance – and legitimacy – of the message is greatly diluted when it comes from a messenger that is not a real person, and that is especially skewed toward a particular political bent.

And everything – definitely not nothing

— is wrong when technology is used to sway people into believing something that was manufactured specifically for the sole intention of manipulation.

The gesture is aggravated by the fact that Dela Rosa and Duterte are elected officials, elected into office by popular vote. They swore to protect the interests of their constituents against the many threats that confront them. And disinformation is one of those threats that is the consequence of an unquestioning mind and is one of the causes of our poor democratic choices.

Dela Rosa and Duterte deserve the flak they are getting for resorting to AI in peddling falsehoods. But the real tragedy is that the people holding them to account for doing so are not as many – and certainly not as noisy – as those who believe that these two officials are justified in doing so. (*manilastandard.net*)

## Elderly welfare

Last week, the 19th Congress adjourned without the Senate acting on the proposed measure expanding social benefits for senior citizens. The bill, which could have been a landmark policy for millions of Filipino lolas and lolos (grandfathers and grandmothers), has become another legislative casualty.

It is ironic that in a country that culturally prides itself on respecting elders, the social benefits and government support afforded to our senior citizens fall short of what is needed to live decently in old age.

At present, only indigent senior citizens are eligible for a PHP1,000 monthly pension under Republic Act 11916. The proposed legislation seeks to expand this coverage to all elderly Filipinos, granting PH500 per month to those aged 60 to 69, and PHP1,000 monthly to those aged 70 and above.

Unfortunately, the delay in the passage of the proposed measure expanding the benefits of senior citizens sends a message that the welfare of our elderly is not a priority. This is alarming given the rapidly increasing number of senior citizens in the Philippines.

As of 2020, there were some 9.2 million Filipinos aged 60 and above in the country according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)—equivalent to around 8.5 percent of the total population. However, this figure is expected to continuously rise and by 2055, the PSA projects senior citizens to comprise around 20

percent of the total population—more than double their current share.

While critics may say that expanding the benefits of senior citizens is far too costly, such criticism raises eyebrows when juxtaposed with confidential funds allocated to government officials under the national budget.

Providing better financial support to senior citizens is not just a matter of policy, it is a matter of dignity and respect. After years of contributing to society and paying taxes, our senior citizens should not have to beg for basic support.

I am sure that this is something that resonates with every Filipino who has an aging parent, grandparent, or elderly relative.

Younger generations—millennials and Gen Zs—have become increasingly aware of this lack of social and economic support for senior citizens in the Philippines. In fact, a recent study by an insurance firm showed that for both millennials and Gen Zs, building financial security is a top priority, with the former placing a strong emphasis on saving up for retirement.

While such a mindset is laudable in terms of financial independence, this can also be viewed as a generational response to the lack of social, financial, and health support for senior citizens, prompting younger generations to build financial self-reliance as a form of protection.

As a senior citizen myself, I now witness and experience firsthand the gaps in our country’s social

## ESPRESSO MORNINGS

BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

support system for the elderly, and I share the call for improvement to allow my fellow senior citizens to live their remaining years with dignity and the security they deserve.

Pensions are just one aspect of support for elderly Filipinos. Adequate support is also needed to ensure better access to basic needs, healthcare, public transportation, and other social services. Systematic changes should be implemented to ensure that development is inclusive not just for senior citizens but for other vulnerable sectors of our population as well.

In the upcoming 20th Congress, I call on our lawmakers to include the welfare of senior citizens in their priority legislative calendar. They have contributed to the development of the Philippines for decades and the least that this country can do for them is to let them spend the remainder of their lives in peace—free from anxiety of coping with rising costs of living and worrying about access to healthcare.

Providing our senior citizens with quality social support is one of the best ways to uphold our culture of respect for elders which makes us proud to be Filipino.



# Blocking cars during a protest

A few days ago, I came upon a video where a driver of a car ran over a protester who was purposely blocking the progress of the car along with others. This occurred in California during one of the “No Kings” rallies currently occurring all over the US. Now, to clarify, this is a different incident than the one that occurred in another area where the driver allegedly and “seemingly” plowed into a group of protesters. The incident in question, as can be seen by the viral video, shows the driver proceeding through an intersection blocked by a few protesters. In the middle of the intersection, one woman and later a group of protesters purportedly blocked the vehicle. The vehicle then slowly moved forward. The woman refused to move and was run over. When the video went viral the same again divided netizens with many supporting the driver. Of course, the more liberal elements online backed the woman blocking the car. It must be noted that a crowd was gathering around the car prior to it moving forward.

After watching the video, I noticed that some of the people commenting were Filipinos, even though this incident happened in the US. I could tell they were Filipinos because some of them uttered almost

the same thing which was “Dito nya sa Pilipinas subukan humarang ng sasakyan lalo na pag traffic (Try blocking a vehicle here in the Philippines, especially when there is traffic)”. It was the same reaction I saw when the videos of Just Stop Oil protesters were blocking vehicles in Europe with some gluing themselves to the roads. With these comments in mind, I began wondering what would happen if protester would actually pull that stunt and forcibly block vehicles with their bodies. With our young kids increasingly being more active in global issues, it is not unthinkable that one day, younger protesters would think about copying their Western counterparts.

First of all, any gathering or even protests are supposed to get a permit here especially if one will be held in a public place. As such, when rallies or protests are held on a road or worse in a busy intersection without a permit it may be peacefully dispersed, especially when it is done in a busy intersection like the one in a video.

Second, with or without a permit, protesters cannot molest non-participants or unduly interfere with the rights of other persons not participating in the protest. As such, in this country, if you purposely block the movement of a car, our police can technically pull you out of the way, both for this reason and for your own safety.

Third, Filipinos in general, even our most adamant

## OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

protesters, will not block vehicles with their bodies. This is because most Filipinos are aware that it is not a good idea to block cars with one’s body, especially during traffic. Everyone has seen Filipino motorists run over guards, ordinary citizens and even police personnel. The “kamote” mentality runs deep with many of our motorists so most Filipinos know that purposely blocking cars is probably one way of getting run over. Sure, you can probably sue the driver, but what good is that if you are injured or worse, dead? When I was working as a city official, I once had the opportunity to interview a motorist who ran over one of our traffic enforcers. His response was the classic “naka harang kasi...”. I realized that if some motorists have no qualms running over public employees, what more if the person blocking the vehicle is a private citizen blocking the highway.

When I was stationed overseas, I met a very vocal climate change activist who asked me why there are no Filipino environmental activists who do the same stunts done in Western countries. I blithely answered that I guess we have common sense.

# Reclaiming streets for people – walkable, bikable PH

It was a first to see newly appointed Transportation Secretary Vince Dizon join a coalition advocating for safer, more inclusive roads and public spaces by participating in a walk along EDSA—one of the country’s busiest highways.

Photos show the Secretary walking with pedestrians, navigating narrow sidewalks crowded with electric posts, train stairwells, roadworks, walls, and other obstructions that make walking difficult and unsafe.

During the walk, Dizon pointed out the lack of pedestrian lanes, the absence of proper sidewalks, non-functional MRT elevators, and the dangers pedestrians face daily along EDSA. He emphasized that in rebuilding EDSA, the focus should not be solely on vehicles, but also on ensuring the safety and welfare of pedestrians.

One of the event organizers pointed out that EDSA once symbolized eople power—the strength and presence of the people themselves. However, he noted that today, EDSA is no longer for the people but primarily for cars. He expressed hope that the government will include pedestrians in its plans to overhaul EDSA.

Local government units (LGUs) need to make greater efforts to ensure their areas are walkable and bike-friendly. Let’s face it: The National Capital Region (NCR) is the most densely populated area in the Philippines, and a significant portion of its population—including commuters from nearby provinces—relies on walking, biking, and public transportation.

It has often been pointed out that the rise in the number of private cars is largely due to a public transportation system that fails to meet the needs of commuters. Unsurprisingly, this surge in car ownership has worsened traffic congestion—so much so that the World Bank estimates its societal cost in the Philippines at around USD20 billion annually.

It is a relief that the planned two-year overhaul of EDSA has been postponed. The government is now considering the use of new technology that could shorten the construction period to just six months. This development has been welcomed by both motorists and commuters, who are hopeful for an EDSA that is not only efficient for vehicles and public transport but also safe and

accessible for pedestrians. The idea of closing the entire stretch of EDSA and implementing an odd-even traffic scheme was simply untenable for already traffic-weary drivers and commuters. It was reassuring that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. acknowledged the severity of the situation when he stated, “A two-year ordeal of traffic, lost time, and missed opportunities is unacceptable.”

While we have yet to see national authorities implement projects that promote more inclusive roads like EDSA, many LGUs are already taking steps to make their communities more walkable and bike-friendly.

Quezon City continues to lead by example in prioritizing the welfare of its residents—known as QCitizens—by making its streets more walkable and bike-friendly. The city has been actively expanding its bike lane network, which has grown to 201 kilometers as of May 2025, to promote sustainable, accessible, and safer mobility. These bike lanes are not just for cycling enthusiasts but are a lifeline for many workers who rely on bicycles as their primary mode of transportation. By providing safer and more reliable infrastructure for bikers, the city is supporting both recreation and livelihood, proving that inclusive mobility can uplift daily life for all sectors of society.

It has also designated car-free zones on weekends in popular areas such as Maginhawa and Tomas Morato, both known as vibrant food hubs. These initiatives not only encourage active transport and reduce traffic congestion, but also create safer, more livable public spaces where families, cyclists, and pedestrians can gather, move freely, and enjoy their community. By putting people—not just cars—at the center of urban planning, Quezon City is showing what inclusive, people-first development can look like.

