

'PARTNERS IN PROGRESS'

Iloilo provincial government cites top taxpayers for CY 2024



Businesswoman Dr. Pacita T. Gonzalez, widow of the late Justice Secretary and Iloilo City Congressman Raul M. Gonzalez, received a plaque of recognition from the Iloilo Provincial Government as the 10th Top Real Property Taxpayer for Calendar Year 2024. Giving the plaque are Provincial Administrator Raul Bantias with Provincial Assessor Rema Calderon, Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) 6 Regional Director Rhodora Gascon, and Provincial Treasurer Jean Maire Umadhay. (Capitol photo)



The Iloilo Provincial Government named Teresita Malones of Maasin, Iloilo as the 19th Top Real Property Taxpayer for Calendar Year 2024. Her son, Councilor-elect Mariano "Jing" Malones, Jr., received the award from Provincial Administrator Raul Bantias with Provincial Assessor Rema Calderon, Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) 6 Regional Director Rhodora Gascon, and Provincial Treasurer Jean Maire Umadhay. (Capitol photo)

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BY MARY JOY CAVANAÑAS

THE Iloilo Provincial Government, through the Office of the Provincial Treasurer, recognized the vital contribution to Iloilo's progress and development of its highest paying taxpayers for calendar year 2024 in an awarding ceremony held at Zuri Hotel, Mandurriao, Iloilo City on June 20, 2025.

Given the recognition were the top Real Property Tax payers in Individual and Corporate Category, Amusement Tax and Annual Fixed Tax on Delivery Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans.

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Treñas: I leave behind a city ready for greater dreams and achievements

As his term as Iloilo City Mayor comes to a close, Mayor Jerry P. Treñas expressed heartfelt gratitude

and pride in the city's remarkable progress over the past six years. With just days left before

the official transition on June 30, Treñas said he is confident in turning over a
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PDRRMO-Iloilo to conduct provincewide resilience drive in July

BY MARY JOY CAVANAÑAS

The Iloilo Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) will be conducting a provincewide resilience drive for the month of July, in the observance of

National Disaster Resilience Month with a line-up of various activities.

The said initiative aims to strengthen community preparedness, promoting climate resilience aligned with the objectives of
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Iloilo City Hall employees take a selfie with Mayor Jerry P. Treñas after his last flag-raising ceremony on Monday. (Iloilo City PIO)

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Raul Baniás who represented Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr., in the awarding ceremony thanked the awardees saying “your dedication to paying the right taxes is not just a compliance with the law; it’s a profound act of support and belief in the progress of our beloved province.”

Baniás added that under the leadership of Governor Defensor the taxes paid are not wasted or corrupted but are meticulously managed and strategically allocated to improve the quality of lives of all Ilonggos through the provision of quality public services.

The Top 20 Real Property Taxpayers in the Individual Category are:

1. Daniel Justiniani, Jr. (Dumangas) – Php 9,560,112.00
 2. Ricky Ang (Leganes) – Php 5,950,684.02
 3. Daniel Benjamin Consing (Dumangas, Janiuay, Oton) – Php 4,666,612.81
 4. Dennis B. Devicente & Dolores Devicente (Leganes) – Php 4,110,507.60
 5. Thelma Zerrudo (various municipalities) – Php 3,490,031.77
 6. Dan Stephen Palami (Leganes) – Php 3,182,308.20
 7. Joseph Yu (Leganes, Lambunao) – Php 2,265,376.28
 8. Alex Nulada (Miagao, Tigbauan) – Php 2,225,392.98
 9. Felix Gurrea (various municipalities) – Php 2,131,609.00
 10. Dr. Pacita Gonzalez (various municipalities) – Php 1,866,477.12
 11. Melne Ruth Vencer (Barotac Viejo) – Php 1,795,104.08
 12. Danilo Valderrama (Anilao, Banate) – Php 1,683,169.94
 13. George Federico & Francisco Sanson, et. al. (Sara) – Php 1,520,391.23
 14. Raul Martin Sison (Leganes) – Php 1,434,598.60
 15. Nemesio Jardeleza (Leganes) – Php 932,234.40
 16. Marilyn Sy Ong (Banate, Estancia) – Php 927,729.28
 17. Josefina Golez (Dumangas) – Php 885,532.23
 18. Reynold Lim (Leganes) – Php 876,199.75
 19. Teresita Malones (Maasin) – Php 796,453.04
 20. Sps. Cipriano Garcia & Bernadita Garcia (various municipalities) – Php 786,086.30
- For the Corporate Category, the Top 20 Real Property Taxpayers are:
1. Palm Concepcion Power Corporation (Concepcion) – Php 34,868,922.42
 2. 8990 Housing Development Corporation (Pavia, Leganes, Sta. Barbara, San Miguel) – Php 32,447,737.47
 3. Property Company of Friends, Inc. (Pavia, Lambunao, Sta. Barbara) – Php 15,151,325.76
 4. Communities Iloilo, Inc. (Pavia, Oton, San Miguel) – Php 13,336,607.72
 5. Globe Telecom, Inc. (various municipalities) – Php 10,306,443.07
 6. Smart Communications, Inc. (various municipalities) – Php 10,133,745.12
 7. New Panay Agri-Ventures, Inc. (Pavia) – Php 9,429,195.68
 8. San Miguel Foods Corporation (Pavia, Leganes) – Php 8,309,846.68
 9. IBC International Builders Corporation (various municipalities) – Php 6,807,914.40
 10. City Mall Commercial Centers, Inc. (Pavia) – Php 6,713,388.66
 11. Universal Robina Corporation (San Enrique) – Php 6,425,668.65
 12. 3M Iloilo Properties & Development Corporation (Sta. Barbara, Leganes) – Php 6,377,215.02
 13. SPC Island Power Corporation (Dingle) – Php 6,168,735.52
 14. Robinsons Land Corporation (Pavia) – Php 5,622,222.72
 15. Vista Mall Iloilo (Oton) – Php 5,529,736.20
 16. Pepsi Cola Products Philippines, Inc. (San Miguel) – Php 4,607,707.20
 17. Far East Noble House, Inc. (Estancia) – Php 4,370,378.84
 18. Dynasty Management & Development Corporation (Sara) – Php 4,112,054.88
 19. Liwayway Marketing Corporation (Pavia) – Php 3,746,547.52
 20. Global Estate Resorts Inc. (Sta. Barbara) – Php 3,042,458.86

City gov't signs sister city agreement with Fort Lauderdale, Florida

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Iloilo City Government forged a partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA through a Sister City Agreement signed on June 23, 2025.

This agreement, which aims to strengthen ties and friendship between the two cities, was signed by outgoing Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas during his remaining days as Iloilo City's leader, and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean I. Trantalis.

Treñas expressed enthusiasm in the said partnership which will raise Iloilo City's international profile and boost local initiatives for inclusive and sustainable development.

“This partnership provides a meaningful platform for open communication, collaboration, and the sharing of best practices that will greatly benefit both our communities,” said Treñas.

The sister city, or state relationship—the highest level of inter-city cooperation—fosters a long-term partnership for exchanging best practices and implementing mutually beneficial programs in governance, public services, and community development.

The partnership agreement will be forwarded to the Iloilo City Council for approval after it is signed.

Currently, Iloilo City maintains a total of 43 sister city agreements composed of 22 international cities and 21 local government units across the country.

W. Visayas positions as healthcare tech services destination

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) 6 (Western Visayas) gathered stakeholders for a two-day Healthcare Information Management System (HIMS) conference starting Wednesday, as the region continues to cement its position as the preferred destination for locators of healthcare technology services.

DTI-6 Director Rachel Nufable said the HIMS industry

presents high-value job opportunities and could boost local healthcare systems while accelerating regional economic growth.

“We believe that this industry, a big job generator, will bring the region to greater heights, transform our local healthcare system, and revitalize and accelerate economic growth. This gathering represents thousands of potential high-value jobs for our people,” Nufable said in her message during the opening program.

“It represents international companies looking at Western Visayas not just as another location but as a preferred destination for healthcare technology services.”

