

'COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP'

City gov't opens USWAG Atipan Center, providing services for Ilonggos

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Iloilo City Government opened its Uswag Atipan Center — a place uniting various services including health, housing, livelihood, education, and social support which are accessible for Ilonggos — on August 18, 2025.

Located at the 7th floor of the Iloilo City Hall, the opening was led by Mayor Raisa Treñas. The services provided by the center were made inclusive for the welfare of Ilonggos.

- Various services that were provided include:
- * Social Services – case study, children and women's welfare, mass wedding and baptism, LGBT grooming, senior citizen ID and incentives
 - * Health & Dental Services – consultations, maternity care, immunizations, dentures, dialysis, laboratory tests
 - * Livelihood & Education – Tech Voc and NC 2 trainings, scholarships, job opportunities
 - * Burial Assistance – free casket, flowers, cemetery vaults, rice support, wake visitation scheduling
 - * Financial Assistance – ayuda, AICS, medical and hospital bill support
 - * Help & Assistance Desk – centralized helpdesk for all Ilonggos with needs, concerns, or inquiries

USWAG Atipan Center's Manager, Goygoy Acap emphasized that the newly-opened center is more than just

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A personnel holds a welcome poster during the opening of the Iloilo City Government's USWAG Atipan Center at Iloilo City Hall. (Raisa Treñas/Facebook)

POPA to hold 1st ever National Vegetable Congress

By MARY JOY CAVANAS for Progressive Agriculture (POPA) Agriculture Cooperative will be hosting its first ever National Vegetable Congress at Tamasak Arena in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo on November 5 to 7, 2025.
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Passi City's Boy and Girl Officials made a courtesy visit to Mayor Stephen A. Palmares at the City Mayor's Office recently. Leading the group was Girl Mayor Jena Marie Gaspe of Assumption School Passi City, who, along with her fellow youth officials, engaged with the mayor and drew inspiration from his leadership. The activity is part of Linggo ng Kabataan 2025, which aims to empower the youth through exposure to leadership and public service. (Passi City LGU)

LTO-6, PRO-6 team up to fast-track motor plate distribution across the region

In a bid to speed up plate issuance and ensure timely attachment of number plates to motorcycles, the Land Transportation Office — Region VI (LTO-6) has teamed up with Police Regional Office VI (PRO-6) for an accelerated motor plate distribution program across key municipalities and cities in Western Visayas.

Regionally, Director Atty. Gaudioso P. Geduspan II personally visited PBGen. Josefino D. Ligan, PRO-6 regional director, earlier today and formally handed over his request for police assistance in field distribution operations. Joining Director Geduspan during the meeting were LTO-6 Legal Officer Atty. Jehan U. Miranda and personnel from the LTO Regional Law Enforcement Section-6.

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a program, citing that it is a promise of compassion and personal public service to every Ilonggo.

"This is not just an office. This is a home for every Ilonggo who needs a listening ear, a helping hand, and a community that genuinely cares," Acap said.

During its first day of operation, the center has catered their services to individuals which reached 122.

* Livelihood – 83

* TESDA Enquiries – 10

* Financial Assistance – 10

* Health Services – 8

* Scholarship – 4

* Burial Services – 3

* Social Services – 2

* Help Desk Services – 2

The said initiative was also made possible following the lady mayor's visit in city barangays and listening to the pulse and sentiments of the people within the community.

"I envisioned this when I was going around the barangays. We are taking the pulse of the people to know what else they need from the City. We will make sure to deliver this to the Ilonggos. My promise is simple, I will serve sincerely and show my love for you wholeheartedly. We never stop thinking about how we can make every Ilonggo feel our love for you," said Treñas.

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With the theme, "Innovative. Resilient. Sustainable. Market-Ready: Revitalizing the Vegetable Industry for a Food-Secure Bagong Pilipinas", the three-day event will feature farmer empowerment initiatives, scalable technology showcases, and discussions on policy reforms to support sustainable growth and food security in the vegetable supply chain.

The event not only focuses on the significance of vegetables for people's consumption and healthy lifestyle but also to give emphasis to its contribution to the agricultural sector in Western Visayas.

This initiative also aims to make Iloilo as a market-ready, multi-agricultural food hub within Region 6, through the support of Local Government units and other partner agencies.

The three-day event — which is free — is expected to be joined by about 1,500 participants across the region.

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The initiative implements President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to clear the backlog in plate issuance and bring government services closer to communities, and it has the backing of DOTr Secretary Vince Dizon and LTO Chief Assistant Secretary Atty. Vigor D. Mendoza II.

Under the partnership, LTO-6 has asked PRO-6 to coordinate deployment of police personnel in municipalities and cities where plate distribution activities will be conducted. Responsibilities include security, crowd management and traffic control at distribution sites, as well as coordination with local police units to ensure smooth operations.

LTO-6 stressed the program's public-safety benefits: properly affixed number plates improve vehicle identification, support law enforcement, and strengthen road-safety measures. The agency said the drive also complements the objectives of the Motorcycle Crime Prevention Act by making motorcycles easier to identify — a move that Director Geduspan noted will help deter criminal activity and bolster community security.

Assistant Regional Director Jeck D. Conlu welcomed the collaboration and thanked local officials for their support, saying partnerships with local government units are key to expanding the reach of LTO-6 programs and enhancing enforcement and public education at the community level.

PBGen. Ligan assured Director Geduspan of PRO-6's support for the campaign. LTO-6 will provide a detailed schedule of distribution venues, dates and logistical requirements once PRO-6 confirms its participation, and asked the police to designate a point of contact so the LTO Operations Division/New Registration Unit can finalize arrangements. (LTO-6 Digital)



Provincial gov't inaugurates Teen Center 2.0 in San Enrique

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Iloilo Provincial Government through the Provincial Population Office (PPO) inaugurated the Sentro Kalinga Teen Center 2.0 at the Dominador Abang Memorial National High School in the municipality of San Enrique, Iloilo on August 18, 2025.

Present in the event were Governor Arthur Defensor Jr., Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque, PPO Chief Atty. Ruel Von Superio, Mayor Gian Carlo Niño Fernandez, Vice Mayor Rosario Mediatrix Fernandez, Fourth District Board Member Rolando Distura, and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Provincial Federation President Esara Javier.

The Sentro Kalinga Teen Center 2.0 was made to address teenage pregnancy in the said municipality by offering youth with holistic development programs.

The center will cater to around 427 students of DAMNHS in Barangay Garita and to the feeder barangays such as Mapili and Cubay.

In his speech, Atty. Superio said that the facility aims to control the rampant case of teenage pregnancy through a multi-faceted approach, including reproductive health coaching, mental health education, peer counseling, life skills training, and even legal aid.

He cited a report from the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) about the worsening state of adolescent pregnancy in the country, wherein girls as young as 12 are facing their second pregnancy, while 15-year-olds are delivering their third child. CPD's report also cited that one in six teen births involves a repeat pregnancy.



Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr. and Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque at the opening of the Sentro Kalinga Teen Center 2.0 at the Dominador Abang Memorial National High School in San Enrique, Iloilo on August 18, 2025. (Capitol News)

Iloilo City allots P500K for BBM rice subsidy

ILOILO CITY – The city government here has allocated PHP500,000 as subsidy for the implementation of the PHP20 per kilo rice or the "Benteng Bigas Meron Na" program of the Marcos administration.

The amount was included in Supplemental Budget No. 2, amounting to PHP125.02 million, approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its regular session on Wednesday.

The amount will cover the PHP6.50 per kilo subsidy share of the city government for the low-cost rice that is available to beneficiaries through the

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Iloilo City pilots ‘PuroKalusugan’ in 3 Arevalo villages

ILOILO CITY – The city government here has piloted the “PuroKalusugan” program of the Department of Health in three barangays in the Arevalo district on Wednesday.

“This is their grassroots campaign to bring health services down to the barangay. While our district health centers are open every day, I think this is more convenient for our people,” Iloilo City Executive Assistant on Medical Tourism and Health Initiatives Dr. Candice Magdalane Tupas said in an interview.

The program is designed to “complement, not replace, the existing health measures implemented by local government units,” according to DOH memorandum circular 24, series of 2025.

The community-based health initiative emphasizes preventive care, disease prevention, and health interventions, addressing eight priority areas, including proper nutrition, maternal and child health, adolescent health, and environmental sanitation.

The launching ceremony at the regional evacuation center in Barangay So-oc benefited around 200 residents, including those from two other pilot sites -- Barangays Sto. Niño and Calaparan -- as per initial data from the City Health Office.

A WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) corner, immunization lounge, teenage pregnancy booth, and nutrition station, among others, were established to accommodate residents of the barangays.

“They intend to make it more frequent. It is like a mobile medical consultation, but it has plenty of services. It is a mini-health fair, so our people will be encouraged to avail of medical consultations,” Tupas said.

During the ceremony, stakeholders also signed a commitment to champion the inclusive, accessible and community-based initiative.

Present during the event were Iloilo City health officer Dr. Mary Ann Poli-Diaz and DOH Western Visayas Center for Health Development Assistant Regional Director Dr. Sophia Pulmones. (PNA)



‘PUROKALUSUGAN.’ Residents of three pilot barangays avail of various services during the launch of “PuroKalusugan” in Barangay So-oc in Arevalo district, Iloilo City on Wednesday (Aug. 20, 2025). The community-based health initiative emphasizes preventive care, disease prevention, and health interventions. (Photo from Iloilo City Health Office)

CSC administers Career Service exams to over 26K examinees

ILOILO CITY (PIA)– The Civil Service Commission (CSC) Region VI administered the Career Service Examination-Pen and Paper Test (CSE-PPT) for both Professional and Subprofessional levels, to a total of 26,025 examinees across the region, including Negros Occidental.

Of the 28,015 registered candidates, 92.90 percent took the exams in six designated testing centers, namely: Iloilo City; Bacolod City; Roxas City; Kalibo, Aklan; Sibalom, Antique; and Jordan, Guimaras.

Some 23,536 examinees appeared for the Professional level and 2,489 for the Subprofessional

level.

CSC VI Acting Regional Director lawyer Erna T. Elizan led the conduct of the examination in Western Visayas, working in coordination with the heads of the six field offices.

Elizan commended the collective effort behind the successful conduct of the exams, calling the CSE-PPT a vital step toward a public service career.

She thanked the team, test administrators, and partner agencies for making it possible for thousands of aspiring civil servants in the region to take the Career Service exams.

The results of the exams will be released by October 27, 2025.

With this, examinees were encouraged to check the official CSC website and social media pages for updates. (AAL/AGP/PIA 6 with reports from CSC Region VI)

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Is the Filipino worth dying for?