Quezon City has also launched the Green Open Reclaimed Access (GORA) Lane project—a 5.39-km. pedestrian corridor designed to enhance the walking experience and promote active mobility. The GORA Lane runs through Doña Hemady Avenue, Scout Tobias, and Mother Ignacia Avenue, connecting residents to major thoroughfares such as Aurora Boulevard,

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By BRIAN JAMES LU

Quezon Avenue, and EDSA. Along this route are key transport hubs, including the LRT-Gilmore Station, MRT-GMA Kamuning Station, and MRT-Quezon Avenue Station, making it easier and safer for commuters to access public transportation. These efforts are in addition to the UP Academic Oval and the Quezon Memorial Circle’s Elliptical Road, which have long served as traditional walking and biking areas for many QCitizens and residents from neighboring cities.

Other cities across the country are also making significant strides in developing walkable and cyclable streets, recognizing their value in promoting public health and environmental sustainability. Makati City and Pasig City, for instance, have introduced dedicated bike lanes, widened sidewalks, and implemented car-free zones to encourage active transport.

Meanwhile, Baguio City has been enhancing its pedestrian areas while also addressing its unique terrain through creative urban design. These cities are not only improving mobility but are also revitalizing public spaces by developing parks and planting more native trees, creating greener and more breathable environments. These LGUs have clearly recognized that promoting walkability and cycling is not just a matter of urban convenience—it is a commitment to healthier lifestyles, cleaner air, and a deeper concern for the environment.

As I drive through the streets of Metro Manila and even in the provinces, I see more and more people—young and old, from all walks of life—walking, jogging, and cycling. They can be found in subdivisions, side streets, parks, beaches, breakwaters, river esplanades, and any open space available to them. It’s a clear sign that Filipinos are ready to embrace healthier, more sustainable ways of moving through their communities. What’s needed now is for our infrastructure and policies to keep pace with this growing demand, ensuring that our streets are safe, inclusive, and truly built for people.



# IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF RA 11335

The following rules and regulations are hereby adopted and promulgated pursuant to Republic Act No. 11335 otherwise known as “An Act Converting the Guimaras State College in the Province of Guimaras, into a State University, to be known as the Guimaras State University, and appropriating funds therefor.”

## RULE I TITLE AND POLICIES

Section 1. *Title.* - These rules and regulations shall be known and cited as the “Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11335.”

Section 2. *Purpose.* - These rules and regulations are promulgated to define the procedures and guidelines in the implementation of RA 11335 in order to facilitate the accomplishment of the vision, mission, goals and objectives of the Guimaras State University.

Section 3. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is a declared policy of the State to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of higher education relevant to the needs of the people and society. The State shall likewise ensure and protect academic freedom and shall promote its exercise and observance for continuing learning and research, the development of responsible and effective leadership, the education of high-level and middle-level professionals, and the enrichment of the Filipino historical and cultural heritage. State-supported institutions of higher learning shall gear their programs to national, regional or local development plans. All institutions of higher learning shall exemplify through their physical and natural surrounding the dignity and beauty as well as pride in the intellectual and scholarly life.

## RULE II DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. Definition of Terms. Whenever used in these implementing rules and regulations, the following words and phrases shall mean or refer, thus:

**Academic freedom and institutional autonomy** is the freedom of an institution to perform its functions without being subjected to unreasonable, unwarranted, and unlawful external pressures and control. Likewise, it is the freedom of the teachers and students to profess, study, and pursue knowledge and research without unreasonable interference or restriction from law, institutional regulations, or public pressure. Its basic elements include:

**Freedom of the teachers** is the freedom to inquire into any subject that focuses on intellectual concerns, to present their findings to their students, colleagues, and others; to publish their data and conclusions without control or censorship, provided, however, that they are not contrary to law, morals, public policy and public order and to teach in a manner considered professionally appropriate.

**Freedom of the students** is the freedom to explore, study, form conclusions and freely express their opinions on subjects that concern them.

**Freedom of the institution** is the freedom to determine who may teach, what may be taught, and who may be admitted to study.

**Academic Council** is the principal academic authority of the University responsible for proposing, presenting, regulating, and maintaining the standards of instruction, teaching, research, extension and resource generation programs in relation to academic matters.

**Administrative Council** is the policy-making body that considers matters of general concern pertaining to auxiliary services, instruction, research, extension, resource generation and such other thrusts that may be approved by the Board of Regents. The Administrative Council has the duty to review and to recommend to the Board of Regents the policies governing the administration, management, financial requirements, and development planning of the university.

**Research and Extension Council** is the body responsible of proposing, presenting, and regulating policies in the implementation of research and extension programs and their centers in the university.

**Auxiliary services** refer to all kinds of services pertaining to social, economic or income-generating activities done or rendered by the University other than academic such as cafeteria, janitorial, clinic, bookstore and the like.

**Chartered state university** refers to a public higher education institution in the Philippines which was created and established by law having its own charter and is governed by the Board of Regents.

**Consortium** is a collaborative arrangement among groups or institutions with the objective of participating in a common activity or pooling their resources to achieve a common goal.

**Corporate powers** is a clause in the charter of the institution that defines its powers, duties and limitations aside from the general powers of the corporation as defined under Section 36 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines.

**Curriculum** is the general plan and content of instruction that the University offers to students to qualify them for graduation or certification.

**Degree** is the academic award conferred upon by the University as official recognition for the satisfactory completion of a prescribed course of study usually leading to the associate, bachelor, master and doctorate degrees.

**External campus** is a campus that has autonomy in its operation such as instruction, research, extension, resource generation, and general administrative and support services.

**Annex** is a newly-operated institution whose operation, supervision, and administration are conducted by the Main campus.

**Extension service** is a function of the University that deals with the transfer of research-based skills and technologies that may improve the quality of life of the recipients within the identified service area of the University.

**General powers** is the over-all administrative capability of the University to bring about the desired outcomes of its educational programs.

**Governing Body (GB)** refers to the highest policy-making body of the University.

**Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)** are educational institutions of higher learning in the Philippines primarily offering post-secondary, vocational and technical, collegiate, and post-graduate degree programs.

**Instruction** refers to the function of the University particularly to the art, science and practice of teaching and other academic disciplines which includes the total teaching-learning process to guide students and prepare them for eventual roles as productive citizens.

**Main campus** is the campus where the administrative services of the University are housed and where the University President holds office.

**Management audit** is the systematic assessment of the operational methods and policies of administering the university including the use of resources, tactics and strategies, and personnel and organizational development.

**Resource generation** is a support activity of the University which generates outputs and income through manufacturing and marketing of products and provision of services relevant to the curricular programs offered. These income generating projects serve as venue for students, faculty members, non-teaching personnel and other sectors of the university to enhance their production and entrepreneurial skills.

**Research** is the function of the University which comprises the programs, projects, and activities relative to careful, critical, disciplined inquiries and investigations conducted by the faculty, administrators, non-teaching personnel, and students to improve university practices and procedures and/or increase the stock of knowledge and develop technologies to promote development of communities.

**Scholarship programs** refer to the system of grants and awards of financial assistance to students, faculty members, and non-teaching personnel.

**Special Trust Fund** is the income generated from miscellaneous fees and other income-generating activities intended to augment expenses for instruction, research and extension functions of the University.

## RULE III COVERAGE, APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION

Section 1. *Coverage.* This IRR shall apply to and cover all Campuses and Annexes of the Guimaras State University. It shall include all other campuses and research and extension centers that may be established by law.

Section 2. *Application and Construction.* The IRR provisions shall be applied to ensure that the vision, mission, objectives, goals, mandates, intents and purposes of the university are attained. The University shall dedicate itself to quality higher education and global competitiveness. Furthermore, the University shall strive to maintain academic freedom and institutional autonomy in accordance with the existing laws, rules, regulations and established jurisprudence. Hence, doubts that may arise in the implementation of the provisions of this IRR shall be resolved in favor of the University.

Concerning the welfare of the students, faculty members and non-teaching personnel, all doubts in the implementation and interpretation of this IRR shall be resolved in favor of the students, faculty members, and non-teaching personnel, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.

## RULE IV CONVERSION/INTEGRATION AND THE UNIVERSITY EXTERNAL CAMPUSES/ANNEXES

Section 1. *Conversion/Integration.* - The Guimaras State College (GSC) located in the Province of Guimaras, is hereby converted into a state university to be known as the Guimaras State University, herein referred to as the University. The main campus of the University shall be located in Mclain, Buenavista, Guimaras.

Section 2. *The Main Campus.* The main campus of the University shall be in Mclain, Buenavista, Guimaras which shall be called the GSU Salvador Campus where the University President and other organic officials shall hold regular office. It is the granting unit of various academic programs.

Section 3. *The External Campuses.* The external campuses of the University shall be called the GSU Mosqueda Campus, in Alaguisoc, Jordan and GSU Baterna Campus in Constanca, San Lorenzo, all located in the Province of Guimaras.

Section 4. *Other Campuses/Annexes.* The University may establish such other campuses/ annexes subject to authorization by the Department of Budget and Management and other appropriate bodies.

## RULE V GENERAL MANDATE, CURRICULAR OFFERINGS AND FUNCTIONS

Section 1. *General Mandate.* – The University shall primarily provide advance education, higher technological, professional instruction and training in the fields of education, technology, agriculture, fisheries, engineering, arts and sciences, forestry, business administration, hotel and restaurant management, tourism, health sciences, computer technology, criminology, maritime and aviation education, and other relevant fields of study. It shall also undertake research and extension services, as well as resource generation activities, in support of the socio-economic development of the Province of Guimaras and Region VI, and provide progressive leadership in its areas of specialization.

Section 2. *Curricular Offerings* – The University shall offer undergraduate, graduate and short-term courses within its areas of competence and specialization, and as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, and meet the human resource development needs of the Province of Guimaras and Region VI.

Section 3. *Continuation of the Curricular Offerings Prior to University Conversion.* - The University shall continue the curricular offerings being offered in the Main Campus and the annexes prior to its conversion into a university.