The goal, she said, is to transform the region into a hub for health and life sciences, and ultimately, the HIMS capital of the world.

Assistant Secretary Leonila Baluyut said the HIMS sector is becoming a “cornerstone of the modern economy” as it enhances patient care, promotes efficient operations, and opens new frontiers in data-driven decision-making by integrating healthcare with cutting-edge information technology.

“Western Visayas, particularly Iloilo City, stands at the forefront of this transformation. The region’s competitive advantage is rooted in its strong educational infrastructure, a large base of healthcare and IT graduates and eco-system that supports knowledge industries,” she said.

Citing data from the Iloilo Federation for Information Technology, she said that Iloilo City has more than 122

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MoRProGRes Iloilo.

Various activities for the month-long celebration include:

- * Provincial Rescuelympics 2025 - Iloilo Sports Complex (July 17)
- * Limpyo Iloilo Clean-Up Drive - Brigada Pasica (July 21)
- * Regional Rescuelympics - Dingle (July 22–23)
- * RED Brigade II Bloodletting Activity - July 25

Moreover, the goal for Iloilo's transformation into a Forest Province by 2044, will be featured at the Provincial DRRM and Climate Change Adaptation Skills Convergence at Lake Alapasco, Batad on July 31.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), in collaboration with PDRRMO personnel conducted a Barangay Kapitolyo Earthquake Drill last June 24, 2025, which featured dramatic high-angle rescue simulations to boost institutional preparedness.

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city prepared for the next level.

“I leave behind a city ready for greater dreams and achievements,” Treñas declared.

He emphasized that Iloilo City is now well-positioned to reach even greater heights, including its aspiration to become the Philippines’ third most livable, resilient, inclusive, and green city.

He called on everyone to extend their full support to the incoming administration of Mayor-elect Raisa Treñas-Chu, who is set to lead the city into a new chapter of service and innovation.

“Ginapangayo ko gid sa inyo tanan – ihatag ta ang aton kooperasyon kag pagbulig sa masunod nga administrasyon para ang kaayuhan nga madala sang masunod nga liderato, tanan kita maka-ambit,” he urged.

Speaking during Monday’s flag ceremony at City Hall, Mayor Treñas took time to thank department heads and employees for their unwavering commitment throughout his administration.

“Nagapasalamat gid ko sa inyo tanan. Indi ko ma-express sang husto ang akon pagpasalamat sa inyo kay adlaw-adlaw ko dumdumon ang inyo hugot nga suporta para malab-ut naton ang handum naton nga i-level up ang Syudad sang Iloilo,” he shared emotionally.

He credited the city’s numerous achievements to the collective efforts of the City Government workforce, stressing that progress was never the result of one person alone.

Among the recent milestones highlighted was Iloilo City’s first-ever Unmodified Opinion from the Commission on Audit (COA) on its 2024 financial statements, an affirmation of the city's sound fiscal management and transparency.

“Let us all be proud of this achievement. Not all LGUs receive this. You should take pride in what Iloilo City has accomplished,” he said.

Other recognitions the city achieved recently include: First Place in the City Category at the POPDEV Awards for Most Outstanding LGU, through the Office of the City Population Officer; Top 1 City Government Office in General Insurance Premiums Payment for 2024 by GSIS; and Special Recognition for Environmental Leadership from DENR-EMB Region 6.

“Kadamo sang aton nga nalab-ot pero ini tanan, naliwat liwat ko, indi bangod sa isa ka tawo lang, indi bangod sa akon lang kundi bangod sa panikasog sang aton mga department head kag mga empleyado. This is all because of the team efforts kag kon tanan kita magbinuligay madamo pa ang aton maobra,” Treñas underscored.

The mayor concluded his message with a deep sense of fulfillment and gratitude, believing that his role as a public servant was a calling guided by faith.

“Ang akon madala upod sa akon kag taguon ko gid sa pinakadalom sang akon kasing-kasing amo ang inyo pagpatay-patay nga bulig para mapatindog kag mapabugal naton ang Syudad sang Iloilo,” he said.

As he steps down, Mayor Treñas leaves a legacy of shared success and a strengthened foundation for Iloilo City's future. (GSTayona/Iloilo City PIO)

Treñas, Ganzon, 4 city council members bid farewell as terms end

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

As the June 30, 2025 transition approached, leaders and officials of Iloilo City Government bid farewell as their respective terms concluded.

In a statement, former Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas expressed gratitude and pride in Iloilo City's progress and achievements under his six-year term. He also addressed the collaborative efforts of all city government employees for the city's success.

Treñas acknowledged their shared responsibility in governance and urged continued support for his daughter, Mayor-elect Raisa Treñas to ensure the continued development of the city. He also expressed deep gratitude for their support throughout his almost 40 years of career in public service.

Additionally, Former Vice Mayor Jeffrey Ganzon also delivered his valedictory speech at the last regular session of the 11th Sangguniang Panlungsod in the New Legislative Building on June 25, 2025.

Marking the end of his nearly two decades of public service in Iloilo City, Ganzon highlighted significant accomplishments during his tenure as both council member and vice mayor, emphasizing improvements in infrastructure, healthcare, education, and sustainable development.

Ganzon also expressed gratitude to his colleagues in the Sangguniang Panlungsod, city staff, media partners, and the public for their support and partnership in Iloilo City's achievements, expressing his deep affection for the community and pride in their shared accomplishments.

On the other hand, four members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod including Hon. Candice Tupas, Hon. Ely Estante, Hon. Sumakwel Nava Jr., and Hon. Urminico Baronda Jr., also delivered their respective valedictory speeches as their terms as city councilors came to an end.

They also reflected on their achievements, milestones, and memories and expressed gratitude to their colleagues and staff throughout their tenure at the Iloilo City Government, particularly the Sangguniang Panlungsod.



ICPO to set up technology-driven policing strategy

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ILOILO CITY (PIA)—The Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO) is set to institutionalize the Technology-Oriented Policing (TOP) strategy, an initiative first launched by the Police Regional Office 6 (PRO-6), aimed at enhancing real-time crime detection and improving emergency response capabilities.

ICPO director Police Colonel Kim P. Legada said that the strategy would enhance their response capabilities, supporting the call of Philippine National Police (PNP) chief General Nicolas Torre III for a five-minute emergency response time.

Among the key components of the TOP strategy are the installation of Mobile Digital Video Recorders (MDVR) in all patrol cars; acquisition and issuance of handheld radios to all beat and mobile patrollers; and acquisition of additional drones and body-worn cameras to enable live video feeds to the Tactical Operations Center.

Legada announced the plan during the joint meeting of the City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) and Iloilo City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ICADAC).

He also reported that the ICPO successfully passed

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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.

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 Albela 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 Albela 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 Albela 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 Albela, 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

Prioritize what helps, not what divides

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

identity card is not all plastic digitized cards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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after they get out of the airport?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Inordinate delay

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

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

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

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

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

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

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In our case, the first complaints to impeach Vice President Sara Duterte were filed on Dec. 2 at the House of Representatives. It took two months of wheeling and dealing at the HOR before four complaints were consolidated and the Articles

of Impeachment forwarded to the Senate, which has the constitutional duty to convene as an impeachment court “forthwith” – or, in the official Filipino translation, “agad.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Special Proceedings Case No. **01-2025-P**

FOR:
**Petition for the Allowance
of a Will & for Issuance of
Letters Testamentary with
the Will Annexed**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
TO APPROVE THE WILL OF
EVA D. VARUA (Deceased),**

MARIA AGNES RODRIGUEZ
Represented by **Arlene B. Marcaida,**
Petitioner,

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A verified PETITION dated April 3, 2025 was filed on May 8, 2025, by Maria Agnes Rodriguez (herein represented by her attorney-in-fact, Arlene B. Marcaida), through counsel, was admitted by this Court on May 12, 2025. Hence, this notice of hearing.