Tomorrow, Aug. 21, 2025, some of us will commemorate the murder or assassination of Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino Jr. on the apron of the Manila International Airport on Aug. 21, 1983.

For those who still remember, Ninoy Aquino was the one who said, “The Filipino is worth dying for” and so he returned to the Philippines in the misguided hope of speaking with the late dictator Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr. towards national reconciliation.

Ninoy Aquino “got his wish,” along with a .357 bullet hole through his head. He died believing the Filipino was worth dying for. Approximately three years later, the “People Power” revolution drove out the Marcoses and placed Ninoy’s wife Cory as president.

Thirty-two years later, the Aquinos, except one, are either dead or out of the limelight, along with Ferdinand Marcos Sr. who was given a hero’s burial. The faces of the Aquinos on Philippine currency have been removed, while people are confused if Aug. 21 is a “non-working holiday” or not.

But the issue is not about the politics and history between the Marcoses and the Aquinos. The question remains: “Is the Filipino worth dying for?” I won’t sing to the chorus about all the sins and imperfections of Filipinos because it achieves nothing. Besides, we all know our sins only too well.

In the book of John chapter 15:13 it says, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” The book of Romans chapter 5:7-8 says: “For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would even dare to die. But God shows his love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Christ was crucified for our sins and his death bought us salvation. Ninoy risked death pursuing patriotism and was killed for it and today reveals the momentary rewards of his martyrdom.

The issue is no longer about politics and personalities, it is about our recurring national sin of generational moral compromise, prioritizing material comfort and

convenience and deep seated selfishness camouflaged by smiles and shallow kindness.

Somehow, Jesus Christ openly addressed the issue when he said:

“O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you?” (Matthew 17:17/Mark 9: 19)

Instead of people and Christ dying for us or for our sins, perhaps today would be a good day to “die to ourselves” instead of wondering if the Filipino is worth dying for.

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The President was recently in Tacloban City to distribute 124 units of PCSO ambulances for the region. The President also gave orders to the DOH to address “zero billing concerns” in public hospitals.

I attest to the fact that all those ambulances really help and during the COVID pandemic, they actually served as remote hospital beds. The highways are also full of ambulances serving patients all over the country.

As for the “zero balance billing,” to be fair to the DOH, everyone I know or talked to regarding “zero balance billing” has praised the DOH and concerned hospitals because they received exactly that, as well as the professional and compassionate services rendered.

If I may be so bold as to suggest to President Bongbong Marcos, one major gap or poorly addressed and funded area of public health is the establishment of legitimate Level 1 medical facilities in every barangay.

Based on many conversations with people living in typical barangays, they would be more inclined to go to a health center or barangay clinic if there was one in their area. But the problem, according to many, is there is none or that they have to travel so far to reach it, only to find out the doctor/nurse is not on duty or are part-timers.

If the President, Secretary Herbosa and Congress focused on building up health centers or mini hospitals in every barangay, the government can better implement preventive medicine, screen the unnecessary traffic of

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patients to secondary or tertiary hospitals, especially Emergency Rooms.

Considering many barangays have so many ambulances, basketball courts and parks, why not invest the rest of the funds on Level 1 medical facilities and provide full-time physicians and nurses? What we save in hospital bills, we can use for more employment!

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Yes, he is just doing his job, but he is certainly doing a great job!

I speak of none other than DOTr Secretary Vince Dizon and his presence and immediate response to issues and challenges under his department. It is easy to highlight faults and mistakes but very little is done by media and society to recognize good performance.

When that unfortunate vehicular accident happened at the NAIA Departure ramp, Secretary Vince Dizon took charge; when should- have-been senator Heidi Mendoza constructively pointed out problems and challenges at the LRT/MRT stations, Secretary Dizon politely replied to every point raised by Mendoza.

But he did not stop there, immediate action was taken by Secretary Dizon, especially about lines, cards and other inconveniences. Last Tuesday, I read that the DOTr is finally probing the unusually high prices for air travel in the Philippines.

I personally appreciate the action of the DOTr, given that the Department of Tourism, who should be more concerned about domestic travel, has said little about it.

Netizens have been discussing and sometimes arguing about why many Filipinos travel abroad instead of around the Philippines. There’s the answer – because it’s cheaper.

Justice for the poor

It is often said that there are two types of justice in the Philippines: one for the rich, and another for the poor.

This is starkly illustrated in the case of Dion Angelo “Gelo” dela Rosa. The 20-year-old third year college student and altar boy from Caloocan City died of leptospirosis last month after wading for several days in filthy floodwaters up to three feet deep.

He endured the floods in a desperate search for his father Jayson, who had gone missing on July 22. Metro Manila was hit by extreme rainfall and flooding at the time, and Jayson could have had an accident. Caloocan also had one of the highest cases of people killed in Rodrigo Duterte’s brutal crackdown on illegal drugs.

The drug-related killings are dramatically down under the new administration. But police were also responsible for Jayson’s disappearance from his household. And for reasons that make you wonder if there is justice in this country.

The story is that Jayson was originally apprehended for theft in a convenience store. The store did not press charges, so Jayson should have been freed. Instead the Caloocan police decided to book Jayson for illegal gambling, ostensibly for playing kara y krus.

The coin-toss betting game is typically played by the extremely poor, involving amounts that constitute not even a drop but only a molecule in the bucket of those who engage in e-sabong, but who are beyond the reach of the law.

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Jayson was tossed in jail, and could not afford to post bail.

Clearly, he was not accorded the right to one phone call. No cop bothered to inform his family that he had landed in jail.

Jayson, however, has a wife and six children who worried about him. At the height of the monsoons and floods, Gelo and his mother Jennylyn, who is blind in one eye, searched for Jayson in several police stations before finding him three days later,

on July 25, handcuffed at the Caloocan Police Substation 2 jail.

By then Gelo had started feeling ill. The leptospirosis symptoms must have been ignored, as typically happens among those with limited means for health care. On the night of July 27, he was found dead by his three-year-old sister.

Health officials have warned that the leptospirosis strain this year is unusually aggressive.

Last Monday, Jayson, accompanied by a lawyer and Kalookan Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, filed an administrative complaint before the National Police Commission against three cops who apprehended him.

Whether the justice system will work for Jayson is iffy.

Police arrest the hampaslupa and throw them behind bars for playing kara y krus. But elite PNP Special Forces members provide escort services for Chinese involved in Philippine offshore gaming operations.

Cardinal David also lamented that no major gambling lord has ever been indicted for violating the Marcos 1.0-era Presidential Decree 1602, the law for which Jayson was booked. Online gaming is widespread. These days even children can gamble online.

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In the pork barrel scam, lawyer Richard Cambe died of a stroke while serving a life term for plunder over the diversion of P224.5 million in Priority Development Assistance Fund allocated to his boss, Bong Revilla. But the senator himself was acquitted, and was even returned to the Senate by voters. We’re such gluttons for punishment.

The Sandiganbayan also issued a weird order using wording that has allowed Revilla to refuse to this day to return P124.5 million to us taxpayers.

Just recently, former Quezon City councilor Dante de Guzman was sentenced to over 100 years in prison for P361,500 paid over a year to ghost employees. Meanwhile, all that V. Bruce Tolentino and Anita Linda Aquino had to do was resign as

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members of the Monetary Board after being embroiled in

a scandal over ghost employees in their offices, and everything has been forgotten. All is well with the world in the MB and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Not even Malacañang, supposedly on an anti-corruption crusade, has dared touch the MB untouchables. The supposedly accountability-conscious Palace is treating the MB ghost employee issue like pigsa – a boil that will simply go away by and by.

Such cases feed the deep cynicism over the ongoing crackdown on flood control anomalies and vows of transparency in the 2026 national budget process, even as people clutch at shreds of hope that the efforts might actually bear fruit.

There have been numerous retch-worthy hypocritical moments, right from the get-go when BBM told crooks to have some shame, “mahiya naman kayo,” and he was greeted with a standing ovation by the 20th Congress.

In the final half of his term, BBM seems to be on legacy mode. After rehabilitating the human rights record of the Marcoses, he is now trying to undo or at least diminish the kleptocracy attached to his surname.

His predecessor’s human rights record made it easy for him to look so much better in this department.

In battling corruption, however, he must brace for a tsunami of resistance from even his allies, following his promise not to spare them if found involved in anomalous deals.

He must also hurdle public cynicism about the sincerity of his campaign.

Among the biggest factors fueling cynicism is seeing justice applied selectively. Not just along political lines, but based on income levels: one for VIP offenders in public office, and another for the likes of Jayson dela Rosa.

DENR calls for responsible use of water sources

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Western Visayas is calling for the responsible utilization of water sources in the region.

According to DENR, despite its significance, many water business owners, particularly in rapidly urbanizing areas like Iloilo City, have limited awareness and understanding of Presidential Decree No. 1067, or the “Water Code of the Philippines.”

Thus, the DENR in the region, through its the Water Resource Utilization Section (WRUS) under the Licenses, Patents and Deeds Division (LPDD), recently held an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign on the Water Code of the Philippines, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and the importance of proper water utilization, dubbed “Strengthening Water Governance: An IEC Campaign on PD 1067 for Water Business Owners in Iloilo City.”

This IEC campaign aims to bridge the knowledge gap by promoting awareness and compliance with the Water Code among the 124 participants who are also business owners with water-related services and other stakeholders in the water sector.

“Ensuring that those who utilize water resources and the general public are aligned with national policies, especially the PD 1067, is a big challenge. But, through this IEC campaign, we look forward to empowering water business owners with the knowledge and tools necessary for responsible operation and utilization of Iloilo City’s water,” said DENR Western Visayas Regional Executive Director Raul L. Lorilla.

He further asked for the cooperation of all water users in ensuring responsible utilization, development, conservation, and protection of the country’s water resources, citing the need to secure these “fundamental resources.”

In previous years, the region had made moderate progress in disseminating the provisions of the Water Code and its IRR to the Local Government Units (LGUs) to create well-informed stakeholders who can assist the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) and the DENR in disseminating



laws and regulations to water users and other stakeholders.

DENR Western Visayas Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Edgardo M. Rostata showed his support in ensuring that the stakeholders understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the Water Code.

“The Importance of Water Governance is not just a business. It is a right. It is a resource that sustains life, supports economies, and anchors our public health systems. But water is also finite, and its quality and availability depend on how we manage it together. This is where Water Governance comes in,” Rostata noted.

Additionally, a presentation regarding the Water Code of the Philippines and its Implementing Rules and Regulations

(IRR) was discussed by LPDD Chief lawyer Elizur G. Militar, where he expounded on the provisions in the Water Code, its objectives, principles, and water rights and permits.