## RULE VI ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. *Administration.* – The University shall have the general powers of a corporation set forth in Batas Pambansa Blg. 68, as amended, otherwise known as “The Corporation Code of the Philippines”. The administration of the University and the exercise of its corporate powers shall be vested exclusively in the Board of Regents and the President of the University.

Section 2. *Chief Executive Officer.* The University President shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the University whose primary duties and responsibilities are to faithfully, properly, efficiently and effectively carry out the policies, guidelines and programs laid down by the Governing Board in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

## RULE VII THE GOVERNING BOARD

Section 1. *The Governing Board* – The Governing Board of the University shall be the Board of Regents, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall be composed of the following:

- The Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), chairperson;
- The President of the University, vice chairperson;
- The Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education of the Senate member;
- The Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives, member;
- The Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), member;
- The Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) member;
- The Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture (DA), member;
- The President of the Federation of Faculty Associations of the University, member;
- The President of the Federation of Student Councils of the University, member;
- The President of the Federation of Alumni Associations of the University, member; and
- Two (2) private sector representatives who have distinguished themselves in their professions or fields of specialization, members.

Section 2. *The Private Sector Representatives.* - The Board shall appoint the two (2) representatives coming from the private sector from among a list of at least five (5) qualified persons in the Province of Guimaras as recommended by the Search Committee constituted by the University President, in consultation with the Chairperson of CHED and the other members of the Board, based on the normal standards and qualifications for the position. The two (2) private sector representatives shall serve for a term of two (2) years from the date of appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term, subject to the performance evaluation by the Governing Board and subject to the following minimum qualifications, to wit: (a.) He must be a Filipino citizen and of legal age; (b.) He must come from an industry, business, or profession preferably related to the SUC’s charter or mandate; (c.) He must have spent at least 3/4 of his employment, business, or practice of profession in the private sector with his last five (5) years of professional life spent thereon, prior to his nomination; (d.) He must be domiciled in or a resident for at least two (2) years of the city or province where the SUC or its campuses are located; (e.) He must not be connected with the SUC concerned in any manner, for one (1) year immediately prior to his or her nomination to the position as private sector representative; (f.) He must not be currently employed or appointed to any position in the government (local, national, including government-owned and controlled corporations), be it full time or part-time, at the time of nomination for the PSR position; (g.) He must not be related within fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity or is serving in any personal or professional capacity to any member of the present Board or their duly-authorized representatives; and, h. He must not have been a candidate who lost in any national or local elections, within one (1) year after such election.<sup>1</sup>

Section 3. *The Federation of Faculty, Association, Student Council and Alumni Association.* - The president of the federation of faculty associations, the president of the federation of student councils and the president of the federation of alumni associations shall be serve in the Board only for the duration of their terms of office, as set forth in their respective Constitution and By - Laws.

Section 4. *Succession of the Representation to the Board of Regents by the Faculty, Student and Alumni Sectors.* - In the event that the President of the Federation of Faculty Associations loses his/her employment status by way of resignation, retirement, dismissal or transfer to another agency or such other causes, or in case the President of the Federation of the Student Councils loses his/her status as a bona fide student by way of graduation, resignation, dismissal, expulsion, transfer or such other causes, or in case the President of the Federation of Alumni Association loses his/her authority to hold the position by way of resignation or such other causes, the representation of the sector shall be in accordance with the succession of the officers provided in their respective Constitution and By-laws.

The student representative shall be a bona fide student during the conduct of election and the semester or school year of his/her representation to the Board. The representative of the sector by way of succession or elected by way of special election shall be eligible to represent their respective sectors to the Board with all the rights of a regular member within the period of the unexpired term of office.

In case of graduation, transfer, expulsion, removal for cause, physical or mental disability, death or other analogous causes, the Student, Faculty, or Alumni Regent shall be represented by their respective duly-elected next-in-rank officer. The next-in-rank officer shall sit as a regular member of the GB until such time that the duly-elected president of the Student Council or federation, Faculty Association or Federation, or Alumni Association or federation shall have assumed office.<sup>2</sup>

Section 5. *Powers and Duties of the Governing Board.* – The Board shall have the following specific powers and duties, in addition to its general powers of administration and the exercise of all the powers granted to the Board of Directors of a corporation under existing laws:

- Promulgate and implement policies in accordance with the declared State policies and the provisions of the Philippine Constitution on education, agriculture, science and technology, as well as the policies, standards and thrusts of the CHED under Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the “Higher Education Act of 1994”;

- Approve the curricula, instructional programs, and rules of discipline drawn by the Administrative and the Academic Councils herein provided;

- Appoint, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, the vice presidents, deans, directors, heads of the campuses, faculty members and other officials and employees of the University;

- Fix and adjust the salaries of faculty members, and administrative officials and employees, subject to the provisions of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and other pertinent budget and compensation laws, including those governing hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; grant them, at its discretion, leaves of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any provision of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding; and remove them for cause in accordance with the requirements of due process of law;

- Fix the tuition fees and other necessary school charges, such as matriculation fees, graduation fees, and laboratory fees, as the Board may deem proper to impose, after due consultation with the concerned sectors. The fees and charges, including government subsidies and other income generated by the University, shall constitute its special trust funds, and shall be deposited in any authorized government depository bank: Provided, That all interests that shall accrue therefrom shall form part of the same funds for the use of the University;

Any provision of existing law, rule or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding, any income generated by the University from tuition fees and other charges, as well as from the operation of auxiliary services and land grants, shall be retained by the University, and may be disbursed by the Board for instruction, research, extension services or other programs and projects of the University: Provided, That all fiduciary fees shall be disbursed for the specific purposes for which these are collected: Provided, however, That if, for reasons beyond its control, the University shall not be able to pursue any project for which the funds have been appropriated and allocated under its approved program of expenditures, the Board may authorize the use of the funds for any reasonable purpose which, in its discretion, may be necessary and urgent for the attainment of the objectives and goals of the University;

- Adopt and implement a socialized scheme of tuition and other school fees for greater access of poor but deserving students in accordance with Republic Act No. 10931, or the “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”;

- Establish professorial chairs in the University and provide fellowships for qualified faculty members, and scholarships to deserving students;

- Receive and appropriate all sums as may be provided for the support of the University in the manner it may determine, in its discretion, in order to carry out the purposes and functions of the University;

- Set the policies on admission and graduation of students;

- Award honorary degrees upon persons in recognition of their outstanding contribution in the fields of education, public service, arts, science and technology, agriculture or any field of specialization within the academic competence of the University, and authorize the awarding of certificates of completion of non-degree and non-traditional courses. Provided, however, those conferred honorary degrees shall not receive any salary or other emoluments pertaining to the degree conferred;

- Establish research and extension centers to promote the development of the University;

- Develop academic arrangements for institutional capability building with appropriate institutions and agencies, whether public, private, local or foreign, and appoint experts/specialists as consultants, part-time visiting/exchange professors, scholars or researchers, as the case may be;

- Adopt modern and innovative modes of transmitting knowledge for the promotion of greater access to education such as the use of information technology, the dual training system, open distance learning, and community laboratory;

- Collaborate with the governing boards of state universities and colleges (SUCs) within the Province of Guimaras and Region VI, under the supervision of the CHED and in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), in restructuring the University to make it more efficient, relevant, productive and competitive;

- Absorb non-chartered tertiary institutions within the Province of Guimaras as branches extension/external centers, in coordination with the CHED and in consultation with the DBM, and offer therein programs or courses to promote and carry out equal access to educational opportunities, as mandated by the Constitution;

- Authorize an external management audit of the University, to be financed by the CHED, subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA); and institute reforms, including academic and structural changes, on the basis of the audit results and recommendations;

- Develop consortia and other economic forms of linkages with local government units (LGUs), public, private, local and foreign institutions and agencies, in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the University;

- Import economic, technical and cultural books and publications;

- Enter into joint ventures with business and industry for the profitable development and management of the economic assets of the University, the proceeds from which shall be used for the development and strengthening of the University;

- Receive, in trust, legacies, gifts and donations of real and personal properties of all kinds and administer and dispose of the same, when necessary, for the benefit of the University, and subject to the limitations, directions and instructions of the donor, if any;

- Authorize the construction or repair of its buildings, machinery, equipment and other facilities, and the purchase and acquisition of real property, including the necessary supplies, materials and equipment;

- Extend the term of the President of the University beyond the age of retirement, but not beyond the age of seventy (70), based on the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board: Provided, That the President’s performance has been rated by the Board as outstanding and unanimous recommendation has been decided by the search committee;

- Delegate any of its powers and duties provided to the President and other officials of the University, as it may deem appropriate, so as to expedite the administration of the affairs of the University;

- Establish policy guidelines and procedures for participative decision-making and transparency within the University;

- Where most advantageous to the University, privatize the management of non- academic services such as health, food, building or grounds or property maintenance, and such other similar activities;

- Create and designate persons to special committees and invite resource persons to perform specific tasks necessary to carry-out the purposes and functions of the University; and

- Promulgate rules and regulations, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes and functions of the University.

Section 6. *Meetings and Quorum of the Board.* – The Board shall regularly convene once every three (3) months. Whenever necessary, the chairperson of the Board may call, upon three (3) days prior written notice, a maximum of two (2) special meetings within the same period.

A quorum of the Board shall consist of majority of all its members holding office at the time of the meeting: Provided, that the Chairperson of the Board or the President of the University is among those present in the meeting.

In one’s absence, the Chairperson of the CHED shall designate a Commissioner of the CHED as representative in the meeting with all the rights and responsibilities of a regular member: Provided, however, that during this meeting, the President of the University as vice chairperson shall be the presiding officer: Provided, further, that this proviso notwithstanding, the Chairperson of the CHED is hereby authorized to designate a CHED Commissioner as the regular chair of the board, in which case said CHED Commissioner shall act as the presiding officer.

In case the chairpersons of the Congressional Committees on Education shall not be able to attend the Board meeting, they may duly designate their respective representatives to attend the said meeting, who shall have the same rights and responsibilities as regular members of the Board.