The Petition states that:

- Maria Agnes Rodriguez is of legal age and a resident of 8 Brigandoon Avenue, Glenmore Park New South Wales 2745. She is represented in this petition by Arlene B. Marcaida, of legal age, a resident of Purok 6, Nauring, Pandan, Antique, with a Special Power of Attorney dated February 20, 2025 (Exhibit “B” of the Petition);
- That on August 29, 2021, the testatrix Eva D. Varua, single, of legal age, Filipino citizen, died at her place of residence in Centro Sur, Pandan, Antique (Exhibit “C” of the Petition),
- That Eva D Varua, prior to her demise, executed a holographic will at Centro Sur, Pandan, Antique on December 12, 2017 (Exhibit “D” of the Petition);
- That the holographic in the possession of the petitioner’s counsel, Rommel C. Bellones, has been submitted in Court;
- That in said holographic will, Eva D. Varua, bequeathed the following properties with respective market/zonal values, to her devisees, namely:
 - Ma. Agnes G. Varua - Lot No. 2698, located at Bagumbayan, Pandan, Antique, under Tax Declaration No 12-0005-00180;

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONSUELO MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO** consisting of **one-half (1/2) conjugal share** in the following parcels of land: **Lot 3 Block 3, Psd-06-004481**, being a portion of Lot 2414, Jaro Cadastre, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-69038** situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX (156) SQUARE METERS, more or less** and **Lot 3, Pcs-06-000429**, being a portion of Consolidation and Subdivision of Lot 1410-D and Lot 1410-E, Psd-27248 covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-62195** situated in Molo, Iloilo City with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (444) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **MANUEL LIM TAN-TIONGCO, MARLA ANN MELLIZA-TAN TIONGCO, CARY MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO, CEDRIC PAUL MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO, CYRUS JOHN MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO, MYRA SOFIA TAN-TIONGCO TAN, and MAREE BARBARA MELLIZA TAN-TIONGCO**. That, **MANUEL LIM TAN-TIONGCO** waived absolutely and unconditionally his rights and interests over the said parcels of land including the residential houses built thereon in favor of his co-heirs as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARK C. JURILLA** per Doc. No. 115, Page No. 24, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2024.



- Gorgonio G. Varua - located at Talisay;
 - Jose G. Varua - Lot No 96, located at Nauring, Pandan, Antique;
 - Andrew V. Ballicas - Lot No. 5991, located at Talisay, Pandan, Antique, under Tax Declaration No. 12-0023-00090;
 - Ramon V. Ballicas - Lot No. 4177, located at Talisay, Pandan, Antique, under Tax Declaration No. 12-032-0363; and
 - Tito D. Varua - The fruits of the lots during his lifetime
- That Eva D. Varua died without outstanding debts thus, the executor will only need to execute the provisions of the will;
 - That Eva D. Varua did not name any executor/ administrator in her holographic will, and
 - That letters testamentary be issued to Arlene B. Marcaida, a resident of Nauring, Pandan, Antique, Filipino, a distant relative and the current caretaker of the estate of Eva D. Varua, a person of known probity and integrity, not having been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude and who possesses all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications to act as executrix of the last will and testament of Eva D. Varua.

Let the hearing for probate and allowance of the Holographic Will of Eva D. Varua be set on **August 19, 2025 at 8:00 in the morning at 6th MCTC, Pandan, Antique office** at which time, date and place, all concerned may appear to contest the probate and allowance thereof, showing cause if any why said will should be disallowed.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks previous to the hearing dated set herein, in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Antique, and furnish with a copy of this Order the petitioner and all devisees named in said will at their respective addresses if known.

Finally, let a copy of this Order be posted at the Bulletin Board or any conspicuous place in front of the Municipal Hall, Pandan, Antique; courtroom of the 6th MCTC, Pandan, Antique and at Brgy. Hall of Brgy. Centro Sur, Pandan, Antique.

SO ORDERED.

Pandan, Antique, Philippines, May 22, 2025.

(SGD.) MARIA THERESA P. ALDON
Presiding Judge

NE/June 30, July 7 & 14, 2025



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses ELIGIO M. GAZO and PATRIA J. GAZO** consisting of parcels of land **Lot 2652**, situated in Cabatuan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-67982** with ana rea of **Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight (5,578) square meters** and **Lot 2483** situated in Cabatuan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-67504** with an area **Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Six (12,606) square meters** are adjudicated to heirs **RAMON J. GAZO, LILIBETH G. PETROLA, MARTIN J. GAZO, INOCENCIA G. SARAOS, MARGIE J. GAZO and ELIGIO J. GAZO, JR.**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 31, Page No. 7, Book No. 20, Series of 2025.

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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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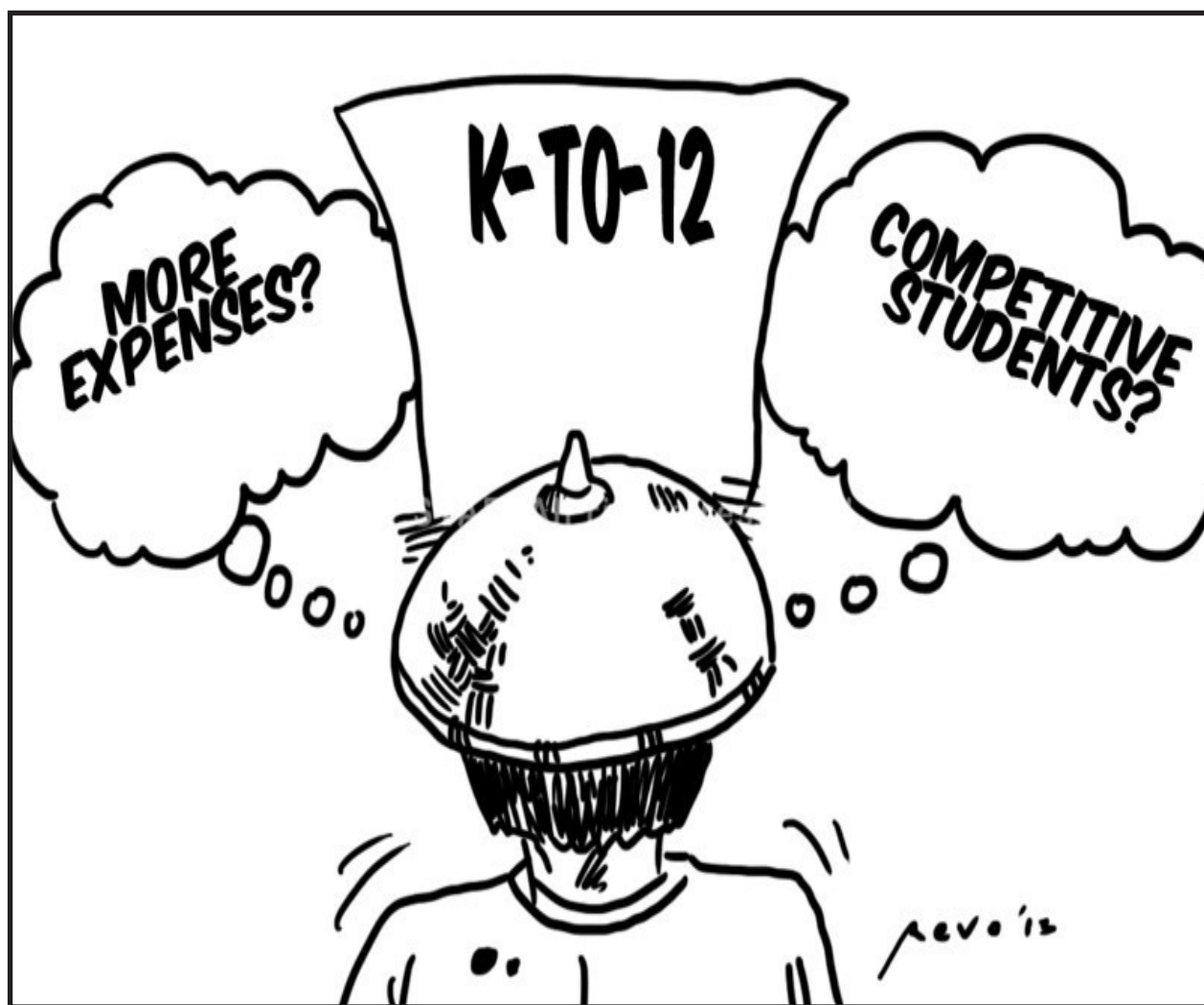
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What is the future of the national government's K-12 basic education program?