Other topics during the program were the different Water Permit Application Requirements presented by engineer Segundino D. Celeste, Jr.; Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and Certificate of Non-Coverage Application Requirements and compliance with the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) presented by engineer Heiress Lindsay P. Solo; and Preparation of Water Permit Application Documents for Online Submission to the NWRB presented by Rhed P. Manzano. (AAL/AGP/PIA 6 with reports from DENR Region VI)

Under the Scorching Sun

Alexander Amado showcases a tray of his freshly prepared sun-dried fish, a well-loved delicacy in the Philippines also known as tuyo.

For more than three decades, the sun-kissed tan skin of Alexander Amado from Atimonan, Quezon, tells a silent story of the long hours he spent under the blazing sun, diligently drying fish to make a living.

He was a fresh graduate when he started making and selling dried fish. Since it was also his mother’s business, he found it easy to get started since he was already familiar with the process. Although Alexander earned a Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED), he found greater enjoyment in running a business, so after careful consideration, he set aside a teaching career to pursue his passion for business.

Alexander handles every step of the drying process himself, from buying the fish in the market to cutting, cleaning, seasoning, and laying them out to dry under the sun. He produces around 30 kilos each day, and just six months ago, his nephew started helping with the cleaning, which has made the workload a bit lighter.

Sometimes, he would personally go around the neighborhood to sell dried fish, while other times, buyers came straight to his house. His products have reached customers as far as Manila. On good days, he can sell all 30 kilos per day. But on slow business days, he only sells about 10 kilos.

In 2015, when he needed additional capital for his



business, his sibling, who was already a client, introduced him to CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank. That marked the beginning of

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Iloilo City elevated to Hall of Fame for Best PESO

ILOILO CITY – The city’s Public Employment Service Office (PESO) was elevated to the Hall of Fame after winning, for the third time, as the Regional Best PESO in the Highly Urbanized Cities category of the 2025 PESO Western Visayas Congress in San Jose de Buenavista, Antique.

PESO Manager Gabriel Felix Umadhay, in a phone interview on Wednesday, said the award is a “strong testament” of their being serious in providing jobs for every Ilonggo.

He said it means that their office is efficient in providing jobs, effective in implementing the programs of the Department of Labor and Employment, and has a lot of unique programs that inspire other PESO managers to come up with initiatives to address “context problems” in their local government units.

One of the unique initiatives of the PESO is the employment badges that promote diversity hiring. Each employer is provided with badges showing the sector to which they belong.

“We require companies to hire PWD (persons with disability), LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people), senior citizens, out-of-school youth, undergraduates, and at the same time under-skilled graduates. So, our employment badges offer a huge employment opportunity,” Umadhay said.

Another initiative is the employment assistance one-stop shop, where concerned government agencies are present at all their job fairs. Those who are hired on the spot can readily process their documents and can report to work in

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When President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. told corrupt government leaders to be ashamed of themselves following the uncontrolled failure of flood projects in his fourth State of the Nation Address last month, he made an evident vow.

And his catchphrase “mahiyanaman kayo” continues to reverberate among the population as the country, still reeling from the impact of floodwaters, anxiously waits for other storms to lash it from the vast Pacific.

The President said he inspected the flood projects and saw how ineffective they were against cyclones Crising, Dante and Emong, as well as the southwest monsoon rains.

Earlier this month, Mr Marcos disclosed in the presidential website the identities of contractors who routinely monopolize the government’s flood control projects.

We heard him say there will be charges filed against those found connected to anomalous transactions, and many, including those in the countryside, some of whom are still immersed in floodwaters, are watching the President’s body

Yes, enough must be enough

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language in the less than three years he still has left of his six-year term.

He has ordered the Department of Public Works and Highways to submit a list of all the flood control projects across all the regions within the last three years, stressing the Regional Project Monitoring Committee shall examine that list of projects and give a report on those that have been failures, those not finished, and those alleged to be ghost projects.

The list has been made public, and that can be a helpful kickoff.

In the meanwhile, we heard Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong, a retired police deputy director general, offering his services to spearhead a national investigation, following allegations that 67 of 317 congressmen used front contractors to pillage public funds.

But Press Undersecretary Claire Castro said there

was no need to appoint a lead investigator, since the President has set up a reporting mechanism for the probe on all questionable flood control projects, and suggested instead that Magalong could submit his report, including names of legislators who may be involved in corruption.

We are as concerned as those who heard the President’s fighting polycyspeak during his SONA and want to see how the government will jump in with both feet in addressing this nauseated culture of greed and corruption.

The clock is ticking, with a tinderbox beside it.

We believe the President will be faithful to his words that contractors behind anomalous flood control projects will be blacklisted and face charges.

We hold the faith he will go beyond the sound bite and address promptly the higher concerns of majority of his countrymen.(manilastandard.net)

Accountability in flood control projects

Last week, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. revealed that since 2022, only 15 contractors were awarded some 20 percent of the total PHP545 billion flood control budget nationwide, equivalent to a staggering PHP100 billion in contracts.

Of the 15 contractors, five firms reportedly received flood control contracts in nearly every region of the country – a fact that the President flagged as “disturbing” as he highlighted the mismatch in the location of most of these flood control projects in contrast with the most flood-prone areas in the country.

While the President’s revelation is only the tip of the iceberg, it already paints a picture as to why year after year, Filipinos continue to wade through floodwaters that ruin homes, disrupt economic activity, and even claim lives. Now we know why: it’s because a select group of contractors has been living off the people’s money and the results are as murky as the waters they were supposed to control.

The 15 contractors named by the President who cornered nearly a quarter of the country’s flood control projects are Legacy Construction Corp., Alpha & Omega General Contractor & Development Corp., St. Timothy Construction Corp., QM Builders, EGB Construction Corp., Topnotch Catalyst Builders, Inc., Centerways Construction and Development, Sunwest, Inc., Hi-Tone Construction & Development Corp., Triple 8 Construction & Supply, Inc., Royal Crown Monarch Construction & Supplies Corp., Wawao Builders, MG Samidan Construction, L.R. Tiqui Builders, Inc., and Road Edge Trading & Development

Services.

It is highly unacceptable and downright immoral that a handful of companies are raking in billions while thousands, if not millions, of ordinary hardworking, tax-paying Filipinos wade through floodwaters and are left to drown in incompetence and corruption.

What’s worse is that it seems that official records have also been tainted with corruption. Case in point is President Marcos Jr.’s recent inspection of a river protection structure in Calumpit, Bulacan, which has been tagged as “completed” in 2023 based on official records but, in reality, remains unfinished. President Marcos criticized the project as substandard and demanded an explanation from the contractor – St. Timothy Construction Corp., which is also part of the top 15 contractors awarded with flood-control projects.

The recent revelation of the President demands not just a thorough and transparent accounting on the budget for flood control but is a clear call on the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to bare the truth about these projects – publicize the contracts, the locations, the timelines, the actual budgets, and the true status of these projects.

The people deserve to know whether these projects have been completed or have even started, have met the necessary engineering standards, and are actually value for money.

If these contractors failed to deliver their promised projects or have lapses, it is simply not enough to shame them. They should be fined, blacklisted, stripped of future

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BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

contracts, and be made to face the full extent of the law.

Given the “disturbing” revelation over these flood control projects, it is a must to have an independent audit of both completed and ongoing projects to check compliance with engineering standards, timelines, environmental safeguards, and budget.

I also call on the government, especially the DPWH, to provide the people with open-access status reports on all these flood control projects – an accessible website or online platform that details timelines, budgets, and status reports on the performance of each contractor. These status reports should be verified with site visits and quality inspections.

Flood control is not just a matter of technical expertise, it is a matter of governance, transparency, and public safety. People’s lives, property, and livelihoods are at stake here.

As no less than the President said: “Mahiya naman kayo.”

The call is clear: Accountability. Now.

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A few weeks ago, an overseas Filipino worker (OFW) was on her way home after years of working abroad. She boarded a plane in Kuwait. The plane then had a stopover in Japan and then proceeded to Manila. From Manila, she took another flight to Cebu. She then took a bus ride for the final leg of her journey to her hometown. With her bag packed with “pasalubong,” she must have been brimming with anticipation. She never got home. In a tragic twist of fate, she died of cardiac arrest on the bus. Witnesses said she fell asleep and never woke up. She was almost home.

This sad incident reminds us of the daily sacrifices of our OFWs and the risks they take by working abroad. Being an OFW often involves physical and emotional challenges. It is not surprising that years of enduring such challenges would bring health and safety risks with a potential for fatal consequences.

The life of an OFW is a lonely and hard one. In some cases, it is fraught with danger. When I was working in a diplomatic post abroad, I used to interact with OFWs regularly. Their stories vary, but the sadness and weariness they felt are a common theme in their narratives. Almost all of them have experienced the six-month wall of sadness. In their sixth month of deployment, all of them experienced this almost unbearable dark feeling of sadness, loneliness, and utter despair. It is a feeling that

OFW lifelines

cannot be fully described to those who have not experienced it. For some OFWs, that feeling of sadness and weariness does not disappear but lingers and even manifests as various physical and mental health conditions.

These intense sadness and weariness are why many OFWs huddle together during weekends or holidays, finding whatever comfort they can from fellow OFWs. Events and celebrations are lifelines to many of them. In this light, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) “serbisyo” caravans, where they bring various government services to OFWs, are a welcome initiative. Among the services given to OFWs are psychosocial counselling services. Sometimes, OFWs are either too tired or ashamed to approach OWWA personnel for these services. As such, bringing these services closer to the OFW will do much to ease these problems.

There are church-based and civil groups operating in other countries that also provide counselling services. Often, it is the Filipino spouses of foreigners who are based abroad that are the most active in outreach programs. There is still, however, a great need for more assistance

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

in so far as mental health is concerned. There is a proposal to set up online counselling for OFWs, which can be manned by volunteers preferably former OFWs who have been trained by guidance counselors. Hopefully, our government agencies can form partnerships with various organizations to implement this program. This could very well be a crucial part of an integrated lifeline program for OFWs.

There is also another proposal of using Artificial Intelligence to man a 24/7 counselling program. This would benefit people who are hesitant to discuss their problems with another human being and would prefer the cold and clinical touch of an AI. This will be my next article.

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Youth voices shaping the future of education

As President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. delivered his State of the Nation Address outlining his administration’s education agenda, youth leaders from across South and Southeast Asia gathered in Makati City to chart the future of education in crisis-affected countries.

Dubbed the Youth Workshop on the Futures of Education in South and Southeast Asia, the conference gathered dynamic young leaders from the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Timor Leste, and Sri Lanka. Representing civil society organizations such as the Network for Education Watch Indonesia, the Civil Society Education Partnership Timor Leste, and the University of Santo Tomas Student Teachers’ Association, they came carrying the voices, struggles, and aspirations of their communities—determined to shape a more inclusive and resilient future for education.

