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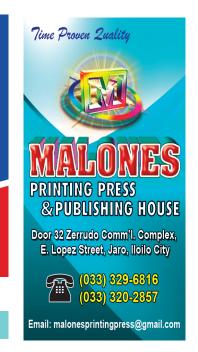


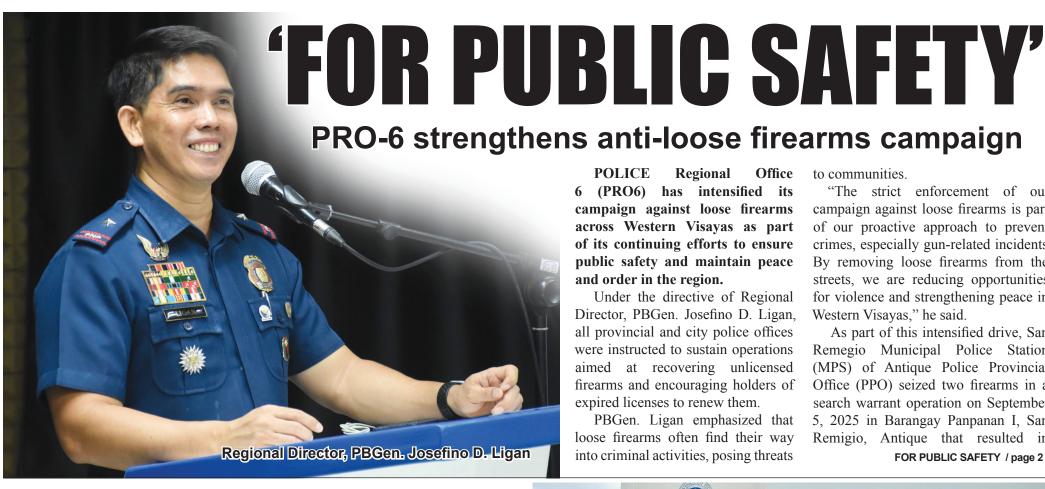
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Regional **POLICE** Office 6 (PRO6) has intensified its campaign against loose firearms across Western Visayas as part of its continuing efforts to ensure public safety and maintain peace and order in the region.

Under the directive of Regional Director, PBGen. Josefino D. Ligan, all provincial and city police offices were instructed to sustain operations aimed at recovering unlicensed firearms and encouraging holders of expired licenses to renew them.

PBGen. Ligan emphasized that loose firearms often find their way into criminal activities, posing threats to communities.

"The strict enforcement of our campaign against loose firearms is part of our proactive approach to prevent crimes, especially gun-related incidents. By removing loose firearms from the streets, we are reducing opportunities for violence and strengthening peace in Western Visayas," he said.

As part of this intensified drive, San Remegio Municipal Police Station (MPS) of Antique Police Provincial Office (PPO) seized two firearms in a search warrant operation on September 5, 2025 in Barangay Panpanan I, San Remigio, Antique that resulted in

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Provincial gov't inaugurates teen center, football field in Oton



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By Mary Joy Cavañas

The Iloilo Provincial Government inaugurated two significant projects in the municipality of Oton on September 9, 2025.

Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. led the inauguration of the Php3.5million Teen Center and the Php3-million football field which are both located at

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Roel Castro, President and CEO of MORE Power, addressed the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) at its membership meeting on August 29, outlining a compelling economic and electrical resurgence journey.

Iloilo City has a power infrastructure capable of supporting significant new investment, according to a presentation by MORE Electric and Power Corporation (MORE Power) to a key group of the country's top business

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leaders.

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the arrest of a suspect known as alias "Tingting," 54, a farmer and a resident of the barangay, for violation of Republic Act 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act.

The operation, conducted at around 11:20 AM by virtue of a search warrant issued by RTC Branch 11, San Jose, Antique, led to the confiscation of two (2) homemade 12-gauge shotguns (long firearms) without serial numbers and two (2) live ammunition (12-gauge).

Meanwhile, for August 2025, PRO6 accounted for a total of 153 loose firearms across the region. Of this number, 37 were recovered through law enforcement operations while 116 were voluntarily surrendered during Oplan Katok visits, symposiums, pulong-pulong, and other advocacy activities.

PRO6 likewise called on barangay officials and local government units to support the initiative by raising awareness in their communities.

Through these combined and uninterrupted efforts, PRO6 reaffirms its mission to reduce crimes involving loose firearms and to make Western Visayas a safer, more secure community. (PRO-6)

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Oton National High School (ONHS).

It was also joined by Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque, Provincial Population Office (PPO) Chief Atty. Ruel Von Superio, ONHS Principal Dr. Darwin Haro, Iloilo Sports Development and Management Office (ISDMO) Head Dr. Ma. Janelyn T. Fundal, among others.

These pioneer projects will benefit around 5,000 students of the said school, aiming to strengthen development and promote wellness for the youth or adolescents.

Dr. Darwin Haro expressed his gratitude to the provincial government for the said project, stressing that the teen center is a significant addition to the school's psychosocial support for the students.

In his message, Atty. Ruel Von Superio emphasized the teen center's role in meeting the educational and social needs of adolescents.

On the other hand, Dr. Ma. Janelyn T. Fundal, said the football field will inspire students to value discipline, teamwork, and resilience through sports, noting that the project "seeks to further strengthen grassroots football development and expand opportunities so that younger Ilonggos can pursue the sport passionately and competitively."

During his speech, Governor Defensor conveyed the provincial government's strong commitment to investing in young people as key contributors to Iloilo's progress.

"We are not only focused on your learning inside the classroom; we are equally concerned about your social life. Our BES (Bulig sa Eskwela) Province Program is designed for the holistic development of the youth. This is a significant part of your growth and learning," said Defensor. (via Capitol News)

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membership meeting on August 29, outlining a compelling economic and electrical resurgence journey.

His central message was readiness and confidence, assuring potential investors that the city's power grid is stable and has substantial excess capacity to fuel future growth.

Castro pointed to a sustained upward trajectory in Iloilo's economy, noting a cumulative increase since 2015 with only a temporary dip during the pandemic.

With modest year-on-year growth projections of 2-3%, the foundation for expansion is solid. "We came in in 2020, and our growth in electricity demand has been increasing," Castro stated, highlighting a key indicator of economic activity.

The utility has seen its customer base nearly double in five years, from 62,000 accounts in 2020 to approximately 115,000 today. This rapid growth necessitated a monumental catch-up effort in infrastructure.

Castro acknowledged that the company inherited a system that was "a bit behind," forcing an aggressive five-year investment program in critical assets like substations. "After this year, we will be ahead of the curve," Castro declared.

"This means that Iloilo's electricity or power infrastructure will already be above the curve, which means that Iloilo will be ready for investment. We would be confident and not be afraid of any investment that would come, and that would require power."

City gov't opens rainwater harvesting facilities

By Mary Joy Cavañas

To provide potable water services for the Ilonggos, the Iloilo City Government — through the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), and Signpost Philippines, Inc. — opened the rainwater harvesting facilities in Barangay Tabuc Suba, Jaro and Barangay Monica Blumentritt, City Proper on

September 10, 2025.

Mayor Raisa Treñas led the inauguration of the facilities in the said barangays along with CDRRMO Head Donna Magno, barangay officials of Tabuc Suba and Monica Blumentritt, Signpost Philippines Inc. representatives, among others.

These facilities can produce 6,000 liters of potable water per day, benefiting 300 households. They can also last for ten years, with no

electricity required for operations.

According to Mayor Treñas, the said project started when the city faced concerns such as an increase of acute gastroenteritis cases and water scarcity due to El Niño phenomenon or dry season.

Currently, there are a total of 17 rainwater harvesting facilities which are established and ongoing through the continuous efforts of the city government.



Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Treñas with CDRRMO Head Donna Magno, barangay officials of Tabuc Suba and Monica Blumentritt, and representatives from Signpost Philippines Inc. led the inauguration of rainwater harvesting facilities on September 10, 2025. (*Raisa Treñas/FB*)

Various MSMEs to gather and feature local products at Artesanias de Iloilo 2025

By Mary Joy Cavañas

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - Iloilo is set to hold its Artesanias de Iloilo 2025 at the fountain area of Robinson's Place (Main) in Iloilo City on September 15 to 21, 2025.

This event will be showcasing the locally-made products of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the province of Iloilo featuring their respective industries and livelihoods including coffee, cacao, bamboo, wearables, homestyles, processed fruits, coconut, among others.

Side events also include food tasting for guests, bamboo craft demo, food fusion, coco crafts and bamboo based

food launching, bamboo planting activity in Leon, coffee brewing and hot cocoa sampling, sustaining the traditional craft talk, awarding ceremony, and a fashion show.

About 100 exhibitors are expected to join the week-long event from different industry clusters including:

- * Bamboo 12 exhibitors
- * Cacao eight exhibitors
- * Coffee eight exhibitors
- * Coconut (CFIDP) 15 exhibitors
- * PFN (Processed Food and Nuts) 40 exhibitors
- * Wearables and Homestyle 17 exhibitors

Last 2024, DTI - Iloilo accomplished over Php3.8 million in sales during the event, which was joined by 125 MSME exhibitors across Iloilo province.

He quantified this readiness, revealing that the system has about 36% spare capacity available to absorb new industrial, commercial, and residential demand without requiring immediate new large-scale construction.

The presentation also detailed dramatic improvements in service quality and efficiency. System loss—a critical metric for utility performance and cost efficiency—has been slashed from a high of 30% to an impressive 4.75%.

Furthermore, the frequency of power interruptions has plummeted from 18 times per year to less than one, providing businesses with the reliability required for modern operations. These upgrades are supported by a fully operational Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system across the franchise area, which enables real-time grid monitoring and control.

The utility is also poised to enter the next phase of

modernization with the rollout of automated metering. "This is to show you that we are at least ready for the next five years," Castro concluded, directly addressing the MAP members.

"We welcome all of you, as investors, to Iloilo City." The Management Association of the Philippines is a premier, non-profit organization composed of top and senior executives from a broad cross-section of the largest and most respected companies in the country.

For over seven decades, MAP has been at the forefront of shaping Philippine business policy and promoting management excellence. Its membership meetings, which feature key government and private sector leaders, serve as a vital platform for discourse on critical national issues and economic development, making it an ideal audience for a message on Iloilo's investment readiness.

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NIA, IBP Iloilo provide free legal aid to IPs, farmers

Malay town empowers communities through BION

KALIBO, Aklan (PIA)—The municipality of Malay officially launched the Barangay Information and Outreach Network (BION), at the MDRRMO Building in Caticlan, marking a significant step toward strengthening grassroots communication and community engagement across the municipality.

The event gathered 16 Barangay Information Officers (BIOs) from various barangays with the shared goal of enhancing community-level information dissemination.

John Francis Tolinero from the Office of the Municipal Mayor warmly welcomed participants and guests, expressing gratitude for their time and dedication to this important initiative.

Municipal Mayor Frolibar S. Bautista, in his welcome message, highlighted the significance of the newly formed

"We are gathered here not just to launch a program but to activate a powerful network of communication and service at the grassroots level," he said.

Bautista underscored the role of BIOs as the frontliners in building a more resilient, well-informed, and progressive Malay and pledged his full support for the initiative.

Sheila Patoza of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Aklan facilitated the orientation for the newlyroles and responsibilities, and their crucial function as connectors between the government and their respective

The event also featured the Pledge of Commitment led by Thryshia Claire Martin, assistant information officer, where BIOs vowed to carry out their duties with transparency, accountability, and integrity.

Following the pledge, the election of officers for the Malay BION Network took place where Andy Cloyd Sejane led as the President.

Bautista administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers and encouraged them to work closely with the local government to ensure timely and accurate information reaches every barangay in Malay.

Newly-elected BION-Malay Sejane expressed his gratitude to Mayor Bautista, the Municipal Information Office, and PIA for their unwavering support.