Section 7. *Rights and Responsibilities of Members and Compensation for the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of the Board.* - The Board members shall have all the normal



rights and responsibilities of a regular member of the Board of Directors/Board of Regents of non-profit, non-stock corporations.

The Board Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and the members have the right to sit as Chair, Vice-Chairperson and as members thereof upon their assumption into office.

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and members of the Board shall not receive any salary but shall be entitled to reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred, either in their attendance to meetings of the Board or in connection with other official business authorized by a resolution of the Board, subject to existing laws and regulations.

Section 8. *Entitlement of Honorarium of the Members of the Board.* The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members of the Board as well as Special Committees and Resource Persons may be entitled to reasonable honorarium in their attendance during meetings of the Board in accordance with DBM guidelines and existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The resource persons who are invited and members of special committees duly constituted by the Board shall likewise be entitled to reasonable honorarium in their attendance during meetings and such other incidental activities; Provided, that the rate of honorarium shall be in accordance with the guidelines promulgated by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and such other relevant issuances thereof.

Section 9. *Approval of Urgent Resolutions through Referendum.* The University President may request approval through referendum of any urgent resolution on matters necessary or incidental to the realization of the mandate, vision, mission and objectives and ensure continuity in the delivery of the services of the University that require immediate action prior to the holding of the regular or special en banc meeting; Provided, that such resolution shall be signed by an affirmative majority of the Board; Provided, further, that the University President shall sign such resolution before the same be routed to the Chairman of the BOR. The said resolution shall have the same legal effect as approved by the Board of Regents en banc.

RULE VIII  
THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Section 1. *The University President* – The University shall be headed by a president, who shall render full time service and shall be appointed by the Board, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board, upon recommendation of a duly constituted search committee. The University president shall have a term of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reappointment for another term.

In order to effect a smooth transition to a state university, the incumbent president of GSC, if qualified, shall serve as the first president of the University.

Section 2. *Minimum Qualification of the University President.* The applicant for the presidency of the University must possess the qualifications and/or standards set by the Board of Regents. Provided, however, that the minimum qualifications of any applicant for the SUC Presidency shall be:

- a. Not less than thirty-five (35) years old and not a day older than the sixty-first (61st) birthday at the time of the expiration of the term of the incumbent President;
- b. A Filipino citizen;
- c. Holder of an earned doctorate degree from a CHED- recognized HEI or foreign institution accredited by its respective higher education ministry/commission or appropriate regulatory body, which is defined as Level 8 in the PQF, under RA No. 10968;
- d. With the proven track record as SUC/LUC administrator (e.g. president, vice president, dean, campus administrator, director) or high-level management executive/administrator, whether in the public or private sector, for at least five (5) years. Nomenclature of the position, especially in the private sector may be clarified by the GB as long as the position is high-level management; and
- e. Must not have been convicted for a crime involving moral turpitude, or an offense punishable by imprisonment for a period exceeding six (6) years, or suspended administratively for twelve (12) months, or dismissed from the service.<sup>3</sup>
- f. For SUC President who are undergoing for a second term, he/she must not have been convicted of any administrative offense or crime.

An applicant who does not meet any one of the above-mentioned minimum qualifications and cannot submit pertinent supporting documentary evidences shall be disqualified from the search process.

Section 3. *Powers and Duties.* - The powers and duties of the president of the University, in addition to those specially provided in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of similar universities, and those delegated by the Board.

Section 4. *Selection Process.* – The following rules and procedures shall govern the process of screening by the Search Committee for Presidency (SCP), as well as the minimum qualification and documentary requirements, and criteria for evaluating possible candidates.

The Governing Board shall create a Search Committee at least six (6) months prior to the end of the term of the incumbent President but in no case earlier than one (1) year before the end of the term of said President.

The Search Committee should have at least five (5) members, and should be composed of representatives from the academic community, the private sector, this Commission, and the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC). The private sector representative should not be in any way or form directly or indirectly connected or associated with the SUC conducting the Search.

Furthermore, the Governing Board shall identify who shall serve as the Chair of the Search Committee and allocate the needed budget for the Search process.

Section 5. *Vacancy in the Office of the President.* - In case of vacancy in the office of the president by reason of death, compulsory retirement, resignation, removal for cause or incapacity of the president to perform the functions of the office, the Board shall designate an officer-in-charge of the University within six (6) months from the date of vacancy, pending the appointment of a new president. The successor or the officer-in-charge shall serve only the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 6. *Appointment and Term of Office of the University President.* - After the Board shall have selected and appointed the University President by a majority vote of the members present in a meeting called for the purpose, his/her appointment papers shall be signed by the CHED Chairperson or the CHED Commissioner duly designated as Regular Chair of the Board.

The University President appointed by the Board shall have a term of four (4) years, the beginning and end of which must be clearly specified in the appointment by the Board.

Section 7. *Re-appointment and Extension of the Term of Office of the University President.* - The University President shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term only subject to the review of the performance and such other requirements set forth by the Board. An affirmative majority vote of the Board of Regents shall be required to re-appoint the University President.

The Board may extend the services of the incumbent President of the University beyond the retirement age but not later than the age of seventy (70), whose performance has been unanimously rated as outstanding and upon unanimous recommendation by the Search Committee for the president of the university duly created by the Board.

Section 8. *Compensation and Benefits.* - The salary of the president of the University shall be in accordance with the Revised Compensation and Position Classification System and shall be comparable to that being received by the presidents of similar educational institutions.

The University President shall likewise be entitled to full retirement benefits under existing laws. Furthermore, the President of the University shall be entitled to Representation and Transportation Allowances (RATA) and such other benefits based on the rates prescribed by the DBM.

Section 9. *Fall-back Position of the Incumbent University President.* – The incumbent President of the University shall have an automatic fall-back position to the appropriate academic rank or position in accordance with the provisions of DBM Circular and CSC laws, rules and regulations. Within three (3) months before the expiration of the term of the office of the University President, the Human Resource Management Officer of the University shall process necessary documents to ensure his/her entitlement to a fall-back position.

RULE IX  
THE VICE PRESIDENTS, COLLEGE DEANS DIRECTORS,  
HEADS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Section 1. *Designations.* - The President of the University shall be assisted by a Vice President for Academic Affairs, a Vice President for Administration and Finance and a Vice President for Research and Extension, who shall be appointed by the Board upon recommendation of the President. The University may designate a Vice President for External Affairs, as may deem necessary.

Section 2. *The Heads of University Campuses.* – The Campus Executive Directors shall head the University campuses and they shall render full-time service. They shall be appointed by thty Board upon recommendation of the Search Committee and the President of the University, subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board. The incumbent Campus Executive Directors of the extension campuses shall serve as Campus Executive Directors of their respective campuses upon effectivity of this Act.

Section 3. *The Heads of Colleges within the Main Campus.* - Each College in the main campus of the University shall be headed by a Dean. The major programs and functions of the University such as, but not limited to, research, extension, auxiliary services, external affairs,

student affairs, financial management, administrative services, quality assurance, engineering and maintenance services, and planning and development shall be headed each by a Director.

The University President shall issue an appropriate special order to effect the designation of Vice-Presidents, Deans, Directors, Heads, Chairpersons, Coordinators and other officials of the University. He/she may likewise designate Officers-in-Charge subject to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Regents and in accordance with the guidelines set by the CHED.

Section 4. *Duties and Responsibilities.* - The University President shall prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the Vice-Presidents, College Deans, Directors, Heads, Chairpersons, Coordinators and other officials in accordance with the provisions of the University Code and such other existing laws rules, and regulations.

Section 5. *Term of Office.* - The term of office of the Vice-Presidents, Deans, Directors, Heads, Chairpersons and other officials of the University shall be subject to existing laws, rules, regulations and the provisions of the university code.

Section 6. *Entitlement of Representation and Transportation Allowance and Honorarium.* - The Vice-Presidents, College Deans and Directors may be entitled to a monthly Representation Allowance and Honorarium (RATA) in accordance with the provisions of DBM and COA Circulars, rules, and regulations

RULE X  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. *Composition, Powers and Duties.* – There shall be an Administrative Council with the President of the University as Chairperson, Vice Presidents, deans, directors, and other officials of equal rank as members, whose duty is to review and recommend to the Board the policies governing the administration, management and development planning of the University.

The Board and the University Secretary may serve as the secretary of the Administrative Council. He/She shall keep all records and proceedings of the Administrative Council, serve upon each member of the Administrative Council the appropriate notice of meetings, and discharge such other duties and responsibilities as the Administrative Council and/or University President may determine.

Section 2. *Meetings and Quorum.* - The University President shall fix the schedule and venue of every meeting of the Administrative Council. A quorum for any meeting of the council shall consist of a majority of the members. A majority of such quorum may decide on any question at the meeting, except those matters that require the affirmative vote of a greater proportion as prescribed by relevant laws, rules and regulations.

Section 3. *Internal Rules of Procedures.* - The Administrative Council shall be constituted by the University President. The duly constituted Council may formulate and promulgate internal rules of procedures to ensure proper and orderly conduct of its business and meetings.

RULE XI  
THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Section 1. *Composition. The Academic Council.* - There shall be an Academic Council to be composed of the President of the University, who shall act as Chairperson, and all academic staff with the rank of at least an assistant professor, as members.

The Academic Council shall have the power to review and recommend the curricular offerings and rules of discipline of the University, subject to the approval of the Board. It shall fix the requirements for the admission of students, as well as for their graduation and conferment of degrees, subject to review and approval by the Board through the President of the University. It shall have the disciplinary power over students of the University and shall formulate academic policies and rules and regulations on discipline, subject to the approval of the Board.