The workshop forms part of a broader initiative supported by Goldsmiths’ official development assistance program, which supports research aimed at advancing sustainable development and promoting global equity. In partnership with the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), E-Net Philippines, and the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE), the initiative brought youth representatives together for three days to share experiences, envision the future of education in times of crisis, and define their role in shaping it. It also sought to identify concrete next steps, craft key messages for stakeholders, and strengthen networks among young people, civil society organizations, and education advocates across the Asia-Pacific region. The participants shared a clear vision: education systems across the region must be inclusive, resilient, and equipped to withstand the challenges of climate change, conflict, and displacement.

A central focus of the workshop was education in emergencies—a pressing global challenge. Just days before the event, a series of three typhoons and heavy monsoon rains in the Philippines flooded large parts of Luzon, forcing the suspension of classes for an entire week.

The participants envision an education system that is truly accessible to all—one that goes beyond the four walls of the classroom to create learning opportunities in diverse

spaces, including remote communities, through strengthened alternative learning systems and community learning centers. They believe education must be inclusive, embracing learners of all backgrounds and providing resources tailored to different contexts and learning needs. It must also be resilient, able to adapt to the ever-changing challenges of the present and future.

The participants ask policymakers and education leaders to support fair and effective rules that ensure everyone has equal access to learning. They also stress that government agencies, schools, and the public need to fight against corruption and treat education as a basic right, making sure teachers are paid fairly for promoting new ways of learning both online and in person. They stress that funding for education should gradually rise to ensure free, fair, high-quality, strong, gender-sensitive, culturally aware, and sustainable public education systems, with students taking part in planning and decision-making about the budget at their schools.

They bring attention to the participation of all sectors in policymaking and governance, which must be strengthened through a whole-of-school approach, building capacity at every level and empowering learners and stakeholders to self-advocate. At the same time, cross-border collaboration and solidarity among youth-led and youth-focused organizations, including those representing marginalized youth, must be nurtured to foster learners motivated by collective action rather than individualism.

A highlight of the workshop was a visit to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), where participants witnessed firsthand the government’s strong commitment to preparing Filipino youth for the demands of the modern workforce. Through state-of-the-art training facilities, advanced equipment, and industry-aligned programs, TESDA is equipping young Filipinos with cutting-edge technological skills—from robotics and automation to digital design and smart manufacturing—ensuring they are not only job-ready but also globally competitive in the 21st-century economy.

The participants, aged between 18 and 30, are already leaders in their own right—each carrying the passion and determination to create

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BY BRIAN JAMES LU

positive change in their communities. What is truly remarkable is that, despite coming from different nations and with diverse backgrounds and experiences, they share a common vision: an education system that is accessible to all, inclusive of every learner regardless of circumstance, and resilient in the face of challenges. This shared commitment reflects not only their leadership potential but also their deep understanding of the beneficial effects of education.

When youth leaders from different countries come together to discuss the pressing education issues affecting their communities, they bring with them a wealth of perspectives, experiences, and solutions that transcend borders. Their voices are especially vital, as they represent the next generation who will inherit the responsibility of shaping the future. For these young leaders, education is more than a right—it is the foundation upon which they can build their dreams, achieve success, and develop the skills necessary to lead their nations. By empowering them to speak, listen, and collaborate, we invest not only in their personal growth but also in the progress and resilience of our global society.

The Youth Workshop on the Futures of Education in South and Southeast Asia demonstrated that when young leaders are given a platform to engage, collaborate, and envision change, they can become powerful catalysts for transforming education. Their united call for accessible, inclusive, and resilient learning systems is not just a vision—it is a roadmap for building societies that thrive even in the face of crises. We invest in a generation ready to lead with courage, innovation, and solidarity by listening to their voices and acting on their recommendations.

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Petitioner.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to all persons having money
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Iloilo City, Philippines, 15 July, 2025.

(SGD.) MARK ANTHONY D. POLONAN
Presiding Judge

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Legarda reaffirms support for breastfeeding, pushes Breast Milk Banking Act

Senator Loren Legarda manifested her full support for the privilege speech of Senator Pia Cayetano on Tuesday, reaffirming her stance on the continuing need to protect and promote breastfeeding in the Philippines.

"Breastfeeding is a proven life-saving intervention. The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF recommend initiating it within the first hour after birth, exclusively breastfeeding for the first six months, and continuing breastfeeding with complementary feeding up to two years or beyond," Legarda explained as she underscored the critical role of breastfeeding in safeguarding infants' health.

However, the 2023 National Nutrition Survey showed that only 61.2% of infants in the Philippines were breastfed within the first hour of life. Exclusive breastfeeding for infants under six months stood at just 50.4%. Even more concerning, 17.7% of infants received pre-lacteal feeds, such as formula or other liquids, shortly after birth—practices that compromise successful breastfeeding from the very start.

Legarda expounded that these figures reveal not only declining breastfeeding rates but also systemic gaps: inadequate workplace support for nursing mothers, limited and unevenly distributed milk banks, weak cold chain and inventory systems, and the absence of structured donor networks in many areas.

"To address these gaps, we need stronger policies, better coordination among agencies, and a culture that genuinely supports mothers and infants. Breastfeeding is not merely a personal choice; it is a shared responsibility that requires collective action from the government, communities, and workplaces," Legarda said.

BREAST MILK BANKING ACT

"Breastfeeding is a natural right, not a luxury. Yet in times of crisis, too many mothers face impossible choices between safety and nourishing their babies," Legarda stated.

To address this gap, the four-term Senator filed Senate Bill No. 792, or An Act strengthening rooming-in, breastfeeding, and Breast Milk Banking practices in the Philippines, expanding and amending Republic Act No. 7600, otherwise known as the 'Rooming-in and Breastfeeding Act of 1992,' as amended by Republic Act No. 10028, and providing funds and mechanisms therefor.

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11282-25

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under
Act No. 3135, as amended

BDO UNBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

JAYREN B. RAYMUNDO married
to RICHARD L. RAYMUNDO
Debtors/Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure and Sale of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., ("Mortgagee")**, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against **SPS. JAYREN B. RAYMUNDO AND RICHARD L. RAYMUNDO ("Debtors/Mortgagors")**, of legal age, Filipinos and with postal addresses at **(1) MJ Herele Water Refilling Station, F. Gorriceta Ave., Balabag Pavia, 5000 Iloilo; and (2) Lot 33, Blk. 11, Phase 11, Montecillo Villas Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo**, to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness which as of **March 21, 2025**, amounted to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PESOS & 04/100 (Php1,662,285.04)** Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties, other charges besides the attorney's fees and incidental expenses incurred for the foreclosure, the Ex-Officio Provincial Sheriff of Iloilo or his duly authorized deputy will sell at Public Auction on **23 OCTOBER 2025** at TEN (10:00) o'clock in the morning at the Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Avanceña Hall of Justice Bldg.. Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK to the highest bidder and in Philippine Currency the mortgaged real property/ies with all the improvements found thereon, to wit;

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The proposed bill will establish a National Breast Milk Banking Strategy, expand regional human milk bank units and satellite banks nationwide, mandate standardized safety protocols for collection, screening, and storage, and create a real-time online tracking system for efficient milk distribution.

This legislation ensures timely access to safe donor milk for premature and emergency-affected infants, representing a long-term investment in our children's health and nutrition.

"By institutionalizing breast milk banks, we can significantly boost exclusive breastfeeding rates and give every Filipino child a stronger start in life," Legarda added.

The Senator urged her colleagues, as the country observes August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month, to prioritize and pass the proposed bill, making breastfeeding support accessible and sustainable for all Filipinos. (30)

Legarda inihayag ang suporta sa breastfeeding, itinutulak ang Breast Milk Banking Act

Inihayag ni Senadora Loren Legarda ang kanyang lubos na pagsuporta sa privilege speech ni Senadora Pia Cayetano nitong Martes, at binigyang-diin ang patuloy na pangangailangang protektahan at itaguyod ang pagpapasuso o breastfeeding sa Pilipinas.

"Ang breastfeeding ay napatunayang life-saving na interbensyon. Inirerekomenda ng World Health Organization (WHO) at UNICEF ang pagsisimula sa unang oras pagkasilang, eksklusibong pagpapasuso sa loob ng unang anim na buwan, at pagpapatuloy kasama ang complementary feeding hanggang sa ikalawang taon

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o higit pa," paliwanag ni Legarda habang binibigyang-diin ang kritikal na papel ng pagpapasuso sa kalusugan ng mga sanggol.

Gayunman ayon sa 2023 National Nutrition Survey, 61.2% lamang ng mga sanggol sa Pilipinas ang napapasuso sa unang oras ng kanilang buhay. Samantala, ang eksklusibong pagpapasuso para sa mga sanggol na wala pang anim na buwan ay nasa 50.4% lamang. Higit pang nakababahala ang datos na 17.7% ng mga sanggol ang nakatanggap ng pre-lacteal feeds gaya ng formula o ibang likido agad pagkatapos ng kanilang kapanganakan—mga gawain na nakakaapekto sa matagumpay na pagpapasuso mula sa simula.

Ipinahayag ni Legarda na ipinapakita ng mga datos na ito hindi lamang ang pagbaba ng rate ng pagpapasuso kundi pati na rin ang mga sistemikong kakulangan: hindi sapat ang suporta sa mga nagtatrabahong ina na nagpapasuso, limitado at hindi pantay ang distribusyon ng mga milk bank, mahina ang cold chain at inventory systems, at kakulangan ng organisadong donor networks sa maraming lugar.

"Upang matugunan ang mga puwang na ito, kailangan natin ng mas mahigpit na polisiya, mas maayos na koordinasyon sa pagitan ng mga ahensya, at isang kultura na tunay na sumusuporta sa mga ina at sanggol. Ang pagpapasuso ay hindi lamang personal na pagpili; ito ay kolektibong responsibilidad na nangangailangan ng pagkilos mula sa pamahalaan, komunidad, at mga lugar ng trabaho," ayon kay Legarda.

Flexible contract helps minimize Iloilo power rate hike

ILOILO CITY – The bilateral contracts entered into by MORE Electric and Power Corp. (MORE Power) with various power providers helped cushion the impact of higher generation costs, resulting in a minimal PHP0.27 per kilowatt hour (kWh) increase for residential consumers this August.

MORE Power spokesperson Angel Tan said in an interview on Tuesday that their agreements have a specific provision for flexibility and are not fixed, allowing them to choose the lowest provider when purchasing electricity.

“That is the strategy of MORE Power, that is why we can find ways to bring down the price,” she said, adding that if not for the flexible contract, the increase could have been higher.