Downhill, it appears, with the Senior High School level failing to deliver on its expected outcomes.

No less than President Marcos Jr. has expressed dismay that the program, implemented more than a decade ago, has not provided any real advantage to its graduates.

"It's costing parents more because two additional years were added. They still have to pay for enrolment, buy a lot of school supplies, purchase books – everything. Yet after 10 years, graduates still don't get jobs," Marcos said.

Despite this, Marcos said he has directed Education Secretary Sonny Angara to improve the program, particularly to address the issue of job mismatching, considered the primary problem among its graduates.

Meanwhile, Senate Bill 3001 seeks to implement a "rationalized basic education program" to better serve learners. It proposes

K-12 needs rethinking

Editorial

a one-year kindergarten program, followed by six years of elementary education and four years of secondary education.

The bill amending Republic Act 10533, also known as the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, cited the admission of the Department of Education that the SHS program "has not yet reached its vision for the K-12 graduates" due to a congested curriculum, overworked teachers and students, and the low employment rate of SHS graduates.

The K-12 basic education program was rolled out in 2013.

Back then, the Philippine was one among only three countries with a ten-year pre-university, while others had a 13-yr program consisting of a required kindergarten, six years of elementary school, four years of high school, and two years of senior high.

K-12 was supposed to put the Philippines on the same level as the rest of the world, so that those seeking entry to foreign universities would not have to take two more years of high school.

While the program was noble in its intentions, the two extra years of senior high was resisted by parents who felt that they were burdened with two more years of spending for their children's tuition.

They also perceived Senior High School as a program that had been forced onto them rather than introduced gradually. Hence, there's now growing sentiment to go back to the old system.

Will the DepEd heed the clamor? We hope Secretary Angara exerts every effort to make a real difference in our education system in the next three years. (*manilastandard.net*)

Balancing act: Responsible gaming and economic gains

Online gambling in recent years has become more accessible than ever for Filipinos. With games available at one's fingertips, it has become easier for more people to participate since they can do so with just a few clicks on their phone.

There is a certain thrill that comes with gambling—an excitement that many Filipinos have come to associate with relaxation and leisure. For some, it is a casual diversion after a long day; for others, it is part of how they unwind. It is familiar. It is fun. It is entertainment.

But as online gaming continues to gain popularity, it is important to study how it is shaping habits and how the country can strike a balance between economic benefits and responsible gaming.

The numbers speak volumes. In 2024, electronic games and e-bingo generated a jaw-dropping PHP154.51 billion in gross gaming revenues, according to the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). This is a remarkable 165 percent increase from the PHP58.16 billion they made just the year before.

And it is not slowing down. In the first quarter of 2025 alone, e-games and e-bingo already made up more than half of PAGCOR's PHP25.52 billion in revenues, outpacing even the country's traditional licensed casinos.

The numbers pose promising gains for the country's economy, but this should not be at the cost of the well-being of Filipinos.

With the rise of online gaming, there is a need to strike a

balance between economic gains and responsible gaming. Gambling, like every other form of leisure, should be done in moderation. Online gaming by itself is not the problem, problems arise when boundaries blur and perception changes—such as from a form of recreation to a means of solving financial woes.

This is exactly why Filipinos need to understand the concept of responsible gaming. When gambling becomes more than just fun—it can lead to serious consequences.

The government is already taking notice of the growing popularity of online gaming. Last week, Malacañang said the government was working to rid the country of illegal gaming websites commonly known as "scatter", citing concerns on its social impact.

From top to bottom, responsible gaming should be part of the conversation. Understanding personal limits, setting budgets, and recognizing when to take a break are essential. Awareness of red flags—such as feeling unable to stop—can help individuals act before the problem worsens.

While PAGCOR acknowledges this and is continuously strengthening its efforts to promote responsible gaming, the agency should not and cannot do this alone. Beyond the Responsible Gaming Code of Practice and strict age verification processes enforced by PAGCOR—both the public and private sectors should and can do more for the industry and its consumers.

The long-term success and sustainability of the industry requires multi-faceted action: smarter and stronger regulation,

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BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

a robust information and education campaign on responsible gaming, and private industry collaboration and support. All of these are essential to ensure that the industry grows sustainably while also safeguarding the well-being of its consumers.

The growth of the gaming industry in the Philippines presents both opportunities and responsibilities. If managed wisely, gambling can remain a legitimate and enjoyable form of entertainment. But as technology continues to transform how we play, our safeguards must evolve accordingly.

Celebrating innovation and economic progress is important. But just as vital is the reminder that knowing when to pause, when to walk away, or when to seek help—that's the real win.

If you or someone you know may need support, PAGCOR's partner help centers are available. Life Change Recovery Center and Bridges of Hope Drugs and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center can be reached at (02) 415-7964 and (02) 622-0193.

If one, however, can no longer manage to control the impulses of gambling, then perhaps family members and close friends can step in and help to stop the addiction. After all, as we know, everything must be done in moderation otherwise it can and will wreck lives.

The girl in the store freezer

There is a new viral video of a female blogger who went inside a grocery freezer to create online content. Apparently, the content creator decided to climb inside the freezer and lie on tubes of ice to get attention and views. Unfortunately for her, the reactions were mostly negative. First, the convenience store owners have decided to take legal action against all those involved with the prank video. Citing health and safety concerns, the store owners vowed to initiate all relevant proceedings against the said persons for compromising hygiene protocols involving the said ice cubes. Second, thousands of netizens bashed the girl in the freezer online relentlessly. Several Filipinos online expressed their frustration and even disgust. Many called the stunt childish, risky and even dangerous.

What is disturbing about the matter is the cavalier attitude that the girl in the freezer has

adopted. After issuing a pro forma apology, the said girl attempted to defend her actions by saying she was clean and even said “try again uli”. Clearly, the girl showed neither remorse nor a realization of the error of her ways. Her attitude shows the typical attitude of many of the young content creators. What is worse is that some people are actually supporting her and calling the negative reactions as overreactions.

It must be noted that the convenience store chain management is taking the matter seriously. They intend to take legal action against the content creator for: a) improper use of their store equipment b) violation of food safety standards and c) brand damage. The content creator will surely suffer some consequences because of her acts. If her acts will go unpunished then surely more content-hungry creators will think of more harmful pranks to generate their all-important views.

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

Enough is enough. The hammer must be brought down hard on these content creators. Before this incident, we had a foreign vlogger who was detained and charged with various criminal offenses for various acts. This should be the policy now. More stringent legislation against these acts must be enacted. Our youth especially must see the consequences of such action lest they emulate the shenanigans of these creators. An example must be given to online creators that if they will suffer extremely negative consequences for their actions. In this way, we can hammer into everyone’s consciousness the aspect of respect towards all. There are things that one must not do as a sign of respect for others. Perhaps, it is time for many to learn that lesson.

The green revival of the Philippines

"Forests for Life" is the compelling tagline of the national reforestation initiative launched by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). More than a slogan, it encapsulates a vision: to restore, protect, and sustain the country’s dwindling forest cover not only for environmental conservation but for the survival and well-being of present and future generations.

Under this program, the DENR has set an ambitious target—to plant five million trees across the Philippines by 2028. This goal reflects a noble and urgent response to the alarming state of our forests, which continue to face threats from deforestation, land conversion, and climate change. Forests for Life underscores the deep and vital connection between healthy ecosystems and human life—because when we restore our forests, we also secure our water, food, air, biodiversity, and climate resilience.