He emphasized the significance of the network, stating that barangay information officers now "finally have faces," a recognition and empowerment of their critical roles.

The establishment of the Barangay Information and Outreach Network in Malay is expected to improve information flow, promote citizen engagement, and support the municipality's overall development agenda. (AGP/SQP/ designated BIOs, outlining the background of BION, their PIA Aklan with reports from Clarize Parce, GIP-DOLE)

ILOILO CITY (PIA)—In a bid to improve access to justice for marginalized communities, the Project Management Office (PMO) of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA)-6 Jalaur River Multi-Purpose Project Stage II (JRMP II), has partnered with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)-Iloilo Chapter to offer free legal services to project stakeholders.

The partnership, formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by NIA Western Visayas director Engineer Jonel B. Borres and IBP Iloilo Chapter President lawyer Mehelinda Penetrante, is part of IBP's Unified Legal Aid Services (ULAS) Program.

The initiative specifically targets the Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) and farmer beneficiaries involved in JRMP II, many of whom don't have the financial means to access professional legal services.

Common issues include tenancy and land ownership disputes, agrarian reform concerns, contractual obligations, and other land-related conflicts.

JRMP II currently work with 16 Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) comprising 1,874 members and 41 Irrigators' Associations (IAs) with 7,147 members across the region.

Through the ULAS program, these communities will now have access to pro bono legal services from qualified professionals.

The NIA Western Visayas emphasized that the partnership not only represents a significant milestone for legal aid in the region but also reflects a broader commitment to inclusive development, ensuring that vulnerable communities are not left behind as major infrastructure projects move forward. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)





DSWD community resilience project includes 3 Iloilo LGUs

ILOILO CITY (PIA) Three municipalities in the province of Iloilo are

included in the focus areas Resilience Project (PCRP), Welfare and Development Visayas reported that these Joaquin.

of the Panahon ng Pagkilos: a flagship project of the Philippine Community Department of Social

(DSWD).

municipalities are Carles, DSWD Western Concepcion, and San

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Torre walks the plank

Yesterday, a friend asked me to be his sounding board to bounce things off regarding a conversation he just had with the recently removed PNP chief Nic Torre.

My friend reached out to General Torre to extend his sympathy for the shocking and embarrassing manner by which General Torre was removed as chief of the Philippine National Police.

I told my friend that the case has been connected to the issue of Torre recalling promotions of PNP officers and reassigning several. My friend strongly opposed the claim, saying General Torre had advised and asked PBBM's permission regarding the issue.

Then he shared that upon being informed of his removal as Chief PNP, General Torre was given two directives and his response, both requiring compliance by noon today.

The first was to accept the position of czar or chief investigator of a Commission to be formed regarding the flood control projects anomalies. The second was to submit a letter stating Torre's desire for early retirement instead of in 2027. I suppose the "retirement letter" is needed to clear the deck for the incoming PNP head.

Word is already out in the grapevine regarding the offer to make Torre the czar of the Commission, but only Torre or Jonvic Remulla can confirm or deny if Torre was indeed asked to submit the request for early retirement.

My friend advised General Torre to "accept the position of czar for the meantime until something better is available," and asked me how I viewed the whole matter, given that General Torre was not the most popular and humble man in town.

I told my friend he should not have given the advice to General Torre. I was reminded of a scene in the Tolkien Trilogy (The Hobbit, etc.) where the elves told their human counterpart: "We cannot tell you how to decide, because it is you who will have to live with the consequences of your decision."

As far as the offer to make Torre the czar to investigate flood control anomalies, I called it "consuelo de bobo" or, in English, "consolation prize for fools." After being unceremoniously removed from office, what would Torre have to gain by accepting a non-existent position?

If anything, the offer becomes a "two for one" solution for what to do with Torre and to start the process for the long-delayed formation of an investigating body. Torre's audacity and bravado would play into the idea, little knowing he would be the deodorizer to his own fall.

I pointed out to my friend that the optics is already bad from many angles. Whether friend or foe, the dismissal or removal of Torre as Chief PNP was shocking and suggested something serious behind the lines.

Malacañang should have talked with Torre first, announce his appointment as czar, then replaced him with General Nartatez. That would have been good optics, but some people were in a hurry.

Outside the political circles, people wondered if Torre was found guilty of something, a crime perhaps, something scandalous, or did he become a threat to some people in the administration?

Inside the administration and the community of supporters, Torre's removal was evidence that no matter how loyal, committed or willing you are to serve the administration, anyone is expendable or disposable. This also confirms the belief that decisions in Malacañang are based on who reaches the President first

As far as becoming czar of the investigating body is concerned, it would be like picking a rock and hitting yourself in the head and saying "Thank you."

It is bad enough that Torre might soon become a powerless ex-cop who has a target on his back for "deporting" former president Rodrigo Duterte to the ICC CTALK

Cito Beltran



in The Hague. But in "appointing" Nic Torre as czar to investigate the biggest syndicated acts of plunder in the Philippines, he is basically being thrown to the lions, then fed to the dogs after being kicked out of office!

The current list of suspects in the flood control anomalies are big time contractors, congressmen, governors, mayors and DPWH officials. That does not even include brokers, suppliers and maybe even banks.

The Cong. Tractors and contractors ran off with billions of pesos, making them guilty of plunder. If the suspects have billions of pesos, it means that they have clout in the halls of power and among the best law offices as well as in the judiciary.

Depending on the extent of those involved, the formation of an investigating commission can be delayed, diluted or misdirected. I would guess that it would take at least three months, unless people are "voluntold" to sign up.

How confident can Gen. Nic Torre be that he has the full support and approval of the President to go after any "Kamag-anak," "Ka-partido," "Kabarkada" or those who gave hundreds of millions towards PBBM's election?

It is one thing to "ambush" a sickly person wanted by the Interpol and put him on a plane with the approval of Malacañang, but that is nothing compared to declaring war with criminal billionaires, crooked politicians and high-priced law firms.

In the end, Gen. Nic Torre "walked the plank" for PBBM et. al. Little did he realize his shipmates would actually push him into the abyss. Swim to shore and enjoy your early retirement. Why work with people who also feed you to the sharks?

Political will

And just like that, a public works district engineer is under arrest on charges of bribery, while two other DEs are on floating status.

Contractors are reportedly in a mad scramble to cover their tracks, or else are contemplating to turn state witness.

Lawmakers are being identified and linked to anomalous flood control projects. Since a mere blanket denial can spell the end of the story, people are waiting for formal indictments, speedy trial and punishment.

Coming up, we hope, are the names of accomplices in the Commission on Audit and bids and awards committees.

So it can be done, if so desired. Kaya naman pala, kung gugustuhin.

This is a common observation as Ferdinand Marcos Jr. wields the vast powers of the presidency to carry out an unprecedented crackdown on the long-running kalakaran or standard operating procedure that has bled public coffers of billions meant for flood control.

It's called political will, which in our plundered nation entails readiness to break political alliances and damn the torpedoes.

Because of what people perceive to be BBM's strong support for his crackdown, and seeing quick action on tips sent anonymously to the website he has rolled out, there's public enthusiasm for this campaign.

Doubts will be dispelled if he goes after allies linked to substandard and ghost projects. He must start with the big fish; any catch smaller than a lawmaker will earn him yawns for a vapid zarzuela.

And residual doubts will be eliminated once rules on speedy trial are applied, and a big fish is convicted and lands behind bars.

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Contractors who believe they are not the most guilty should consider the suggestion of Sen. Panfilo Lacson to turn state witness.

The same goes for officials of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), who might want to identify their political patrons. Depending on the level of participation in the crime, their testimony could spell the difference between a life term or shorter years in prison. Their families might even get to keep some of their ill-gotten wealth.

Stories of corruption in the DPWH have circulated for a long time, and were routinely condemned by a succession of presidents.

Over the years I have talked to several top DPWH officials, who lamented that they were helpless in the face of lawmakers not only earmarking projects for DPWH implementation, but also imposing their favored contractors to undertake the projects. These included contractors who had not met the qualifications for DPWH accreditation, the officials

At the same time, I've also talked to some players in the construction industry, who sighed that to bag government deals, they had no choice but to compete with rivals by giving kickbacks at every step of the process.

While the corruption kalakaran is widely discussed, pinning down the perpetrators is hampered by the same factors that make anti-graft efforts challenging in this country.

Foremost of these factors is that signatures or even thumbprints are rarely affixed to incriminating documents. This allows layers of deniability to be designed at every step of the distribution of dirty money, as detailed in Lacson's privilege speech.

Payoffs are typically in cash, to muddle the money trail, even if it means delivering the cash in sacks in several tranches.

Incidentally, this is also the practice in votebuying. For some time, digital technology facilitated the payments, but now the vote buyers and sellers are reportedly rethinking their trust in ATMs and e-wallets, which leave an incriminating digital trail.

Bank transactions by the payer of kickbacks can provide the money trail. Lifting bank secrecy laws

will require that the depositor faces a formal investigation

or indictment.

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Pamintuan



But this will require incriminating documents or a credible whistleblower.

As for the periodic inspection of state-funded projects throughout the various stages of construction, a typical comment from government officials and personnel is that they presume regularity in the implementation of projects, whether by national or local agencies, with state auditors expected to assess the judicious use of public funds.

These days, there's presumption of thievery at every step of project implementation.

It's unfortunate that lawmakers, DPWH personnel and contractors must be closely watched like bratty children – or worse, like incorrigible thieves – in the implementation of state-funded projects.

What political will did was to encourage the public to keep a close watch, fueled by trust that the vigilance and reporting of wrongdoing will bear fruit.

President Marcos has overpromised in his government reorganization, and much earlier, in his "aspiration" for rice at P20 a kilo, now rolled out through heavy subsidies at taxpayers' expense.

He seems to get these reformist sparks, only for them to be doused by a reality check. Yesterday he yanked out Nicolas Torre III, the first Philippine National Police Academy graduate to head the PNP, and replaced him with a member of the last batch of Philippine Military Academy graduates allowed to enter the police service.

This time, in BBM's "mahiya naman kayo" campaign, he must not disappoint. Failure will guarantee impunity; the ranks of the shameless or walang hiya will expand.



BUILDING CODE. Councilor Johnny Young (right) sponsors a resolution urging the Department of Public Works and Highways to comply with the requirements of the National Building Code of the Philippines. In the same resolution passed on Wednesday (Sept. 10, 2025), he said the department has to secure all necessary permits before implementing any projects within Iloilo City. (Photo courtesy of Johnny Young)

DPWH urged to comply with Building Code, secure permits for projects

ILOILO CITY – The Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) on Wednesday passed a resolution urging the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to comply with the requirements of the National Building Code of the Philippines and secure all necessary permits from the Office of the Building Official (OBO) Iloilo City.

The same resolution also directed the OBO to monitor and audit all ongoing DPWH projects for compliance and submit a report to the council.

"Despite repeated reminders and official discussions during the sessions and committee hearings of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, there have been instances

wherein the Department of Public Works and Highways has undertaken construction projects within lloilo City without first securing the required permits," according to the resolution authored by Councilor Johnny Young, chair of the Engineering, Construction and Public Works Committee.

The resolution said that the practice before implementing any projects within "undermines public safety, accountability, and the credibility of local governance by setting a precedent that government agencies may disregard legal requirements strictly enforced upon private individuals and businesses."

> In the resolution, the DPWH was also required to explain before the council the "repeated violations" despite advisories and discussions since 2022. (PNA)



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Ordinance wants businesses to accept any gov't issued ID for seniors

ILOILO CITY - The Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) is deliberating on an ordinance that will compel establishments here to accept any governmentissued identification with date of birth as proof for senior citizens to avail of privileges and benefits.

Councilor Lyndon Acap, during the regular session of the council, said he has been receiving feedback that there are establishments that only accept identification cards issued by the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA).

