

'PEOPLE-FIRST GOVERNANCE'

Iloilo Mayor Raisa Treñas unveils 42 bold initiatives in her first 100 Days

ILOILO CITY'S first elected lady mayor delivers inspiring State of the City Address highlighting compassion, integrity, and inclusive progress
"Malayo pa, pero malayo na."

With these words, Mayor Raisa S. Treñas captured the spirit of her first 100 days as Iloilo City's first elected woman mayor, a time marked by concrete achievements, compassionate leadership, and a renewed sense of unity among Ilonggos.

Delivering her State of the City Address (SOCA) before the Sangguniang Panlungsod, barangay officials, private sector partners, and community leaders, Mayor Treñas reflected on her administration's journey to "Rise to Action", a people-centered governance framework that puts every Ilonggo family at the heart of public service.

"Public service is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is a great honor to be with you on this journey," she said.

Mayor Treñas vowed to sustain and expand the legacy of past leaders who helped shape Iloilo's progress, including former Mayor Jerry Treñas and former Senator Franklin Drilon and to continue what she called the "next chapter of the Iloilo Miracle."

Within her first 100 days, the Treñas administration launched 42 programs and initiatives under the Rise-to-

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Discover Amicus Den Beach Resort -- Your Next Beachside Escape Near Iloilo City

By REMZ CASTOR

Looking for the perfect venue for a special celebration or simply

craving a relaxing day by the sea? Just a 25-minute drive from Iloilo City lies a hidden gem: Amicus Den Beach Resort, located in



Engr. Maria Felaida Beso-Buan, owner of Amicus Den Beach Resort and Annies and Laydz Manokan and Seafoods Restaurant with Andrea Pama Alcalde, Production Manager of Barkadahan sa Iloilo online talkshow program.

Brgy. Trapiche, Oton, Iloilo. Owned and developed by civil engineer couple Mr. Willie Buan and Mrs. Maria Felaida Beso-Buan, this resort offers a refreshing blend of nature, comfort, and hospitality.

Amicus Den is a spacious beachside haven, perfect for weekend getaways and holiday retreats. It features a wide parking area for convenience and a variety of cottages to suit different group sizes

There are also three large pavilions ideal for weddings,

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Engr. Maria Felaida Beso-Buan, owner of Amicus Den Beach Resort.



Iloilo City Hall employees watch and listen to the State of the City Address of Mayor Raisa Treñas from their respective offices. (Iloilo City Government photo)

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Provincial gov't pushes forest province Iloilo through stakeholders summit

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

In line with the 25th anniversary of Piyesta sa Kakahuyan, the Iloilo Provincial Government conducted a Stakeholders Summit Towards a Forest Province at Grand Xing Imperial Hotel on October 6, 2025.

The event—with the goal of making Iloilo province a "Forest Province" by 2044—was joined by environmental advocates, local chief executives, civic organizations, and private sectors.

This summit also consisted of exchange of ideas and forged partnerships to strengthen tree-growing activity and forest development initiatives in the province under the Tanum Iloilo for MoRProGRES that was mandated by Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. through the Executive Order No. 195 Series of 2024.

In his speech, Governor Defensor highlighted the "Forest Province" vision, a long-term goal to make Iloilo's ecosystem climate-resilient and ensure sustainable food production. The provincial government also plans to boost tree-planting efforts with fruit-bearing trees and valuable crops to achieve this vision.

Based on the data of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region VI, Iloilo province has a total of 471,940 hectares of forest cover, which includes 357,857 hectares designated as forestland and an additional 114,083 hectares classified as alienable and disposable (A&D) land.

The provincial government will also utilize a MoRProGRES Forest Map in the inventory of forestland and watershed areas that need reforestation.

Meanwhile, the stakeholders also showed their support towards Tanum Iloilo for MoRProGRES and their contribution to a sustainable ecosystem.

City gov't launches RISEable program for children with special needs

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

The Iloilo City Government launched its RISEable, a Special Education (SPED) and Early Intervention Center at Balay Dalangpan in Bgry. Taal, Molo on October 6, 2025.

With the support for an inclusive education, this center will also provide free social services for children with special needs particularly to children with the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other

developmental conditions.

The center will conduct one-on-one sessions and special education classes, focusing on both behavioral and academic interventions to be handled by SPED teachers.

During the launching ceremony, Mayor Raisa Treñas emphasized the significance of the early intervention for children in order to help them become highly functional. She noted that this initiative will also reduce their dependence on

their parents.

The center currently serves 24 clients but it will be able to cater 300 children once it will be fully established according to the Center's Officer-in-Charge, Gab Umadhay.

Mayor Treñas also plans to expand such program to various districts across Iloilo City to make it accessible for everyone.



Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Treñas at the launching of RISEable, a Special Education (SPED) and Early Intervention Center at Balay Dalangpan in Bgry. Taal, Molo on October 6, 2025.

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Action Framework, built upon three pillars:

- * RisingHealthandSocialServices
- * RisingEconomy
- * RisingLivability

Each pillar embodies the administration's A.C.T.I.O.N. priorities which are Access to education and social services, Comprehensive health and wellness, Trabaho at negosyo, Immersive tourism and culture, Orderly and safe communities, and Nature-based sustainability.

RIISING HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Under Rising Health and Social Services, the City strengthened its commitment to health, welfare, and inclusive education:

* E-Health Tawag and RISEMed make medical consultations and free medicines accessible in communities.

* Uswag Nutrition Center launched the RAIS-Sustansya foodmix, targeting malnourished children, producing 1,282 sachets daily.

* La Paz Maternity Clinic was upgraded into a Primary Health Care Center, offering not only holistic maternal and women's health services but also services for everyone.

* RISEable, Iloilo City's first SPED and Early Intervention Center, now provides free therapy and educational support for children with special needs.

* Over 3,000 Ilonggos have benefited from the Uswag Atipan Center, a one-stop social assistance hub at City Hall.

"From womb to tomb, we provide services that make every Ilonggo family stronger and more productive," Mayor Treñas declared.

RIISING ECONOMY

The Mayor highlighted the city's 7.1% economic growth in 2024, making it the fastest-growing economy in Western Visayas, based on the latest data from PSA Iloilo. The city's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) also rose from P160 billion in 2023 to P171 billion in 2024, making Iloilo City the second-largest contributor to the regional economy.

* The city achieved a 96% employment rate, lowering unemployment to 4.1%.

* The Public Employment Service Office (PESO)

facilitated over 128,000 job solicitations, with a 92.6% placement rate.

* The TLC (Tindahan Livelihood Carts ni Inday) and SIGE Asenso Program supported small entrepreneurs and market vendors.

* RISE MERKADO modernized public markets and promoted clean, efficient trading spaces.

"We understand how opportunity can change lives. Every job we create, every livelihood we support, builds a stronger, more empowered community," she said.

RIISING LIVABILITY

Mayor Treñas also emphasized her administration's focus on livability, housing, and sustainability:

* Through PASIlong: Pabahay sa Pamilyang Ilonggo, over 2,000 housing units are in the pipeline, with an additional 30,000 sqm of land acquired for future projects.

* Environmental programs like EcoCycle, RISEtoGreens, and SunRISE strengthen climate resilience and sustainability.

* The City continues to maintain low crime rates, with over 287 drug personalities arrested and P56.5 million worth of shabu seized from July to October 2025.

"To improve our transport system and resolve the traffic problem, we already have the Metro Iloilo Integrated Public Transport System Study funded by the Swedish Government. Our goal is to move people, not just vehicles," Mayor Treñas said.

In behalf of Ilonggos, she also expressed gratitude to the Swedish Government for the partnership not only in advancing the public transport system in Iloilo City, but also in pursuing other shared priorities for the city's economic development, including tourism promotion and citizen engagement.

She also acknowledged the increasing challenges brought by climate change and flooding.

"We truly feel the impact of climate change and the hardships brought about by flooding. That is why we warmly welcome the directive of President Bongbong Marcos that there should be coordination with local government units to ensure that projects are effective," she emphasized.

Mayor Treñas assured the public that, "The Iloilo City Government assures all residents that we will focus on all flood control projects and related concerns. We will continue to work with the national government and agencies to protect our city

and the lives of Ilonggos against the effects of flooding."

A CITY OF AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

In her first 100 days, Treñas highlighted Iloilo City's continued success as a multi-awarded city in governance, innovation, health, culture, and sustainability.

The city was named Best LGU by the PSA Iloilo, while the City Health Office earned recognition under the Harmonized Health Excellence Awards. Iloilo was also among the Top 5 Most Business-Friendly LGUs (PCCI) and StartUp Champion for Western Visayas (DOST VI).

The Iloilo Dinagyang Festival 2024 won Best Cultural Festival at the 2025 Pearl ATOP Awards, and the city gained international recognition as a Most Promising City for Public Transport and Bicycle-Friendly City at the Southeast Asia Mobility Awards.

It also ranked number 1 among Highly Urbanized Cities in the 124th Police Service Anniversary, was named Hall of Famer and 2024 Regional Grand Winner for Best PESO by DOLE, and received the PRIME HRM Bronze Award from the CSC Region VI.

Despite challenges brought by four typhoons and flooding, the Mayor reaffirmed her stand for transparency, accountability, and good governance.

"Just like our fight against floods and storms, we must fight poverty and corruption together. If there are failed and delayed projects, someone must be held accountable. We should not be negligent; this is not the Ilonggo way," she stressed.

As part of the Mayors for Good Governance (M4GG) Observer Status, Mayor Treñas pledged to uphold transparency and open-door governance.

Closing her address, Mayor Treñas recalled her father's final message before stepping down as mayor:

"Before my father stepped down as mayor, he said: 'I leave behind a city ready for greater dreams and achievements.' Now, let us fulfill this together."

She reaffirmed her commitment to the city's long-term vision of a Creative, Smart, and Sustainable Iloilo, promoting partnerships with the academe and private sector, and pursuing innovation through initiatives like the Bamboo Industry Roadmap, which aims to make Iloilo the Bamboo Powerhouse of Southeast Asia by 2030.

"Let us continue to Progress. Let us continue to Rise to Action," Mayor Treñas declared. PHOTO CREDIT: JADE DEQUINA/CMO



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baptisms, birthdays, and other special occasions.

Surrounded by lush greenery and shaded by trees, the resort provides a peaceful atmosphere for guests to unwind. Children can enjoy swimming in the beach’s calm waters while adults soak in the serene environment.

Entrance fee is Php 40.00 per person and there is no corkage fee for food and drinks except for letchon (roasted pig).

According to Mrs. Buan, Amicus Den is still evolving. A swimming pool with a dedicated kiddie area is currently under construction, promising even more fun and relaxation for future guests.

The couple also owns Annies and Laydz Manokan and Seafoods Restaurant, with two branches: Beside Gaisano Oton and Brgy. Pandac, Pavia (across Parc Regency subdivision)

Additionally, they operate WFB Hardware, conveniently located near their Oton restaurant branch.

For bookings or reservations at Amicus Den Beach Resort, you may contact 09164645908 and 09985996805. Also visit their official Facebook page: Amicus Den Beach Resort – Oton.

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Guimaras’ economy grows by 3.9 percent in 2024

The economy of Guimaras recorded a 3.9 percent growth in 2024, slower than the 8.2 percent growth posted in the previous year. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Guimaras was estimated at Php 18.15 billion in 2024.