The utility provider announced on Monday that the electricity rate for residential customers in August increased to PHP10.88 per kWh from last month’s PHP10.61 per kWh. The commercial rate is now PHP10.19 per kWh from PHP9.93 per kWh in July.

The upward adjustment is due to higher generation costs driven by rising prices in the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM), where the effective rates surged to PHP4.28/kWh from PHP3.64 per kWh in July. MORE Power sourced 49 percent of its supply for the month from WESM and the rest from bilateral agreements.

In July, the residential rate increased by nine centavos, in contrast to a six-centavo decline in June. While generation charges increased this month, the transmission charges declined due to reduced adjustments from previous bills, slightly offsetting the overall increase.

Meanwhile, Tan said they are looking at increased power consumption leading into the “ber” months and with the opening of classes at the tertiary level. In July, power consumption in Iloilo City peaked at 132.4 megawatts.

“We remind our consumers to be mindful of their energy consumption. No matter how small, their cooperation would have an impact on our power situation,” she added. (PNA)

Cooperative eyes agri-food commodity center in Iloilo

ILOILO CITY – A new agri-food commodity hub will soon rise in the municipality of New Lucena, Iloilo, to help market and process various agricultural products in Panay.

Larry Nacionales, chairman of the Panay Organization for Progressive Agriculture

(POPA) Agriculture Cooperative, said in a phone interview on Tuesday that the hub is one of the major programs of the Department of Agriculture (DA) to establish food terminals that help farmers sell and process their commodities.

The terminal was built

by the DA in partnership with the local and provincial governments of Iloilo.

“Just recently, we signed an agreement with New Lucena and DA for POPA to run and manage the facility,” Nacionales said, adding that the DA provided only the structure.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EMPERATRIZ SUITA** known as **Lot No. 3231, Pls 775** covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-6937** of the Register of Deeds of the City of Iloilo with an area of **SIX THOUSAND FORTY FOUR (6,044) Square Meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heir **ROSALINA G. MAQUILING**. That, **Rosalina G. Maquiling SOLD, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED** by way of sale the said parcel of land unto **Rosie L. Vaucher**, Filipino, of legal age, married to **Simon Philippe Vaucher**, hereto represented by **Kim Parra Lamera** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER J. DOLAR** per Doc. No. 108, Page No. 23, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the late **PABLO BORROME GALLO, JR.** and his wife **DIANA DEASIO GALLO** had a bank account with **LandBank, Jaro Branch** under **Savings Account No. 3291-1120-39** with the latter’s name reflected in the account as **DIANA PADIOS GALLO**. That, the said bank account is adjudicated to surviving heir **DIANA DEASIO GALLO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. LINA P. DELA CRUZ** per Doc. No. 159, Page No. 32, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2025.

In addition, a **JOINT AFFIDAVIT OF DISCREPANCY** was executed by **CHRISTIAN R. CRUJE** and **ROSANA T. CUESTA** stating that they personally know the person of **DIANA DEASIO GALLO**. That, **DIANA DEASIO GALLO** and **DIANA PADIOS GALLO** refers to one and the same person whose true and correct maiden name is **DIANA DEASIO GALLO**. This Joint Affidavit of Discrepancy was entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. LINA P. DELA CRUZ** per Doc. No. 158, Page No. 32, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estates of the late **NERI MAGBANUA PEREZ** consisting of parcels of land: **1) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-122947** – Lot 9235-D, Psd-31265, being a portion of Lot 9235, Pototan Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Mina, Pototan, Iloilo with an area of **NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIX (9,706) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; **2) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-122,911** – Lot 9223 of the Cadastral Survey of Pototan, with the improvements thereon, situated in Pototan, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SEVEN (28,937) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; **3) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-122,948** – Lot 9235-E, Psd-31265, being a portion of Lot 9235, Pototan Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Mina, Pototan, Iloilo with an area of **NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIX (9,706) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; **4) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-64793** – Lot 25, Block 10 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-13141, being a portion of consolidation of Lots 865, Jaro Cadastre and 866-C (LRC) Psd-98227, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 9959, situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED (300) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **MARIDE DEFENSOR-PEREZ, OMAR JOCIR D. PEREZ, and OLGA NEMA P. PEREGIL**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. HECTOR P. TEODOSIO** per Doc. No. 82, Page No. 18, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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N O T I C E

Notice is hereby given that **JJM Land Corporation** (Owner/Developer) has filed with the Department a sworn registration statement for the sale of subdivision **house and Lots** at **DULCE VIDA PHASES 2-4** located at Brgy. Sablogon, Passi City, Iloilo specifically described as **Lot 1785-O-3-B (portion)** of the cadastral survey of **Psd-06-065001**, covered by **TCT No. 092-2023014026** with an area of **99,560 square meters (portion)**.

All papers relative thereto shall upon request and payment of processing fee, be available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.

Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate, in evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, August 12, 2025.

(SGD.) **CRISTIE Y. REYES, EnP.**
Regional Director

NE/August 18 & 25, 2025

POPA is now providing the necessary equipment for drying and processing excess commodities. They have already identified the equipment to add to the blast freezer that is already available in the facility in Barangay Guinobatan.

“The plan of POPA is that it will become a center later on, maybe next year, a center for agri-food commodities,” he said.

The cooperative initially plans to process jackfruit, pineapple, and cacao, among other crops.

Nacionales said adjacent to the facility is a chocolate processing plant and a swine multiplier farm, which breeds good-quality swine. They will also establish a nursery for coffee, cacao and coconut planting materials and make them accessible to farmers.

He added they also intend to establish a digital marketing platform to determine where to source excess agricultural products for processing at the center.

“There is a possibility that we could link with big buyers,” he said, adding that the plan is expected to encourage farmers to plant because they will have sure buyers for their harvest. (PNA)

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **TERESITA N. BARROQUILLO** known as shares in the parcels of land, namely, **1) Lot 3, Block 1, Pcs-06-002548**, being a cons. Subd. of Lots 1439 & 1440, Iloilo Cad. 24, Lot 1438-A, Psd-06-020981, Lots 1438-B-2 & 1438-B-3, Psd-06-031270 situated in Brgy. North San Jose, Molo, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-129309** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (236) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; and **2) Lot 4, Block 1, Pcs-06-002548**, cons. Subd. of Lots 1439 & 1440, Iloilo Cad. 24, Lot 1438-A, Psd-06-020981, Lots 1438-B-2 & 1438-B-3, Psd-06-031270, situated in Brgy. North San Jose, Molo, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-128635** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY (230) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **MARIE TESS B. MANGENTE, MARIE FAITH B. VILLARUZ, PERCY JAMES N. BARROQUILLO** herein represented by his attorney-in-fact **PERCY JOEY N. BARROQUILLO, MARIE MA N. BARROQUILLO, and PERCY JOHN N. BARROQUILLO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JUDE VINCENT D. FONTILON** per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 21, Book No. XII, Series of 2025.

NE/August 11, 18 & 25, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses SERAFIN DEZA JR. and OTILIA P. DEZA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 2318** of the Cadastral Survey of Dumangas, with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Baras, Dumangas, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-218,630** with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOUR (4,734) Square Meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **JOHN OTHELLO P. DEZA, LEO FRANCIS P. DEZA, and BERNADETTE P. DEZA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. GEORGE CHRISTOPHER J. DOLAR** per Doc. No. 93, Page No. 20, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6TH JUDICIAL REGION
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and EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF ILOILO
Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11386-25

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-

JENNY G. PATINGO, as represented by
her Attorney-In-Fact, JENIEL J. AZUELO,
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 universal banking 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 JENNY G. PATINGO**, of legal age, Filipino, with postal addresses at (1) Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City (2) Lot 17, Block 18, Montecillo Villas II, Brgy. Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 30, 2025, amounted to **ONE MILLION THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE PESOS & 89/100 (P1,033,651.89)**, 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 **OCTOBER 7, 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. 090-2022005185

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, bounded and described as follows:
LOT NO: 17 BLOCK NO: 18 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 OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of Owner: JENNY G. PATINGO, SINGLE, FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGE
Address: CUBAY, JARO, ILOLO CITY
X X X
AREA: FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (45), 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 **OCTOBER 23, 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, **August 4, 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 remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale, under penalty of law.

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Barotac Nuevo

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 9048 & R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JERALD RAY MAULIT** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from **"MABEL"** to **"MAYBELLE"** and Correction of Clerical Error (Date of Birth) from **"AUG. 3, 1957"** to **"AUGUST 1, 1957"** in the birth certificate of **MABEL BOTAVARRA** who was born on **August 3, 1957** at **Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo.**

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

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

NE/August 25, 2025 & September 1, 2025

LEGARDA . . . (from page 8)

"Ang pagpapasuso ay likas na karapatan, hindi luho. Ngunit sa oras ng krisis, maraming ina ang nahaharap sa imposibleng pagpili sa pagitan ng kaligtasan at pagpapalusog sa kanilang mga sanggol," dagdag ni Legarda.

Upang tugunan ang puwang na ito, naghain si Legarda ng Senate Bill No. 792, o ang Act strengthening rooming-in, breastfeeding, and Breast Milk Banking practices in the Philippines, expanding and amending Republic Act No. 7600, otherwise known as the 'Rooming-in and Breastfeeding Act of 1992,' as amended by Republic Act No. 10028, and providing funds and mechanisms therefor.

Itinataguyod ng panukala ang: paglikha ng National Breast Milk Banking Strategy; pagpapalawak ng regional human milk bank units at satellite banks sa buong bansa; pagsasakatuparan ng standardized safety protocols para sa koleksyon, screening, at pag-iimbak ng gatas; at pagbuo ng real-time online tracking system para sa mas mahusay na distribusyon.

Sinisiguro ng batas na ito ang agarang accesa sa ligtas na donor milk para sa mga premature at mga emergency-affected infants—isang pangmatagalang pamumuhunan sa kalusugan at nutrisyon ng ating mga anak.

"Sa pamamagitan ng institusyonal na pagbabangko ng gatas ng ina, maaari nating itaas nang malaki ang rate ng eksklusibong pagpapasuso at mabigyan ang bawat batang Pilipino ng mas matibay na panimula sa buhay," ani Legarda.

Hinihimok ng Senadora ang kanyang mga kapwa mambabatas, habang inaalala ng bansa ang Agosto bilang Breastfeeding Awareness Month, na unahin at ipasa ang panukalang batas upang gawing accessible at sustainable ang suporta sa pagpapasuso para sa lahat ng Pilipino. (30)

ILOILO CITY . . . (from page 2)

Kadiwa ng Pangulo Merkado Lokal outlet.