"It is very clear that since 1992, it is not only the OSCA ID that should be accepted but any other government-issued ID as long as the date of birth is indicated, reflecting their age," he said in an interview on Wednesday.

He cited the key provision of Republic



SENIOR DISCOUNTS. Councilor Lyndon Acap presents his proposed ordinance for establishments to accept any government-issued identification cards in granting privileges to senior citizens during the city council's regular session on Wednesday (Sept. 10, 2025). Acap hoped to pass the ordinance next month in time for the Elderly Filipino Week celebration. (PNA photo by Perla Lena)

Act (RA) 7432, or the Senior Citizens Act, is the 20 percent discount on specific goods and services like transportation, medicines, restaurants, and access to free medical and dental services in

government facilities.

It was amended by RA Insurance Corp. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, with the provision of a monthly social pension for indigent senior citizens and enrollment

with the Philippine Health

In 2003, he said the city council passed Resolution No. 181 strongly urging business establishments in the city to abide by the

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Iloilo City police office arrests 40 fugitives in monthlong ops

ILOILO CITY (PIA)—Forty fugitives were arrested by the Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO) during its 31–day manhunt operations against wanted individuals.

The operations conducted from August 1 to 31 this year led to the arrest of nine individuals classified as Most Wanted Persons (MWPs) and 31 categorized as Other Wanted Persons (OWPs).

ICPO reported that it has successfully apprehended five individuals included in the list of most wanted persons in Western Visayas- ranked Top 1, Top 3, Top 6, Top 7, and Top 9.

They were wanted for heinous crimes such as murder, rape, and illegal possession of firearms.

The following ICPO units contributed to the accomplishment: Iloilo City Mobile Force Company (ICMFC) – 10 arrests; Iloilo City Police Station 3 (ICPS3) and ICPS6 – 5 arrests each; ICPS2 – 4 arrests; ICPS1, ICPS7, ICPS8 – 3 arrests each; ICPS4, ICPS5, ICPS10 − 2 arrests each; and ICPS9 − 1 arrest.

The dedication and efficiency of these operating units in carrying out their duties were lauded by Police Colonel Kim P. Legada, ICPO City Director.

Legada said the arrests are manifestations of hope and

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President Marcos Jr.'s plan to organize an independent commission to investigate flood control anomalies is a timely and bold move aimed at rooting out corruption and inefficiency in infrastructure spending.

To make this commission truly effective, its composition and priorities must reflect both technical rigor and public accountability.

The President has emphasized a diverse and expert-driven team.

The ideal members of this commission should include forensic investigators to trace financial irregularities and uncover ghost or substandard projects; legal experts, including prosecutors, justices, and anti-corruption lawyers to assess liability and recommend legal action; as well as civil engineers and urban planners to evaluate the technical soundness of flood control projects.

It should also tap auditors from the Commission on Audit, to cross-reference findings; civil society representatives to ensure transparency and public trust; and ethics and governance specialists to propose structural reforms and



Independent probe of flood control mess

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safeguards.

President Marcos Jr. has said he would give the commission subpoena powers to compel testimony and access documents, which would be essential for a thorough probe.

The priorities of the independent commission should be to investigate and document anomalies; identify ghost projects, budget insertions, and substandard construction; and trace accountability across all levels of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The commission should also recommend legal action and submit cases to the Office of the Ombudsman or Department of Justice for prosecution.

The commission should audit budget allocations. It should also scrutinize past and upcoming budgets, including the 2026 budget, for suspicious entries.

The commission needs to propose systemic reforms to include legislative or administrative changes to prevent future abuses; introduce transparency mechanisms like public dashboards or whistleblower protection.

The Sumbong sa Pangulo platform recently put in place by Malacañang to gather citizen reports and feedback is a step in the right direction.

Other reforms that can be proposed by the commission must include open contracting and competitive bidding online, with independent observers allowed in all procurement processes.

If the Marcos Jr. administration wants lasting impact, the reforms proposed by the independent commission could turn flood control from a vehicle for widespread corruption into a showcase of good governance and its twin goals of transparency and accountability. (manilastandard.net)

Proper prioritization

Deliberations last week on the proposed 2026 budget of the Department of Health (DOH) have raised concerns on the use of public funds when it was revealed that around PHP1 billion is being allocated for the repairs and the beautification of the agency's offices — raising questions about urgent priorities.

Iloilo representative and former Health Secretary Janette Garin questioned the allocation, saying the funds can better be used in support of the implementation of the Universal Healthcare Law.

Garin questioned how such a fund could pass through the Department of Budget and Management's review considering the pressing need for additional resources for public hospitals and rural health units. Moreover, the allocation contradicts the policy directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. pushing for "zero balance billing" in hospitals.

While it is true that DOH employees deserve to work in safe and conducive environments, with offices that reflect dignity and efficiency, the current state of the country's healthcare system simply cannot afford such allocations at this point. With many hospitals, rural health units and health centers reportedly underfunded and in need of additional equipment, supplies, and manpower, priority must be given to frontline services instead of office aesthetics.

After all, what message does a PHP1 billion allocation for office beautification send to Filipinos

enduring long lines in overburdened public hospitals? Or to those who are forced to cross oceans or go down mountains just to get medical attention?

The DOH must reconsider its priorities and allocate funds for what our healthcare system really needs. Filipino patients don't need newly painted walls or new office tables—they need hospital beds, medicine, doctors, and enough nurses to provide medical care.

Including line items of this magnitude does not only hinder progress towards providing truly universal healthcare, it is also a disservice to millions of taxpaying Filipinos who religiously pay their dues and yet, when they need it most, often face difficulties in accessing state healthcare services.

I call on our lawmakers and society in general to look into and scrutinize the proposed 2026 national budget more intently to ensure that it reflects the needs of the people. The proposed PHP1 billion should be reallocated to serve the needs of our healthcare system, not on aesthetics. At the same time, the Department of Budget and Management should exercise greater vigilance to ensure that proposed expenditure plans of agencies reflect their mandate and are aligned with the overall policy of the administration.

Our healthcare system is strained and in desperate need of support. Many hospitals are running on tight budgets and are making do with aging facilities and overworked healthcare workers. A case in point is

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the National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKTI) in Quezon City, which had to convert its gymnasium into a temporary ward last month to treat patients with leptospirosis following heavy flooding caused by intensified monsoon rains and poor flood control.

It is in this context that spending on office upgrades seems not only luxurious but also immoral.

The DOH budget should prioritize how it could best save lives and serve the people's welfare. Prudent budgeting demands allocating funds towards improved medical service delivery, better infrastructure, and wider healthcare accessibility. Let's prioritize lives than beautification initiatives. These are allocations that would directly support the objective of universal healthcare and would ensure that taxes are used for the benefit of the people.

I echo Garin's call for a redo of the DOH proposed budget—one that reflects the agency's mandate and ensures prudent use of public funds.

Spending PHP1 billion on office beautification and repairs at a time when so many Filipinos cannot even afford essential medicines is a betrayal of that trust. Let us be prudent and invest where it counts. After all, health is the primary need of every Filipino. Aesthetics can wait but lives cannot.

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AI, data as anti-corruption tools

Whenever one tries to uncover corruption, there will always be two possible outcomes. First, the guilty ones will be punished. The second one is that similar actions can be prevented. It is often difficult to actually fully punish perpetrators in corruption scandals. Prevention, on the other hand, is relatively easier and faster to achieve as a goal.

In this light, a group of Information technology (IT) professionals has been proposing several IT or data-based tools that can actually help prevent or detect corruption. Before any AI or data tools can be applied, there must be tweaks to our transparency and freedom of information protocols.

There was a proposal for legislation that would compel all government officials to waive their bank secrecy law rights. Under RA 1405, or the Secrecy of Bank Deposits law, some provisions protect the confidentiality of bank deposits. The proposed legislation would require all government officials to authorize the Ombudsman to examine their deposits and investments, including foreign currency accounts as a condition of continued public service. In addition, any new appointments for government service can be required by an executive edict to give such waiver as a precondition for appointment.

Combined with data from the Securities Exchange Commission, the Register of Deeds, and Bureau of Customs (for imported luxury items), these could be correlated with Statement of Assets and Liabilities to create a clear picture of the possible presence of unexplained wealth and could be the starting point for monitoring the said officials.

Data from the SEC can reveal conflict of interest scenarios and possible names of dummies used to cover their trail. Data from the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Register of Deeds can trace properties and correlate with sources of income. An empowered citizenry under a program that encourages and incentivizes people to monitor the lifestyle of government officials physically or through social media can exponentially add data relevant to the lifestyle of the said government officials and to the presence and quality of public works and projects of the government.

More open bidding processes and government project and procurement plans will add to the collective database. The planning process for example of infrastructure related to flood control can be based on data provided by scientific studies as to the areas where such controls are needed. A science and data-based approach to infrastructure

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

plans can avoid unneeded and potential ghost projects. Any project that lacks the scientific relevant data to prove its effectivity should be disregarded or scrapped.

Insofar as government projects are concerned an empowered and informed citizenry can take photos of published projects and upload the same to dedicated websites. Given the enormous chunk of data, AI can now sift through all of these data and flag anomalies or inconsistencies.

The Department of Information and Communications Technology can be tasked to synchronize and oversee these efforts. A synergized, multi-sectoral and science-based approach can go a long way in the fight against corruption.

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LGUs push back vs. ghost, uncoordinated infra projects

Local government units (LGUs) were shocked to learn that hundreds of flood control projects worth billions of pesos in their areas were carried out without their knowledge. Several provinces implemented dozens of similar projects, each costing billions of pesos, in the same manner. As investigators expose ghost and substandard projects, LGUs are now joining forces to demand that the national government agencies consult them on infrastructure projects that directly affect their communities.

In Quezon City, only two of 254 projects were approved by the LGU, while over PHP14 billion worth of flood control works bypassed local coordination. In Manila, Mayor Isko Moreno reported that about 200 projects had no permits at all. In Naujan, Oriental Mindoro, five flood control projects worth more than PHP1 billion cannot even be found. These cases reveal a clear pattern of ghost and substandard projects across provinces, strengthening the call of LGUs for national agencies to stop sidelining them and instead involve them in planning and implementing infrastructure projects.

In many parts of the country, LGU officials are now inspecting the infrastructure projects of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and its contractors after they were reported on President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s Sumbong sa Pangulo website. These projects are harming the lives, livelihoods, and education of many Filipinos.

Investigations revealed that a small group of contractors managed a significant portion of the flood control projects nationwide.

The President reported that an initial review showed 15 contractors cornered about PHP100 billion worth of projects, equal to 20 percent of the PHP545 billion fund for flood control from July 2022 to May 2025. This discovery raised doubts about how the projects were awarded and carried out. Some contracts lacked clear details, while others had exactly the same prices despite being in different locations. Congress has already questioned at least five of these nationwide contractors.

Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte was surprised to learn from the Sumbong sa Pangulo website that hundreds of DPWH projects were carried out without coordination with the city. This was despite the fact that in 2020, Quezon City passed Ordinance No. SP-2939, which requires all national government agencies, offices, and corporations to first coordinate with the city government before starting any project within its jurisdiction. This ordinance mandates that the Office of the Mayor issues a Certificate of Coordination prior to granting permits. This ensures public consultation, alignment with local development plans, and the protection of citywide systems before any work begins.

The lack of coordination by the DPWH has caused disruptions in communities and forced the displacement of Quezon City residents. I recall that during our meetings at the Quezon City Development Council, we adopted a master plan for the city's drainage system. During these discussions, we found that some DPWH projects had been carried out without the city government's knowledge. Now, the Quezon City LGU is compiling a complete list of all flood control projects implemented by the DPWH.