The Academic Council shall have a Secretary to be designated by the University President from among the personnel of the University. The duly designated Secretary shall keep all records and proceedings of the Academic Council, serve upon each member of the Academic Council the appropriate notice of its meetings, and discharge such other duties and responsibilities as the Academic Council and/or University President may determine. The Board and the University Secretary may act as secretary of the Academic Council

Section 2. *Meeting and Quorum.* - The University President shall fix the schedule and venue of every meeting of the Academic Council. A quorum for any meeting of the Academic Council member shall consist of a majority of the members. A majority of such quorum may decide on any question at the meeting, except those matters that require the affirmative vote of a greater proportion as prescribed by relevant laws, rules and regulations.

Section 3. *Internal Rules of Procedures.* - The Academic Council shall be constituted by the University President. The duly constituted Council may formulate and promulgate internal rules of procedures to ensure proper and orderly conduct of its business and meetings.

RULE XII  
THE UNIVERSITY AND BOARD SECRETARY AND THE UNIVERSITY TREASURER

Section 1. *The Secretary of the University.* – The Board shall appoint a Secretary, who shall serve as such for both the Board and the University and shall keep all records and proceedings of the Board. The Secretary of the University shall serve upon each member of the Board the appropriate notice of the Board meetings. In addition, the University and BOR Secretary shall discharge such other duties and responsibilities as the University President and/or Board may prescribe.

Section 2. *The Treasurer.* – The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be the ex-officio Treasurer of the University.

RULE XIII  
THE FACULTY

Section 1. *Composition.* The body of permanent professors and instructors of each college or school shall constitute the faculty. The members of the faculty shall include the following: University Professors, Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and Instructors.

Section 2. *Qualifications.* All appointments of the faculty shall be made strictly on the basis of merit and fitness and/or based on their qualifications and competence to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position, and shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and/or standards set by the Board. The members of the faculty shall be covered by appropriate Civil Service law and rules, CHED and DBM Circulars, and the University Charter.

Section 3. *Prohibitions in the Selection of Faculty.* - No political beliefs, gender preference, cultural or community affiliation or ethnic origin, and religious affiliation shall be a matter of inquiry in the appointment of faculty members of the University: Provided, that said appointment shall be subject to the guidelines, qualifications and standards set by the Board: Provided, further, That no member of the faculty shall teach for or against any particular church or religious sect.

Section 4. *Appointment, Compensation and Other Benefits of Faculty Members.* - The recruitment and appointment and other personnel actions for faculty shall be in accordance with the Amended Omnibus Rules on Appointment and other personnel actions of the Civil Service Law and Rules. Recruitment shall be limited to those who meet the minimum requirements prescribed for the rank.

Faculty members of the University shall be entitled to compensation and other benefits prescribed under existing laws, rules and regulations. They may also be entitled to honorarium for overload services and for their actual involvement in research, extension, resource generation and other related programs, projects or activities in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations as authorized by the University President and the BOR.

RULE XIV  
ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND  
INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY

Section 1. *Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy of the University.* - Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy – The University shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy pursuant to paragraph 2 Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and the Batas Pambansa Blg. 232.

Section 2. *Academic Freedom of Faculty Members and Students.* - Faculty members and students of the University shall enjoy academic freedom as provided for under this IRR, University Code and such other applicable laws.

RULE XV  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/ADMISSION

Section 1. *Scholarship Program and Admission.* – The University shall provide a scholarship program and other affirmative action programs to assist poor but deserving students who qualify for admission to the University.

No student shall be denied for admission or completion of their studies to the University by reason of gender, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, political affiliation, ethnicity, or physical disability. The admission and retention policy shall be in harmony with its academic freedom and institutional autonomy subject to the provisions of RA 10931 and it's IRR.<sup>4</sup>

Section 2. The University may also provide scholarship grants to the faculty members and non-teaching personnel subject to the policies and guidelines approved by the Board of Regents.

RULE XVI  
AUTHORITY TO LOAN OR TRANSFER APPARATUS/ EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES  
AND DETAIL OF PERSONNEL

Section 1. *Authority to Loan or Transfer Apparatus/Equipment/Supplies and Detail of Personnel.* – The heads of the bureaus and offices of the national government are hereby

authorized to loan or transfer, upon the request of the President of the University, such apparatus, equipment, supplies as may be needed by the University, and to detail employees for duty therein when, in the judgment of the head of bureau or office, such apparatus, equipment, supplies or services of such employees can be spared without serious detriment to the public service.

The employees so detailed shall perform such duties as required of them by the President of the University, and the time so employed shall be counted as part of their regular services.

RULE XVII  
ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND PERSONNEL

Section 1. *Assets, Liabilities and Personnel.* – All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the Guimaras State College, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the University. The positions, rights and security of tenure of the faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to its conversion into a University shall be respected.

All parcels of land belonging to the government and occupied by the GSC, are hereby declared to be the property of the Guimaras State University, and shall be titled under that name: Provided, that should the University cease to exist or be abolished or should such parcels of land aforementioned be no longer needed by the University, the same shall revert to the LGU concerned.

Section 2. Preparation and Implementation of the LUDIP. – The University shall prepare and implement a Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) designed to improve and optimally utilize the resources. The LUDIP shall be linked with the land use plan and practice of the Local Government to ensure complementation of activities across geographical boundaries.

The LUDIP shall be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) within two (2) years from the passage of RA 11396. It shall be updated periodically as the need arises. The CHED shall be informed of the changes made thereof, Provided further, that the LUDIP should be reviewed by the GB ten (10) years after its approval to ensure that it remains relevant and in consonance with the current conditions and realities.

The preparation and implementation of the LUDIP shall be made a requirement for the approval of infrastructure projects of the University. No new infrastructure project shall be approved and implemented in the University unless the LUDIP has been implemented and submitted to the CHED.<sup>5</sup>

RULE XVIII  
TAX EXEMPTION ON IMPORTATION AND DONATIONS

Section 1. The importation of economic, technical and cultural books or publications which is for economic, technical, vocational, scientific, philosophical, historical or cultural purposes made by the University, upon certification by the CHED, shall be exempt from customs duties in accordance with the provisions of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended.

Donations in any form to the University shall be exempted from the donor's tax and the same shall be considered as allowable deduction from the gross income in the computation of the income tax of the donor, in accordance with the provisions of the national Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

Section 2. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of GSC, needed to continue the operations of the existing academic programs. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the University shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

RULE XIX  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN, MANAGEMENT AUDIT ORGANIZATIONAL/ ADMINISTRATIVE/  
ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

Section 1. *Development Plan, Management Audit, Organizational/Administrative/Academic Structure.* – Within the period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the University shall accomplish the following:

- a. Submit a five (5)-year development plan, including its corresponding program budget to the CHED, for corresponding recommendation to DBM;
- b. Undergo a management audit in cooperation with the CHED; and
- c. Accordingly set up its organizational, administrative, as well as academic structure, including the appointment of the key officials of the University.

RULE XX  
FILING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Section 1. *Filing of Annual Report.* – On or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the second month after the opening of the regular classes each year, the Board shall file with the Office of the President of the Philippines through the Chairperson of the CHED, and with both Houses of Congress a detailed report on the progress, conditions and needs of the University.

RULE XXI  
SUPPLETORY APPLICATION AND PARITY CLAUSE

Section 1. *Suppletory Application.* – The provisions of Republic Act No. 8292, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997", shall be an integral part of this Act and shall serve as part of the Governing Charter of the University.

Section 2. *Parity Clause.* – All other powers, functions and privileges, responsibilities and limitations to state universities and their officials under existing laws shall be deemed granted to or imposed upon the University and its officials whenever appropriate.

RULE XXII  
COMPLIANCE WITH CHED REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. *Compliance with CHED Requirements.* – The provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the establishment or conversion of the institution into a state university shall become effective only upon the determination and declaration by the CHED, based on the recommendation of a panel of experts, that the institutions has complied with the requirements for a university status. The CHED, through its regional office, shall regularly provide technical assistance to the institution and monitor compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

Section 2. The CHED shall designate a panel of experts who shall prepare a recommendation to the Chairperson of the CHED, on whether the institution has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university status.

Section 3. The institution shall retain its status prior to the effectivity of this Act, unless in the meantime it is able to comply with the requirements provided herein.

RULE XXIII  
REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 1. *Repealing Clause.* – If for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

RULE XXIV  
SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Section 1. *Separability Clause* – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

RULE XXV  
REVISION, AMENDMENT AND EFFECTIVITY

Section 1. *Revision.* - This IRR may be revised by the Board of Regents upon the recommendation by the University President; provided, that a Committee shall be created to study and review any proposal to revise this IRR before the Board may act thereon. The duly approved revised IRR shall be submitted to the CHED for consultation.

Section 2. *Amendment.* - Any part or provision of this IRR may be amended by the Board upon the recommendation by the University President; Provided, that a Committee shall be created to study and review any proposal to amend this IRR before the Board may act thereof. The duly approved amendment/s shall be submitted to the CHED for consultation.

Section 3. *Effectivity.* - This IRR shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS PER BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 108-2022.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_."

<sup>1</sup> CHED MO No. 07, s. 2022

<sup>2</sup> Section 11, CHED CMO No. 07, s. 2022

<sup>3</sup> Section 5, Rule VII, CHED CMO No. 07, s. 2022

<sup>4</sup> Section 27, Rule XI, CHED CMO No. 07, s. 2022

<sup>5</sup> Section 3, RA No. 11396 otherwise known as an "Act Requiring State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) to Prepare and Implement a Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan that shall include the Construction of Dormitories for Students and Housing Sites for Employees



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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, Iloilo 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 OF COURT, REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, CJRQA HALL OF JUSTICE, BONIFACIO DRIVE, ILOILO CITY**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER’S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real estate property including the buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE**  
**No. 095-2020000446**

“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 **AUGUST 7, 2025** 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

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SPL. PROC. NO. 24-0239

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,*

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**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;

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She said their Operation Bulig Ilonggo hotlines are open 24/7, and thanked municipal PESO managers, barangay PESO coordinators, and OFW association presidents for their help with the profiling.