The city government is gearing up to sign an agreement with Food Terminal Inc., with Mayor Raisa Treñas waiting for the authority from the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

In her endorsement to the Office of Vice Mayor Julie Grace Baronda, Treñas said the rice program initiative seeks "to alleviate the financial burden of the rising prices of rice on consumers."

"To accelerate the implementation of the rice program of the Office of the President, the Department of Agriculture, through Food Terminal Inc., shall collaborate with local government units in order to reach Filipino communities at a grassroots level," she said.

The city council is expected to act on the endorsement next week after it was deferred during the regular session.

The BBM rice program allows target beneficiaries to purchase up to 10 kilos of rice at PHP20 per kilo in a month. (PNA)

UNDER . . . (from page 5)

his journey as a client of the institution, which supported him in sustaining his dried fish business.

His biggest struggle in this kind of business is the unpredictable weather, especially during heavy rain and typhoons. It became difficult to dry the fish; hence, sales would drop due to limited production. To keep the income flowing these days, he switches to selling fresh fish at

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FLOREEN JOY CONDINO** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from **"FEMALE"** to **"MALE"** in the birth certificate of **FLOREEN JOY B. CONDINO** who was born on **January 29, 1984** at **Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo.**

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

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

NE/August 25, 2025 & September 1, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses MARINO R. VELASCO and NIELA Q. VELASCO** consisting of the following parcels of land: **(1) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-49929 – Lot 2, Plan Psu-77277**, with improvements thereon, located in Brgy. Lemery, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Two Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six (263,746) square meters, more or less;** **(2) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-49928 – Lot 8, Plan Psu-100614**, with improvements thereon, located in Brgy. Lemery, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Four Hundred Sixty Seven (467) square meters, more or less;** **(3) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-49927 – Lot 6, Plan Psu-100614**, with the improvements thereon, located in Brgy. Lemery, Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Nineteen Thousand and Four Hundred Sixty Seven (19,467) square meters, more or less;** and **(4) ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-119 – Lot 3-B, Psu-105705-Amd**, with the improvements thereon, located in Sara, Iloilo with an area of **Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand and Three Hundred Nineteen (837,319) square meters, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs, namely, **Heirs of VALENTINO Q. VELASCO: Imelda Calvo-Velasco, Val Ian C. Velasco, Ivan Joseph C. Velasco, and Annabelle Valesco-Candelario; Cristeta Velasco-Salcedo; Maria Marina Velasco-Violeta; Jose Roque Q. Velasco; Heirs of ROMULO Q. VELASCO: Allen Puada Velasco, Tresha Velasco-Basa, Nielo P. Velasco, and Tyrone P. Velasco; Heirs of MARINO Q. VELASCO JR.: Leilani A. Velasco, Marniel A. Velasco, Marino A. Velasco III, and Ma. Gisela V. Salvacion; Maria Sandra Catherine Velasco-Flores; Epifania Velasco-Portal; Lioba Velasco-Clar; Maria Josefa Velasco-Aquino; Maria Rosario Velasco-Alon; and Bernadette Q. Velasco**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ROBERTO F. CASTILLON** per Doc. No. 114, Page No. 24, Book No. I, Series of 2023 with **Supplemental Affidavit to the Deed of Extra-judicial Adjudication** per Doc. No. 25, Page No. 32, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

NE/Aug. 25, Sept. 1 & 8, 2025

ILOILO CITY ELEVATED . . . (from page 5)

the next week.

"We have made employment activities accessible for all. These are the champion moments of Iloilo City," he said.

To implement the same initiatives, he said a local government unit has to be persistent.

"Winning the award was not done overnight. We were consistent from the start to implement the program, with proper appropriation for sustainability," Umadhay said.

The most important, he added, is stakeholder engagement and ensuring they are aware so they can participate.

The recognition earned for the Iloilo City PESO the right to represent the region in the national award in Tagaytay and hopefully earn the Hall of Fame award in the national category.

Meanwhile, Umadhay was elected president of all PESOs in Western Visayas for 2026-2028. (PNA)

their house.

Reflecting on his experience, he shared, "In this kind of business, aside from capital, it's hard work and perseverance that truly matter. There is no room for impatience because drying fish takes time and a lot of patience, especially during the rainy season."



Antique Electric Cooperative, Inc.
(ANTECO)
San Jose de Buenavista, Antique

NOTICE OF MEETING

TO ALL MEMBER-CONSUMER-OWNERS (MCO):

ANTECO invites you to participate in the **48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY (AGMA), September 6, 2025, Saturday, 2:00 PM** at **Gov. Evelio B. Javier Sport Center (Gym)**, Binirayan Hills, Brgy. 5, San Jose de Buenavista, Antique **or** join us virtually **via Zoom, YouTube and Facebook Live**.

Agenda: Presentation of Year 2024 operations and accomplishments and other programs and activities.

MCOs (participants/attendees) may register thru the following:

| Online | Area Offices | Main Office (day of AGMA) |
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| August 26 – September 3, 2025 How to register: Click the registration link in the ANTECO’s FB post (Notice of Meeting) or type in the browser of mobile phone or gadget the following: <u>agma.anteco.com.ph</u> . Fill-out the online form which appears after the link. | August 26 – September 4, 2025 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | September 6, 2025 8:00 AM – 12:00 NN |

Register and participate in our AGMA to get a chance to win in the raffle of door prizes.

(SGD.) DIR. JOHN WILTON M. PACETE
Cooperative Secretary

Attested by:

(SGD.) DIR. LUDOVICO D. LIM
Cooperative President

HOW TO GET A CHANCE TO WIN THE AGMA 2025 RAFFLE PRIZES?

- Remember to register. Options when, where and how to register are stated above.
- Only MCOs – ACTIVE (Living) - included in the Master list of Members can be registered. Proxy is not allowed.

So, if you already have an account (with power bill) yet your name is not included in the Master list, kindly attend our PMES during Every Thursday, 1:30 PM in the afternoon at the nearest area office so we can update the Master list before the AGMA schedule.
- All registered MCOs are qualified to join the raffle regardless of attendance either ONLINE thru FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, ZOOM App or personally at the venue.
- For more information, kindly check our official FB Page or visit the nearest ANTECO Office.

over the **HEDGE**

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY

OVER THE
HEDGE
FAQ

WHY DON'T YOU
LOOK LIKE THE
CHARACTERS
FROM THE
MOVIE?



**SHRIMP FRIED RICE WITH SAUSAGE
(VIETNAMESE FRIED RICE RECIPE)**

Shrimp fried rice with Chinese sausage, eggs, and vegetables.
Stir-fried with garlic, onion, soy sauce, and Maggi Savor.



INGREDIENTS

- 5 CUPS LONG GRAIN RICE
- COOKED
- ¾ LB. SHRIMP PEELED AND DEVEINED
- 3 PIECES CHINESE SAUSAGE THINLY SLICED

CROSSWISE

- 5 CLOVES GARLIC MINCED
- 1 YELLOW ONION MINCED
- 1 ½ CUPS FROZEN

CARROTS AND GREEN PEAS

- 3 EGGS BEATEN
- 1 TABLESPOONS SOY

SAUCE

- 1 TEASPOON FISH SAUCE
- 1 TABLESPOON MAGGI

SAVOR ORIGINAL

- ½ TEASPOON GROUND

BLACK PEPPER

- 3 STALKS SCALLIONS

CHOPPED

- 3 GRAMS MAGGI MAGIC

SARAP

- 2 TABLESPOONS BUTTER
- 3 TABLESPOONS COOKING

OIL

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat cooking oil in a wok or large pan. Pour the beaten eggs and scramble until just set. Season with Maggi Magic Sarap. Remove and set aside. 3 eggs, 3 tablespoons cooking oil, 3 grams Maggi Magic Sarap Using the same pan, fry the shrimp for 1 to 2 minutes per side or until it turns pink. Remove and set aside. ¾ lb. shrimp Add the Chinese sausage. Cook over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes or until the edges start to crisp. Add the butter and let it melt. 3 pieces Chinese sausage, 2 tablespoons butter Sauté the garlic and onion until the onion softens. 5 cloves garlic, 1 yellow onion Add the carrots and green peas. Stir-fry for 2 to 3 minutes. 1 ½ cups frozen carrots and green peas Add the rice. Break it apart and toss until everything is mixed. Stir-fry over high heat for 3 to 4 minutes. 5 cups long grain rice Season with soy sauce, fish sauce, Maggi Savor, and ground black pepper. Mix well. 1 tablespoons soy sauce, 1 teaspoon fish sauce, 1 tablespoon Maggi Savor, ½ teaspoon ground black pepper

Put the shrimp, sausage, and scrambled eggs back in the pan. Toss everything together. ¾ lb. shrimp Add chopped scallions. Turn off the heat. Give it one final mix and serve.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

March 21 - April 19



Just when you thought you had everything figured out and planned correctly, another obstacle appears, Aries. Your first reaction may be to get upset. Rage won't help. You can't always control everything. There are bound to be surprises. Plan for what you can, but know that there are often unknown forces working against your aims. Watch out!

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20



The fire within you may be burning brightly, Taurus, but unfortunately, there isn't a great deal of fuel available to keep it going. It may seem as if people are trying to rain on your parade, but they're just trying to do their duty. Relax and contemplate what's going on around you. This may not be the best day to implement change and promote new ideas.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21



You may find that other people are the missing variable in the equation that you seek answers to today, Gemini. Don't feel like you have to come up with all the details and resolutions yourself. Work with those who also have something to contribute to the situation at hand. A quiet, disciplined approach is exactly what's needed to plow through any problem that needs fixing.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22



By jumping around from place to place, Cancer, you may end up feeling like you're getting nowhere. Instead of tackling many different tasks, today is better spent focusing your energy on one. Start from ground level and work up. Get to the root of the problem and many of the related issues will simply dissolve as you work.