The city found that a PHP49-million retaining wall in Barangay Commonwealth had made the waterway narrower and shallower, increasing the risk of flooding during heavy rain. Quezon City Mayor Belmonte identified the Matalahib pumping station as a problematic DPWH project. She explained that the project, built in a "non-building area," blocked natural water flow and worsened flooding. Mayor Belmonte said the city did not approve or support the Matalahib Creek Pumping Station Project. The Quezon City engineer stated that the project violates both the National Building Code and the Water Code of the Philippines—laws that should have been enforced by the DPWH.

The mayor suggested that DPWH remove the structure and instead use the PHP250 million budget to construct a detention basin, which would follow the city's drainage master plan.

How a national government agency like the DPWH can carry out so many projects in the Philippines—or 254 projects in Quezon City alone—without coordinating with the LGUs still baffles me. Such impunity is alarming because it puts communities at risk, wastes public funds, and weakens local planning efforts. Without

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By Brian James Lu

proper coordination, it becomes much harder to ensure that projects are safe, effective, and meet the needs of the people.

Mayor Joy Belmonte highlighted the importance of close coordination between LGUs and national agencies like the DPWH when carrying out infrastructure projects. She pointed out that without the city's permits or approval, Quezon City implemented flood control projects worth over PHP14 billion. This failure to coordinate resulted in wasted funds and weak oversight, demonstrating how poor communication between agencies can lead to inefficiency and irregularities in public works.

The hearings in both the House of Representatives and the Senate have only begun to uncover the anomalies in flood control projects. While the President has announced plans to create an independent commission to investigate these projects, it is crucial that Congress continues its inquiries to keep the public informed. So far, the key actors behind these irregular projects are becoming visible. People are closely watching the actions of legislators, contractors, and government officials—not as a form of entertainment, but as a real test of accountability.

The fight against ghost and substandard flood control projects is not only about saving public funds—it is about protecting communities, safeguarding lives, and restoring trust in government. This will only be possible if the national government works hand in hand with LGUs, ensuring that every infrastructure project is properly coordinated with those who know the needs of their communities best. Every peso lost to corruption is a peso taken away from education, health, housing, and genuine flood protection. Only when we design projects with LGU participation, implement them with integrity, and align them with the people's welfare can we achieve real progress. It is time to end impunity and make coordination, transparency, and accountability the foundation of all public works.

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"Siyensadya sa Roxas City" that will cap the opening day of the celebration.

The DOST will also open the iHub, which is a collaborative

space designed to foster nurtured, and key players innovation among DOST and its local partners at the Provincial S&T Office along Fuentes Drive in this city.

The iHub is a space where startups can be also offer STI Talks and

like enablers, investors, and accelerators can gather, collaborate, share information, and provide assistance to startups.

The 2025 RSTW will

activities, Balik Scientist Forum, and a conference that will bring together all major regional research, development, and innovation consortia in Western Visayas, among others.

The celebration is anchored on the theme "Siyensya, Teknolohiya, at Inobasyon: Kabalikat Para sa Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Kinabukasan" and sub-theme, "Building Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities." (AGP/AAL/PIA Capiz)

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND/OR PARTITION AGREEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late SUSAN I. REYES consisting of the following:

- 1.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2020002018, Lot 3816-B-5-B, Plan No. PSD-06-094908, Portion of: Lot 3816-B-5, PSD-06-087193, located at Balantang,
- 2.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-182497, Lot 6, Block 37, Pcs-06-00715, being a cons-subd. of Lots 3696, 3676, 3675, 3674, 3673, 3691, 3672, 3764, 3655, 3659, 3670, 3761, Agonoa Cadastre, located at Brgy. Cagbang, Oton, Iloilo with an area of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE (159) SQUARE METERS, more or less;
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-182498, Lot 8, Block 37, Pcs-06-00715, being a cons-subd. of Lots 3696, 3676, 3675, 3674, 3673, 3691, 3672, 3764, 3655, 3659, 3670, 3761, Agonoa Cadastre, located at Brgy. Cagbang, Oton, Iloilo with an area of ONE **HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT (158) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 4.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-182499, Lot 10, Block 37, Pcs-06-00715, being a cons-subd. of Lots 3696, 3676, 3675, 3674, 3673, 3691, 3672, 3764, 3655, 3659, 3670, 3761 Agonoa Cadastre, located at Brgy. Cagbang, Oton, Iloilo with an area of ONE **HUBDRED FIFTY SIX (156) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 5.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2017008757, Lot No. 920 of the Cadastral Survey of Janiuay, with the improvements thereon, located at Brgy. Tolamcab, Janiuay, Iloilo with an area of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN (52,716) SQUARE METERS, more or less;
- 6.) TAX DECLARATION NO. 30-0015-03346, PIN: 041-30-0015-067-21-1001, Factory Building at Brgy. Cagbang, Oton, Iloilo with an area of 168 sq.m.;
- 7.) SHARES OF STOCKS in the following corporations: E&S Meat Corp., ERSI Meat Import, ELI Everest Cargo Services, Inc., and E&S Food Products, Inc. all under Stock Certificate No. 001. Are adjudicated to surviving heirs ELIAS G. REYES, JR., HAZEL MAE I. REYES, ELY MARK I. REYES, KENT LOUIE I. REYES, and JUNE LOUIE I. REYES. That, ELIAS G. REYES, JR. waived all his shares, rights, interests and participations over the above-said properties and waives his own conjugal shares in the said properties in favor of his children, respectively:

TCT No. 095-202000218 - Hazel Mae I. Reyes-Sanson

SUPPLEMENTAL EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS was made

following the discovery of additional properties to form

part of the estate of the decedent SUSAN I. REYES, as

Ownership No. I-8533, Purchase Agreement No. ILO-

5559; Machinery (co-owned with husband Elias G.

Reyes, Jr.) - Tax Declaration No. 24-03-031-02015;

PIN: 139-03-031-07-152-2001, located at North Diversion

Road (Benigno S. Aguino Ave.), Sambag, Jaro, Iloilo

City. The above estate were also adjudicated to heirs Elias

G. Reyes, Jr., Hazel Mae I. Reyes, Ely Mark I. Reyes,

Kent Louie I. Reyes, and June Louie I. Reyes. That, Elias

G. Reyes, Jr. waived all his shares, rights, interests and

participations in the share of **Susan I. Reyes** in the **Forest**

Lake Memorial Park Lot as entered in the notarial registry

of ATTY. ALEJANDRO E. CONSTANTINO III per Doc. No.

251, Page No. 52, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

Forest Lake Memorial Park Lots - Certificate of

This SUPPLEMENTAL EXTRA-JUDICIAL

TCT No. 182497 - June Louie I. Reyes

TCT No. 182498 - June Louie I. Reyes

TCT No. 182499 – June Louie I. Reyes

TCT No. 090-2017008757 - Hazel Mae I. Reyes-Sanson, Ely Mark I. Reyes, Kent Louie I. Reyes, and June Louie I. Reyes

TCT No. 30-0015-03346 - Ely Mark I. Reyes

That, Ely Mark I. Reyes, Kent Louie I. Reyes, and June Louie I. Reyes waive in favor of **Hazel Mae I. Reyes-Sanson** their respective shares in the following properties: TCT No. 095-2020002018; Hazel Mae I. Reyes - Sanson, Ely Mark I. Reyes, and Kent Louie I. Reyes waived in favor of June Louie I. Reyes their respective shares in the following properties: T-182497; T-182498; and T-182499;

Further, Hazel Mae I. Reyes-Sanson, Kent Louie I. Reyes and June Louie I. Reyes waived in favor of Ely Mark I. Reyes their respective shares in the following properties: Tax Dec/ No. 30-0015-03346; Elias G. Reyes, Jr. waived his shares, rights, interests and participation in the shares of stocks owned by Susan I. Reyes in the following corporations to the following specific heir as follows: E&S Meat Corp - Hazel Mae I. Reyes-Sanson; ERSI Meat Import – Hazel Mae I. Reyes-Sanson; ELI Everest Cargo Services, Inc. - Kent Louie I. Reyes; E&S Food Products, Inc. - Ely Mark I. Reyes; Entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. ALEJANDRO E. CONSTANTINO III per Doc. No. 250, Page No. 51, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

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follows:

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noting that the renovation is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Dadivas is personally conducting onsite inspection of the ongoing construction together with members of the City Engineer's Office and the architects who designed the project, to make sure that the work is done properly and with quality.

The DRCC stands as a versatile landmark in the city, serving as a hub for sports, culture, and community gatherings, among others.

It is named in honor of Gerardo "Dinggoy" Araneta Roxas Jr., who served as the youngest member of the House of Representatives for Capiz's 1st District from 1987 until his untimely death in 1993. (AGP/AAL/PIA Capiz/Photo from Ronnie Dadivas FB page)

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justice for every victim and their families.

"Rest assured, ICPO will not let up until these fugitives are put behind bars," said Legada.

He added that ICPO remains firmly committed to justice, public safety, and the delivery of quality police service to the community. (AAL/LAF/PIA6-Iloilo)

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION

WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses** BARTOLOME BEDIA and ESPERANZA BENECIO BEDIA known as Lot 260-F, of the Cadastral Survey of Barotac Nuevo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-67827, TAX DECLARATION NO. 07-0029-00041, PIN: 041-07-0029-002-01 located at Brgy. Tubungan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (2,220) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS is adjudicated to heirs: LARRY DEMA-ALA BEDIA (heir of the late Bienvenido Benecio Bedia); Gloria Anelyn Bedia Palma (heir of the late Letecia Bedia Palma); Ronie Bedonia Bedia and Richelle Bedonia Bedia (heirs of late Santos Benecio Bedia): Bartolome Benecio Bedia Jr.: and Nicanor Benecio Bedia. That, the said heirs sold, transferred, and conveyed by way of Absolute Sale a portion of the abovesaid property containing an area of EIGHT HUNDRED (800) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS in favor of MARIA CONCEPCION DONDIEGO DERIADA, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR. per Doc. No. 197, Page No. 41, Book No. XXX, Series of 2025.

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11397-25

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

MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK) BANATE BRANCH,

Mortgagee,

versus

ERNESTO B. CANITAN and ANELYN CANITAN,

Borrowers/Mortgagors,

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-Judicial petition for foreclosure and sale under Act No. 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, MARAYO BANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK) - BANATE BRANCH, a banking institution duly organized under Philippine laws and with office address at Rizal Street, Poblacion, Banate, Iloilo, Philippines, represented by its Legal Assistant, Jonathan Deocampo, against Borrowers/ Mortgagors, ERNESTO B. CANITAN and ANELYN CANITAN, both of legal age/s, Filipino/s and a residents of Block 6, Lot 35, Eon Centennial, Barangay Jibao-an, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of JUNE 4, 2025, amounts to TWO MILLION FIVE **HUNDRED THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY** and 81/100 Pesos (P2,500,370.81), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest 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 14, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, 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 the improvements found thereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-232941) 090-2018010205

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that a certain land, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 35, BLOCK 6, PCS-06-003782, BEING A CONS-SUBD. OF LOTS 7, 30 & 27, portion, BCS-06-000045 (OLT), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF JIBAO-AN, MUN. OF PAVIA, PROV. OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINES 1-2-3 BY ROAD LOT 6 (6.50 M. WIDE): ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 34; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 19. BCS-06-000045 (OLT); ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 36 (PARKS & PLAYGROUND).....CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE **HUNDRED FOUR (104) SQUARE METERS MORE OR** LESS.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-mentioned date and time.

In the event the public auction could not take place on said date and time, it shall be held on October 28, 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 provision of law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, August 11, 2025,

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

> (SGD.) ROBERTO D. GARILVA 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: (Rule 39, Sec. 15)

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11247-25

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-

SPOUSES MAY ANN BORJA GRAJO and DEOGRACIAS SALVINO GRAJO, Debtors/Mortgagors.