In terms of the contribution to the 3.9 percent GDP growth of the province by major industries, Services contributed 3.4 percentage points. Industry followed with 0.5 percentage point contribution. Meanwhile, Agriculture, forestry, and fishing pulled down the growth by 0.02 percentage point.

Among the industries, the fastest growth was observed in Human health and social work activities with 14.9 percent. This was followed by Professional and business services and Financial and insurance activities with 13.5 percent growth and 11.4 percent growth, respectively. On the other hand, Agriculture, forestry, and fishing posted a decline of 0.1 percent. *(PSA Guimaras)*

SEAFDEC shortens milkfish farming period to 85 days

THE Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC/AQD) has successfully harvested two tons of market-sized milkfish (bangus) in just 85 days—nearly halving the traditional culture period.

The breakthrough took place at SEAFDEC/AQD’s DumangasBrackishwater Station (DBS) in Iloilo, where researchers used a combination of probiotics and high-protein feeds during the first 30 days of culture to accelerate growth and improve overall fish health.

“The average initial weight of fingerlings was 37 grams, and they grew to 350–400 grams in just 85 days,” said DBS Station Head Edgar Somblingo.

The trial involved stocking fingerlings from SEAFDEC/AQD’s Tigbauan Main Station into one of the ponds at a density of one fish per square meter.

The use of probiotics helped maintain optimal pond water quality by breaking down organic matter, creating a less stressful environment that promoted better growth, improved feed efficiency, and reduced feed conversion ratios.

“Shortening the grow-out period could mean lower

production costs for fish farmers. This method can make milkfish culture more profitable,” Somblingo added.

He also noted that the trial achieved not only faster growth but also better survival rates and higher average body weights compared to traditional methods.

SEAFDEC/AQD Chief Dan Baliao emphasized that the agency is continuing trials to ensure consistent results before promoting the protocols to wider industry stakeholders.

“This is part of SEAFDEC/AQD’s ongoing efforts to refine milkfish farming through practical and cost-saving techniques, but we want to be sure our methods are consistent before we share them with the industry,” Baliao said.

The success at DBS marks a promising development for the aquaculture industry, especially amid rising production costs and growing demand for sustainable, efficient farming techniques.

The department, according to Baliao, will share the farming protocols with fish farmers once further trials confirm the results. (PIA)



The Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC/AQD) has successfully shortened the culture period of milkfish, harvesting two tons of market-sized fish in just 85 days.

'Built to break'

Today's column title can apply to the crumbling leadership and integrity of the Senate, it could apply to the many commercial buildings in Bogo, Cebu that crumbled or crashed during the recent earthquake or the Piggatan bridge in the town of Alcala, Cagayan.

Built to break could be "by design," poor choices or simply by mismanagement. Sadly, it is Filipinos who suffer the consequences – directly or indirectly – with lives, lost wealth or progress.

The Senate has gone through three Senate presidents – Zubiri, Escudero and now Sotto. The new Senate Blue Ribbon committee is now destined to have a rotation from Marcoleta to Lacson to I don't know who. In contrast their multi-billion building remains unfinished.

What nobody is talking about is where did the disruption in the Senate begin. Or who is the "Disruptor?" Listening to the "elected" and "appointed," it is apparent that President Bongbong Marcos greatly influenced the changes, based on what Sen. Sotto said regarding a conversation with PBBM.

While Malacañang will disavow this to hell, "the testimony of many" (senators) tells us otherwise. In truth, there is no real separation of powers in the Philippines. It is all about the political majority and who is president.

As far as the ruling party or PBBM is concerned, there are only two major political concerns: the impeachment of Sara Duterte and protecting President Marcos Jr. from the stain of theft and shame now spreading like a virus over government.

Those agendas, however, have become so intertwined that the overhaul of the Senate leadership has turned into a political minefield. You can't touch one raw nerve without triggering the other. Any wrong move or negative perception by the public can become a political career ender.

And so, we are where we are, you have a thinly split Senate where political colors and alliances are blurred and even questionable, where the once congenial body

has turned into a daily dog fight with utter loss of respect and honor.

Meanwhile, here are two important lessons for PBBM and the senators: "He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise." (Proverbs 11:29)

In the context of "casting out undesirables:" "Now, when the pharisees heard it, they said, 'this fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of demons.'"

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."

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There was a time when a hollow block was proudly "Jackbilt," meaning the company placed its reputation behind hollow blocks that surpassed industry standards for strength and load bearing walls.

But nowadays, any enterprising fellow can put up a backyard hollow block making plant with no permit, no safety standards, not even government rules on the sand-to-concrete ratio or how many days to sun dry homemade hollow blocks.

Having "built" two resorts and two homes, I myself have had issues with adulterated imported cement, hollow blocks that crack and crumble because of low cement content with brown sand or muddy river sand.

Now we have steel bars that may or may not pass Bureau of Standards tests, and we can add to that substandard steel bars made from induction furnaces banned but imported from China.

After the destructive earthquake that hit Bogo, Cebu, I got to watch videos of government buildings, commercial establishments, as well as many homes that crumbled during the magnitude 6.9 earthquake.

While a magnitude 6.9 earthquake is highly destructive, I could not ignore the fact that many of the structures I

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saw were "all flesh and no bones" – or showed inadequate steel reinforcement.

The front columns of a government office revealed that the palitada or plaster was two times thicker than the concrete post it was covering, obviously to make the column "big."

I thought that the more modern and commercial establishments would be better off but were not. I assume that builders cut corners in terms of amount of steel bars used or the quality of those round bars.

Earthquakes are one thing, but quality and safety standards are within human control. When the local construction and cement industry complained about adulterated imported cement, it took government a while before clamping down.

The same problem happened to backyard-made hollow blocks and an effort was made among local governments to clamp down on these. Unfortunately, it was ningas cogon or a short-lived blaze that died.

Last year and this year, the media called out the problems regarding imported steel bars and conduction furnaces that do not eliminate impurities, resulting in low-grade round bars that easily snap or break where the impurities are.

The DTI tries to do its best but being undermanned and underfunded, they are barely able to scratch the surface or cover all the regions in the Philippines. Congress needs to enact stricter laws regarding imported steel and totally ban the use and importation of induction furnaces.

Lastly, we also need to be stricter on the management side so that major bridges don't crumble one after another like the Cabangan bridge in Isabela and the Piggatan bridge in Alcala, Cagayan province. Is it poor construction or poor management against overloading?

No quick fix

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The snap election proposal, with its call for mass resignations, was dead in the water. Malacañang summed up a common reaction: "wishful thinking." Even Cayetano's allies in the DDS dismissed it as an "impossible dream."

Maybe Cayetano was inspired by leadership changes in other countries now being similarly rocked by anti-corruption protests.

A common feature of these protests is that they are mostly leaderless, with Gen Zs playing a prominent role. And why not, since they are the ones inheriting the rotten systems developed by their elders.

Another feature is the exposure of the lifestyles of officials who are living beyond their means. This openness, transparency and swiftness in the exchange of information, which digital technology has made possible, is a trend that the Independent Commission for Infrastructure is bucking impressively.

There are speculations that the ICI may finally relent in conducting open hearings, but only after resigned speaker Martin Romualdez and all the senators implicated in the flood control mess (plus Zaldy Co, in case he comes out of hiding and decides to return home) have faced the commission. And after the nerve that Benjie Magalong struck, plus the home that he stumbled into in his short-lived stint as investigator, have been decisively eliminated from ICI scrutiny.

Before all this, opening the ICI hearings to the public will be nothing but wishful thinking, like the mass resignation prior to snap elections.

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Our system does not allow those swift political changes arising from the anti-corruption protests now spreading across the planet. We can't even get rid pronto of lawmakers who have been implicated in the latest corruption scandal.

Even if they are indicted for plunder and held without bail, they can continue serving

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



as lawmakers until they are convicted with finality – which could

be after 20 years. Years before a final ruling, they can plead cognitive decline and exemption from prosecution. Or they can move for dismissal of the case due to "inordinate delay" in the legal process.

Because of the state of our legal system, people often think the best they can get in terms of swift justice is watching public hearings on high crimes and seeing the big fish wriggling in the net. Being leviathans, no net can hold them too long, and they will likely wriggle free eventually. They can swim their way back to elective office, possibly to a post higher than the one they occupied when they were indicted.

People who had expected the ICI to pick up where the congressional probes left off have shifted their expectations for open proceedings to the new ombudsman, Jesus Crispin Remulla.

Since the retirement of Samuel Martires as ombudsman, Remulla had been bruited about as the strongest contender for the post. While Remulla will certainly coordinate with the ICI, the Constitution mandates the Office of the Ombudsman to conduct probes on its own in cases involving public accountability and betrayal of public trust.

These are what people dismayed over large-scale corruption want: an open and efficient probe, indictments, prosecution, conviction and punishment of crooks, in a process that complies with the constitutional mandate for speedy trial. Structural reforms to excise the rot and prevent its return. And a citizenry enlightened and enraged enough by the scandal to pick a better set of officials in the 2028 elections.

There is no quick fix to our nation's problems. Without institutional reforms and an informed electorate, a snap election will just be a band-aid solution, which will open opportunities for more corruption.

For sure, there are people who agree with Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano that the nation, with its seriously damaged institutions, needs a reset for a clean slate.

A snap election, however, is not the answer. Not only because there's no law for this, and we're no longer under a dictatorship, which allowed Ferdinand Marcos to pit himself against Corazon Aquino in the 1986 snap election.

The more fundamental reason is that our electoral system itself is a major part of the corruption sinkhole into which our nation has fallen.

It starts with the fielding of candidates. Cayetano proposes the resignation of President Marcos, Vice President Sara Duterte and all members of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

In the unlikely event that they all do so – presumably with Cayetano and his sister Pia themselves leading the move, as suggested by their naughty brother – there must be a stringent requirement that no one related to the resigned officials, up to the fourth degree of blood or marriage ties, can run for the vacated positions.

Otherwise we will simply have the same dog with a different collar, a cosmetic change, with the same surnames and the same MOs for robbing the nation blind.

A snap election will merely provide yet another opportunity for opaque fundraising, with billions again funneled into one of the biggest and most efficient laundromats for dirty money in our looted country: campaign finance.

It will provide yet another opportunity for venal politicians to use taxpayers' money for buying votes, for claiming credit for state-funded dole-outs or ayuda used for personal promotion.

Looting politicians thrive on voters who are perpetually dependent on political patrons for cash handouts, endorsements for medical care, jobs with hardly any qualifications required, and help during emergencies or special occasions such as weddings, baptisms and funerals – kasal, binyag, libing.

Thanks to the flood control scandal, there is heightened public awareness that the ayuda and patronage doled out by the thieves are bankrolled by every taxpayer.

NCIP underscores support for indigenous communities

SAN JOSE, Antique (PIA) — The National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) shared its successes in addressing the needs of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in the province.

Charlen E. Panaguiton, NCIP head for Aklan/Antique, during the “Pagpaathag” program of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Antique, reported on their intervention to the cultural communities located in the different towns in Antique.

She noted that NCIP requested tilapia fingerlings from the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) through the office of SP Gaseva Recopuerto. These were subsequently provided to the Ati community in Badjang, San Jose.