This is a most opportune time for Filipinos to give back to Mother Earth. Today, the country’s forest cover stands at only around seven million hectares, or approximately 23 percent of the Philippines’ total land area—a troubling figure, especially as deforestation continues unabated. The primary drivers of forest loss include unregulated logging concessions, both legal and illegal logging activities, and mining operations. Additional contributing factors are land use conversion, forest fires, and the increasing frequency and intensity of destructive typhoons. During the Spanish colonial period, forest cover in the Philippines was estimated to be over 90 percent. Since then, it has declined drastically. The loss of forests has also led to the disappearance of countless plant and animal species, many of which are endemic to the country.

I recall more than a decade ago when the DENR led a nationwide initiative to plant endemic tree species, with active participation from local communities and civil society organizations (CSOs). Endemic refers to tree species that are native to the Philippines, such as narra, kamagong, molave, and talisay, among many others. This approach ensures that the planted trees are non-invasive and do not threaten

or displace native vegetation.

The community’s role in planting and nurturing the trees until maturity made this effort unique. This approach marked a significant improvement over previous tree-planting programs that often neglected the seedlings and did not engage the communities. Many of those earlier efforts ultimately failed to thrive and were a waste.

The Forests for Life program builds on the foundations laid by earlier reforestation initiatives, such as the National Greening Program (NGP), which aimed to plant 1.5 billion trees across 1.5 million hectares from 2011 to 2016. The continuity of such efforts is crucial, especially in the face of climate change, which poses increasing threats to the Philippines. Sustained reforestation helps restore degraded ecosystems and secures vital environmental benefits—such as clean air, water, biodiversity, and climate resilience—for both present and future generations.

The NGP went beyond simply planting trees—it prioritized the use of a variety of species, with a focus on endemic trees such as Narra, Mahogany, and Acacia. We planted indigenous species in specific areas to rehabilitate denuded watersheds, mangrove forests, and protected zones. In some provinces, the program also included the planting of coffee and coconut trees, not only to restore forest cover but also to boost local production and provide livelihood opportunities for farmers.

To ensure the success and sustainability of the reforestation program, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) must actively engage local government units (LGUs) and encourage their participation in revitalizing tree planting efforts. A whole-of-nation approach is essential for this ambitious undertaking. The involvement of the youth is especially important—not only to raise their awareness of environmental issues, but also to empower them as stewards of the next generation. Achieving the goal of planting five million trees by 2028 will require broad collaboration across all sectors of society. We can only hope that, with unified effort and strong leadership, the

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BY BRIAN JAMES LU

DENR will meet this target and help secure a greener future for the country.

In addition to the DENR’s tree planting initiatives, the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) is implementing a massive coconut planting and replanting program. No less than the President directed the PCA to plant 100 million coconut trees across the archipelago over a five-year period. This ambitious goal translates to an annual target of 20 to 25 million trees from 2023 to 2028. However, based on PCA data, only 2.1 million coconut seedlings were planted in 2023 and approximately 8.5 million in 2024. For 2025, the PCA aims to plant at least 15 million coconut seedlings—still below the ideal annual target to reach the 100 million goal.

To catch up with President Marcos Jr.’s directive, the PCA is now aiming to plant 50 million coconut trees in 2026 alone.

The initiative to plant 100 million coconut trees is not only a reforestation effort but also a bold move to reclaim the Philippines’ historic position as the world’s leading coconut producer. While the country remains the top exporter of coconut products, it currently ranks second in global production—a title it lost to Indonesia three decades ago. By expanding and rejuvenating its coconut plantations, the Philippines aims to restore its dominance in the industry while supporting environmental sustainability and rural livelihoods.

Reforestation is not merely an environmental goal—it is a national imperative. The Forests for Life and coconut replanting programs offer a clear path toward ecological renewal, climate resilience, and sustainable livelihoods. But their success depends on all of us. Let us take part—whether as individuals, communities, local governments, or private stakeholders—in planting, protecting, and nurturing trees. Now is the time to act. By working together, we can help green the Philippines and secure a healthier, more vibrant future for generations to come.

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Spl. Civil Action No. 22-35155

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

National Grid Corporation of the Philippines
Plaintiff,

-versus-

Heirs of Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and
Julia Gambon or Their Heirs of Unknown
Identities and Whereabouts;

Florenio D. Gubatanga, Jr., and
Conrado G. Barbo, and

All other persons with claims or interest
Over Lot No. 3426, located in Brgy. Ingore,
Lapaz, Iloilo City,

Defendants.

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ORDER

The Manifestation with Ex-Parte Motion for the Publication of Summons filed by the plaintiff, through counsel, is **NOTED**.

Acting on the Ex-Parte Motion for the Publication of Summons filed by the plaintiff, in view of the Affidavit of John Nelson B. Quebrar, employee of the NGCP, designated as Right of Way Assistant for the Visayas Right of Way Division, stating that despite diligent and exhaustive efforts of his team, they could not ascertain the exact whereabouts of the registered and declared owners of Lot 3426, located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and finding the reasons stated therein to be well-taken, the relief prayed for is hereby **GRANTED**.

The plaintiff is granted leave to serve summons for: a) Heirs of Eustaquio and Julia Gambon; b) All persons who may have Claim or Interest over Lot No. 3426, located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, together with a copy of the Complaint, Notice to Take Possession, and this Order, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, an to submit proof of compliance thereof **within thirty (30) days from publication**.

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

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines June 11, 2025.

(SGD.) NESTLE A. GO
Acting Presiding Judge

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All Other Persons with Claims or interest
Over Lot No. 3426, Located in
Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City,

Defendants.

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SUMMONS

TO:

HEIRS OF EUSTAQUIO HOFILEÑA and JULIA GAMBON
All Persons who may have claim or interest over
Lot No. 3426, Located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City

GREETINGS:

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

WITNESS MY HAND under the seal of this Court, this 16th day of June, 2025.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court
6th Judicial Region
Branch 33
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NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

HEIRS OF SPOUSES EUSTAQUIO HOFILEÑA AND JULIA
GAMBON OF UNKNOWN IDENTITIES AND WHEREABOUTS;

FLORENIO D. GUBATANGA, JR., AND CONRADO BARBO;
AND

ALL OTHER PERSONS WITH CLAIMS OR INTEREST OVER LOT
NO. 3426, LOCATED IN BRGY. INGORE, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY,
Defendants.

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SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. Defendant **Florenio Gubatanga, Jr.** is of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Brgy. Ticud, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where he can be served with summons, notices and court processes. He is impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1, Rule 67 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure because he claims ownership of the improvements found on the property subject of this Amended Complaint

6. Defendant **Conrado Barbo** is of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Brgy. Ticud, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where he can be served with summons, notices and court processes. He is impleaded herein pursuant to Section 1, Rule 67 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure because he is the current tenant and/or occupant of the property subject of this Amended Complaint as well the one claiming ownership of the structure found therein.

7. Plaintiff cannot ascertain the exact whereabouts of defendants heirs of Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia Gambon, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

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

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

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

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

¹ Section 1. *The complaint. —* The right of eminent domain shall be exercised by the filing of a verified complaint which shall state with certainty the right and purpose of expropriation, describe the real or personal property sought to be expropriated, and **join as defendants all persons owning or claiming to own, or occupying, any part thereof or interest therein**, showing, so far as practicable, the separate interest of each defendant. If the title to any property sought to be expropriated appears to be in the Republic of the Philippines, although occupied by private individuals, or if the title is otherwise obscure or doubtful so that the plaintiff cannot with accuracy or certainty specify who are the real owners, averment to that effect shall be made in the complaint.
² Section 14. *Unknown identity or name of defendant. —* Whenever the identity or name of a defendant is unknown, he may be sued as the unknown owner, heir, devisee, or by such other designation as the case may require; when his identity or true name is discovered, the pleading must be amended accordingly.
³ Section 16. *Service upon defendant whose identity or whereabouts are unknown. —* In any action where the defendant is designated as an unknown owner, or the like, or whenever his or her whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry, within ninety (90) calendar days from the commencement of the action, service may, by leave of court, be effected upon him or her by publication in a newspaper of general circulation and in such places and for such time as the court may order.