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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 debtors/mortgagors SPOUSES MAY ANN BORJA GRAJO and DEOGRACIAS SALVINO GRAJO, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal addresses at (1) Lot 6, Block 4, Glades B Savannah, Oton, Iloilo Province 5020 (2) Lot 31, Block 1, Courtyards of the Crest within Savannah Crest Subdivision Brgy. Abilay Norte, Oton, Iloilo to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 21, 2025, amounted to FIVE MILLION FORTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX PESOS & 61/100 (5,043,776.61), 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 of MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses PURISIMA S. SIRA and JOSE SIRA** known as a parcel of land (**Lot No. 1292-A**), of the subdivision plan Psd-22577, being a portion of Lot 1292 of the Cadastral Survey of Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Cadastral Record No. 13, located at Brgy. Balabag, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-98500** with an area of **THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ONE (3,791) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **ESTRELLITA S. SIRA, CARLOS S. SIRA, JOSELITO S. SIRA, ELMER S. SIRA, and LUCIA S. SIRA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JUDE VINCENT D. FONTILON** per Doc. No. 121, Page No. 26, Book No. X, Series of 2025.

ADDENDUM TO THE DEED OF ADJUDICATION

This is an Addendum to the Deed of Adjudication entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Jude Vincent D. Fontilon per Doc. No. 121, Page No. 26, Book No. X, Series of 2025 which failed to mention the Date of Death of spouses Purisima S. Sira and Jose Sira, thus, second paragraph should read: "That, Purisima S. Sira married to Jose Sira died intestate on February 16, 2013 and October 3, 2010, respectively leaving a certain property..." This Addendum to the Deed of Adjudication is entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Jude Vincent D. Fontilon per Doc. No. 426, Page No. 86, Book No. X, Series of 2025.

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2021009774

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 31, BLK 1, PCS-06-006274, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1-33 BLK. 1, LOT 1-9 BLK. 2, LOT I-24 BLK. 3, LOT 1-19 BLK. 4, LOT 1-12 BLK. 5, LOT 1-8 BLK. 6, LOT 1-7 BLK. 7, BLOCK 8 & ROAD LOT 1 TO 10, ALL OF PCS-06-005986) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF ABILAY NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 3779-A, PSD-72733; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 30, BLK I; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 6 (10.00 M. WIDE) AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 32, BLK 1 ALL OF THE CONS-SUBD. SURVEY.

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: SPOUSES MAY ANN BORJA GRAJO AND DEOGRACIAS SALVINO GRAJO, BOTH OF

LEGAL AGE, FILIPINOS Address: BLOCK 4 LOT 6 GLADES B

SAVANNAH SUBDIVISION, OTON, ILOILO

X X X AREA: TWO HUNDRED FORTY ONE (241) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **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, July 21, 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:

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NE/ September 1, 8 & 15, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MA CHRISTINA YIEZL M SOLIGUEN known as a Regular Savings Account with BDO NETWORK BANK, INC. under Account No. 041470015089 is adjudicated to heir LEONIDA M SOLIGUEN, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. JUAN C. SENUPE, JR. per Doc. No. 98, Page No. 21, Book No. 01, Series of 2025.

NE/Sept. 8, 15 & 22, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Ma. Christina Yiezl M. Soliguen known as a Savings Account with Producers Savings Bank Corporation, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo Branch under Peso Savings Account No. 110151005394 is adjudicated to heir LEONIDA M. SOLIGUEN, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. JUAN C. SENUPE, JR. per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 21, Book No. 01, Series of 2025.

NE/Sept. 8, 15 & 22, 2025



Roxas City gears up for modern, multipurpose civic center

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) – The Dinggoy Roxas Civic Center along Legaspi Street in Roxas City is currently undergoing major redevelopment to transform it into a modern and multi-purpose venue.

Once completed, the new DRCC's ground floor will feature a lobby and retractable as well as movable bleachers with a total seating capacity of 1,440, while the standing capacity of the building can accommodate about 3,000 audience members.

Its second floor will include VIP rooms, a central control room, a balcony, and a snack bar, while the third floor houses the mechanical room.

The indoor arena has hosted the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra's (PPO) outreach concert in January 2024 and numerous large-scale events, which demonstrate its cultural and civic value before undergoing its current transformation.

Roxas City mayor Ronnie Dadivas hinted the redevelopment plan in his message during the PPO's performance, saying the event will be historic for the civic center as it will be among the last for the facility since it opened as a public venue for gatherings and activities in the late 1980s.

Earlier this year, the mayor announced in a video post that the DRCC would be temporarily closed to make way for its renovation into a modern, state-of-the-art facility.

"Magabalik ang aton DRCC nga moderno, matahum kag mas mapinuslanon sa bug-os nga komunidad," the mayor stressed.

(The DRCC will be back as a modern, beautiful, and more useful facility for the entire community.)

The venue will be equipped with a centralized air conditioning system along with an Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) electrical system to ensure seamless power continuity during outages.

Dadivas emphasized that the civic center will have excellent and world-class lighting that would be suitable for any occasion, from sports events to large conventions.

It will be renamed the Dinggoy Roxas Community Center, he added.

"As they say, every ending marks the start of a bigger, better, and brighter beginning," the mayor remarked,

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses LEON P. PALISADA and PILAR V. PALISADA known as two parcels of land: Lot 2113-I, Psd-06-009831, being a portion of Lot 2113, Pototan Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Agmanapjao, Mina, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-199,370 with an area of ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SIX (11,756) SQUARE METERS, more or less and Lot 2113-J, Psd-06-009831, being a portion of Lot 2113, Pototar Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Agmanapjao, Mina, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-119,371 with an area of ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN **HUNDRED FIFTY SIX (11,756) SQUARE METERS, more** or less are adjudicated to heirs CIPRIANA V. PROCALLA, CECILIA V. PALISADA, ISMAEL PALISADA, and LOLITA **V. PALISADA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY**. CHERRY ROSE M. CAPILASTIQUE per Doc. No. 111, Page No. 24, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

NE/Sept. 8, 15 & 22, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses LEON P. PALISADA and PILAR BELA known as Lot 2117-A, Psd-063031-024154, being a portion of Lot 2117, Cad. 222, Pototan Cadastre, located in Brgy. Agmanaphao, Mina, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-143,137 with an area of SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO (6,392) SQUARE METERS, more or less is adjudicated to heirs CIPRIANA V. PROCALLA, MERCEDITA BALLEJERA-PALISADA, MYRNA PALISADA-KIDD, CECILIA V. PALISADA, ISMAEL PALISADA, LOLITA V. PALISADA, and MARICEL P. VISTA, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. JUDE VINCENT D. FONTILON per Doc. No. 287, Page No. 59, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

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

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

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11365-25

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

> BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee,

> > -versus-

NOEL T. DECLINES, AS REPRESENTED BY HIS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, WILMER L. PILLA Debtors/Mortgagor/s.

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 NOEL T. DECLINES AS REPRESENTED BY HIS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, WILLMER L. PILLA, ("Debtors/Mortgagors"), of legal age, Filipino and with postal address/es at: (1) Lot 1 Blk. 1, Gemland Subdivision, Bretana St., Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo and (2) Unit 314, Tower 1, 3rd Floor Avida Towers Atria, Donato Pison Avenue, Brgy. San Rafael, Mandurriao, Iloilo City 5000, to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness which as of May 30, 2025, amounted to TWELVE MILLION EIGHT **HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED** THIRTY-EIGHT PESOS & 07/100 (Php12,816,238.07) 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 **06 November 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 with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2023003492

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

PROJECT NAME: ATRIA
USAGE TYPE: RESIDENTIAL CONDO
ALLOCATION: STOREY 1
LEVEL / FLOOR: 3RD FLOOR
UNIT CALL OUT: ASI-314
UNIT AREA: 69.02
BALCONY: 4.16
TOTAL AREA: 73.18
UNIT MODEL / TYPE: 2 BEDROOM
W/ BALCONY

LOCATION: BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL,
MANDURRIAO, CITY OF ILOILO

AREA: TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND
THREE HUNDRED ONE (22,301),
SQUARE METER.

Owner: NOEL TUAZON DECLINES,
OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO, SINGLE

Address: UNIT 7 PHASE 2 DLAYA
EXECUTIVE TOWNHOMES,
15TH AVENUE, MURPHY, QUEZON CITY

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

In the event the Public Auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on <u>27 NOVEMBER 2025</u> at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **04 SEPTEMBER 2025**.

(SGD.) LENY GEMMA P. CASTILLO Sheriff-in-Charge 09283358725

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

WARNING:

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ERRATUM

The following are the corrections in the NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE, FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-11012-24 filed by the *Mortgagee*, RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION (in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.), *versus* SPS. RITCHIE MEE UY MIJARES & EDERLYN SARMIENTO MIJARES, represented by Attorney-In-Fact EDERLYN SARMIENTO MIJARES/Mortgagors, under TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2013001659, published in NEWS EXPRESS on June 24, July 1 & 8, 2024: Instead of PSD-06-5822 it should be PSD-06-065822.

NE/Sept. 15, 2025

ERRATUM

The following are the corrections in the Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale, FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-10620-23 filed by the Mortgagee, RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION versus ALVIN SENCIL POQUITA, represented by Attorney-in-Fact MARICRIS MATANDAC SAGALA/Mortgagors, under TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015004784, published in NEWS EXPRESS on March 6, 13 and 20, 2023: Instead of Lot No. 2, Block No. 5, Plan No. PCS-06-000197 it should be Lot No. 2, Block No. 5, Plan No. PCS-06-006305 and instead of 4-5, SW, Lot 3, Block 5, PCS-006305.

NE/Sept. 15, 2025

ERRATUM

The following are the corrections in the NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE, FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-11331-25 filed by the *Mortgagee*, BDO UNIBANK, INC. *versus* SPS. MELVIN W. SING & MELODY P. SING, as represented by their Attorney-In-Fact LEONILA C. MIRANDA, *Debtors/Mortgagors*, under Condominium Certificate of Title No. 095-2023003557, published in NEWS EXPRESS on July 7, 14 & 21, 2025: Instead of FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-11276-25 it should be FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-11331-25.

NE/Sept. 15, 2025

$\textbf{DSWD} \ \dots \ (\text{from page 3})$

T. Betita II and representatives from Concepcion and San Joaquin towns participated in the recent orientation on the implementation of the PCRP, which was conducted by the Regional Program Management Office of KALAHI-CIDSS of DSWD Field Office VI.

The orientation marked the initial step in introducing the project to the targeted municipalities in Iloilo and the other seven areas in Western Visayas that include Caluya, Tibiao, Pandan, Valderrama and San Remigio, all in the province of Antique and Madalag and Libacao in the province of Aklan.

With a total budget of P56.706 billion, the PCRP aims to address climate change-related issues in the country through a five-year implementation plan spanning from 2025 to 2030.

The Project Development Objectives (PDO) of the PCRP are to strengthen community capacities for participatory resilience planning and increase access to resilience investments in vulnerable areas.

Targeted municipalities were selected based on the following criteria: poverty incidence at or above the national average of 18.1%, moderate to high exposure to six identified hazards (drought, heat, landslide, storm, flood, and coastal inundation); stunting rates among children aged 0-59 months in 2023; and the Indigenous Peoples population fraction in 2021.

The PCRP supports the implementation of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) for 2023-2050, as well as Local Climate Change Adaptation Plans (LCCAP) of the LGUs.

The project aims to benefit approximately 4.13 million households across 500 municipalities with high poverty incidence, prioritizing areas vulnerable to environmental Republic of the Philippines Province of Iloilo Municipality of Janiuay

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR -ooOoo-

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARVEE S. CASERO** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** of his father from "ERNESTO" to "MODESTO" in the birth certificate of **ERNESTO DISIR SALEDO** who was born on **August 7**, **1965** and whose parents are **Manuel S. Saledo** and **Consolacion Disir.**

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/Sept. 15, 2025 & Sept. 22, 2025

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), and R.A. No. 9048. Notice is hereby served to the public that LORIE T. TOME has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of DATE OF BIRTH from "30 MAY 1964" to "31 MAY 1964" and the Change of First Name from "LUCENA" to "LUCILA" in the Certificate of Live Birth of LUCENA TAMAYOR at Jordan, Guimaras and whose parents are JOSE TAMAYOR and AVELINA GAGNAO.