Additionally, NCIP distributed vegetable seedlings to the Ati community in Brgy. Igccococ, Sibalom, and native piglets to the Ati community in Brgy. Masanag, Hamtic, Antique.

Panaguiton said that beyond food security and livelihood programs, NCIP’s primary focus includes the recognition and delineation of ancestral domain titles.

She reported the completion of the survey conducted for the ancestral domain of the Iraynun Bukidnon in Culyat, Valderrama, Antique.

Furthermore, the claim on the ancestral domain in Busog, Valderrama, Antique, is currently undergoing the Commission’s deliberation.

To address the IPs’ needs more effectively, NCIP intends to review the ancestral domains’ sustainable development plans in the municipalities of Valderrama and Lauaan.

This aims to identify appropriate solutions for their development needs.

NCIP also stresses the importance of establishing organized and accredited indigenous peoples’ organizations to foster empowered and united IP communities.

Panaguiton also reported the representation of an IP representative, Lilibeth

Alagdon of Barangay Alon, Valderrama, duly sworn in by Mayor Jocelyn Posadas.

This is under Section 16 of Republic Act RA 8371, otherwise known as “The Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997.”

Alagdon will sit as the newest member of the Sangguniang Barangay of Alon, Valderrama, Antique, as the duly recognized Indigenous Peoples’ Mandatory Representative (IPMR) for the Sangguniang Barangay of Alon, municipality of Valderrama, province of Antique.

On the other hand, NCIP highlighted the formulation of the first municipal development plan for the Ati community in the municipality of Tobias Fornier.

This initiative was endorsed by Vice Mayor Cezar Tajanlangit, in collaboration with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and Municipal IP coordinator, Bilmark Sibya. *(AGP/PSM/PIA Antique with reports from GIP-DOLE)*

MGEN eyes solar panels, energy storage system in Iloilo City plant

ILOILO CITY — Meralco PowerGen Corp. (MGEN) is eyeing to install solar panels and a battery energy storage system to replace the diesel units that are already in the process of decommissioning in Barangay Ingore in La Paz district.

The decommissioning of the two units of diesel plants started last year and is expected for completion first quarter of 2026.

“It’s economically not viable. We also have plans, as part of the sustainability, to change the technology, because it’s an old technology. Part of our plan is to really replace it with solar and battery,” MGEN Thermal Panay energy site head Antonio Cabalhug Jr. said in an interview on Tuesday.

What will be left are the three-unit coal-fired power plant, serving as the base-load plant.


The diesel units, with a derated capacity of 40 megawatts, were used during peaking or when the demand is high.

Other than installing solar panels and a battery energy storage system to augment their capacity, Cabalhug said they are also looking at supporting their sister companies occupying adjacent areas.

“This will be an integrated area, supplying both water and electricity,” he said.



Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – Guimaras conducts a dissemination forum on the 2024 Provincial Product Accounts of the Province of Guimaras.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LAND

Notice is hereby given that DENR CENRO SARA situated in Brgy. San Nicolas, San Dionisio, Iloilo will accept oral or written bids not later than Ten (10) o'clock A.M. on December 10, 2025 for the lease of a tract of land, described as follows:

LOCATION	:	Brgy. Tanza, Estancia, Iloilo
DESCRIPTION	:	A-parcel of public land (foreshore area) identified as FLC-063019-000041
Boundaries	:	
North	:	Lot 917, Cad. 633-D and Estancia Bay
South	:	Lot 917, Cad. 633-D and Estancia Bay
East	:	Visayan Sea
West	:	Lot 817-A, Psd-06-096173
Area	:	2,138 square meters
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Value of improvements	:	P5,732,113.60
Applicant	:	FEM PETROLEUM CORPORATION REPRESENTED BY ELENA ESPISO

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Brgy. San Nicolas, San Dionisio, Iloilo, Philippines, September 5, 2025.

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RPS Chief / LMG-III / Office Caretaker

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Antique LGUs, other gov't agencies preparing for exit of 4Ps members

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) asked local government units and other concerned government agencies in Antique to prepare for the massive graduation of household beneficiaries enrolled with the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

Antique Pantawid Provincial Link Jeffrey Gabucay said in an interview on Tuesday that they will conduct a Local Chief Executive (LCE) forum on Oct. 14 and 15 as part of the preparation for the exit of household beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries will exit from the program after availing of the maximum of seven years under the 4Ps law Republic Act 11310.

“We have to prepare for the massive graduation of the household beneficiaries by next year to ensure that they can still receive continued support to overcome poverty,” Gabucay said.

Antique has 23,470 household beneficiaries, including the 5,394 households that graduated from the program last month.

The 4Ps was implemented in Antique in 2009.

“During the forum, we will be discussing with the LCEs and other government agencies on how they could further help the beneficiaries by providing them with livelihood or skills training,” Gabucay said.

Graduating 4Ps will be turned over to local government units where they are residents to receive continuing assistance since they will no longer be receiving cash grants after their graduation.

A 4Ps household beneficiary receives around PHP4,500 per month under the program for the health and educational needs of the children, and rice subsidy. (PNA)



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Halloween does not arrive until the last week of October, but the hallows have marched in earlier, clobbering the masses and drowning them, mainly under floodwaters not addressed by fully funded projects.

Others, like public school students, had to stay under trees during the monsoon because the rooftops of their school had been ripped off and blown away while others in the countryside could not attend classes because of damaged bridges.

In the urban centers, many of the students' purchased laptops remain missing because the Machiavellian Harry Houdini stalked them once upon a credulous time.

And the eye-piercing list has included additional pages.

Such projects, thanks perhaps to recent severe storms, the ghosts were quickly discovered with their pants down which exposed the morally degenerate and the ravenously greedy wearing different sham coats.

Forthwith, the execrated ghosts started reeking from different government agencies – the Departments of Education, Public Works and Highways, Health, Budget and Management, the Commission on Audit,

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Agriculture – the two houses of Congress where devious insertions were made by wily hands covered by barong Tagalog or chic coats, with their hitherto undetected private sector accomplices wearing safety-focused work wear.

If the arrival of the hallows symbolized a pleasant afterlife for many – the 117 million population from Tawi Tawi to Batanes– it might have raised a pleasant feeling for those who feel they have lost their future.

We heard President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. underline the need to establish solid cases against those involved in aberrant flood control projects, stressing that pursuing weak charges could backfire and undermine government efforts for accountability.

“We know many of these people are not innocent, but if you’re going to bring them to court, you must have a very strong case,” he said.

He warned rushing cases with incomplete or weak evidence could result in dismissals that would embolden violators and damage the credibility of the government’s anti-corruption drive, reiterating all government actions must remain within the bounds

of the law.

“We have to follow the law. Otherwise, whatever we do is not legitimate. And we have to be very, very clear that we go after the guilty ones.”

On Sept. 11, President Marcos created the Independent Commission for Infrastructure which is currently investigating suspected anomalous DPWH projects in different parts of the country.

This came 45 days after President Marcos called out those behind irregularities in flood control projects with his new classic in Filipino: “Mahiya naman kayo sa inyong kapwa Pilipino.”

Unknown then by a trusting public was some of those who gave the President a standing ovation would be accused later during the public hearings of making budget insertions in bold billions of pesos.

The people’s anger cannot be muffled for much longer.

They want those accountable punished by law, while having their eyes focused on the destruction of political dynasties and the mistitled party-list political parties. (manilastandard.net)

Editorial

Rebuilding trust with transparency

As Filipinos continue to grapple with the magnitude of corruption hounding the country’s infrastructure projects, especially flood control, the government is turning to blockchain technology to ensure transparency in public spending—a step towards restoring public trust.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) recently partnered with the Blockchain Council of the Philippines (BCP) to launch Integrity Chain, which is described as “a blockchain-powered platform designed to embed transparency, accountability, and public trust into national infrastructure projects.”

The Integrity Chain, according to the DPWH, aims to “transform infrastructure governance by offering a real-time public dashboard that tracks project spending and progress, enabling citizen feedback and anomaly reporting, and providing tamper-proof records to deter corruption.”

At its core, blockchain is a tamper-proof digital ledger. The IBM defines blockchain as “an immutable or unchangeable and tamper-proof digital ledger or record of all transactions within a network.”

For the government, this is not just about using new technology; it’s about ensuring that infrastructure spending can be publicly audited.

As DPWH Secretary Vince Dizon said: “From the budget process to the procurement process, to the award of the contract, to the implementation of the project, to the monitoring of the project, to the payments

made to the contractors, to the acceptance of the project. Everyone should be watching now, everyone.”

The move is a welcome response to public outrage and the call for accountability over the widespread corruption that has hounded the country’s infrastructure spending. After all, the flood control scandal did not just waste public funds—it claimed lives, slowed down economic progress and eroded public trust.

Blockchain offers a way to slowly rebuild that trust not through empty promises but through accountability—ensuring that public spending is traceable and auditable, and that project progress is verifiable.

But while blockchain is a strong deterrent against corruption, it is not a cure-all for the ills plaguing our society. It can make corruption harder, but not necessarily impossible. It can expose anomalies but not motives. This is why, with all the revelations regarding widespread corruption, we Filipinos have all the more reasons to be vigilant on how public funds are used.

As the DPWH said, Integrity Chain enables citizen feedback and anomaly reporting, but it is up to us to use it. The technology is simply a tool—it is still up to us to call out discrepancies, demand explanations from officials, and ensure that data recorded is true and correct.

Transparency is only meaningful when people are empowered to act on what they see.

The launch of Integrity Chain is a step in the right

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direction, but its utilization must not be limited to the DPWH alone. Its utilization should be expanded to other agencies such as the Bureau of Customs and Bureau of Immigration, among others. In fact, the whole of government should adopt technologies that promote transparency and accountability.

And while technology is a huge help in ensuring that public funds are properly used, it is not enough to fix the country’s broken system. It must be supported with public vigilance, political will, and a commitment to justice.

In line with this, we should not allow the recent exposures of corruption in flood control projects to fade into obscurity. Everyone who benefited from and enabled the suffering of the Filipino people—from lawmakers to government officials and private contractors—should be made to face the full extent of the law.

It is our responsibility to continuously demand transparency and accountability from our government and public officials. We owe it to the victims of flooding whose suffering is continuously worsened by greed. We owe it to taxpayers who fund public projects. And we owe it to future generations who deserve a better country than we have today.

Are we ready for the Big One?

Recently, a magnitude 6.9 earthquake hit the province of Cebu. Other than toppling buildings and killing some civilians, the said tremor has triggered new interest or concern on the topic of “The Big One.” The so-called “Big One” is the projected and overdue magnitude 7.2 or stronger earthquake expected to hit Metro Manila in the near future.

The “Big One” is expected to have its center along the West Valley Fault, which historically has its major movements occurring every 400 to 600 years. Since its last activity happened around 1658 then scientists are saying that the probability of experiencing a major jolt along the said line is increasing every year. Are we ready for the big one?

There was a 2004 study conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), which came up the likely scenarios of the said magnitude earthquake striking the National Capital Region.

The Philippine and Japanese governments are set to revisit the said study to adjust the same to reflect the increased population and number of buildings. The previous study predicted casualties in the thousands along with buildings toppling during the quake.