12. The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) approved the Application filed by NGCP for the approval of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, docketed as ERC Case No. 2017-110RC in a Notice of Resolution,⁴ promulgated on 6 February 2024, a pertinent portion of which provides:

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

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

“x xx”

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

14. The Project's route commences at NGCP's existing Iloilo Substation inBrgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and stretches via overhead transmission line towards theIngore Cable Terminal Station in the same barangay. Itthen proceeds via submarine cables towards theSawang Cable Terminal Station inBrgy. Sawang, Buenavista, Guimaras, and continues via overhead transmission line towards the projectedZaldivar Substation in Brgy. Zaldivar, Buenavista, Guimaras, where it terminates.

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

4 ANNEX “A” – ERC Notice of Resolution.

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

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

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

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

19. In the exercise of its right of eminent domain, NGCPintends to expropriate aportion of a parcel of land denominated as **Lot No. 3426**, a private property located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. As indicated in the pertinent portion of the Index Map,⁸ the said portion of Lot No. 3426 is within the route and site of the project.

20. **Lot No. 3426** is registered in the names of Spouses EustaquioHofileña and Julia Gambon under **Original Certificate of Title (OCT) No. 15269**⁹and declared in the name of EustaquioHofileña under **Tax Declaration (TD) No. 15-04-011-00242**.¹⁰The affected area sought to be expropriated consists of **1,615 square meters**, more or less, as shown in the attached Sketch Plan¹¹ and Narrative Technical Description,¹² and is more particularly described below together with the Report on the Count of Improvements,¹³ and Valuation of House/Structure,¹⁴ to wit:

Lot No.	3426
Original Certificate of Title No.	15269
Registered Owners	Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia Gambon
Tax Declaration No.	15-04-011-00242
Declared Owner	Eustaquio Hofileña
Total Area	6,579sq.m.
Affected Area	1,615 sq.m.
Classification of Land	Industrial ¹⁵
Market Value of Affected Area (Php12.00/sqm)	(Php19,380.49)
Assessed Value of Affected Area (Php1.87/sqm)	(Php3,024.29)
BIR Zonal of Affected Area(Php10,000.00/sqm ¹⁶)	Php16,150,000.00
Cost of Affected Improvements (Crops, Plants and Trees)	Php68,666.99
Cost of Affected Improvements (House/Structure)	Php67,251.02
Total Amount of Compensation	Php16,285,918.01

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

⁶ “x xxWithout a doubt, the provision of uninterrupted supply of electricity is a public purpose which is distinct from the general purpose of electricity distribution. Such distinct purpose is both public and genuine.”

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

⁸ ANNEX “B” – Portion of Index Map of the project as traversing Lot No. 3426.

⁹ ANNEX “C” - Original Certificate of Title No. 15269.

¹⁰ ANNEX “D” - Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00242.

¹¹ ANNEX “E” –Sketch Plan for Lot No. 3426.

¹² ANNEX “F” – Narrative Technical Description for the affected portion of Lot No. 3426.

¹³ ANNEX “G” –Report on the Count of Improvements for Lot No. 3426.

¹⁴ ANNEX “H” –Valuation of House/Structurefor Lot No. 3426.

21. To enable NGCP to construct and maintain the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, it is both genuinely necessary and urgent to acquire, upon payment of just compensation,the above-described portion of Lot No. 3426, to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras, as well as other parts of the country.

22. NGCP's personnel endeavored to locate the owners in order to negotiate with them for the acquisition of the above-described portion of Lot No. 3426 for the implementation of the project. On September 29, 2021, NGCP's personnel went to the site of the affected area of the subject property and made inquiries with neighboring landowners and barangay officials regarding the identities of its owners. On February 14, 2022, NGCP's personnel tried to ask the whereabouts of the owner by contacting the page of Don EustaquioHofileña Memorial Elementary school, however, they refused to divulge any information about the owner.The heirs of the registered and declared owner could not be located despite diligent and exhaustive efforts. Hence, no negotiations could be conducted. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, plaintiff has no other recourse but to file the instantAmended Complaint.

23. NGCP is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-described portionof Lot No. 3426, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, any other applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue

Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall directly pay to the Government.

¹⁵ ANNEX “I” –Certificate of Zoning Classification issued by the City Planning and Development Office.

¹⁶ ANNEX “J” –BIR Certification.

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

25. Moreover, an expropriation proceeding being an action *quasi in rem*,¹⁷ jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. It is only required that there is jurisdiction over the *res*. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

26. In **NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company**, ¹⁸the Supreme Court held that:

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

27. Again, in **Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.**, ¹⁹the Supreme Court held:

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

¹⁷ **Ramos vs. Philippine Tourism Authority**, G.R. Nos. 52449-50, 09 June 1980, cited in paragraph 1, page 4 of OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

¹⁸ G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011

¹⁹ G.R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF POSSESSION

28. Section 13 of R.A. 11361²⁰ provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs NGCP's expropriation cases.Under Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court, NGCP may already enter and possess the subject property during the pendency of the expropriation case,²¹ thus:

“SEC. 2.Entry of plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depositary. — Upon the filing of the Amended Complaint or at any time thereafter and after due notice to the defendant, the plaintiff shall have the right to take or enter upon the possession of the real property involved if he deposits with the authorized government depositary an amount equivalent to the assessed value of the property for purposes of taxation to be held by such bank subject to the orders of the court. Such deposit shall be in money, unless in lieu thereof the court authorizes the deposit of a certificate of deposit of a government bank of the Republic of the Philippines payable on demand to the authorized government depositary.”

29. Pursuant to the above Rule, NGCP shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the summons and the instant Amended Complaint, a Notice to Take Possession²² upon the defendants.

30. In the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, NGCPshall deposit with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, **100% of the BIR zonal value** of the portion of the subject property sought to be expropriatedincluding the cost of the affected improvements standing therein. NGCP has already deposited the amount of **Fifteen Million One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 01/100 Pesos (Php15,155,918.01)** in this case. Furthermore, NGCP shall deposit with the Clerk of Court of the Honorable Court in favor of the defendants, the additional amount of **One Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php1,130,000.00)**,to complete the total provisional deposit of **Sixteen Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 01/100 Pesos (Php16,285,918.01)**, thereby placing it in *custodia legis*, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

20 Section 13. R.A. 11361 provides that “Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lineshall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court.”

21 **National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al.**, G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.

22 ANNEX “K” – Notice to Take Possession.

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

32. In a long line of cases²³and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the NGCP, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to the NGCP an order to take possession of the subject property and start the implementation of the Project.

33. In the case of **Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation**,²⁴ the Supreme Court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. “No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the Complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x xxx. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial.”

34. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession, and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the NGCP into the subject property for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject property to the area being expropriated are necessary. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28²⁵ of the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures, the Order for issuance of a writ of possession needs to specifically direct the PNP to render assistance in order for the PNP to have basis to act. As such, NGCP prays that this Honorable Court also direct the PNP Officers to assist in the implementation of the Writ of Possession that will be issued.

²³ **Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatain**, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; **SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines**, G.R. No. 137537, January 28, 2000; **Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla**, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139936, November 22, 2000; **City of Manila vs. Serrano**, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; **Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili**, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; **City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi**, G.R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.

²⁴ “Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016

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

TESTIMONIAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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

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

b) **Asterio B. Tubera**, Regional Survey and Geotechnical Supervisor, whose testimony is being

presented to establish the areas and transmission line route necessary for the construction of NGCP's project pertinent to the subject property, the consequent necessity of the taking of the subject property, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "M,"** and

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

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

Exhibit Marking	Description
"A"	ERC Notice of Resolution
"B"	Sketch Plan
"C"	Narrative Technical Description
"D"	Portion of Index Map
"E"	Original Certificate of Title No. 15269
"F"	Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00242
"G"	Certificate of Zoning Classification issued by the City Planning and Development Office
"H"	BIR Certification
"I"	Report on the Count of Improvements
"J"	Valuation of House/Structure

NGCP reserves its right to present additional testimonial and documentary evidence as circumstances may require during trial.