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

(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 15, 2025 & Sept. 22, 2025

ORDINANCE ... (from page 5)

stipulation of RA 9994 and accept any governmentissued identification cards bearing the date of birth as proof of their senior citizen status.

"Sad to say, there are still so many complaints of the senior citizens with regards to the acceptance of the said privileges and benefits, accepting only OSCA-issued IDs and denying any other government-issued IDs," he said during the session.

Once passed, establishments found violating the ordinance will be fined PHP5,000 on the first offense; PHP5,000 with suspension of business permit for 90 days for the second offense; and PHP5,000 and cancellation of business permit on the third offense.

The proposed ordinance, which was passed on first reading, is now with the Committees on Senior Citizens and Trade.

Acap hoped to have the ordinance approved on final reading next month, in time for the Elderly Filipino Week.

In the same session, the council also passed a resolution declaring July 17 to 23 of each year as Persons with Disability Week in Iloilo City. (PNA)

and natural hazards, high stunting rates, and Indigenous Peoples populations across 49 provinces in 16 regions.

For the project implementation, the DSWD has partnered with various agencies, including the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP). (AAL/LAF/PIA6-Iloilo/dswd)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES 6th JUDICIAL REGION **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO **SHERIFF**

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

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11425-25

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, As Amended by Act No. 4118

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF **BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.)** Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. MARK ANTHONY G. SILAO & SANY DAE S. SILAO, SARAH DEAN M. SIBONGA SPS. MARK ANTHONY G. SILAO & SANY DAE S. SILAO, SARAH DEAN M. SIBONGA herein represented by SONIA M. SIBONGA as their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact Respondent/s-/Mortgagor/s.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135, as amended, filed by BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC., now Bank of the Philippine Islands, a universal banking corporation duly organized and validly existing by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at BPI Bldg., 6768 Ayala Avenue, corner Paseo de Roxas, Barangay San Lorenzo, Makati City, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner-Mortgagee, against SPS. MARK ANTHONY G. SILAO & SANY DAE S. SILAO, SARAH DEAN M. SIBONGA wherein SPS. MARK ANTHONY G. SILAO & SANY DAE S. SILAO, SARAH DEAN M. SIBONGA herein represented by SONIA M. SIBONGA as their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact hereinafter referred to as Respondents-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s, with residence and postal address at Balabag, Pavia, Iloilo, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 21. 2025 amounted to THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE PESOS & 06/100 (Php3,301,181.06) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests, penalties and other charges, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will SELL at Public Auction on November 19, 2025, at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the real property with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2024012500

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: 11, BLOCK NO: 8, PLAN NO: PCS-06-005457.

PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 567-F-4-B-1, 567-F- 4-B-2, 567-F-4-B-4, 567-F-4-B-6 ALL OF (LRC) PSD-223306, LOTS 567-F-4-B-5-A, 567-F-4-B-5-B BOTH OF PSD-06-001862, LOT 567-B-2, (LRC) PSD-50959 LOT 559, ILOILO CADASTRE LOTS 567-F-4-B-3-C-1, 567-F-4-B-3-C-2, 567-F-4-B-3-C-3 ALL OF BSD-06-002922 (AR);

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

BOUNDARIES:

DIRECTION LINE ADJOINING LOT(S)

1-2 NE ROAD LOT 1, PCS-06-005457 SE LOT 13, BLOCK 8, PCS-06-005457 2-3 LOT 12, BLOCK 8, PCS-06-005457 3-4 SW LOT 9, BLOCK 8, PCS-06-005457 4-1 NW

TIE POINT: BBM # 29, ILOILO CAD. 25

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE		
TO CORNER 1	N. 39° 08'E	908.54 M.		
1-2	N. 60° 56'E	10.00 M.		
2-3	N. 29° 07′W	12.00 M.		
3-4	N. 60° 56′W	10.00 M.		
4-1	N. 29° 07'E	12.00 M		

AREA: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SQUARE METER (120), MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **December 11, 2025**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, September 08, 2025.

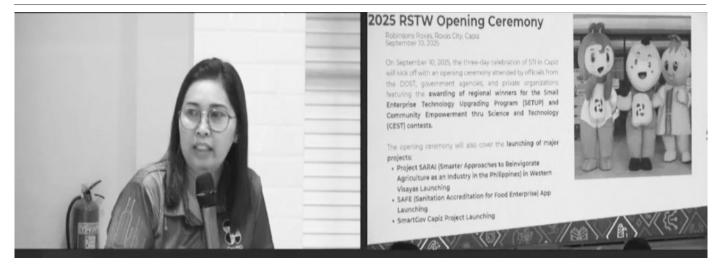
(SGD.) LENY GEMMA P. CASTILLO Sheriff-in-Charge

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

WARNING:

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NE/September 15, 22 & 29, 2025



DOST sets Regional S&T Week in Roxas City

Science and Technology (DOST) Provincial S&T Office in Capiz kicked off the countdown to the 2025 Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) with a preevent caravan and press conference to build and hype excitement for the main celebration set for September 10 to 12 in Roxas City.

DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum, Jr. is expected to grace the event, which promises to highlight local innovations, promote a science-based culture, and spotlight Roxas City's leadership in digital governance and citizen-centric services.

The three-day RSTW for this year, in partnership

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA)—The Department of with Capiz State University, Roxas City, and Capiz provincial governments, and Robinsons Roxas, also intends to showcase the significant contributions of science, technology, and innovation (STI) to Western Visayas' regional development.

"As a regional counterpart of the National Science and Technology Week, the RSTW is more than an event. It is a movement. A movement that makes science closer to the people and people closer to the solutions that shape our lives," said DOST Capiz Provincial S&T Director Juafe Abareles.

She added that the celebration is also designed to strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration and knowledge

Republic of the Philippines **Local Civil Registry Office Province of Iloilo Municipality of Pototan**

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. No. 10172). Notice is hereby served to the public that CHRISTINE PATOSA LO has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH from FEBRUARY 26, 1982 to "FEBRUARY 20, 1982" in the Certificate of Live Birth of CHRISTINE EDADES PATOSA who was born on FEBRUARY 20, 1982 at Pototan, Iloilo and whose parents are MIGUEL PATOSA and RESTITUTA EDADES.

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

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA

OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 8, 2025 & Sept.15, 2025

Republic of the Philippines **Local Civil Registry Office Province of Iloilo Municipality of Pototan**

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. No. 10172). Notice is hereby served to the public that JADGIE L. PUMARIN has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in CHILD'S SEX from FEMALE to "MALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of JADGIE **LEGADA PUMARIN** who was born on **NOVEMBER** 24, 1982 at Pototan, Iloilo and whose parents are RAYMUND PUMARIN and CECILIA LEGADA.

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

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA

OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 8, 2025 & Sept.15, 2025

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ANGELITA A. AARON consisting of remaining balance of Agrarian Reform Ten-Year Bonds for the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) under Bond Nos. AR-0039729, AR-0039730, and AR-0039731 and CARP claims also from LBP under Claim No. 06-VOS-91-445, Title No. O-1327, Lot 4080, Area Acquired: 9.4677 Has., Location: Canawili, Janiuay, Iloilo is adjudicated to heirs MARIA THELMA A. GONZAGA, ANABELLA A. RONQUILLO, ROSARIO A. SANGEL, and MICHAEL A. AARON. That, the heirs WAIVED, CEDED, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED all their rights, interests and participation over the above-said estate in favor of their co-heir MICHAEL A. AARON, entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. MARIA KATRINA YVES L. SOTES per Doc. No. 247, Page No. 51, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

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exchange.

The opening ceremony on Sept. 10 will feature the awarding of the regional winners for the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) and Community Empowerment thru Science and Technology (CEST) contests.

Several key initiatives will also be launched during the ceremony, including Project SARAI (Smarter Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry in the Philippines), SAFE App (Sanitation Accreditation for Food Enterprises), and SmartGov Capiz Project, which showcases innovations in e-governance and public service delivery.

The champions for Science and Innovation in Western Visayas will also be recognized by the DOST during the

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over the **HEDGE**

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY







COCONUT SHRIMP

Crispy coconut breaded shrimp with sweet and spicy dipping sauce.



- □1 LB. LARGE SHRIMP
- 1 CUP BREAD CRUMBS 1 CUP SWEETENED DESICCATED COCONUT SALT AND GROUND BLACK
 - □1/2 CUP ALL-PURPOSE

INGREDIENTS

- CLEANED AND SHELL REMOVED
- PEPPER TO TASTE

1 CUP COOKING OIL **BATTER INGREDIENTS:** □1 EGG

FLOUR

- □1 CUP ALL-PURPOSE
- **FLOUR** 1 CUP FRESH MILK
 - □1 TEASPOON BAKING
- **POWDER** 1/2 TEASPOON SALT **SWEET CHILI SAUCE**
- INGREDIENTS: **2 TEASPOONS MINCED**
- **GARLIC □**¾ CUP RICE VINEGAR
 - □¾ CUP SUGAR
 - **□1 PIECE THAI CHILI PEPPER** □¾ CUP WATER
- **□1 TEASPOON KETCHUP**
- **2 TEASPOONS** CORNSTARCH
- SALT TO TASTE

INSTRUCTIONS

Make the Sweet chili sauce by combining Good Life Minced Garlic, Thai chili pepper, and water in a food processor or blender Pour vinegar in a saucepan. Let boil Pour the garlic, chili, and water mixture. Stir and cook for 2 minutes. Add sugar. Stir until sugar dilutes completely Season with salt and add ketchup.

Combine cornstarch and 1 1/2 tablespoons of water. Stir until a slurry is formed. Pour the slurry into the saucepan. Stir right away. Continue cooking in medium heat while stirring until the sauce thickens to your desired consistency. Set the sauce aside. Prepare the shrimp by seasoning with salt and ground black pepper. Let it stay for 5

minutes.

Make the batter by combining all batter ingredients in a bowl. Stir until the mixture smoothens. Set aside.
Combine Good Life Bread Crumbs and desiccated coconut in a bowl. Mix well. Set

Dredge shrimp in flour one piece at a time. Dip it in the batter afterwards. Let the excess batter drip. Roll it next in bread crumb and desiccated coconut mixture. Arrange the coated shrimp on a clean plate. Note: Make sure that both sides get coated completely. Perform this step until all the shrimp are

Heat oil in a pan. Fry the coconut shrimp by batch. You can flip the shrimp multiple times while frying until both sides turn golden

brown in color. Place the coconut shrimp on a plate lined with a paper towel after frying. Arrange on a serving plate and serve with Share and enjoy!



ARIES March 21 - April 19

There's action to be taken, Aries, so make sure you get up early to make a fresh start. You may be on stage today in more ways than one. Your powerful words won't go unnoticed by others. You're dynamic and effective in the pursuit of your goals. Your mental acuity is in top working condition, and your words are emotionally charged.

Be yourself and you can do no wrong, Taurus. This is one of those days when you barely need to make any effort to go a long distance. You'll find power at your disposal and April 20 - May 20 confidence in yourself. Feel free to grab the microphone and express your opinions. Your words and thoughts are highly charged.





GFMINI May 21 - June 21

There may be a bit of restlessness due to strong forces urging you to take action, Gemini. A dynamic feeling is in the air and calling on you to get up and get moving. Take this opportunity to push through some of your new ideas. Make strides toward the completion of your goals. Don't let your emotions get in the way of your mental processes

Charge ahead and use your emotions to fuel your fire, Cancer. You have plenty of mental acumen today that can help break through any puzzle. New beginnings are underway in many areas of your life. There's no reason to delay any longer than you already have. Take this opportunity to live up to your full potential and make things happen for yourself.