With the current controversies surrounding flood control projects, some are raising questions about the stability of our bridges, roads and buildings and their ability to withstand the effects of earthquakes. Last April, building experts in the country expressed their concerns about the readiness of buildings and structures in case a major quake hits the metro. Some have called for an extensive architectural and structural audit.

Unfortunately, some critics have pointed out possible character flaws that Filipinos have that may spell trouble for us all. First, we have a collective amnesia and lack of obsessive continuous momentum in any effort we do. After some noise about disaster preparedness, “ningas kugon” stepped in and we lost steam. We really

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

need to learn to apply ourselves to tasks with a maniacal non-stop fervor. Second, we need to demand excellence both from ourselves and everyone in society. The concept of “pwede na yan” must be stamped out from every child in our school system. The concept of no kid left behind needs to be reevaluated and a shift to a more draconian system needs to be implemented. As long as we allow mediocrity to continue, then we will have problems with our disaster preparedness. A strict enforcement of our building and all laws for that matter must be implemented. These two main flaws will always prevent any meaningful disaster preparedness program in our country.

We already have a collective anger over corruption. Hopefully, we can have a collective passion applied to disaster preparedness. Otherwise, we are doomed.

A significant step backward for children’s rights

While the rest of the country reeled from the devastation brought by recent storms and the southwest monsoon (habagat)—causing widespread flooding, landslides, and displacement—a senator chose this moment to file a bill that would inflict further harm on countless Filipino children by lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility to just 10 years old.

It is strikingly ironic that Senator Robin Padilla, who knows firsthand the harsh realities of incarceration from his years in prison for illegal possession of multiple firearms, would now push to impose criminal liability on children as young as 10 years old who commit “heinous crimes.” Heinous crimes include murder, infanticide, kidnapping and serious illegal detention resulting in death or rape, robbery with homicide or rape, destructive arson, rape, and carnapping where the driver or passenger is killed or raped. It is difficult to imagine a 10-year-old child committing such horrific acts independently. And if they do, it is almost certainly under the influence, coercion, or instruction of an adult.

Anyone who has spent time with a 10-year-old knows that children at this age are still making sense of their surroundings, gradually learning right from wrong, and heavily dependent on the guidance of adults in their families and communities. It is therefore absurd to treat children in conflict with the law (CICL) the same way as adult criminals who deliberately prey on unsuspecting victims.

Child rights advocates have repeatedly emphasized that the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act already holds CICL accountable. The Child Rights Network (CRN), a civil society organization that has consistently championed children’s rights, underscored the real issue—not the age of criminal responsibility, but the poor implementation of Republic Act 9344, or the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act (JJWA) of 2006.

To begin with, the JJWA provides a comprehensive framework for addressing the needs of children at risk and those in conflict with the law. It emphasizes prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, and reintegration—prioritizing the protection of children’s rights and their overall well-being. This law reflects the Philippines’ commitment as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Nineteen years after the enactment of the JJWA, child rights advocates continue to lament implementation gaps and inadequate resources that hinder the effective rehabilitation and reintegration of CICL

in society.

Since the enactment of the JJWA, numerous documents, studies, protocols, guidelines, circulars, and memorandums—including its Implementing Rules and Regulations—have been issued to support its effective implementation. Despite this, only a limited number of national and local government officials and staff have fully understood the law and are actively working to uphold and protect children’s rights. In fact, there is a barangay-level protocol for handling cases involving CICL and children at risk (CAR), recognizing that barangays serve as the first responders in addressing these issues.

Countless trainings and seminars have also been conducted for police officers, LGU personnel, NGO workers, and community members—those directly involved in the front-lines of JJWA implementation. Yet, significant gaps in implementation remain. The handling of CICL and CAR continues to fall short, despite the existence of detailed procedures meant to guide their treatment from start to finish.

The Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act (JJWA) created the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC), composed of key government agencies—including the Department of Justice, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Education, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Commission on Human Rights and the National Youth Commission—and two representatives from non-government organizations. Notably, none of these agencies have recommended lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility. On the contrary, they strongly opposed previous attempts to reduce it to 12 years old, standing firm in their commitment to protect the rights and welfare of children. We can be certain that the JJWC, together with child rights advocates, will once again stand firmly against this harmful and regressive attempt to lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 10.

A quick visit to the JJWC website reveals the real situation of CICL and CAR and makes it clear why lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 15 is both unnecessary and unjust. The JJWC highlights that these children are often victims of circumstances beyond their control—such as abuse, neglect, dysfunctional families, and indifferent communities. Rather than punishment, what they need is compassion, support, and access to appropriate services that uphold their rights to survival, development, and meaningful participation.

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BY BRIAN JAMES LU

The Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP), on the other hand, has consistently emphasized, based on extensive scientific research, that children and adolescents are fundamentally different from adults—particularly in areas such as decision-making, impulse control, risk-taking behavior, identity formation, and overall psychological maturity.

Responding effectively to the needs of CICL and CAR requires more than the standard whole-of-government approach. It demands the active cooperation of communities, civil society organizations, concerned individuals, and international partners. Laws, ordinances, and official policies alone cannot dismantle the deep-seated bias that views children as criminals rather than as victims of systemic failures. What is urgently needed is sustained advocacy that promotes children’s rights and fosters a deeper understanding of their circumstances.

It is therefore imperative for government officials, law enforcers, local leaders, and community members to fully understand the JJWA, its implementing rules and regulations, and the various guidelines that govern the proper handling of CICL and CAR cases. The current push to lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility will not be the last. Unless we fully embrace and implement the core intent of the law—to protect, rehabilitate, and reintegrate children—such proposals will continue to surface.

Blaming the minimum age of criminal responsibility for the rise in criminality has become a tired and recurring excuse. At one point, there was even a proposal to jail the parents of juvenile offenders. Worse, there was a vicious attempt—echoed even by the country’s highest official—to blame the principal author of the JJWA, rather than address the root causes of youth offending.

It is far easier to label children as criminals, delinquents, or social problems than to confront the deeper issues. Few are willing to hold society accountable for creating the conditions that breed these challenges—poverty, homelessness, and communities that fail to nurture, protect, and support their children.

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Spl. Civil Action No. 25-35658

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

National Grid Corporation of the Philippines,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

Heirs of Alegria Llego, Namely: Roel Llego, Ritchelle Hortillosa, Rutchel Hortillosa, Rowena Valenzuela, Raylin Llego, Jonalyn Hermano, Analie Gabion, Aaron Jamandre, Bethel Zaldivar, Erlinda Jacosalem, Erlen Braca, Daisy Belandres, Jemima Depigran, Helen Tolin, Arme Llego, Arnel Llego, Metchel Llego, Rey Llego, Mary Joy Llego, Spouses Lorna Llego-Boongaling and Albino Boongaling, Spouses Rolanhil Llego and Letecia Llego, Spouses Jessie Llego and Nilda Llego, Christine Gelangco, Spouses Rosel Llego and Norfely Llego, Januar Llego, Ismael Llego, Janet Bedaño, Eugene Llego, Gideon Llego, Jay-R Llego, Mark Anthony Llego, and All Other Heirs of Alegria Llego of Unknown Identities and Whereabouts;

Anthony Uygongco;

City Government of Iloilo; and

All Other Persons who may have Any Claim or Interest Over Lot No. 3799-C-1-C, Located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, Defendants.

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ORDER

The Court resolves to **NOTE** the following:

a. The Manifestation with Ex-Parte Motion to Serve Summons by Publication filed by the plaintiff, through counsel; and

b. The Entry of Appearance with Motion for Extension filed by defendant-Heirs of Alegria Llego, through counsel.

Accordingly, let copies of all orders, notices, and other processes of this Court pertaining to this case be served upon counsel for the defendant-Heirs of Alegria Llego, Atty. Mariel C. Madlangbayan-Tung, at her designated office and electronic mail addresses.

Acting on the Ex-Parte Motion to Serve Summons by Publication filed by the plaintiff, in view of the Affidavit of Noemark A. Burgos, employee of the NGCP, designated as Right of Way Assistant for the Visayas Right of Way Division, stating that despite diligent and exhaustive efforts of his team, they could not ascertain the exact whereabouts of the registered and declared owners of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C, located in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, and finding the reasons stated therein to be well-taken, the relief prayed for is hereby **GRANTED**.

The plaintiff is granted leave to serve summons for: a) All Heirs of Alegria Llego; b) Nilda Llego, or her heirs; c) Christine Gelangco, or her heirs; d) Spouses Lorna Llego-Boongaling and Albino Boongaling, or their heirs; e) Esmael Llego, or his heirs; f) Norma Llego, or her heirs; g) Anthony Uygongco; h) All person who may have claim or interest over Lot No. 3799-C-1-C, situated in Barangay Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City, together with a copy of the Complaint, Notice to Take Possession, and this Order, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, and to submit proof of compliance thereof **within thirty (30) days from publication**.

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

Acting on the Motion for Extension filed by defendant-Heirs of Alegria Llego, through counsel, and finding the reasons stated therein to be well taken, the relief prayed for is hereby **GRANTED**.

Consequently, defendant-Heirs of Alegria Llego are hereby given an additional time of fifteen (15) days or until **August 5, 2025**, as prayed for, within which to file their Answer to the Complaint.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, July 6, 2025.

(SGD.) NESTLE A. GO
Acting Presiding Judge

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CITY GOVERNMENT OF ILOILO; AND

ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST OVER LOT NO. 3799-C-1-C, LOCATED IN BRGY. INGORE, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY,

Defendants.

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COMPLAINT

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. AlegriaLlego, who reportedly died without issue, reportedly left eleven (11) known siblings, namely: GualbertoLlego, married to Lydia Gualberto (both reportedly deceased), NidaLlego-Jamandre, married to Alfredo Jamandre (both reportedly deceased), Merlin Llego, married to Emma Llego (both reportedly deceased), Lorna Llego-Boongaling, married to Albino Boongaling, RolanhilLlego, married to LeteciaLlego, Norma Llego (reportedly deceased), Jessie Llego, married to NildaLlego, Eden Llego-Gelangco, married to Perfecto Gelangco (both reportedly deceased), RoselLlego, married to NorfelyLlego, Victory Llego, married to Elsa Llego (both reportedly deceased), and EsmaelLlego (reportedly deceased).

5.1. Defendants **SpousesLorna Llego-Boongaling and Albino Boongaling, SpousesRolanhilLlego and LeteciaLlego, Spouses Jessie Llego and NildaLlego and Spouses RoselLlego and NorfelyLlego**, known surviving siblings of AlegriaLlego, are all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where they can be served with summons, notices and other court processes.

5.2. Defendants **RoelLlego, RitchelleHortillosa, RutchelHortillosa, Rowena Valenzuela, RaylinLlego, RomelLlego, and RonaidaLlego**, known surviving children of Spouses GualbertoLlego and Lydia Gualberto, are all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where they can be served with summons, notices and other court processes.

5.3. Defendants **JonalynHermano, Analie Gabion, Aaron Jamandre, Bethel Zaldivar, ErlindaJacosalem, ErlenBraca, and Daisy Belandres**, known surviving children of Spouses NidaLlego-Jamandre and Alfredo Jamandre, are all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where they can be served with summons, notices and other court processes.