LEO

July 23 - August 22



Make a plan at the beginning of the day for what you want to accomplish by sundown, Leo. This is a good time to tackle many of the nitpicky tasks that require your attention. Be conscious of the fact that there are time limits and restrictions on some of the things you're working on. Keep on task and try not to get distracted by other people.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22



You might have to adjust your way of thinking in order to match the energy of the situations around you. While you may feel a desire to strike out into some new, adventurous activity, there's a strong resistance asking you to be more cautious and stable. Don't lose touch with your pioneering attitude, but don't fall prey to reckless behavior, either.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22



Your steady nature will be greatly appreciated today, Libra. A well thought out plan of attack is the one that wins approval from the higher-ups. You know the best way to proceed and now all you need is the confidence to follow through with your ideas. Getting things started should be easier for you today since your mind is working in harmony with your heart.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21



Your thinking is clear today, Sagittarius, but it might be hard to take action on your thoughts. A restrictive force may seem to be holding you back. A sense of discipline is welling up within you, reminding you to add a touch of conservatism to whatever it is that you have in mind. Take the opportunity to pursue tasks that require you to be reserved and collected.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21



Slow and steady actions are likely to win the race today, Sagittarius. Unexpected situations may crop up to throw you off course, but don't let them. Stay on your path and try not to give in to the wild, erratic energy around you. Stick to traditional methods and beware of peddlers trying to sell you wooden nickels. You're smarter than that.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19



Your flamboyant approach may not get as much attention today as you'd like, Capricorn. Don't push yourself to achieve something that isn't working. By insisting that something should be done your way, you'll only create enemies and bottlenecks in whatever task you're trying to accomplish. A thoughtful, conscious, reserved approach is going to win today.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18



You have exactly the right amount of discipline and sense of duty to accomplish quite a bit today, Aquarius. Your thinking should be clear. Your sense of time and restriction works in your favor to help you figure out any puzzles that present themselves. You have a strong will that helps you complete just about every task you undertake.

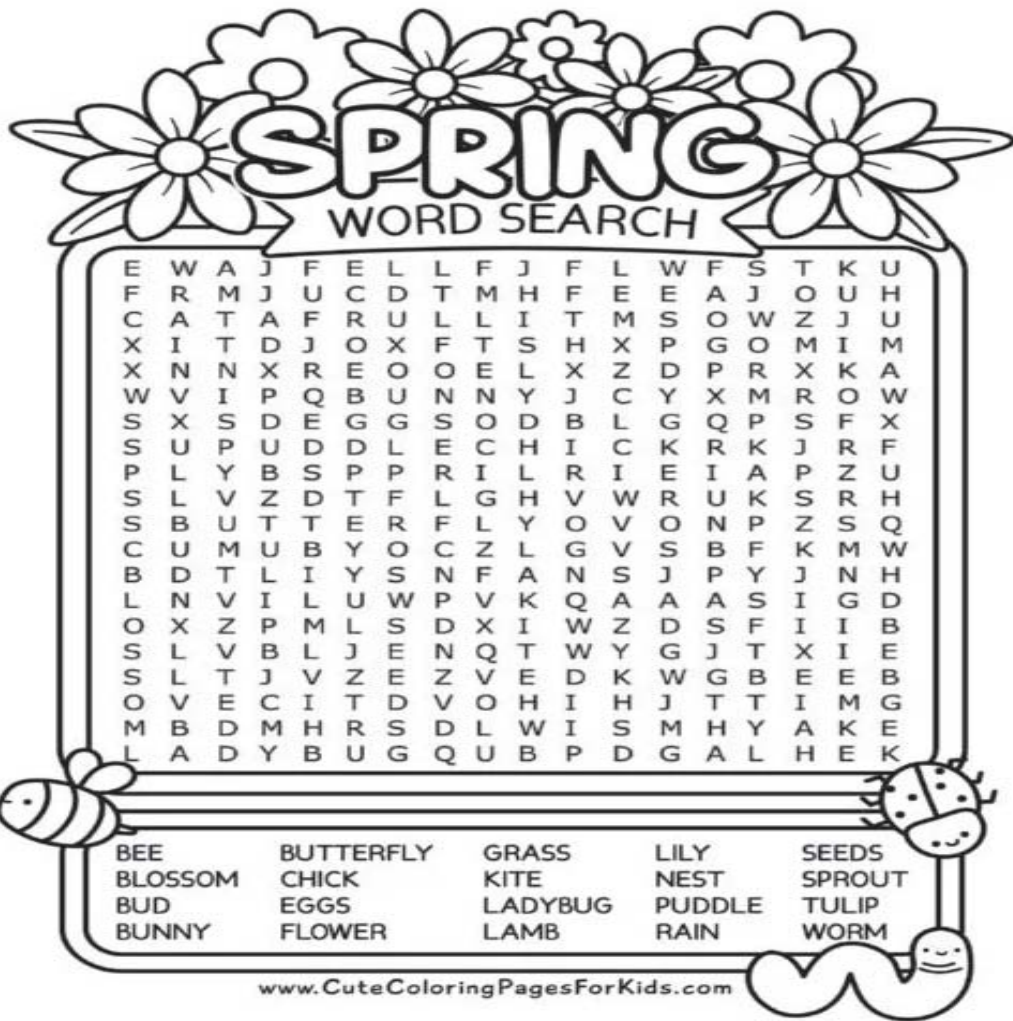
PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20



Trying to talk your way out of tasks and obligations probably isn't the best way to win friends today, Pisces. In fact, this is a time to get yourself in gear and take responsibility for your actions. The time you spend trying to weasel your way out of something is better spent just doing the thing that you need to do. Be understanding and receptive of other people's objectives.

WORD SEARCH



sudoku

Puzzles by Pappocom©

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

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

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

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 10172**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JERYME CASIPLE** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction in the Entry of Sex from **“MALE”** to **“FEMALE”** in the birth certificate of **JERYME ESTILO CASIPLE** who was born on **September 26, 2001** at **Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

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

(SGD.) ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ

Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Aug. 18, 2025 & Aug. 25, 2025

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **REMIA G. BUYCO** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **“MA. REMIA”** to **“REMIA”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MA. REMIA GALVE** who was born on **November 7, 1954** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **JOSE GALVE** and **LOURDES TUBONGBANUA**.

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

(SGD.) JAY-R G. MATUTINA

Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Aug. 18, 2025 & Aug. 25, 2025

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Iloilo City
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Tel. No. (033) 335-3190

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11384-25
Real Estate Mortgage
Under ACT 3125 as Amended

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,
- versus -

SPS. ELMER F. JAMOLO and
JOSIE Z. JAMOLO,
Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under ACT 3135 as Amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK INC.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Philippine Laws, with principal office at BDO Corporate Center, No. 7899, Makati Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, herein referred to as **Mortgagee**, against **SPS. ELMER F. JAMOLO and JOSIE Z. JAMOLO**, both of legal age, Filipinos and with postal address at (1) Brgy. Bonifacio, Tanza, Iloilo City and (2) Lot 7, Blk. 6, Lesandra Heights Annex, Brgy. Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines, herein referred to as **Mortgagor/s**, to satisfy the outstanding obligation which as of **June 30, 2025**, amounted to **EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINETY TWO PESOS & 18/100 (Php828,092.18)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalty charges and other charges but exclusive of incidental expenses incurred in the foreclosure and sale, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or his lawful deputy will SELL at Public Auction on **16 SEPTEMBER 2025** at TEN (10:00) o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, CJ 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 mortgage real property/ies, including all improvements thereon, described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 090-2021009632

Lot No.: 7 Block No.: 6 Plan No.: Psd-06-085434
Portion of: LOT 1850, AGONOA CAD. 8
Location: BRGY. JIBAO-AN,
MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY
Owner: SPS. JOSIE Z. JAMOLO and ELMER F. JAMOLO
Area: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS

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 **18 SEPTEMEER 2025** at the same time and place above-described without further notice.

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, 22 JULY 2025.

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

(SGD.) BOBBY ANTHONY L. BESA
Sheriff IV/RTO-OCC Iloilo City
Tel. No. (033)335-3190/09062804560

Note: *it is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale, under penalty of law. (Rule 39, sec. 15)*

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Organizers of the event include DOST-6, UMWAD Western Visayas, Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISATU), West Visayas State University (WVSU), Analytics and Artificial Intelligence Association of the Philippines, Iloilo Business Club, PCCI-Iloilo, and Innovate Iloilo. (AAL/ LMLE/PIA Iloilo)

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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 **NERI M. LECTA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of Child's Date of Birth from **“27 SEPTEMBER 1957”** to **“27 April 1957”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NERI MATIAS LECTA** who was born at **Jordan, Guimaras** and whose parents are **GUALBERTO J. LECTA** and **CATALINA T. MATIAS**.

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

(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA

Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/August 18, 2025 & August 25, 2025

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Province of Iloilo
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 **NINFA M. GALLARON** has filed with this office, a petition for correction of entry in the child's Date of Birth from **“November 9, 1966”** to **“November 19, 1966”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NINFA L. MASBAÑO** at **Janiuay, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Agapito Masbaño** and **Clarita Lagos**.

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/Aug. 18, 2025 & Aug. 25, 2025

ILOILO PIONEER PAWNSHOP, INC.
Arroyo Street, Lapaz, Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **AUGUST 31, 2025** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed Jewellries & Articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **AGOSTO 31, 2025** may pagahiwaton nga baligyaanay alas 9:00 sa aga sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

PCCI . . . (from page 14)

“That’s something we have to embrace because ang iya effect sa economy. PCCI is saying that it (referring to AI) has compounded annual growth potential of close to 30% and translating to a target of \$83.5 billion as an industry in 2030,” the PCCI-WV official explained.

For DOST, meanwhile, the adoption of AI across industries and enterprises, contribute to optimizing operations,

fostering business innovation, and strengthening global competitiveness.

“The path forward is clear but challenging. By building an ethical, inclusive and responsive ecosystem, we can ensure that emerging technologies become powerful tools for creating the just, sustainable and prosperous Philippines we all envision,” DOST Secretary Renato Solidum, Jr. conveyed.

To note, the AI Fest is a collaborative avenue meant for the public and private sector to converge, share best practices, and build a unified AI agenda for the country.

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Iloilo City
**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
& EX OFFICIO SHERIFF**

FORECLOSURE FILE
NO. F-11368-25

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

MYRA L. CEQUIÑA,
Debtor/Mortgagor.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified petition/application for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act 3135 as amended, filed by **Mortgagee BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a universal banking corporation with office address at 33rd Flr., BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, #12 ADB Ave., Mandaluyong City, against **Debtor/Mortgagor Myra L. Cequiña (as represented by her attorney-in-fact Abelardo C. Cequiña)** of legal age, Filipino, and with postal address/es at (1) Blk 8 Lot 23 Montecillo Villas Phase II Brgy. Balabag Pavia, Iloilo, and (2) Brgy. Toyungan, Calinog, Iloilo, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **April 30, 2025**, has amounted to **Php1,297,055.73**, the undersigned **Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy sheriff** will sell at public auction on **September 15, 2025**, at **10:00 o'clock in the morning** at the **Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, 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. 090-2022018090**, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and described as follows:

"LOT NO: 23 BLOCK NO: 8 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 OF BALABAG,
MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO,
ISLAND OF PANAY

BOUNDARIES:

| LINE | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S) |
|------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1-2 | NW | LOT 21, BLOCK 8, PCS-06-006280 |
| 2-3 | NE | ROAD LOT 9, PCS-06-006280 |
| 3-4 | SE | LOT 25, BLOCK 8, PCS-06-006280 |
| 4-1 | SW | LOT 24, BLOCK 8, PCS-06-006280 |

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AREA: FORTY FIVE (45) SQUARE
METERS, MORE OR LESS
XXXX
Owner: MYRA L. CEQUIÑA, SINGLE,
OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO
Address: BRGY. TOYUNGAN, CALINOG,
ILOILO"

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 **October 15, 2025**, at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **July 14, 2025.**

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy Sheriff

NE/August 11, 18 & 25, 2025



Iloilo solon seeks P74-B supplemental fund for PhilHealth

ILOILO CITY – Iloilo City Lone District Rep. Julienne Baronda is seeking a PHP74.43-billion supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2025 to ensure the uninterrupted and improved delivery of health services.