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Be a bit selfish today, Leo. You have every right to look out for number one. Sensitivity to other people's emotions and issues is noble, but it may leave you July 23 - August 22 emotionally drained. Think rationally about your emotions and have the courage to say no to people once in a while. You're a giver and a saint. This is the perfect day to do some giving back - to yourself.

Your mind is going to be sharp today, and you should be certain of all your words, Virgo. Take pride in who you are and what you believe. This self-confidence will radiate from you. Use our keen mental powers to move things along in your favor. This is too good of an opportunity to waste passively. Take control of the situation and lead the charge. Full steam ahead!





Much of your focus is internal, but today it would behoove Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 you to turn some of that energy outward, Libra. Take this opportunity to make a leap of faith in the right direction. You have a great deal of bite behind your words. Don't underestimate your power and bravery. Just be careful that you don't start arguments over petty issues that aren't worth losing friends over

There's no need to walk around with a frown on a day like this, Scorpio. You have a special spark in your eye and spring in your step that you should make great use of today. Jump into action with vigor and communicate your thoughts to other people. Change is important and necessary now. It might be smart to wipe the slate clean and start anew.





You might feel a bit rough around the edges today, Sagittarius. SAGITTARIUS There's a bite to the day that could leave you feeling upset Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 and unnerved. It may seem as if no one understands you. By opening up to others, you'll allow them to open up to you. People will be anxious to learn the inner workings of your mind. You have a great deal of personal wisdom to share.

Your thoughts are emotionally charged. Capricorn. but you'll find that this can be used to your advantage. You have a great deal of knowledge at your disposal, and you aren't afraid to throw in a little drama just for the fun of it. Your dramatic flair will take you far on a day like today. Don't hesitate to get exactly what you want.







The fast-paced frenzy of the day is just what you need to jump-start your brain and get it moving in the right direction, Aquarius. Take control of the fire within and keep it strong all day. You'll find that there's a more personal aspect to your thoughts, and you can think more rationally about your emotions. Your heart and your head are working well together.

While you're on a crusade for peace and diplomacy, Pisces, you may find that other people seem to be on a crusade for war. Do your best under the prevailing trends. You may find that other people's words are charged with a great deal Feb. 19 - March 20 of passion that will be hard to ignore. You have your work cut out for you today if you plan on maintaining a serene and calm disposition.



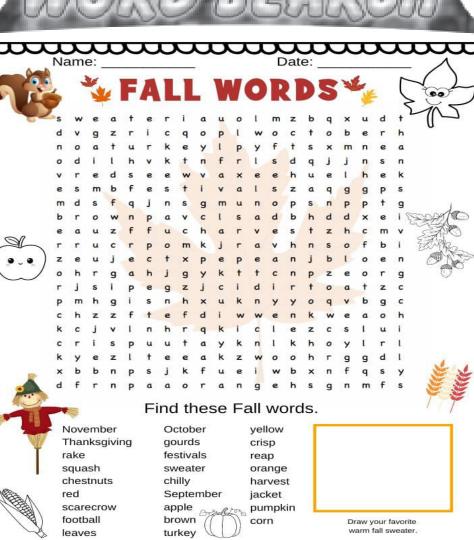
sudoku

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

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

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

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late VICENTE AMISTOSO, SR. consisting of two parcels of land known as Lot No. 1501 and Lot No. 1490 all situated at Brgy. Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo with an area of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN (4,007) SQUARE METERS, more or less and TWENTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT (22,338) SQUARE METERS, more or less, respectively are adjudicated to heirs AURORA A. MARTIRISAR, FAUSTINO M. AMISTOSO, FLORENTINA A. LEGASPI, PRUDENCIO M. AMISTOSO, GLORIA M. AMISTOSO, CELEDONIO M. AMISTOSO, and VICENTE M. AMISTOSO, JR. That, the heirs voluntarily WAIVED, CEDED, and TRANSFERRED all their rights and participation over the said estate in favor of HONORATO M. AMISTOSO, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. VICENTE B. DE ASIS per Doc. No. 111, Page No. 24, Book No. XVII, Series of 1996.

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DECLARATION OF HEIRSHIP AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JUSTO** BAVIERA and SALVACION MESA-BAVIERA known as a parcel of land Lot No. 1620-C of the subdivision plan Psd-31850, containing an area of FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY (4,680) Square Meters, more or less and Lot No. 1620-D of the subdivision plan Psd-31850, containing an area of FOUR THOUSAND SIX **HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (4,635) Square Meters, more** or less in the Registry of Deeds of the Province of Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-35247 with a total area of NINE THOUSAND THREE **HUNDRED FIFTEEN (9,315) Square Meters, more** or less is adjudicated to heirs PATRICIO M. BAVIERA, PRAXEDES BAVIERA vda. de JUANCE, MARCOS M. BAVIERA, RACHEL SANGLAP vda. de BAVIERA, RAMAR S. BAVIERA, JUVIC S. BAVIERA and JUMAR S. BAVIERA. The heirs/adjudicatees hereby appoint and constitute their co-heir PRAXEDES BAVIERA vda. de JUANCE to be their true and lawful attorney-in-fact to appear and to represent for any negotiation or conference with UNI ASIA PROPERTIES, INC., as entered in the notarial registry ATTY. RYAN V. DELDO per Doc. No. 471, Page No. 95, Book No. CIV, Series of 2009.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late FRANKLIN DEOCADEZ BINAS known as a parcel of land Lot 25, Block 9, Pcs-06-001635, being a cons-subd. of Lot 1, Pcs-06-001366 & Lot 2386-A-3, Psd-06-018776, situated in Brgy. Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-92557 with an area of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE (171) SQUARE METERS, more or less is adjudicated to sole heir NEMIA PIOLO BINAS a.k.a. NEMIA PIOLO PERRY, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR. per Doc. No. 53, Page No. 12, Book No. XXII, Series of 2025.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION AGREEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late RUFINA PEDREGOSA JAVA consisting of one-third (1/3) share in the parcel of land Lot 1766-B, Psd-06-003009, being a portion of Lot 1766, Iloilo Cadastre, located in Brgy. Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-104642 with an area of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY- EIGHT POINT FIFTY (228.5) **SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs JACOBINO P. JAVA, ISABEL J. CALDITO, ISABELITA P. JAVA, AGUSTIN P. JAVA, RODRIGO P. JAVA, JOSEFINA J. TRABADILLO, ADELFA J. ESCAPE, and DIONISIO P. JAVA, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. RICHARD E. JERUTA per Doc. No. 462, Page No. 75, Book No. XXXVII, Series of 2007.

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CISCHO BLDG. MABOLO DELGADO ILOILO CITY FREE COMPUTERIZE MACHINE CHECK-UP

every Sunday to Friday 9am to 5pm GUSTO KA BALA MAG-AYO SANG IMO BALATI-AN...?

Naga-antus ka bala sang balati-an kaangay sang Arthritis, Diabetes, Asthma, Cancer, MAYUMA, Highblood Pressure, Sakit sa kidney, pungod, problema sa sex, prostate problem kag madamo pa...?

Madamo na bala nga Doktor ang imo nakadtoan kag napakonsultahan apang wala gihapon ikaw nag-ayo?

Para sa solusyon sang imo balati-an magkadto na sa RCL ALTERNATIVE & HEALTH FOOD CENTER*

Nahamtang sa CISCHO BLDG. MABOLO DELGADO ILOILO CITY dira mabakal ang tanan klase sang HEALTH FOOD COMBINATION, ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE kag Food Supplement available man ang mga Health Combination*EDUKASYON PARA SA IKAAYONG

RCL ALTERNATIVE & HEALTH FOOD CENTER Ang Masaligan

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION AGREEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late VICENTE CAPERO consisting of a parcel of land known as Lot 3459-A-5, Psd-06-064882, being a portion of Lot 3459-A (LRC) Psd-269743, situated in the District of La Paz, Iloilo City covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-155472 with an area of EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE (883) SQUARE METERS, more or less is adjudicated to heirs ELISA G. CAPERO, ELISA VENCE G. CAPERO, and ELVIE G. CAPERO. That, the adjudicatees hereby subdivide and partition the said parcel of land as follows: Lot No. 3459-A-5-B with an area of 442 sq.m. in favor of BANGKO KABAYAN INC. (formerly known as Progressive Bank, Inc.) and Lot No. 3459-A-5-A with an area of 441 sq.m. in favor of ELISA G. CAPERO, ELISA VENCE G. CAPERO, and ELVIE G. CAPERO, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. EDGAR JANINE L. PESTAÑO per Doc. No. 116, Page No. 25, Book No. X, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MIGUEL** JAPITANA and DAFROSA AGUISANDA known as a parcel of land Lot 1542, situated at Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. RT-124 (TCT NO. 14309) with an area of ELEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIX (11,806) Square Meters, more or less is adjudicated to heirs: Warlito Paredes, Jr. Cristy L. Paredes, Warren L. Paredes, Connie Lisao Paredes, Marina Belisario Paredes, Clement B. Paredes, Cristine B. Paredes, Winefred B. Paredes, Jr., Winefrancis B. Paredes, Claudine B. Paredes, Carlyn Joy B. Paredes, Araceli D. Paredes, Mary Joy D. Paredes, Albert D. Paredes, Helen Paredes-Pelonio, Moises J. Paredes, Jr., Mary Jane Paredes-Barrioga, Jaime Barot, Zenaida Barot-Dy, Rose May J. Barot, Ella Aba Barot, and Shirley Barot-Torres, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. **DENNIS D. JUANON** per Doc. No. 290, Page No. 59. Book No. LXXXII, Series of 2017.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late RAFAEL E. HARO, JR. known as a condominium unit covered by CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2020000023 (One Madison Place, 6/F, 1 unit Studio with Balcony, Unit Area: 26.00) located in Mandurriao, Iloilo City is adjudicated to heirs MERCILYN LO-HARO, MARY MARIELLE L. HARO, RAFAEL L. HARO III, and RALPH KEVIN L. HARO. The heirs voluntarily CEDED, TRANSFERRED, and CONVEYED by WAIVER OF RIGHTS all their shares, interest and participation in the said estate in favor of **DECKMON WYN D. LO**, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. JOHN PAUL G. CABIOS per Doc. No. 14, Page No. 11, Book No. VII, Series of