5.4. Defendants **Jemima Depigran, Helen Tolin, ArmeLlego,ArnelLlego,MetchelLlego, Rey Llego, and Mary Joy Llego**, known surviving children of Spouses Merlin Llego and Emma Llego, are all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where they can be served with summons, notices and other court processes.

5.5. Defendant **Christine Gelangco**, known surviving child of Spouses Eden Llego-Gelangco and Perfecto Gelangco, is of legal age, Filipino and a residentof Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where she can be served with summons, notices and other court processes.

5.6. Defendants **JanuarLlego, Ismael Llego, Janet Bedaño, Eugene Llego, Gideon Llego, Jay-R Llego, and Mark Anthony Llego**, known surviving children of Spouses Victory Llego and Elsa Llego, are all of legal age, Filipinos and residents of Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City, where they can be served with summons, notices and other court processes.

5.7. NGCP cannot ascertain the existence, identities, and whereabouts of the complete heirs of EsmaelLlego, Norma Llego, as well as the existence, identities, and whereabouts of the other heirs of AlegriaLlego, despite diligent and exhaustive efforts.

5.8. The heirs of AlegriaLlegoare impleaded herein because AlegriaLlego appears to be the registered owner of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C as reflected in Transfer Certificate Title No. T-134187, *infra*.

6. Defendant **Anthony Uyongco** is of legal age, Filipino and with an office address at La Filipina UyGongco Corporation, PH2C+HWF, Quarantine Road, Brgy. Progreso, La Paz, IloiloCity, where he can be served with summons, notices and other court processes. He is impleaded herein because he is the declared owner of Lot No. 3799-C-1 as reflected in Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00150, *infra*.

7. Defendant **City Government of Iloilo** is a local government unit duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with office address at De la Rama Street, Plaza Libertad, Iloilo City Proper, Iloilo City, where it can be served with summons, notices and court processes. It impleaded herein because a warrant of levy is annotated on Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00150, *infra*.

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

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

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

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

12. The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) approved the Application filed by NGCP for the approval of the Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project, docketed as ERC Case No. 2017-110RC in a Notice of Resolution,² promulgated on 17 April 2024, a pertinent portion of which provides:

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

¹ Section 1. *The complaint.* — The right of eminent domain shall be exercised by the filing of a verified complaint which shall state with certainty the right and purpose of expropriation, describe the real or personal property sought to be expropriated, and **join as defendants all persons owning or claiming to own, or occupying, any part thereof or interest therein**, showing, so far as practicable, the separate interest of each defendant. If the title to any property sought to be expropriated appears to be in the Republic of the Philipines, although occupied by private individuals, or if the title is otherwise obscure or doubtful so that the plaintiff cannot with accuracy or certainty specify who are the real owners, averment to that effect shall be made in the complaint.

² **ANNEX “A”** – ERC Notice of Resolution.

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

“x xx”

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. The genuine necessity and public use for which the taking of properties for the transmission line project of NGCP are in accordance with the rulings of the Supreme Court, particularly in the cases of **The Manila Railroad Company vs. Mitchell, G.R. No. 19280, March 16, 1923 (En Banc)**,³ and **MORE Electric and Power Corporation vs. Panay Electric Company, Inc., G.R. No. 248061, September 15, 2020 (En Banc)**,⁴and **National Power Corporation vs. Benjamin Ong Co, G.R. No. 166973, February 10, 2009.**⁵

³ “When the law says that private property may be taken for public use only when it is necessary for such use, it means a reasonable, not an absolute necessity. x xx”

⁴ “x xxWithout a doubt, the provision of uninterrupted supply of electricity is a public purpose which is distinct from the general purpose of electricity distribution. Such distinct purpose is both public and genuine.”

⁵ “x xxthere is no doubt that the installation of transmission lines is important to the continued growth of the country. Electricity moves our economy; it is a national concern.”

19. In the exercise of its right of eminent domain, NGCP intends to expropriatea portionofaparcel of land denominated as**Lot No. 3799-C-1-C**, situated in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. As indicated in the pertinent portion of the Index Map,⁶ the said portion of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C is within the route and site of the project.

20. **Lot No. 3799-C-1-C** is registered under **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-134187**⁷in the name of AlegriaLlego. It is still declared under**Tax Declaration (TD) No. 15-04-011-00150**,⁸ covering Lot No. 3799-C-1, in the name of Anthony Uyongco. The affected area sought to be expropriated consists of **372 square meters**, more or less, as shown in the Sketch Plan⁹ and Narrative Technical Description,¹⁰ and is more particularly described below, to wit:

Lot No.	3799-C-1-C
TCT No.	T-134187
Registered Owner	AlegriaLlego
TD No.	15-04-011-00150
Declared Owner	Anthony Uyongco
Total Area	536sq.m.
Affected Area	372 sq.m.
Classification	Residential

Market Value of Affected Area (Php1,000.00/sq.m.)	(Php372,000.00)
Assessed Value of Affected Area (Php195.00/sq.m.)	(Php72,540.47)
BIR Zonal Value of Affected Area (Php5,000.00/sq.m.) ¹¹	Php1,860,000.00
Total Amount of Compensation	Php1,860,000.00

21. To enable NGCP to construct and maintain the **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**, it is both genuinely necessary and urgent to acquire, upon payment of just compensation, the above-described affected portion of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C, upon payment of just compensation,to ensure stability and reliability of power supply in the cities, municipalities and provinces in the Islands of Panay and Guimaras, as well as other parts of the country.

⁶ **ANNEX “B”** – Portion of Index Map of the project as traversing Lot No. 3799-C-1-C.

⁷ **ANNEX “C”** – Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-134187.

⁸ **ANNEX “D”** – Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00150.

⁹ **ANNEX “E”** – Sketch Plan for Lot No. 3799-C-1-C.

¹⁰ **ANNEX “F”** – Narrative Technical Description for Lot No. 3799-C-1-C.

¹¹ **ANNEX “G”** –BIR Certification.

22. NGCP’s personnel conducted negotiations with the defendants for the acquisition of the above-described affected portion of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C. They made initial negotiations with defendant Rowena Llego Valenzuela on December 3, 2023, in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City. Defendant Rowena Llego Valenzuela explained that the land belonged to her late aunt, AlegriaLlego, and had been verbally divided among Alegria’s siblings.On December 4, 2023, they conducted negotiations withdefendant Aaron Jamandre, a nephew of AlegriaLlego who resides on the subject property. He confirmed the verbal division of the land and expressed willingness to cooperate, provided the compensation was appropriate.A follow-up negotiation on January 15, 2024, revealed details about AlegriaLlego’s siblings, most of whom are deceased. Defendant Aaron Jamandrealso confirmed that the property remained under AlegriaLlego’s name as the mother lot, with no formal subdivision. However, no settlement could be reached between the parties due to the unresolved issues on ownership,lot subdivisionand documentation. Considering the urgency involved in the construction of the project, NGCP has no other recourse but to file the instant case.

23. Expropriation aims to condemn a property to public domain to the exclusion of all persons, who all lose their respective interests over the same and, therefore, who must share in the payment of just compensation in accordance with their respective interests. The Supreme Court in the case of **Republic vs. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 146587, July 2, 2002**, held:

“x xx*Anin rem* proceeding, condemnation acts upon the property. After condemnation, the paramount title is in the public under a new and independent title; thus, by giving notice to all claimants to a disputed title, **condemnation proceedings provide a judicial process for securing better title against all the world than may be obtained by voluntary conveyance.**” (Citing Cadorettevs. US CCA (Mass) 988 F2d 215; emphasis supplied.)

24. NGCP is willing and able to pay the just compensation for the above-described portion of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C to the defendants who may be determined by this Honorable Court as rightful recipients thereof pursuant to **Section 9, Rule 67 of the Rules of Court**, as may be necessary, subject to deductions for capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, which NGCP shall directly pay to the Government, and subject to the settlement by defendants of all applicable estate taxes and all outstanding taxes pertaining to prior transfers of the subject property, if any, and all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), and other outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code.

25. Considering that the registration of the transfer in fee simple of the above-described portion of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C in the name of NGCP by virtue of this expropriation proceeding may require the settlement of the estate involving the property, if applicable, the payment of the applicable estate taxes, the settlement of all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, if any, and the settlement of all outstanding taxes pertaining to prior transfers of the subject property, if applicable, defendants must be required to submit the necessary documents and proof of the settlement of the estate and payment of the said taxes and dues before just compensation is paid to them.

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

27. Moreover, an expropriation proceeding being an action *quasi in rem*,¹² jurisdiction over the defendants is not required. It is only required that there is jurisdiction over the *res*. Concomitantly, prior service of summons upon the defendants is not required for the issuance of the Writ of Possession.

28. In ***NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Ltd. vs. Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company***,¹³the Supreme Court held that:

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

29. Again, in ***Macasaet vs. Co, Jr.***,¹⁴the Supreme Court held:

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

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

13 G.R. No. 175799, November 28, 2011

14 G. R. No. 156759, June 5, 2013

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF POSSESSION

30. Section 13 of R.A. 11361¹⁵ provides that Rule 67 of the Rules of Court governs plaintiff’s expropriation cases.Under Section 2 of the said rule, NGCP may already enter and possess the subject property during the pendency of the expropriation case,¹⁶ thus:

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

31. Pursuant to the above Rule, NGCP shall cause to be served, among other means, together with the summons and the instant Complaint, a Notice to Take Possession¹⁷ upon the defendants.

32. In the interest of immediate project implementation within established timelines, NGCP shall deposit with the Clerk of Court of this Honorable Court, in favor of the defendants, **100% of the BIR zonal value** of the portion of the subject property sought to be expropriated, in the total amount of **One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Pesos (Php1,860,000.00)**, thereby placing it in *custodial*egis, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

¹⁵ Section 13, R.A. 11361 provides that “Subject to the limitations and procedures prescribed by the law, the **power to exercise the right of eminent domain granted to any person with a franchise to operate, manage, or maintain the electric power lines**shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Rules of Court.”

¹⁶ **National Power Corporation vs. Posada, et. al.**, G.R. No. 191945, March 11, 2015.

¹⁷ **ANNEX “H”** – Notice to Take Possession.

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

34. In a long line of cases¹⁸and in accordance with OCA Circular No. 113-2019, once the above requirements are complied with, it becomes the ministerial duty of the trial court to issue the writ of possession in favor of the NGCP, without need of any further hearing. Therefore, this Honorable Court can already immediately issue to NGCP an order to take possession of the subject properties and start the implementation of the Project.

35. In the case of ***Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation***,¹⁹ the Supreme Court emphasizes the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon the receipt of the required deposit. “*No hearing is actually required for the issuance of a writ of possession, which demands only two (2) requirements: (a) the sufficiency in form and substance of the complaint; and, (b) the required provisional deposit x xxx. Upon compliance with these requirements, the petitioner in an expropriation case is entitled to a writ of possession as a matter of right and the issuance of the writ becomes ministerial.*”

36. Corollary to the successful and complete implementation of the Writ of Possession, and for the orderly and peaceful entry of the NGCP into the subject property for project implementation, the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and temporary access through the subject property to the area being expropriated are necessary. In view of the requirement under Section 28.2, Rule 28²⁰ of the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures, the Order for issuance of a writ of possession needs to specifically direct the PNP to render assistance in order for the PNP to have basis to act. As such, NGCP prays that this Honorable Court also direct the PNP Officers to assist in the implementation of the Writ of Possession that will be issued.