PRAYER

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

1. ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in NGCP's favor;
- a) Authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portion of Lot No. 3426, subject of this Amended Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**, as described in paragraphs 19 and 20 hereof;

b) Ordering the demolition of affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any;

c) Ordering all defendants to vacate the same;

d) Directing the PNP to assist the NGCP in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case; and

e) If necessary, allowing NGCP to have temporary access in going to the area subject of the Amended Complaint while the construction of the Project is on-going;
2. ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that NGCP has a lawful right to take possession and condemn to public use the subject portion of Lot No. 3426 sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,615 square meters, more or less, as specified in paragraphs 19 and 20 of this Amended Complaint;
3. After the determination of just compensation, ISSUE a **Judgment**:
- a) Authorizing NGCP to pay to the defendants the amount of just compensation fixed after deducting the provisional deposit, capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, the applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code, and all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, which NGCP shall pay to the Government;

b) Declaring NGCP as the lawful owner of the portion of Lot No. 3426, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 1,615 square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 19 and 20 hereof;

c) Directing the Registry of Deeds for City of Iloilo, to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order of Expropriation and Judgment on Original Certificate of Title No. 15269, and, upon application by NGCP, to issue a new and separate certificate of title in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3426, sought to be expropriated herein, free of all liens, encumbrances and other matters annotated on OCT No. 15269, and without the need for the presentation of the owner's duplicate copy of the said certificate of title; and

d) Directing the City Assessor of Iloilo, to cancel Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00242, and to issue a new and separate tax declaration in the name of NGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3426 sought to be expropriated herein.

NGCP prays for other relief just and equitable under the premises.

Quezon City for Iloilo City, **January 16, 2025.**

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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

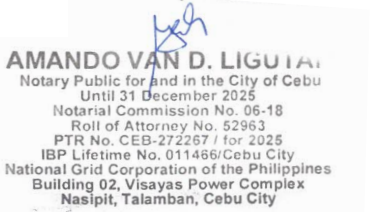
4. I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **16th** day of **January 2025**, in Cebu City, Philippines.

(SGD.) ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **16th** day of **January 2025**, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES,
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-versus-

HEIRS OF SPOUSES EUSTAQUIO HOFILEÑA AND JULIA GAMBON, ET AL.,
Defendants.

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Special Civil Action
No. 22-35155
For: Expropriation
With Urgent Prayer
for Issuance of Writ of Possession

NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION

Heirs of Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia Gambon
Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City

All other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. 3426, located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City

Florenio Gubatanga, Jr.
Conrado Barbo
Brgy. Ticud, Lapaz, Iloilo City

Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over specific areas of the property subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot No. 3426**, situated in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. The property is registered in the names of Spouses Eustaquio Hofileña and Julia Gambon under **Original Certificate of Title No. 15269** and declared in the name of Eustaquio Hofileña under **Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00242**.

The affected area of the subject property consisting of 1,615sq.m., which NGCP will take possession and control over, is more specifically described and identified in the Amended Complaint, and will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP's **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**.

NGCP has already deposited with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, the amount of **Fifteen Million One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 01/100 Pesos (Php15,155,918.01)**, and shall deposit the additional amount of **One Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Pesos (Php1,130,000.00)**, to complete the provisional amount of **Sixteen Million Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 01/100 Pesos (Php16,285,918.01)** equivalent to 100% of the current BIR zonal value of the subject property sought to be expropriated, including the cost of improvements standing therein.

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

January 16, 2025, Cebu City for Iloilo City, Philippines.

JAMES A. HUPP III
PTR No. 1384014 – 12/04/2024 - Cebu Province
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MCLE Compliance No. VII-0014197 – 03/31/2022
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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6th Judicial Region
Branch 76
Janiuay, Iloilo
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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

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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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

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

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General Manager / Inventor

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.

NE/June 23, 30 & July 7, 2025

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



INGREDIENTS

- 3 lbs. bangus belly
- 2 cups coconut milk
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 3 Thai chili pepper
- 3 long green peppers
- 1 onion chopped

- 2 thumbs ginger minced
- 5 cloves garlic minced
- 1 tablespoon shrimp paste
- 1 cup cooking oil
- 1 ½ tablespoons salt
- Ground black pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Slice the bangus into serving pieces. Sprinkle salt all over it. Let it stay for 3 minutes. 3 lbs. bangus belly, 1 ½ tablespoons salt Heat cooking oil in a pan. 1 cup cooking oil Meanwhile, dredge the sliced fish in flour, coat it as lightly as possible. ¼ cup all-purpose flour Fry the bangus for 3 minutes per side. Remove from the pan and set aside. Save 3 tablespoons of cooking oil in the pan. Sauté the onion for up to 1 minute. 1 onion Add the garlic. Sauté for 30 seconds and then add the ginger. Continue sautéing until the onion softens. 5 cloves garlic, 2 thumbs ginger Add the shrimp paste. Cook for 30 seconds. 1 tablespoon shrimp paste Pour the coconut milk into the pan. Let it boil and then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cover the pan and continue to simmer for 1 to 2 minutes. 2 cups coconut milk

Add the chili peppers and season with ground black pepper. 3 Thai chili pepper, 3 long green peppers, Ground black pepper to taste Put the fried bangus into the pan. Continue cooking for a maximum of 2 ½ minutes. Transfer to a serving plate. Serve with rice. Share and enjoy!

HOROSCOPE

ARIES
March 21 - April 19

Nothing will escape your attention today, Aries. Your sixth sense is right on target. Your mind is razor sharp and emotions extra sensitive. You will move through this day with your radar fully intact. You're like a detective cutting through to the core of every issue. You will be able to get quite a bit accomplished with very little effort. Things will naturally flow your way.

You may feel like you're ready to get the party started today, Taurus, but for some reason, the people around you aren't exactly following suit. Perhaps you need to slow down and wait for others to catch up. They may end up not coming around at all. If people say they're doing fine, don't necessarily believe them. There's most likely something brewing beneath the surface that needs attention.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

Don't worry so much about getting things done today, Gemini. Instead, concentrate on your feelings and relationships. A caring, sensitive attitude is needed, as opposed to a harsh, militant way of dealing with things. You will find that by adopting a tender, nurturing tone, people will be much more receptive to you in general.

Don't get sad if no one is laughing at your jokes today, Cancer. It doesn't mean you aren't funny. It just means that people may not be in the mood to laugh. Ridiculous as it seems, today is simply a better day to cry. Let out all your pent-up emotions. Talk things over with others. Your heart communicates well through you today.

LEO
July 23 - August 22

Don't be shy today, Leo. Express how you feel. The more you share with others, the more they will be encouraged to share themselves with you. Today may be filled with a great many tender moments that are worth documenting in your journal tonight. Your thinking is clear and in line with your deepest and truest emotions. You're the star of the show.

Hold your temper today, Virgo. No one wants to argue. It may be tough to connect with the people around you, but this isn't a reason to get upset. Tone things down and speak more softly. Listen to what others have to say. There may be a bit of a disruption in your daily routine. Others may challenge what you're feeling. Don't doubt yourself.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Today is an excellent day for you, Libra. You will discover many opportunities. You would do well to work with others by tuning into your sensitive nature and chiming in to the energy of the group. Your grounding and stability are exactly what are needed to give order to the fluctuating, indecisive minds you're working with.

Today is a good day for you, Scorpio. New opportunities will abound in your regular routine. Work with a group to accomplish something greater than you could do by yourself. Tune in to the energy of the collective. You have exactly the right qualities that others need today. Use them.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Your intuition is more reliable than your mind today, Sagittarius. This is a terrific day in which you should enjoy a good mood and clear head. Your emotions are high, so take advantage of this energy and share it with others. Your generous, nurturing spirit is in demand. If you had a nickel for every good piece of psychological advice you dispense today, you'd be a millionaire.