Meanwhile, Iloilo City PESO manager Gabriel Felix Umadhay said they have been monitoring the 24 OFWs from this city since the crisis in Tel Aviv last year.

Since 2019, there has been no deployment to Israel from this city.

Most of them are working in healthcare, hotels, household help and the food industry.

Umadhay said they were in various Israeli provinces, but when asked if they wanted to go home, the OFWs said they were not ready.

Those who report mostly work in hospitals where they feel

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 **August 20, 2025, 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

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safer since they have a protocol that is in place, he said.

“They think they feel safer in their area, that is why they are not that alarmed to come home. We open our lines for them 24/7. Anytime they wanted to be repatriated the city government is ready for that,” Umadhay said.

Both PESO managers said the provincial and city governments are ready to provide financial and livelihood assistance should the OFWs decide to come home.

Dario said the provincial government provides financial assistance of PHP10,000, and they can also refer returning OFWs to concerned government offices for livelihood assistance, reemployment, skills training, and psycho support.

In Iloilo City, Umadhay said that for those who need cash assistance, the local government can download funds ranging from PHP10,000 to PHP25,000 and livelihood for startup businesses from PHP15,000 to PHP30,000. (PNA)



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Civil Case No. 20-00113 (19-34206)

For: Declaration of Nullity of Deed of Absolute Sale dated December 17, 2009, Deed of Sale with Right of Repurchase dated September 19, 2013, Cancellation of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2016002427, Re-issuance/ Revival of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-28037, Cancellation of Tax Declaration in the Name of MAJ Opal Finance Corporation and Damages

ROSELA E. PADERNILLA and JOESEL PADERNILLA SIMPSON, represented by ELVIRA ABONADO - SOLINAP,  
*Plaintiffs,*

-versus-

MA. ERNA ESPERA ARANTE, MAJ OPAL FINANCE CORPORATION, represented by its President, MONINA A. JISON and THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR, MUNICIPALITY OF JANIUAY and THE PROVINCIAL ASSESSOR, PROVINCE OF ILOILO,  
*Defendants.*

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SUMMONS

WHEREAS, in an Order dated May 16, 2025, the Honorable Redentor E. Esperanza ordered the issuance of a new summons for publication against defendant MA. ERNA ESPERA ARANTE;

NOW THEREFORE, defendant **MA. ERNA ESPERA ARANTE** is hereby summoned and required to file with this Court her Answer to the Complaint filed against her in the instant case, within sixty (60) days from the last issue of publication of this Summons, serving copy thereof upon the plaintiffs through Counsel at Lot 1, Blk 25, Phase IV, Gran Plains Subdivision, Brgy. Hechanova, Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines.

Upon failure on her part to do as aforesaid, the plaintiffs may take judgment against her and may be granted the relief applied for in the Complaint.

Let this Summons together with the Order dated May 16, 2025 be published by the plaintiffs at their expense, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

WITNESS the HON. REDENTOR E. ESPERANZA, Assisting Judge of this Court, this May 19, 2024.

(SGD.) ATTY. MA. JUANNA ESTER D. SENUPE  
Clerk of Court

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Civil Case No. 20-00113 (19-34206)

For: DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE DATED DECEMBER 17, 2009, DEED OF SALE WITH RIGHT OF REPURCHASE DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2013, CANCELLATION OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2016002427, RE-ISSUANCE/REVIVAL OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-28037, CANCELLATION OF TAX DECLARATION IN THE NAME OF MAJ OPAL FINANCE CORPORATION AND DAMAGES

ROSELA E. PADERNILLA and JOESEL PADERNILLA SIMPSON, represented by ELVIRA ABONADO - SOLINAP,  
*Plaintiffs,*

-versus-

MA. ERNA ESPERA ARANTE, MAJ OPAL FINANCE CORPORATION, represented by its President, MONINA A. JISON, et al.,  
*Defendants.*

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ORDER

AN EX-PARTE MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS INCORPORATING COMPLAINT FOR PUBLICATION was filed by plaintiffs, through counsel, praying that “an Order be issued directing the Clerk of Court to issue Summons incorporating the complaint for publication.”

This is a case for Declaration of Nullity of Deed of Absolute Sale Dated November 17, 2009, Deed of Sale with Right of Repurchase Dated September 19, 2013, Cancellation of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2016002427, Re-Issuance/Revival of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-28037, Cancellation of Tax Declaration in the Name of Maj Opal Finance Corporation and Damages.

Plaintiffs, in their Complaint, allege that Plaintiff Rosela and her late husband, Jose Padernilla were the registered owners of Lot No. 397-B located in Poblacion, Janiuay, Iloilo and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-28037. Plaintiffs went to live in the United States of America, where Jose Padernilla died in April 13, 2006. They left the property subject of this case to the care of Rosella’s sister, Emiliana, who later died, leaving the property unattended. Plaintiff allowed defendant Ma. Erna Espera Arante and her family to build a structure at the back of the house of Jose and Rosella Padernilla. Sometime in February 2017, plaintiffs learned from their representative Elvira Abonado-Solinap that a certain Monina Jison had already claimed ownership of their property. They later learned that sometime in July 2009, the Regional Trial Court, Branch 28, Iloilo City issued a Decision granting the Petition of Ma. Erna Espera Arante for the issuance of a New Owner’s Duplicate Copy of TCT No. T-28037.

In her Petition for Issuance of New Owner’s Duplicate, herein defendant Ma. Erna Espera Arante claimed absolute ownership of the subject property, alleging that she bought the same from Plaintiff Rosella Padernilla, and attaching therein the Deed of Absolute Sale dated November 17, 2009 but was notarized by Atty. Arthur Padojinog on April 15, 2009. As a result of the Decision of RTC Branch 28, Iloilo City, a new owner’s duplicate copy of TCT No. T-28037 was issued, allowing defendant Arante to process the transfer of title in her name. In September 19, 2013, defendant Arante executed a Deed of Sale with Right to Re-purchase in favor of herein defendant MAJ OPAL FINANCE CORPORATION (MAJ Opal) represented by one Monina A. Jison, and for failure of Defendant Arante to pay the loan with MAJ Opal, the latter consolidated ownership and caused the transfer of title and tax declaration in its name.

Plaintiffs allege that Jose Padernilla was already dead, while Rosella Padernilla was in Georgia, USA, both on November 17, 2009 and April 15, 2009. They further allege that it was only in February 2017 that the said developments were made known to the Plaintiffs, and they eventually sent a Demand Letter for Reconveyance against MAJ Opal Finance Corporation, but the latter failed to heed the same.

Plaintiffs thus pray that a decision in favor of the Plaintiffs be issued declaring the nullity of the following (1) DEED ABSOLUTE SALE DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2009; and (2) DEED OF SALE WITH THE RIGHT OF REPURCHASE DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2013. They further pray that the Registry of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo be ordered to cancel TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2016002427 and revive/re-issue TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-28037 and New Owner’s Duplicate Copy of Title be issued in favor of the plaintiffs; that the Municipal Assessor of the Municipality of Janiuay, Iloilo and the Provincial Assessor of Iloilo Province be directed to cancel the Tax Declaration in the name of MAJ OPAL, Corporation and reverted in the name of the previous owners; and that defendants be assessed for Moral Damages - P100,000.00, Attorney’s Fees P150,000.00 plus P5,000.00 Appearance Fee/Hearing, and Exemplary Damages to be determined by the Court in the exercise of its sound discretion and, costs of the suit.

In an Order dated June 27, 2024, this court granted the Motion of Plaintiffs for the publication of summons against defendant Ma. Erna Espera Arante.

WHEREFORE, the Clerk of Court is directed to issue a new summons for publication against Ma. Erna Espera Arante. Let the Summons, together with this Order, be published by the plaintiffs at their expense, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks. Defendant Ma. Erna Espera Arante is directed to file her Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days from the last issue of publication.

Counsel for parties are directed to file their Notice of Appearance within 15 days from receipt of this Order.

Furnish Atty. Danny N. Valenzuela and Defendants and their counsel a copy each of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, May 16, 2025.

(SGD.) REDENTOR E. ESPERANZA  
Assisting Judge

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

**SCHOOL READINESS.** Mayor Jerry Treñas visits the Iloilo City National High School to check the condition of school facilities and their readiness for the school year on Tuesday (June 17, 2025). The city government has appropriated about PHP711.7 million from the Special Education Fund (SEF) for the construction of public school buildings. (Photo courtesy of Arnold Almacen/ City Mayor’s Office)