¹⁸ **Robern Development Corporation vs. Quiatain**, G.R. No. 135042, September 23, 1999; **SMI Development Corporation vs. Republic of the Philippines**, G.R. No. 137537, January 28, 2000; **Biglang-awa vs. Bacalla**, G.R. Nos. 139927 and 139936, November 22, 2000; **City of Manila vs. Serrano**, G.R. No. 142304, June 20, 2001; **Bardillon vs. Brgy. Masili**, G.R. No. 146886, April 30, 2003; **City of Iloilo vs. Legaspi**, G. R. No. 154614, November 25, 2004.

¹⁹ *"Municipality of Cordova v. Pathfinder Development Corporation*, G.R. No. 205544, June 29, 2016

²⁰ "28.2 – Requirements for Police Assistance. Request for police assistance in the implementation of final decisions/orders/writs shall be acted only, upon compliance of the following conditions:

- a. The request for police assistance is based on an order of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
- b. The written request for police assistance shall be signed by the Sheriff or equivalent officer in quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;
- c. The request is filed at least five (5) working days prior to the actual implementation; and
- d. The original document of the final decision/order/resolution must be presented. In the absence of the same, a copy duly authenticated by the Clerk of Court or other authorized representative of the court, quasi-judicial or administrative body will suffice."

TESTIMONIAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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

- a) **Jesse L. Asuga**, Construction Project Manager, whose testimony is being presented to establish the propriety of expropriation for NGCP's project, the necessity and public use for which the instant expropriation case is instituted, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "I,"**
- b) **Asterio B. Tubera**, Regional Survey and Geotechnical Supervisor, whose testimony is being presented to establish the areas and sites necessary for the construction of plaintiff's project pertinent to the subject property, the consequent necessity of the taking of the subject property, and other facts of the case. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "J;"** and
- c) **Jun A. Celoso**, Regional Right-of-Way Senior Associate, whose testimony is being presented to establish the bases for the determination of the just compensation and the activities relating to negotiations, among others. A copy of his Judicial Affidavit is attached herein as **Annex "K."**

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

Exhibit Marking	Description
"A"	ERC Notice of Resolution
"B"	Sketch Plan
"C"	Narrative Technical Description
"D"	Portion of Index Map
"E"	Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-134187
"F"	Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00150
"G"	BIR Certification

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

PRAYER

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

1. ISSUE a **Writ of Possession** in NGCP's favor:

- a) Authorizing it to enter and take possession of the portion of **Lot No. 3799-C-1-C**, subject of this Complaint, that will be affected by the construction and implementation of the **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project.**, as described in paragraphs 19 and 20 hereof;
- b) Ordering the demolition of the affected houses/structures standing thereon, if any;
- c) Ordering all defendants to vacate the same;
- d) Directing the PNP to assist NGCP in the implementation of the said writ of possession so that project construction can immediately commence even during the pendency of the case; and
- e) If necessary, allowing NGCP to have temporary access in going to the areas subject of the Complaint while the construction of the Project is on-going;

2. ISSUE an **Order of Expropriation** declaring that NGCP has a lawful right to take and condemn to public use the portion of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 372 square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 19 and 20of this Complaint;

3. After the determination of just compensation, **ISSUE a Judgment:**

- a. Authorizing NGCP to pay to the rightful defendants, as determined by this Honorable Court, the amount of just compensation fixed after deducting the provisional deposit, capital gains and documentary stamp taxes for the transfer of the property in the name of NGCP, and after submission by defendants of proofs of the settlement of the applicable estate taxes, all other outstanding taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code for previous transfers, if any, and all outstanding realty taxes and dues under the Local Government Code, whichever is applicable;
- b. Declaring NGCP as the lawful and exclusive owner of the portion of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C, sought to be expropriated, consisting of 372 square meters, more or less, specified in paragraphs 19 and 20 hereof;
- c. Directing the Registry of Deeds for City of Iloilo, to register and annotate the Writ of Possession, Order ofExpropriation and Judgment on Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-134187, and, upon application by NGCP, to issue a new and separate certificate of title in the name ofNGCP over the portion of Lot No. 3799-C-1-C, sought to be expropriated herein, free of all liens, encumbrances and other matters annotated on TCT No. T-134187, and without the need for the presentation of the owner's duplicate copy of the said certificate of title, and regardless of the status of the settlement of estates involving the subject property, the payment of the estate taxes and all taxes involving prior transfers thereof, and of the payment of outstanding local and national taxes not attributable to NGCP, if applicable; and
- d. Directing the City Assessor of Iloilo City to cancel Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00150, and toissue a new and separate tax declaration in the name of NGCP with respect to the portionof Lot No. 3799-C-1-Csought to be expropriated herein,regardless of the status of the settlement of estates involving the subject property, the payment of the estate taxes and all taxes involving prior transfers thereof, and of the payment of outstanding local and national taxes not attributable to NGCP, if applicable.

NGCP prays for other reliefs just and equitable under the premises

Quezon City for Iloilo City, **APRIL 02, 2025.**

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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

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

1. I am the Regional Manager, Visayas Right-of-Way Division (VROWD), of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP);
2. I am authorized to sign the Verification and Certification of Non-Forum Shopping in the expropriation cases for and in behalf of NGCP with respect to the projects and areas under my supervision pursuant to the authority granted by the NGCP Board of Directors as evidenced by a Secretary's Certificate, dated 22 July 2021, hereto attached as **Annex "L;"**
3. I caused the preparation of the foregoing Complaint. I have read the foregoing Complaint and I attest that the allegations therein are true and correct of my personal knowledge and based on authentic records on file. It is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. The factual allegations therein have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likewise have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery;
4. I further attest that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines has not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or quasi-judicial agency and, to the best of my knowledge, no such other action or claim is pending therein. If I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I shall report that fact to this Court within five (5) calendar days therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **2nd** day of **APRIL 2025**, in Cebu City, Philippines.

(SGD.) ELENA MARIE MADARANG-CAPANAS
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **2nd** day of **APRIL 2025**, affiant exhibited to me her Driver's License bearing No. G01-90-123324 issued by the Land Transportation Office of Cebu, as her competent proof of identity.

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-versus-

HEIRS OF ALEGRIA LLEGO, ET AL.,
Defendants.

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NOTICE TO TAKE POSSESSION

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Romel Llego
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Erlen Braca
Daisy Bolandres
Jamima Depigran
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De la Rama Street, Plaza
Libertad, Iloilo City Proper,
Iloilo City

All other heirs of Alegria Llego and all other persons who may have any claim or interest over Lot No. 3799-C-1-C, located in Brgy. Ingore, Lapaz, Iloilo City

Please be informed that the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), by virtue of Section 2 of Rule 67 of the Rules of Court and of other related laws, will take possession and control over the affected portion of the property subject of the above-captioned expropriation case, denominated as **Lot No. 3799-C-1-C**, situated in Brgy. Ingore, La Paz, Iloilo City. The property is registered under **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-134187** in the name of Alegria Llego and is still declared under **Tax Declaration No. 15-04-011-00150**, covering Lot No. 3799-C-1, in the name of Anthony Uyongco.

The portion of the subject property, consisting of 372 square meters, which NGCP will take possession and control over, is more specifically described and identified in the Complaint, and it will be for the use and benefit of the public through NGCP's **Panay-Guimaras 138kV Interconnection Project**.

NGCP shall deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, Kalibo, Aklan, the provisional amount of **One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Pesos (Php1,860,000.00)**, equivalent to the current BIR zonal value of the affected area of the subject property.

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

02 April 2025, Cebu City for Iloilo City, Philippines.

(SGD.) JAMES A. HUPP III
PTR No. 1384014 – 12/04/2024 - Cebu Province
IBP Lifetime No. 08194 /1-08-09/ Cebu City
MCLE Compliance No. VII-0014197 – 03/31/2022
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SPL. PROC. NO.
2024-11-1140

FOR:
CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
ERIN SOFIYA DELOS SANTOS MOLINA

IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION OF
ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE
BIRTH OF ERIN SOFIYA DELOS SANTOS
MOLINA (REGISTRY NO. 2014-122),
MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF SAN JOSE,
ANTIQUE

GINA C. DELOS SANTOS, rep.by her A/F,
ALEX C. DELOS SANTOS, Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
SAN JOSE, antique; THE CIVIL REGISTRAR
GENERAL; ERIC GOMEZ MOLINA;
GIAN IZAK DELOS SANTOS; GIAN SANECA
DELOS SANTOS, and ALL OTHER PERSONS
WHO MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.

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AMENDED ORDER

Filed before this Court is an Amended Petition filed by Gina Clemente Delos Santos, represented by her attorney-in-fact, Alex Clemente Delos Santos, seeking to correct certain entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of her daughter, Erin Sofiya Delos Santos Molina (Registry No. 2014-122), issued by the Municipal Civil Registry of San Jose, Antique. The petition names the Municipal Civil Registrar of San Jose, Antique; the Civil Registrar General; Eric Gomez Molina, and Gian Izak Delos Santos and Gian Saneca Delos Santos as respondents.

The petitioner, the biological mother of Erin Sofiya, states that her daughter was born on December 28, 2013, in San Jose, Antique. The child's birth was registered on January 15, 2014, with the Certificate of Live Birth indicating that the parents, Gina C. Delos Santos and Eric G. Molina, were married on June 15, 2013, in San Jose, Antique. This entry led to Erin Sofiya being considered a "legitimate"

child. However, it was later discovered that the petitioner's marriage to Eric Gomez Molina was not registered with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The petitioner was still legally married to Adil Amin El Gamal, whom she married in a civil rite on June 10, 1994, in San Jose, Antique. The marriage to Adil El Gamal was confirmed by a certification from the Office of the Civil Registrar General. Because the petitioner had a subsisting marriage to Adil El Gamal, she had a legal impediment to marry Eric Molina. Therefore, there was no valid marriage between the petitioner and Eric Molina at the time of their daughter's birth, which makes Erin Sofiya an "illegitimate" child conceived and born out of wedlock.

The petitioner seeks to rectify the erroneous entries on the birth certificate of Erin Sofiya Delos Santos Molina to reflect her true status. The following corrections are prayed for:

1. The last name in Item No. 1, currently "Molina," should be changed to "Delos Santos";

2. The entries for the Date and Place of Marriage of Parents in Items No. 20a and 20b, currently "June 15, 2013 in in San Jose, Antique," should be deleted and replaced with "Not Applicable"; and

3. That Erin Sofiya be allowed to continue using the surname "Molina" because her biological father, Eric Gomez Molina acknowledges her as his daughter.

The amended petition, being sufficient in form and substance, is hereby set for hearing on **December 4, 2025**, at 8:30 in the morning at the session hall of this Court, Justice Calixto Zaldivar Hall of Justice, Brgy. 5, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, at which time and place any interested party may appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.



Let a copy of this Amended Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in the **News Express**, a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Antique. Further, let a copy of this Amended Order be furnished to the Local Civil Registrar of San Jose, Antique, the Civil Registrar General, the Solicitor General, the Provincial Prosecutor of Antique, the petitioner, respondent Eric Gomez Molina, Gian Izak Delos Santos, Gian Saneca Delos Santos and her counsel, Atty. Dhelma Flor Dizen-Balestramon.