You may feel extra dreamy today, Capricorn. Your moods may fluctuate. It may be hard to get other people to share your boisterous good humor. Trying to get people to jump on your bandwagon of excitement may be difficult. Perhaps there's something going on with them and their emotions that you simply aren't noticing. Pay attention.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Pay close attention to your friends today, Aquarius. One of them may be going through a tough time and need a little extra support and attention. If you can, gather several buddies together and organize an impromptu lunch or dinner or any other activity that allows you to laugh, bond, and share. Your friendships are a treasure to be cherished and nurtured.

Your artistic nature is especially heightened today, Pisces. Your heart and brain are working together to create something great. Use your creative abilities to make a bold statement. Have a good time. There may be a tendency toward laziness. If sitting on the couch is all you want to do, that's fine. Realize that there's a great deal of potential energy available to you if you choose to harness it.

WORD SEARCH

Health and Wellness

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Word list:

- BALANCE
- CARDIO
- DETOX
- ENERGY
- EXERCISE
- FITNESS
- HAPPINESS
- HEALING
- HEALTH
- HYDRATION
- LAUGHTER
- MEDITATION
- MINERALS
- MUSCLES
- NUTRITION
- PROTEIN
- RECOVERY
- REST
- RUNNING
- SELFCARE
- SLEEP
- STRENGTH
- STRETCHING
- SUNSHINE
- THERAPY
- VITAMINS
- WELLNESS
- YOGA



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ILOILO METRO PAWNSHOP, INC.

Simon Ledesma, St. Jaro, Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **JULY 5, 2025**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at **9:00 A.M.** for all unredeemed jewelries & articles, the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **HULYO 5, 2025** **alas 9:00** sa aga pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtanan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

GV & A PAWNSHOP, INC.

JM Basa St., Iloilo City

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ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

AGENCIA G.B., INC.

C.K. Building Mapa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **JULY 4, 2025**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **HULYO 4, 2025**, pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay mga alas 9:00 sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

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 (7th) 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.

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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

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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 33rd 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

WARNING:
It is absolutely prohibited to
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Notice of Sale on or before the
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Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Iloilo
Municipality Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. No. 10172 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

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Janiuay

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **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 Janiuay, Cadastral No. 86, LRC Cadastral Record No. 1564, situated in Brgy. Quipot, Janiuay, Iloilo with an area **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY (257,970) square meters, more or less**; 4.) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-53598 – Lot No. 6055** of the Cadastral Survey of Calinog, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Calinog, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE (125,585) square meters, more or less**; and 5.) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-80126 – Lot No. 965** of the Cadastral Survey of Cabatuan, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Cabatuan, Iloilo with an area of **SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO (662) square meters, more or less** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **CANDELARIA M. CASALMIR, RONNIE M. CASALMIR and CYNTHIA M. CASALMIR**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. HONORATO P. SAYNO, JR.** per Doc. No. 364, Page No. 74, Book No. I, Series of 2020.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EUFRACIO S. MADERADA** consisting of bank deposits with **Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)** under the following **account numbers 001473-0165-55** and **001479-0473-55** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **ELEANOR SOLIGAM MADERADA** and **ELMAR SOLIGAM MADERADA**. 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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W. VISAYAS . . . (from page 2)

IT-BPM firms, many of which are into healthcare-related services, employing 47,000 direct workers and contributing to about 188,000 indirect jobs.

Healthcare Information Management Association of the Philippines (HIMAP) Vice President JL Botor said the region is already on the path to becoming a global leader in the sector.

He cited HIMAP’s 2028 target of 285,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and USD6.7 billion in revenue, up from 190,000 jobs and USD4.2 billion this year.

“You are on the right track. You are not off. We believe that there could still be growth even without our intervention, but with the interventions of both government and private sector, we can double it, we can triple it. And we can point the direction of Western Visayas to some of the investors to come to us,” he said in a press conference.

“There is an opportunity for growing HIMS.”

SELF ADJUDICATION BY A SOLE HEIR WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **APOLLO PATRICIO P. CORDERO** known as **Lot No. 8914-F** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EPT-21,207** situated in Brgy. Nabitasan, Pototan, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN (13,377) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to sole heir **IMMACULADA P. CORDERO**. That, **IMMACULADA P. CORDERO**, SOLD, TRANSFERRED, and CONVEYED by way of ABSOLUTE SALE the above-said parcel of land unto **LANCE B. PEQUIERDA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. GEORGE H. GREGORI** per Doc. No. 260, Page No. 53, Book No. XXXVI, Series of 2024.

NE/June 30, July 7 & 14, 2025

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses GIL J. MAMON and EVA G. MAMON** known as **Lot 9941** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-61514** situated in New Lucena, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE (31,871) square meters, more or less** and **Lot 44** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-75498** situated in La Paz, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (328) square meters, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **GIEV G. MAMON and GLENN G. MAMON**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 20, Book No. 19, Series of 2024.

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E R R A T U M

In the publication titled **Foreclosure No. F-11217-25, MARAYO BANK, INC. (Mortgagee)** versus **Spouses ALAN B. SERANTES and MA. LUISA JUSTINIANI-SERANTES (Debtors/Mortgagors)** which came out in the issues of **News Express** on **March 24, 31 and April 7, 2025**. the correct area of the mentioned property should be **Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen (51,517) Square Meters, more or less**.

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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 **AVE JEAN PENTECOSTES DUHINA** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from “TWINKLE” to “**AVE JEAN**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **AVE JEAN PANZA PENTECOSTES** who was born on **MAY 30, 1987** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **NOEL P. PENTECOSTES** and **NINFA A. PANZA**.

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

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

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To meet that demand a deeper review of local capacity and goals is needed, Nufable said, noting an original target of 20 to 30 major healthcare-focused BPOs. Currently, efforts are focused on advocacy and career-path promotion.

One of the highlights of the conference was the signing of a memorandum of understanding on the development and promotion of the HIMS sector with the Department of Education 6 (Western Visayas), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, National Information and Communications Technology Confederation of the Philippines, and HIMAP to chart courses and programs aligned with the needs of the industry. (PNA)



Republic of the Philippines

Sixth Judicial Region

REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

Iloilo City

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-11276-25

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MELANIE R. RODRIGUEZ,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified application for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage [under Act 3135 As Amended), filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a corporation with office address at BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Ave., Mandaluyong City, against **MELANIE R. RODRIGUEZ**, Debtor/Mortgagor, of legal age, Filipino citizen and with postal address at Brgy. Capiñahan, Lemery, Iloilo Province, and (2) Lot 3 Block 17, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo Province, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 21, 2025, has amounted to **Php 2,470,811.65**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **August 11, 2025** at 10:00 AM at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, CJRQA Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2021009885**, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and described as follows:

“LOT NO: 3 BLOCK NO: 17 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006280 PORTION OF: LOTS 1914-A; 1914-B, PSD-29731, LOT 2054-C, (LRC) PSD-7937 & LOT 1730; 1919; 1920, AGONOA CADASTRE 8

LOCATION: BARANGAY BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY

Owner: MELANIE R. RODRIGUEZ, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE XXXX

Address: BRGY. CAPIÑAHAN, LEMERY, ILOILO XXXX

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 1, BLOCK 17, PCS-06-006280
2-3	NW	ROAD LOT 20, PCS-06-006280
3-4	NE	LOT 5, BLOCK 17, PCS-06-006280
4-1	SE	LOT 4, BLOCK 17, PCS-06-006280
XXXX		
AREA: FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (45), MORE OR LESS”		

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **September 11, 2025** at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, June 11, 2025.

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/June 30, July 7 & 14, 2025

ICPO . . . (from page 3)

the five-minute response simulation exercise (SIMEX) conducted during the recent visit of Torre.

Legada said that they are already consistently doing SIMEX before the visit of Torre to further improve the capabilities of ICPO in emergencies and instill a level of alertness among patrollers to respond to situations immediately.

He further expressed his gratitude to the Iloilo City Government for its support, which he credited for the successful execution of simulation drills, real-time emergency responses, and the sustained peace and order in the metro. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)

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