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DONATION

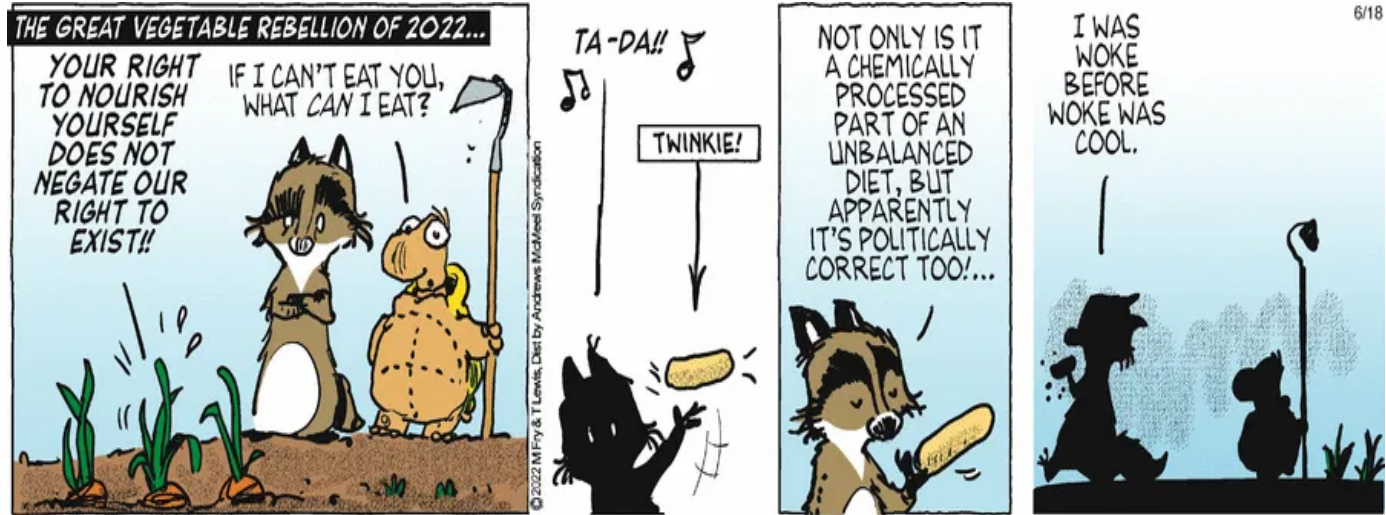
Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MAXIMINO SORONGON** known as **Lot No. 10049-E, CSD-06-013107** located in Zarraga, Iloilo covered by **KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. 2014001073** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE (1,379) SQUARE METERS**, more or less is adjudicated to heirs **MAXIMINO S. SORONGON, JR.; heirs of REINERIO S. SORONGON, namely, BELLA B. SORONGON, MARIE LEAH S. ARISTORENAS, JOAN ABIGAIL B. SORONGON, and CATHERINE S. MALHABOUR; heirs of RODRIGO S. SORONGON, namely, MILDRED P. SORONGON and MARIE GRACE P. SORONGON.** That, **MAXIMINO S. SORONGON, JR.** voluntarily and freely gave, transferred and conveyed by way of Donation his share over the said parcel of land in favor of his son **VON ANDREI S. SORONGON** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. LUZERMINDO A. CALMORIN** per Doc. No. 305, Page No. 61, Book No. 06, Series of 2025.

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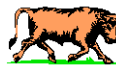
# HOROSCOPE

ARIES  
March 21 - April 19




You can do no wrong today, Taurus. In fact, you can navigate through the cracks without anyone noticing. You may find that you would rather be up on center stage. This is fine, too, just as long as the choice is yours. Independence is a key theme for you today. You will find that the more you can break free, the better your mood will be.

TAURUS  
April 20 - May 20




Have fun today and don't be so serious about anything, Aries. This is a good time to lay low and enjoy the scenery. Go to a movie or see a play. Go to a party and celebrate. Dress up in your most attractive garb and go in for the kill. This is a day to be talkative, lighthearted, and social. Heavy emotional issues will only weigh down the positive mood.

GEMINI  
May 21 - June 21




Have some fun today, Gemini. It's time to balance all the work you've been doing with a little bit of fun. Yesterday's honest efforts are turning into today's rewards. There's no need to be shy when it comes to receiving what is rightfully yours. Be proud of your accomplishments. If you can't find someone to take you out to dinner, take yourself out!

CANCER  
June 22 - July 22




The pace will be jumping today and your wit and cheerful words will be welcomed in almost every setting you enter, Cancer. Do things with others and see what kind of "trouble" you can stir up together. This is a time to get out and be social. Beautiful things and relaxing music are all favored on a day like this. You can do no wrong by just being your usual, outlandish self!

LEO  
July 23 - August 22




Many people may have a great deal to say today, Leo, but you could find that you'd rather sit and listen. Feel free to do so. A lot of what's going around is gossip, so you might not want to get involved at all. This is probably a wise move. Keep your nose clean and simply absorb what you hear. Feel free to filter out anything that doesn't sit right with you.

VIRGO  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22




Don't be selfish today, Virgo. This is a time to think about others. Instead of plowing ahead with a project by yourself, consider enlisting the help of a partner or friend. Things are better accomplished cooperatively, regardless of how badly you may want to do something on your own. The effort put out by a team will produce unexpected results that prove quite favorable.

LIBRA  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22




If you don't say exactly what you mean today, Libra, you might get into trouble. Don't compromise your values just to maintain the peace. Love and romance are favorable for you, but only if your attitude is relaxed and carefree. Your emotions will be quite strong, so do your best to balance them with a rational frame of mind.

SCORPIO  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21




Today is apt to be favorable for you, Scorpio. You should keep the lines of communication open so you can spread your knowledge to others and receive the important information that is due to come your way. Your energy might come in erratic yet powerful bursts. You should find that your ego and emotions are quite strong.

SAGITTARIUS  
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21




You might feel a bit restless today, Sagittarius. You may want to get the word out to others. Unfortunately, your tongue may be tied and it could be hard for you to express yourself exactly the way you want. Balance is key. You should work to foster harmony among your associates. This is a good time to get out and be social.

CAPRICORN  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19




If you keep waiting for things to happen, Capricorn, you may wake up one morning and realize that your life has passed and you never did half the things you dreamed of doing. The time to take action is now. Put your plan into effect. You may need to make some compromises, but you will find that, in general, people will follow your lead.

AQUARIUS  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18



Remind your loved ones how much they mean to you today, Aquarius. Words are especially powerful. Don't use them lightly. Be thoughtful about how you treat others. Do your best to maintain peace. It isn't a good idea to hold grudges or carry hatred for anyone. Good manners and a neat appearance are key elements to the day.

PISCES  
Feb. 19 - March 20



Feel free to express your independent attitude today, Pisces. Break out of any restrictions that might be keeping you from doing what you want to do. Also, make sure you aren't compromising your own needs for those of others. Things should naturally flow your way, and you should be in a good mood for most of your waking hours. Smile at the people around you.

SINIGANG NA SARDINAS

A quick and flavorful sour soup made with canned sardines (or mackerel) and fresh vegetables, offering a comforting and budget friendly take on the classic Filipino dish.



### INGREDIENTS

- 45 oz mackerel canned
- 75 grams Maggi Magic Sinigang with Gabi
- 12 pieces okra
- 15 pieces string beans
- 6 ounces daikon radish
- 3 pieces eggplant
- 4 pieces long green peppers
- 1 bunch water spinach
- 2 pieces onions
- 8 cloves garlic
- 4 thumbs ginger crushed
- 5 pieces tomatoes
- 1/4 cup miso paste
- 2 quarts water
- Fish sauce and ground black pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons cooking oil

### INSTRUCTIONS

Separate the mackerel from the oil using a kitchen strainer. Set both aside.

45 oz mackerel

Heat cooking oil and then sauté the onions until the layers separate.

3 tablespoons cooking oil, 2 pieces onions

Add ginger and garlic. Continue to sauté until the garlic starts to brown.

4 thumbs ginger, 8 cloves garlic

Add the tomatoes. Sauté for 1 minute.

5 pieces tomatoes

Pour the oil from the canned mackerel into the cooking pot. Add 1 tablespoon of fish sauce and ½ teaspoon of ground black pepper. Stir.

Fish sauce and ground black pepper to taste

Add miso paste and pour 1 ½ quarts of water. Let it boil.

1/4 cup miso paste

Add the daikon radish. Continue cooking in medium heat setting for 5 minutes.

6 ounces daikon radish

Add Maggi Magic Sinigang with Gabi. Stir.

75 grams Maggi Magic Sinigang with Gabi

Add the eggplant. Boil for 2 minutes.

3 pieces eggplant

Add the okra, long green peppers, and string beans.

12 pieces okra, 4 pieces long green peppers, 15 pieces string beans

Pour the remaining water, cover the pot, and let it re-boil. Continue cooking for 2 minutes.

Put the mackerel into the pot. Gently stir.

Add the water spinach (kangkong). Cook for 2 to 3 minutes.

1 bunch water spinach

Season with more fish sauce and ground black pepper as needed.

Fish sauce and ground black pepper to taste

Transfer to a serving bowl. Serve hot.

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

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

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

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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, Pasay 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. XXX 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

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NE/June 9, 16 & 23, 2025

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **WESLEY AGUILAR BARAYUGA** consisting of **50 % (conjugal) share** on the following properties:

- 1) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. NT-208081 (T-256) – (Lot 89-D-4**, of the subd. plan Psd-03-008165, being a portion of Lot 89-D, (LRC), Psd-304361, LRC Rec. No.), located in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija with an area of **ONE THOUSAND (1,000) SQUARE METERS**;
- 2) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. NT-208082 (T-257) – (Lot 89-D-5**, of the subd. plan Psd-03-008165, being a portion of Lot 89-D, (LRC), Psd-304361, LRC Rec. No.), located in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija with an area of **ONE THOUSAND (1,000) SQUARE METERS**;
- 3) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. NT-208083 (T-258) – (Lot 89-D-6**, of the subd. plan Psd-03-008165, being a portion of Lot 89-D, (LRC), Psd-304361, LRC Rec. No.), located in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija with an area of **ONE THOUSAND (1,000) SQUARE METERS**;
- 4) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. NT-208084 (T-259) – (Lot 89-D-7**, of the subdivision plan Psd-03-008165 being a portion of Lot 89-D, (LRC), Psd-304361, L.R.C. Rec. No.), located in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija with an area of **ONE THOUSAND (1,000) SQUARE METERS**;
- 5) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. NT-208085 (T-260) – (Lot 89-D-8**, of the sub. Plan Psd-03-008165, being a portion of Lot 89-D, (LRC), Psd-304361, L.R.C. Rec. No.), located in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija with an area of **ONE THOUSAND (1,000) SQUARE METERS**;
- 6) **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 002-2016012000 – Unit No. 3325**, located at the Thirty-third Floor, The Manila Residences Tower II, with an area of 26.00 square meters, % Share of common Area: 0.0649% located at 2310 Taft Ave., Malate, Manila;
- 7) **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 002-2017023493 – Unit No. P706**, located at the Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) Floor, The Manila Residences Tower II with an area of 12.50 square meters, % Share of Common Area: 0.0312% located at 2310 Taft Ave., Malate, Manila;
- 8) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-153385 – (Lot 1, Block 34**, Pcs-063036-001845, being a portion of cons.-subd. of Lots 2782, 2783, 3296 & 3297, Iloilo Cad. 25), located at Brgy. Anilao, Pavia, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE SQUARE METERS (133) more or less**;
- 9) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-153386 – (Lot 4, Block 34**, Pcs-063036-001845, being a portion of cons.-subd. of Lots 2782, 2783, 3296 & 3297, Iloilo Cad. 25), located at Brgy. Anilao, Pavia, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FORTY NINE SQUARE METERS (149) more or less**;
- 10) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-153387 – (Lot 5, Block 34**, Pcs-063036-001845, being a portion of cons.- subd. of Lots 2782, 2783, 3296 & 3297, Iloilo Cad. 25), located at Brgy. Anilao, Pavia, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SQUARE METERS (120) more or less**.