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that NOEL B. LAMSIS, a resident of Blk. 7 Lot 2 Parc Regency, Pavia, Iloilo had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to One Share of Stock Certificates of Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc. specifically Stock Certificate No. 3305 issued on December 22, 2015 as entered in the notarial registry of Atty. Igmedio S. Prado, Jr. per Doc. No. 96, Page No. 21, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late GIL A. SOTERO known as a parcel of land Lot No. 1567-A, **Bsd-06-001409, (OLT)**, being a portion of Lot 1567, Jaro Cadastre, located in Brgy. Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EP-10467 with an area TEN THOUSAND AND NINETY (10,090) **SQUARE METERS**, more or less is adjudicated to heirs ROMEO S. SOTERO, LETICIA S. BALASA, JOEMARIE S. SOTERO, JIMMY S. SOTERO, JULIET S. JAGONASE, MELINDA S. VILLARMA, and JOHN S. SOTERO. That, the heirs sold, ceded, transferred and conveyed by way of Sale the above-said property in favor of LORENZO BENITEZ, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. JOELITO T. BARRERA per Doc. No. 388, Page No. 78, Book No. III, Series of 1996.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **GIL A**. SOTERO known as a parcel of land Lot No. 1583 located in Brgy. Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EP-10791 with an area FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY SIX (5,896) SQUARE METERS, more or less is adjudicated to heirs ROMEO S. SOTERO, LETICIA S. BALASA. JOEMARIE S. SOTERO, JIMMY S. SOTERO, JULIET S. JAGONASE, MELINDA S. VILLARMA, and JOHN S. SOTERO. That, the heirs SOLD, CEDED, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED by way of Sale the above-said property in favor of LORENZO BENITEZ, of legal age, married to Corazon B. Benitez, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. EVARISTO RENE D. DE LEON per Doc. No. 95, Page No. 20, Book No. V, Series of 1996.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late GIL A. SOTERO known as a parcel of land Lot No. 1484-A, Bsd-06-001410 (OLT) located in Brgy. Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. EP-12538 with an area SIX THOUSAND TWENTY-NINE (6,029) SQUARE METERS, more or less is adjudicated to heirs ROMEO S. SOTERO, LETICIA S. BALASA, JOEMARIE S. SOTERO, JIMMY S. SOTERO, JULIET S. JAGONASE, MELINDA S. VILLARMA, and JOHN S. SOTERO. That, the heirs SOLD, CEDED, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED by way of sale the above-said property in favor of LEROY A. TAN, President of UNI-ASIA PROPERTIES, INC. as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. JOELITO A. BARRERA per Doc. No. 180, Page No. 36, Book No. I, Series of 1997.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Spouses FERMIN CAPRE and ADELINA C. CAPRE consisting of the following parcels of land: (1.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 4277 - Lot 8157-A of the subdivision plan (LRC) PSD-122154, being a portion of lot 8157, Calinog Cadastre, situated in Brgy. Alibunan, Calinog, Iloilo with an area of SIXTY THOUSAND SEVEN **HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT (60,778) SQUARE METERS,** MORE OR LESS; (2.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 52321 - Lot No. 4432-B-2 of the Subdivision Plan PSD-54336, being a portion of Lot 3332-B described on plan, PSD-25188, L.R.C. Record No., situated in Brgy. Poblacion, Calinog, Iloilo with an area of FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR (574) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS: (3.) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. **133999** – Lot No. 4432-B-5-I of the Subdivision Plan (LRC) PSD-110306, being a portion of Lot 4432-B-5, PSD-54335, L.R.C. (G.L.R.O.) Cad. Record No. 439, situated in Brgy. Poblacion, Calinog, Iloilo with an area of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO (182) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS are adjudicated to heirs ELBA C. CAPRE (represented by attorney-in-fact MAT C. CAPRE), MATIAS C. CAPRE, TRINIDAD C. CAPRE (represented by attorney-in-fact MAT C. CAPRE), and FERMIN C. CAPRE, JR., as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. MARY MILAGROS A. **HECHANOVA** per Doc. No. 70, Page No. 15, Book No. CLXXI, Series of 2022.

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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 MA. CORAZON J. GARPIN has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "MARIA CORAZON" to "MA. CORAZON" in the Certificate of Live Birth of MARIA CORAZON S. JAVELLANA who was born on June 3, 1961 at Leganes, Iloilo and whose parents are IGNACIO JAVELLANA and MARIETTA SERESULA.

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

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

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Republic of the Philippines **Local Civil Registry Office Province of Iloilo Municipality of Pototan**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that STELLA BERNADETTE P. MARCELO has filed with this office, a PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME from "MA. TERESA" to "MARIA TERESA" in the Certificate of Live Birth of MARIA TERESA SABLES PINEDA who was born on OCTOBER 26, 1963 at POTOTAN, ILOILO and whose parents are TITO P. PINEDA and ESTELA S. SABLES.

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

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

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Republic of the Philippines **Local Civil Registry Office Province of Iloilo Municipality of Pototan**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that GINA SAZON OPIAL has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF** FIRST NAME from "MARIA" to "GINA" in the Certificate of Live Birth of GINA GONZALES SAZON who was born on OCTOBER 1, 1964 at POTOTAN, ILOILO and whose parents are SULPICIO L. SAZON and FELICIDAD M. GONZALES.

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

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

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THE SOLUTION TO ENVIRONMENT

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WHAT IS R.A. 9295? Philippine Clean Water Act If you have Problem of Waste Water or STP.... KONSTRACT, INC.

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

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that ALYANNA MAE L. JALECO has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the Child's Sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of ALYANNA MAE L. JALECO at Leganes, Iloilo and whose parents are JONATHAN V. JALECO and FEMIE L. LACUPA.

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

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

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GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that MARY-ANN GUZMAN with business address at Cano-an, Estancia, Iloilo has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Vessel Name from FBCA "NAOMI - 2" to FBCA "ELLEANOR-MG". Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that MARY-ANN GUZMAN, owner of the fishing banca named FBca "NAOMI-2" with business address at Cano-an, Estancia, Iloilo has filed with MARINA Regional Office for the re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the said certificates. Affidavit of Loss submitted was dated 27 August 2025. notarized by Atty. Alain Ross B. Sumile, a Notary Public, docketed as Doc. No. 141, Page No. 30, Book No. 114, Series of 2025. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from date of publication.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that SUMMIT HOTEL AND RESORT SPECIALIST, INC. represented by its President, Mr. Edwin G. Dumalaug, owner of the passenger boat named SB "SOL MARINA I" with business address at Yapak, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with MARINA Regional Office for the re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the said certificates. Affidavit of Loss submitted was dated 09 September 2025, notarized by Atty. Kazper Vic V. Bermejo, a Notary Public in the Province and City of Iloilo, docketed as Doc. No. 111, Page No. 24, Book No. IV, Series of 2025. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from date of publication.



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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172). Notice is hereby served to the Public that MARIELU

JAYAWON BAYONA has filed with this Office a Petition

for Change of First Name from "MARIA LOURDES" to "MARIELU" in the Certificate of Live Birth of MARIA LOURDES JAYAWON BAYONA who was born on January 10, 1965 at Anilao, Iloilo and whose parents are **JOSE BRAGA BAYONA** and **MILAGROS**

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

> (SGD.) MELITON E. BUYCO II Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Sept. 8, 2025 & Sept. 15, 2025

ARAOJO JAYAWON.

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, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARY ANN AQUIÑO** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from "ZENAIDA" to "MARY ANN" in the birth certificate of ZENAIDA B. MORALES who was born on October 7, 1968 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/Sept. 8, 2025 & Sept. 15, 2025

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

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

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

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

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> SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASE NO. 2025-1599

PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE CIVIL REGISTRY UNDER RULE 108, REVISED RULES OF COURT

> RENITA ADO BOCALID, Petitioner,

> > -versus-

MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF CARLES, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED THEREBY,

Respondents.

ORDER

In a verified petition filed by the petitioner, through her counsel, it is prayed that a judgment be rendered ordering the Municipal Civil Registrar of Carles, Iloilo and the Philippine Statistics Authority to correct the information supplied in the petitioner's year of birth from 1971 to 1969.

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 108 of the Rules of Court, this petition is hereby set for hearing on **21 October 2025** at **8:30 in the morning** before the Regional Trial Court, Branch 70, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo, at which time, date and place, the Municipal Civil Registrar of Carles, Iloilo, the Philippine Statistics Authority or any person who may have interest in entries sought to be corrected may, before the date set for hearing, file their opposition thereto.

This Order shall be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in <u>News Express</u>, a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Iloilo accredited by this Court at the expense of the petitioner.

The Clerk of Court is directed to furnish copies of this Order to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Municipal Civil Registrar of Carles, Iloilo the Philippine Statistics Authority - Region VI, the petitioner and her counsel.

Petitioner is ordered to furnish copies of the Petition to the Office of the Solicitor General and the Municipal Civil Registrar of Carles, Iloilo and submit compliance thereto within ten (10) days from receipt of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Barotac Viejo, Iloilo. 21 July 2025.

(SGD.) OSCAR LEO S. BILLENA Judge

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MA. MILAGROS SORONGON BUGNA COO known as a residential home at LJ Ledesma Subdivision, Phase I, Brgy. Buhang, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by Tax Declaration No. 24-03-006-01487 with an area of 268.10 square meters is adjudicated to heirs WILLIAM KING COO (widower), MARY JACQUELINE BUGNA COO, MA. MELISSA BUGNA COO, STEPHANIE BUGNA COO, and JOHN KENNETH BUGNA COO. That, WILLIAM KING COO waived his rights, interests, and participation over the said property in favor of his children MARY JACQUELINE BUGNA COO, MA. MELISSA BUGNA COO, STEPHANIE BUGNA COO, and JOHN KENNETH BUGNA COO, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. RIZA ANN T. TOLEDO per Doc. No. 294, Page No. 60, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

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2025 W. Visayas PESO Congress commits to advance job programs

ILOILO CITY (PIA)—Twenty-two local chief executives and over 192 participants attended the 2025 Regional Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Congress, signifying the growing commitment of local leaders in Western Visayas to advance employment programs and strengthen public employment service delivery at the grassroots level.

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that ELSA MOGATO BATIR has filed with this office, a PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME from "METHUSELA" to "ROSWEN LEI" in the Certificate of Live Birth of ROSWEN LEI MOGATO BATIR who was born on JUNE 25, 1986 at POTOTAN, ILOILO and whose parents are RENE C. BATIR and ELSA P. MOGATO.

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

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

NE/Sept 8, 2025 & Sept. 15, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JO-ANN D. DEL ROSARIO known as one-half (1/2) share of TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-213013, Lot 25, Block 4, pcs-06-004226, being a portion of cons-subd. of Blk. 15. Lot 3. Blk. 12. pcs-06-004007 & Lot 3807-A.B.C & D. Cad-06-001351 (OLT), situated at Brgy. Abilay Norte, Oton with improvements thereon and with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (121) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR** LESS is adjudicated to heirs PEDRO J. DEL ROSARIO (widower), MARC NATHANIEL D. DEL ROSARIO, MARC LAURENCE D. DEL ROSARIO and YZA JOANNA D. DEL ROSARIO. That, MARC NATHANIEL D. DEL ROSARIO, MARC LAURENCE D. DEL ROSARIO and YZA JOANNA D. DEL ROSARIO waived their rights, interests, and participation over the above-said parcel of land in favor of their father PEDRO J. DEL ROSARIO, as entered in the notarial registry of ATTY. NIEL C. ROSALES per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 65, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

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With the theme "Empowering the Workforce of Tomorrow: PESO Region VI at the Forefront of AI, Skills Transformation, and Global Mobility," the Congress focused on the future of work through digital transformation, upskilling, and overseas opportunities.

Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Undersecretary for Employment and Human Resource Cluster Carmela I. Torres, in her keynote message, emphasized that Western Visayas is a home to some of the most dedicated PESOs in the country, delivering notable employment services.

"As bridges of community, the PESO makes sure that every jobseeker, regardless of background, has access to decent and sustainable work and employers to the workers they need," Torres stressed.

Meanwhile, DOLE Western Visayas Regional Director lawyer Sixto T. Rodriguez Jr. underscored the timeliness of this year's theme and the growing importance of PESO.

He described PESO managers as the backbone of the employment system, whose dedicated service brings hope and opportunities to communities.

"This Congress is a reminder that the future of work is already here, and together, we must guide and empower our people. The future belongs to those who prepare for it. With your dedication, Region VI will not just be ready—it will lead," Rodriguez emphasized.

Further, in recognition of their outstanding service in employment facilitation, the following PESOs were awarded as 2024 Search for Best Public Employment Service Office (SBP) Regional Grand Winners and are set to compete in the National Congress for the Search for the Best PESO;

For the 2nd Class Province Category went to PESO Province of Antique; for the Highly Urbanized City Category PESO Iloilo City was named; PESO Kabankalan City in Negros Occidental got the Component City Category; the citation for the 1st Class Municipality went to PESO Miagao in Iloilo; PESO Tigbauan in Iloilo bagged the 2nd to 3rd Class Municipality Category; while the 4th to 6th Class Municipality Category went to PESO Balasan in Iloilo.

The event also featured the presentation of accomplishment reports, a general assembly, and the election of new PESO Regional Officers for the 2026–2028 term. (AAL/AGP/PIA 6 with reports from DOLE Western Visayas)





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