SO ORDERED

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, September 2, 2025.

(SGD.) JOJO C. CRUZAT
Judge

NE/October 6, 13 & 20, 2025



Republic of the Philippines
National Authority for Child Care
Regional Alternative Child Care Office
Region VI - Western Visayas
TIN-200-137-390-000

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
CASE NO: **RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0131**

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 26, 2025**

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION
OF JALEN NANTA BANTAD
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS
JALEN CARMONA NANTA**

**LEONILLO FAJURA NANTA AND
KAREN CARMONA NANTA**
Petitioners

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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Jalen Nanta Bantad filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that after due notice, publication, and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee, Jalen Nanta Bantad be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be changed particularly to appear as **JALEN CARMONA NANTA**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **November 6, 2025**, to be held at **3rd Floor, Ana Ros Building, Simon-Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City, Iloilo**. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioner once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

(SGD.) JANICE J. BRASILEÑO
Officer in Charge

NE/Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 13, 2025

TOURIST REST AREA. The Department of Tourism-Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority-funded tourist rest area in Antique's premier tourist destination. San Remigio Mayor Margarito Mission Jr. said in an interview Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025, that the facility is nearing completion. *(Photo courtesy of San Remigio LGU)*

Antique's Little Baguio tourist rest area to open before Christmas

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The PHP10 million tourist rest area (TRA) in Antique's premier tourist destination in the town of San Remigio will start operations in time for Christmas.

San Remigio Mayor Margarito Mission Jr. said in an interview on Wednesday that since the groundbreaking on Nov. 21, 2023, the TRA is about 70 percent complete and is expected to be ready by December 2025.

"We expect that the TRA will be finished this December to provide better facilities for tourists who would come during Christmastime,"he said.

He said that only a few finishing touches are left to be done on the main structure, funded by the Department of Tourism-Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (DOT-TIEZA).

"The TRA is being established in a more than 2-hectare lot in Barangay Aningalan,"Mission said.

Barangay Aningalan is dubbed as the "Baguio of Panay" for its cold climate and beautiful mountain scenery. Tourists, even from other places in the country, come to visit the place.

The TRA features clean restrooms, an information desk and a souvenir shop where the local food products of the San Remigio, such as turmeric and ginger tea, camote chips,

and non-food items such as bamboo baskets and gift items will be displayed for sale to tourist visitors.

Aningalan is also producing fresh vegetables, root crops and fruits that tourists would love to buy. (PNA)

Iloilo to donate P5M for Cebu quake victims

ILOILO CITY – The provincial government here is sending PHP5 million as financial aid to quake-hit Cebu.

In a press conference on Wednesday, Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. said the amount was sourced from the province's fund for donations.

"I signed it yesterday. We will check if it has been issued," he said.

Earlier, the governor said they intend to send the assistance through the provincial government within the week.

On the other hand, the city government is also eyeing to send assistance, although it has yet to disclose the amount.

The quake on Sept. 30 was felt at Intensity 4 in the province.

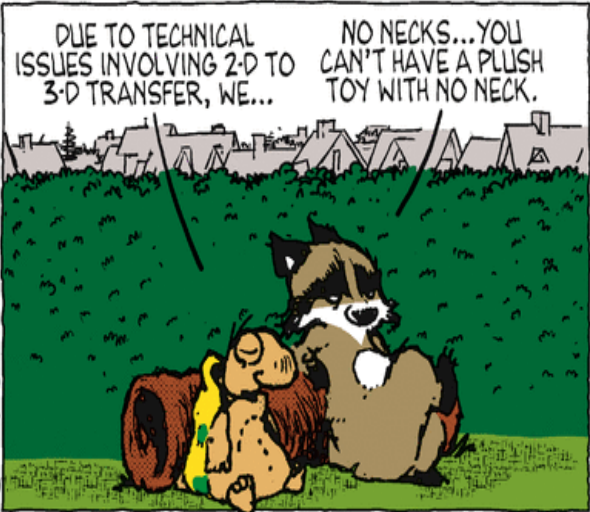
It left some cracks at the provincial capitol building, but it was later declared as structurally sound by the Provincial Engineer's Office and the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office. (PNA)

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY

OVER THE HEDGE FAQ

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



LENGUA KARE-KARE RECIPE

Tender ox tongue cooked in peanut and almond sauce and served with steamed bok choy, eggplant and string beans.



- INGREDIENTS
- 4 LBS. BEEF TONGUE

3/4 CUPS PEANUT

3/4 CUP ALMONDS

2 BUNCHES BOK CHOY

1 CHINESE EGGPLANT

12 STRING BEANS CUT IN 2-INCH PIECES

1 ONION MINCED

5 CLOVES GARLIC CHOPPED

2 QUARTS WATER

32 OUNCES BEEF BROTH

4 TABLESPOONS ANNATTO OIL

SALT TO TASTE
- INSTRUCTIONS

Pour water in a pressure cooker. Add ox tongue. Pressure-cook for 45 minutes. Remove the tongue afterwards and let it cool down. Take the skin off the tongue and then slice into serving pieces. Set aside. Prepare the vegetables by steaming the eggplant and string beans for 10 minutes. Steam the bok choy for 5 minutes. Prepare the peanuts and almonds by roasting on a pan until the color starts to turn brown. Put the nuts in a food processor and blitz until the mixture turns into a paste-like consistency. Set aside. Heat annatto oil on a wok. Saut  garlic and onion. Once the onion softens, add the sliced lengua. Saut  for 2 minutes. Pour the beef broth into the wok. Cover and let boil. Continue boiling for 10 minutes in low heat setting. Add the peanut and almond paste. Stir until all ingredients are well blended. Continue cooking uncovered for 7 minutes. Season with salt. Transfer to a serving bowl and add the steamed vegetables. Serve with shrimp paste (bagoong alamang). Share and enjoy!

HOROSCOPE

ARIES
March 21 - April 19

A social event involving business associates and friends could bring fresh ideas your way, pointing you in a new direction. Your material and spiritual goals might come under discussion and open your eyes to previously unnoticed opportunities. Communication is clearer than usual. This may prove beneficial. Increased understanding brings you closer to others.



You're likely feeling alert, strong, and full of energy and stamina. Your sense of adventure is high. You may be exploring the possibility of an interesting vacation - rafting, backpacking, or some other adventure. This is a good idea. This trend in your physical condition should continue for a while. Get some travel brochures and look into it!

TAURUS
April 20 - May 20



GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

Intimate relationships gather steam as increased involvement in each other's life brings you closer. Relationships grow through enhanced communication and shared dreams, goals, and ideals - not to mention physical passion! You should feel strong and confident today, especially as your material success continues. Travel, a new car, and a few luxury items might be on your agenda.



Happiness reigns in the home as your household continues to experience success. Someone new may come to visit. Expect a lot of comings and goings, plus an impromptu party or two. Meditation and contemplation could provide inspiration for new projects, and you might spend some time writing down ideas and brainstorming ways to approach them.

CANCER
June 22 - July 22



LEO
July 23 - August 22

A lot of interesting letters and calls could come your way today. Or you might have business to transact, perhaps involving paperwork, and spend a lot of time out in the community running errands. Group activities could also take place in your neighborhood, bringing you and your friends closer together. The only caution is that you shouldn't try to do too much.



You're likely to be doing so well financially that you might be a little complacent. With all the hard work you've been doing, you might feel that you deserve some rewards and decide to go shopping. Don't throw caution to the winds, however. You're doing well, but you don't want your house cluttered with items you don't want or need.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22



LIBRA
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your energy and enthusiasm are elevated as you approach yet a higher level of accomplishment. This could inspire you to channel most of your energy into more work and climb yet higher. You might even be thinking in terms of expanding all your horizons - professional, intellectual, and spiritual. Travel could also be in the offing. Consider your options carefully. There might be too many choices.



Today you might experience a bit of restlessness, perhaps because you feel there's something you ought to be doing but you aren't sure what. Your mind is sharp, intuitive, and logical, but too many options could be on the horizon. You might find it difficult to choose among them. Once you decide, you'll charge ahead and make a success of whatever you try.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21



SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You might consider entering a business partnership of some kind with friends. This is a good time because your communication is especially good. Details of each person's role can be worked out clearly. Though it's admittedly going to take some effort, success is indicated for just about any goal.



Have you been working toward public acknowledgement of some sort? If so, you may receive it today. You've been working hard and produced results that aren't likely to go unnoticed. Expect some compliments, a lot of praise, and maybe even a moment of fame. Needless to say, this is going to give your self-confidence a boost.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 - Jan.19



AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

All should be going well for you - love, money, and career. Still, you seek other goals, and today you might be thinking of educational, intellectual, and spiritual matters that you've always wanted to pursue. Don't be surprised if you're preoccupied with trying to sort it all out. And don't feel you have to rush to make a decision. Give it some time.



Today you might decide to do some intense research regarding economics, stocks, or land investments and see how it applies to your current financial situation. You've been doing well and should continue doing so. You'll want to find ways to make your money grow. Books, magazines, and newspapers can help your quest, as can consultations with professionals.

PISCES
Feb. 19 - March 20



WORD SEARCH



Camping



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batteries

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canoeing

chipmunk
- compass

flashlight

hammock

hiking

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kayak

lantern
- marshmallow

memories

mosquitoes

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- roasting sticks

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Tree Valley Academy



sudoku

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

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

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

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Republic of the Philippines
National Authority for Child Care
Regional Alternative Child Care Office
Region VI - Western Visayas
TIN-200-137-390-000

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
CASE NO: **RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0137**

DATE: **OCTOBER 06, 2025**

IN RE: **PETITION FOR ADOPTION
OF JOHAN CADEN ENRIQUEZ RODICO
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS
JOHAN JARED ENRIQUEZ SINCO**

**SPOUSES, RAMON CHRISTOPHER
NAVA SINCO AND CAMILLE ALLYNE
ENRIQUEZ SINCO**
Petitioners

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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of **Johan Caden Enriquez Rodico** filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that after due notice, publication, and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee, **JOHAN CADEN ENRIQUEZ RODICO** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be changed particularly to appear as **JOHAN JARED ENRIQUEZ SINCO**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **November 6, 2025**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3rd Floor, Ana Ros Building, Simon-Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City, Iloilo**. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioners once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

(SGD.) JANICE J. BRASILEÑO, RSW
Officer-in-Charge

NE/October 13, 20 & 27, 2025

Swedish envoy explores possible collaboration with Iloilo

ILOILO CITY – Swedish Ambassador to the Philippines Anna Ferry on Wednesday led the Team Sweden delegation to strengthen bilateral cooperation with Iloilo City on economic development, including public transport, and explore more areas of cooperation.

Ferry said that they would like to better understand the priorities of Mayor Raisa Treñas and Iloilo City, learn areas for development or already ongoing programs, and look at how they can provide support to achieve the goals.

"Sweden is strong in various sectors. We have technology and knowledge. And we are happy to share that knowledge in areas like those mentioned, transportation, rail, upgrade of airports, but also in areas like renewable energy, energy efficiency, water management, and water treatment. So, there are a few areas that we are looking into how we can expand our cooperation," she said in a statement.