Are adjudicated to surviving heirs **SARAH MAGALONA BARAYUGA (widow)**, **SARAH ELIZABETH M. BARAYUGA** and **WESLEY ANGELO M. BARAYUGA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. FRANK G. MARCELINO** per Doc. No. 148, Page No. 30, Book No. III, Series of 2021.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ZEA MAYS DORUELO LAGUISAN** consisting of a **Savings Account** with **LANDBANK** under **Account No. 0031-5325-15** is adjudicated to heirs **JOHN F. LAGUISAN (widower)**, **JOHN MIKKEL D. LAGUISAN**, and **GIAN GABRIEL D. LAGUISAN**. That, **JOHN MIKKEL D. LAGUISAN** and **GIAN GABRIEL D. LAGUISAN**, **WAIVED, QUIT**, and **RELINQUISHED** all their rights, interests and claims over the said Savings Account in favor of **JOHN F. LAQUISAN** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. GEORGE P. PALMARES** per Doc. No. 179, Page No. 37, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DOMINICA BARSANAS** known as **½ share (570 square meters, more or less)** in a parcel of land covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-8789** situated in Barotac Viejo, Iloilo with an area of **1,141 square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to sole heir **VIVINA BARSANAS-SACATIN** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ANNELEI F. PRADO-SINGIAN** per Doc. No. 464, Page No. 94, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE (DEED OF ADJUDICATION)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses SALVADOR S. ANUNA, SR. and CARMELITA L. ANUNA** known as **½ share or 570 square meters, more or less** of a parcel of land covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-8789** situated in Barotac Viejo, Iloilo with a total land area of **1,141 square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **HYNIETTE L. ANUNA-CORPUZ, O.L. ANUNA, NORALYN L. ANUNA-FIGUERRES, EVANGELINE L. ANUNA, SILIEDA L. ANUNA-ANONA, SALVADOR L. ANUNA, JR. and TEODELLETE L. ANUNA-CRUZ** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ANNELEI F. PRADO-SINGIAN** per Doc. No. 83, Page No. 18, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **BEATRIZ E. ESTOPADO** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 12670, Cad. 570-D** located in Igbaras, Iloilo covered by **KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. F-55723** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE (295) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **REYMUNDO E. ESTOPADO** and **REYMIBETH E. ESTOPADO**. That, the heirs/adjudicates **SOLD, TRANSFERRED** and **CONVEYED** by way of **Absolute Sale** the above-said property unto **MARIE JOYE E. EUROPA** represented by **MARLYN E. MOLEÑO** by virtue of a Special Power of Attorney as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARMELO N. NOCHETE** per Doc. No. 4, Page No. 2, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2025.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DR. REX MELCHOR D. MUYCO** consisting of pending and unclaimed claims with **PHILAMLIFE, INSULARLIFE, PERAA, SSS Funeral and Burial Claims** and any other death benefits and with other entities he had transaction both government or private agencies are adjudicated to surviving heirs **ANTONIO D. MUYCO** and **NEEMA MUYCO MCTOMNEY** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MABELLE O. DUEÑAS** per Doc. No. 39, Page No. 9, Book No. CXIII, Series of 2025.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LUCIA P. NATIVIDAD** known as a parcel of land **Lot 7, Block 11, Psd 06-080575**, being a portion of Lot 3-A-6, Cad. 222, Pototan Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Malusgod, Pototan, Iloilo with an area of **EIGHTY (80) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to her sole heir **ANGEL PASTERA MAGBANUA II**. That, **Angel Pastera Magbanua II** **SOLD, CEDED, TRANSFERRED** and **CONVEYED** by way of Sale the above-said parcel of land in favor of **Spouses VICTORINO A. SORITA, JR. and JOCELYN G. SORITA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ELMER R. CAMARISTA** per Doc. No. 324, Page 65, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

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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 **CHRISTIAN LLOYD LULU DANOGO** 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 **CHRISTIAN LLOYD LULU DANOGO** at Janiuay, Iloilo and whose parents are **Moreto B. Danogo** and **Leonila C. Lulu**.

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 23, 2025 & June 30, 2025

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Municipality of Janiuay

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

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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 **NENITA G. ESPARES** has filed with this office, a petition for correction of entry in the child's **Date of Birth** from **“March 1966”** to **“March 23, 1966”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NENITA LOZANO GALEZ** at Janiuay, Iloilo and whose parents are **Benjamin Galez** and **Milagros Lozano**.

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 23, 2025 & June 30, 2025

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FORECLOSURE NO F-11261-25

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

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

-versus-

ABRAHAM JOSEPH B. PANGANIBAN  
as represented by his Attorney-In-Fact,  
LILIA S. BRETaña,  
Debtor-Mortgagor.

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No 4118 filed by the **mortgagee BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly BANCO DE ORO UNIBANK, INC.)**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines against **debtor/mortgagor ABRAHAM JOSEPH B. PANGANIBAN**, of legal age, Filipino, with postal addresses at (1) #8 San Juan St., Molo, Iloilo City (2) Lot 7, Block 3, Parc Regency Residences A, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo Province represented by his Attorney-In-Fact, Lilia S. Bretaña to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 15, 2025, amounted to **TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE PESOS & 50/100 (P2,780,185.50)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, plus attorney’s fees, publication cost, Sheriff’s legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **JULY 22, 2025** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, G/F Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER’S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo  
Transfer Certificate of Title  
No. 090-2020004948

“A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 7, BLK. 3, PCS-06-004861, BEING A CONS-SUBD. OF LOTS 161-A PSD-06-010983, LOT 162-G & LOT 162-2, ALL OF BSD-06- 001237 (OLT), LOT 160, LOT 163, LOT 182 & LOT 524, ALL OF ILOILO CAD, LOT 525-A, PSD-06-068212 & LOT 176-2-2-8, PSD-06-068040), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF BALABAG, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE, 1-2, BY LOT 9, BLK. 3; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE (2-3 BY ROAD LOT 01; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3- 4, BY LOT 5, BLK. 3 AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 15, BLK. 3, ALL OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAN. XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SQUARE METERS (120), 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 of Iloilo

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

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date of sale, under penalty of law.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

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Province of Iloilo  
Municipality Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. No. 10172 and R.A. 9048). Notice is hereby served to the public that **CELVIE PRIZA RACE** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in CHILD’S SEX from “MALE” to **“FEMALE”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CELVIE LASARA PRIZA** who was born on **MAY 23, 1973”** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **GLICERIO SOLAS PRIZA** and **ELESA PEREZ LASARA**.

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

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

NE/June 23, 2025 & June 30, 2025

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Guimaras  
Municipality of Jordan  
OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **CHARLIE Y. PAMONAG** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of **Sex** from **“MALE”** to **“FEMALE”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CHARLIE HERRERA YANGUAS** at **JORDAN, GUIMARAS** and whose parents are **ANECITO YANGUAS** and **MARGARITA HERRERA**.

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

(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA  
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/June 23, 2025 & June 30, 2025

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JOEL CICERON A. ITURIAGA** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from “JOEL” to **“JOEL CICERON”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOEL CICERON ABIERTAS ITURIAGA** who was born on **DECEMBER 9, 1963** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **JOB I. ITURIAGA** and **TERESITA I. ABIERTAS**.

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

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

NE/ June 23, 2025 & June 30, 2025

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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 **NANCY C. NAVARRA** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **“MA. NANCY”** to **“NANCY”** in the birth certificate of **MA. NANCY NAVARA** who was born on **October 17, 1954** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Pacifico Navara** and **Pilar Cabilogan**.

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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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, Iloilo 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 Janiuy, Cadastral No. 86, LRC Cadastral Record No. 1564, situated in Brgy. Quipot, Janiuy, 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**. Further, **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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GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **SHIRLEY S. DE PABLO** with business address at Fatima, New Washington, 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 **ARIEL B. SABIANO** to **SHIRLEY S. DE PABLO** of the Vessel Name **FBCA “BARBIE BIANCA”**. Notarized by Atty. Joseph D. Laguna, CPA, a Notary Public in the Province of Aklan docketed as Doc. No. 134, Page No. 28, Book No. LXIV 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.

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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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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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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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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 **Janiuy, 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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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, Iloilo 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.

NE/June 9, 16 & 23, 2025

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **PAULINO O. DELA TORRE, JR.** with business address at Caticlan, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **IAN MC SHANE V. BANDIOLA & PAULINO O. DELA TORRE, JR.** to **PAULINO O. DELA TORRE, JR.** of the Vessel Name **MB “PHD PRINZELIN”**. Notarized by Atty. Immanuel L. Sodusta, a Notary Public in the Province of Aklan, docketed as Doc. No. 482, Page No. 98, Book No. I, 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.

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NOTICE

The public is informed that on **JUNE 29, 2025** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed Jewelleries & Articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **HUNYO 29, 2025** may pagahiwaton nga baligyaanay alas 9:00 sa aga sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

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