In her explanatory note for House Bill No. 3733, Baronda said the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) plays a significant role in delivering essential health services.

"However, given the growing population, inflationary pressures on medical costs, and the expansion of benefit packages, there is a pressing need for additional resources to sustain and enhance PhilHealth coverage," Baronda, a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, said.

The bill was filed with the House of Representatives Bills and Index Service on Aug. 14 and was furnished to the Philippine News Agency on Tuesday.

Of the total funding, PHP53.13 billion will be for the

health insurance premiums of indirect contributors and their qualified dependents, including indigents, senior citizens, unemployed persons with disabilities, and financially incapable point-of-service patients.

Another PHP21.17 billion will be used to improve the benefit package under the Universal Health Care Law, such as expanded dialysis coverage, mental health outpatient services, enhanced Z-benefit packages, severe acute malnutrition treatment, rationalized medical procedures and comprehensive outpatient benefits, including free consultations, diagnostics, and outpatient drug coverage.

The PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program will have PHP127.56 million for the premiums of its beneficiaries.

"The additional appropriations will bridge funding gaps, prevent service interruptions, and protect more Filipino families from catastrophic health expenses," Baronda added. (PNA)

ADDITIONAL FUND. Iloilo City Lone District Rep. Julienne Baronda joins a briefing led by the Development Budget Coordination Committee on the proposed PHP6.793-trillion National Expenditure Program for 2026 on Monday (Aug. 18, 2025). Baronda filed House Bill No. 3733, seeking a PHP74.43 billion supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 2025 to ensure the uninterrupted and improved delivery of health services. (Photo from Jam-Jam Baronda Facebook Page)



PCCI Western Visayas bullish on meeting industry needs with AI

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) in Western Visayas is optimistic of the bright prospects ushered in by the emerging technology in the business sector such as the Artificial Intelligence.

PCCI-Western Visayas governor lawyer Jobert Peñaflorida cited how AI can be receptive to the needs of the industry, particularly, through researches generated among universities.

"We would like to connect the researches being done by the universities with the requirements that we have in the industry. This will be in the area of financial management,

HR (human resource), in sales and marketing, inventory and management," Peñaflorida said during the AI Festival press conference.

Peñaflorida, however, noted that ordinary people, especially employees still want to understand what the impact of AI will be on them due to fear that they will be dislodged.

"That's why AI should be used by the industry as a tool, para ma-improve pa gid ang aton economy, make it more inclusive, make it more revenue-generating so that makakita sang more businesses to employ again our people," according to Peñaflorida.

He acknowledged the lack of AI utilization, citing that less than 15% of the companies in the Philippines are using AI and much of the users hail from technology-related industries.

The PCCI-WV likewise highlighted the partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) through the innovation hub which serves as the playground for AI keyplayers in helping address the technology and regional needs and pursue investments.

Peñaflorida called on the business community to embrace AI noting its effect on the economy.

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FORECLOSURE FILE
NO. F-11387-25

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. KEHINDE M. GANIYU and FELICITAS C. GANIYU, as represented by their attorney-in-fact
ANGELA D. TABAO,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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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 **mortgagee BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a universal banking corporation with principal office at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against **debtors/mortgagors Sps. Kehinde M. Ganiyu & Felicitas C. Ganiyu**, both of legal age, Filipinos/American, and with postal address/es at (1) 30 Muyco Street, Dingle, Iloilo, and (2) Unit AS1-602, 6th Floor, Storey 1, Avida Towers Atria, Kapideco Estates, Donato Pison Avenue, Brgy. San Rafael, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **June 14, 2025**, would amount to **Php17,897,623.29**, the undersigned **Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or ANY of his duly authorized deputy** will sell at public auction on **September 23, 2025**, at **10:00 o'clock in the morning** at the **Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Building, 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. 095-2022004985**, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and more particularly described as follows:

“PROJECT NAME: ATRIA; **USAGE TYPE:** RESIDENTIAL CONDO; **ALLOCATION:** STORY 1; **LEVEL/FLOOR:** 6TH FLOOR; **UNIT CALL OUT:** AS1-602; **UNIT AREA:** 64.71; **BALCONY:** 4.16; **TOTAL AREA:** 68.87; **UNIT MODEL/TYPE:** 2 BEDROOM WITH BALCONY in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2016005433, MANDURRIAQ, CITY OF ILOILO** with an area of **TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE THREE HUNDRED ONE (22,301) Square Meter**, is registered in the name of:

Owner: KEHINDE MOSKURI GANIYU MARRIED TO FELICITAS CAUSING GANIYU, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE, AMERICAN CITIZENS”

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 **October 20, 2025**, at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **July 21, 2025.**

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Authorized Deputy/Sheriff-in-Charge

NE/August 11, 18 & 25, 2025



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE


Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses DOROTEO R. BACAS and ALEJANDRA V. BACAS** known as a parcel of land located at Cauayan Solod, Cauayan, Carles, Iloilo with an area of **NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO (9,392) SQUARE METERS** covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-4609 (Free Patent No. 320392) Plan Psu-191820** is adjudicated to heirs **NIMRODE VILLANUEVA BACAS, NOEL VILLANUEVA BACAS, JULIE BACAS ALMIRANES, NIEL VILLANUEVA BACAS, JOY VILLANUEVA BACAS, JELLY BACAS BAJADA, and NILO VILLANUEVA BACAS** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RAUL ILANGA BETITA** per Doc. No. 2642, Page No. 524, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

NE/August 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses JOSE SANDOVAL-DIGOMON and NINFA GRABATO-DIGOMON** known as a parcel of land **Lot 9835-A, Psd-06-057607**, being a portion of Lot 9835-A, (LRC) Psd-41227, situated in Pototan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-203029** with an area of **SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY (780) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **MA. JONI DIGOMON-DICHOSA, JOVIL GRABATO-DIGOMON, MA. JOJI ANN DIGOMON-PAGTOLON-AN, JOSE RONNEL GRABATO-DIGOMON, MARY JAY DIGOMON-ALVAREZ, and JOFRI GRABATO-DIGOMON** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. KAZPER VIC V. BERMEJO** per Doc. No. 467, Page No. 95, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH RENUNCIATION of RIGHTS and DONATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONSUELO LOPEZ CARIÑO** consisting of **one-fifth (1/5) share** of a parcel of land known as **Lot 2410-B-1, PSD-063022-024869**, being a portion of Lot 2410-B, PSD-11167, located at Barangay Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (101025) 095-2023002403** with an area of **TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (26,821) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to heirs **RAMON E. CARIÑO, SR., PERCVAL E. CARIÑO, MONINA CARIÑO CANDELARIO, DANIEL HICO CARIÑO, JR., TERESITA VINSON CARIÑO, JOSIE FAITH CARIÑO OLVIDO, EDITH CARIÑO HECHANOVA, and ELIZABETH ALIMPOLO ALVARAN**, all herein represented by their attorney-in-fact **GARRICK JOHN GONZALES REYES. TERESITA VINSON CARIÑO** renounced, waiver and relinquished her rights, interests or title over whatever shares, participation or inheritance from her late husband **JOSE LOPEZ CARIÑO** estate pertaining only to the above-described parcel of land. Moreover, **TERESITA VINSON CARIÑO** WAIVED, RENOUNCED, RELINQUISHED and QUITCLAIM all her rights, interests and participation over her CONJUGAL SHARE from the above-said estate unto **JOSIE FAITH CARIÑO OLVIDO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ALVIN G. DELGADO** per Doc. No. 321, Page No. 66, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/August 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARTHA BUNDA GUANCO** (also known as **MARTHA BUNDA**) and **TESALONICA BUNDA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 2746** of the Cadastral Survey of Dingle, Iloilo with the improvements thereon, covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-117825** with an area of **TWENTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE (22,741) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heir **CEASAR B. GUANCO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RALF OWEN F. DELA CRUZ** per Doc. No. 213, Page No. 44, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

NE/August 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES GERMAN M. LOPEZ and PACITA J. LOPEZ** consisting of a **ONE-FIFTH (1/5) SHARE** of a parcel of land known **Lot 2410-B-1, PSD-063022-024869**, being a portion of Lot 2410-B, PSD-11167, situated at Barangay Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 101025 (095-2023002403)** with an area of **TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (26,821) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to heirs **ANTONIO J. LOPEZ, JOSE ANDREW J. LOPEZ, BERNADETTE L. CARBONELL and SOCORRO L. GENATO**, herein all represented by their Attorney-in-fact **GARRICK JOHN GONZALES REYES**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ALVIN G. DELGADO** per Doc. No. 322, Page No. 66, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/August 18, 15 & Sept. 1, 2025

Iloilo PDRRMO trains radio operators for disaster ops

ILOILO CITY – The Iloilo Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) has enhanced the communications capabilities of its municipal and city counterparts, ensuring a unified response during calamities and disasters.

Alfonso Baldonado III, chief of the PDRRMO administrative and training division, said they recently gathered all radio operators from municipal and city DRRMOs for a two-batch "Resilient Radio Communication and Operations Protocols Seminar Workshop."

"Our objective is for the province to become one team when it comes to radio communications, protocols, and operations—a single standard and a strong signal for the entire province," he said in an interview Monday.

He noted that in the past, interoperability was a challenge due to a lack of coordinated training for radio operators.

The provincial government has since set up five radio

repeaters, one in each district, in addition to the first repeater on Mt. Cañapasan in San Enrique town. Baldonado said this network ensures that the province can maintain communication even when commercial telecommunication services are down.

During the four-day seminar, participants also learned how to create improvised antennas for continuous communication.

Baldonado said the biggest takeaway was that the operators "were able to put faces to the voices we hear over the radio during disaster communications." He added that knowing each other personally will make communication faster.

About three or four months ago, the PDRRMO also supplied the 43 local government units in the province with base radios, which facilitate instantaneous communication from the ground to the PDRRMO operations center. This allows for the consolidation and submission of reports to the Office of the Civil Defense and the Office of the Governor. (PNA)

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