Just recently, Sweden, through Swedfund, its development finance institution, has inked a deal to provide up to 6 million Swedish Krona (roughly PHP30 million) through grants for feasibility studies of the integrated public transport system project in Metro Iloilo.

"The purpose of this partnership is to provide a study, exploratory, on how the city, the surrounding LGUs (local government units) can have an integrated bus transit system. So, it will be better for all the citizens of Metro Iloilo City to commute, and it will also contribute to the goal of the city and province to have a livable city," Ferry said in a media interview.

The support also aimed to showcase how data-driven and efficient public transport solutions can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate congestion, and improve accessibility in Iloilo City.

Sweco (a Swedish engineering consultancy) and Metro Iloilo-Guimaras Economic Development Council signed the contract in August this year for Sweco to undertake a feasibility study for this project.

The study will propose the phased implementation of an integrated public transport network plan.

Stepping for the first time in Iloilo City, she said she was happy to see and experience the city, which is “really a livable city.”

"I see that you can walk and bike, you have open spaces, parks and of course I tasted the fantastic food," she said.

The Swedish envoy, who also attended the first State of the City Address of Mayor Treñas, was joined by Swedfund project manager Louise Bernander. *(PNA)*

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EJF Case No.: F-11277-25
For: Application for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure
of Real Estate Mortgage (Under Act No. 3135,
as Amended)

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

JOEFEL C. LORILLA, AS REPRESENTED
BY HIS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT,
JEL MARIE C. LORILLA,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon application for extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage (under Act No. 3135, as amended) filed by the **mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center, Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, duly represented by its authorized representative, **DENNIS R. PACOL**, of legal age, Filipino, against **debtor/mortgagor JOEFEL C. LORILLA**, as represented by his Attorney-in-Fact, **JEL MARIE C. LORILLA**, of legal age, Filipinos, and with postal address/es at: 1) Marcos Street, Calinog, Iloilo; and 2) Lot 6, Blk. 15, Lessandra Heights, Brgy. Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo Province, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 21, 2025, amounted to **ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE PESOS and 82/100 (Php1,782,271.82)**, Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalties, attorney’s fee and other litigation, 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 23, 2025 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning** at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, G/F Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City**, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property, including the house/building(s) and other improvements now erected or hereafter maybe erected upon, to wit:

REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR ILOILO, LOILO
Transfer Certificate of Title
No. 090-2016005880

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF PANDAC, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY bounded and described as follows:
LOT NO: 6 BLOCK NO: 15 PLAN NO: PCS-06-006305
PORTION OF: LOT 1851, 1852, 1853, 1855 & LOT 1856
ALL OF AGONOA CAD. 8
LOT 1844-D-2, PSD-06-071867 &
LOT 2, PCS-06-000197; ...xxx
is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of
Owner: JOEFEL C. LORILLA, OF
LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO, SINGLE
Address: MARCOS ST, CALINOG, ILOILO
WESTERN VISAYAS
X x x
AREA: SIXTY THREE (63) SQUARE METER,
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 30, 2025** at the same
time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Iloilo City, Philippines, July 17, 2025.

(SGD.) REX B. BENIGLA
Sheriff IV/Sheriff-in-Charge

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

WARNING:
IS IT ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED
TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY
THIS NOTICE OF SALE ON OR BEFORE
THE DATE OF SALE, UNDER PENALTY OF LAW



COLLABORATION. Mayor Raisa Treñas (right) welcomes Swedish Ambassador to the Philippines Anna Ferry during the latter's courtesy visit on Wednesday (Oct.8, 2025). Ferry led the Team Sweden delegation to strengthen bilateral cooperation in economic development, including public transport and explore more areas of cooperation. *(PNA photo by Perla Lena)*

THE SOLUTION TO ENVIRONMENT

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SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

WHAT IS R.A. 9295?

Philippine Clean Water Act

If you have Problem of Waste Water or STP....

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KONSTRUCT, INC.

DESIGNER, CONSULTANT, CONTRACTOR

ENGR. JOMARIE A. ARIB, Ph.D., PME, ASEAN

General Manager / Inventor

NE/Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 13, 2025

NE/Oct. 6, 2025 & Oct. 13, 2025

NE/October 6, 13 & 20, 2025



Para sa solusyon sang imo balati-an magkadto na sa
RCL ALTERNATIVE & HEALTH FOOD CENTER
 Nahamtang sa CISCO 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
 LAWAS" nga inyo mabati-an sa
RCL ALTERNATIVE & HEALTH FOOD CENTER Ang Masaligan
 mu nga katimbang sa Ika-ayong Lawas
 Sa dugang nga kasayuran magpakig-angot kay Doc Gico sa
 Cell # 0910-126-4595

NE/ October 6, 13 & 20, 2025



ILOILO METRO PAWNSHOP, INC.

Simon Ledesma, St. Jaro, Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **OCTOBER 17, 2025**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed jewelries & articles, the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **Oktubre 17, 2025 alas 9:00** sa aga pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtanan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

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 **CHRISTIAN C. PATRICIO** 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 **CHRISTIAN CORDERO PATRICIO** who was born on **DECEMBER 24, 1987** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ADRIANO B. PATRICIO** and **EUGENIA R. CORDERO**.

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

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

NE/Oct. 13, 2025 & Oct. 20, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RICARDO C. CANDELON, SR.** known as a **Savings Deposit** with **LandBank Miagao Branch, Miagao, Iloilo** under **Savings Account No. 3051-0165-55** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **ELENA CANDELON NELO** and **RICARDO N. CANDELON, JR.** That, **RICARDO N. CANDELON, JR.** waived, renounced, and conveyed his rights, interest and participation to the above-described savings deposit unto **ELENA CANDELON NELO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARMELO N. NOCHETE** per Doc. No. 120, Page No. 25, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2024.

NE/Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 13, 2025

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **HENRY QUERUBIN DORMITORIO** known as **PNP Unclaimed Pension** from the **Philippine National Police (PNP)** is adjudicated to heirs **PERRY JOHN H. DORMITORIO, GRACE H. DORMITORIO, and HENRY H. DORMITORIO, JR.** That, the heirs **WAIVED, TRANSFERRED** and **CONVEYED** all their rights, interests, participation over the said claims unto their co-heir **PERRY JOHN H. DORMITORIO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. LUZERMINDO A. CALMORIN** per Doc. No. 304, Page No. 61, Book No. I4, Series of 2024. An **ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS** was made stating the **LAND BANK ACCOUNT NO. 0036-2980-65** for the said claims which was entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. LUZERMINDO A. CALMORIN** per Doc. No. 306, Page No. 62, Book No. I6, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CHITO A. ENRIQUEZ** consisting of **two motor vehicles**, namely, **One ISUZU DUMP TRUCK** with **MV File No. 0716-188730-00; Plate No. GLD-226, Chassis No. fr12da-3514241; Motor No. 6bg1-680849** and **One MITSUBISHI-FUSO DROPSIDE** with **MV File No. 0716-00000355809, Plate No. GSK635, Chassis No. FK337K-530094; Motor No. 6D16-590816** are adjudicated to heirs **NANCY C. ENRIQUEZ, CHINA LYN E. BEL-IDA, CHITO C. ENRIQUEZ, JR., CHRISTINE E. MONTINOLA** and **MELCHOR C. ENRIQUEZ**. That, the heirs **CEDED, TRANSFERRED** and **CONVEYED** unto their co-heir **NANCY C. ENRIQUEZ** the full ownership and possession of the above described motor vehicles as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CRISTINA L. LAGORA** per Doc. No. 215, Page No. 44, Book No. 2, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DANILO CELIZ NIA** consisting of two parcels of land: **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. CLOA-T-17243, Lot 9525-F, Psd-06-069296 (AR)** being a portion of **Lot 9525, Cad. 7 Ext., Santa Barbara, Cadastre**, situated in **Barangay Talibong, Zarraga, Iloilo** with an area of **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE (18,163) square meters, more or less** and **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. CLOA-T-17251, Lot 9525-P, Psd-06-069296 (AR)** being a portion of **9525, Cad. 7 Ext., Santa Barbara Cadastre**, situated in **Barangay Talibong, Zarraga, Iloilo** with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE (5,141) square meters, more or less** and is adjudicated to sole heir **MA. NORMA F. NIA**. That, the heir **WAIVED, RELINQUISHED**, and **CEDED** the above-said properties unto **spouses SALVADOR D. DISCAYA and JOLLY SUBONG DISCAYA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CLAUDIO M. SIGAYA, JR.** per Doc. No. 332, Page No. 67, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH PARTITION

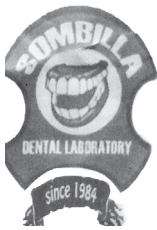
Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **spouses ATTY. FELICISIMO J. FERRARIS, JR. and ADELA D. FERRARIS** consisting of one parcel of land at Brgy. Malayu-an, Ajuy, Iloilo covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 090-2023011269** with an area of **186,951 sq.m.; Savings Deposit** at **Land Bank Jaro Branch** under **Account No. 3291-1231-38; and Savings Deposit** at **BPI Solis Branch, Iloilo City** (from **“Ayala Peso Bond Fund No. 00000000422362”**) under **Account No. 9243-0851-92** (joint account between **ADELA D. FERRARIS and HANS FRANCIS D. FERRARIS**) ARE ADJUDICATED TO HEIRS **HANS FRANCIS D. FERRARIS, FELICISIMO D. FERRARIS III, and MARIA DESIREE FERRARIS ARANETA** with their corresponding shares stated in this **Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement with Partition**. **MARIA DESIREE FERRARIS ARANETA** signed this Deed under **Notary Public Edgar Leme in the State of Florida, USA** on **March 31, 2025**. **HANS FRANCIS D. FERRARIS and FELICISIMO D. FERRARIS III** signed this Deed under **Notary Public ATTY. IGMEDIO S. PRADO, JR.** per Doc. No. 343, Page No. 70, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LETICIA B. PARCON** consisting of **bank deposit** with **UNIONBANK** under **Account No. 109563156740** with **Card No. 4162-9801-1170-1859** is adjudicated to heirs **MERLY P. ABLANZAR and MADELINE P. ANDRES** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JEORGE H. GREGORI** per Doc. No. 12, Page 24, Book No. XLIV, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH PARTITION AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CEFERINO GALLEG0 CANTUA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 4420B** situated in Brgy. Igcauayan, San Lorenzo, Guimaras covered by **KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO BLG. FG-2057** with an area of **THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE (34,255) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **LUVENIA CANTUA ESTEMBER, GENER TANALEON CANTUA, RIGEL KENT TANALEON CANTUA, CEFERINO TANALEON CANTUA, JR., NENITA CANTUA GALECIO, and LILIA CANTUA DA-AYAN**. That, **LUVENIA CANTUA ESTEMBER, RIGEL KENT TANALEON CANTUA, and CEFERINO TANALEON CANTUA** ceded, transferred, and conveyed all their rights, interests, and participation in the above-said property in favor of their remaining co-heirs. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JUDE VINCENT D. FONTILON** per Doc. No. 286, Page 59, Book No. XII, Series of 2024.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPS. MODESTO G. ESPAÑO, SR. and MAGDALENA J. ESPAÑO** known as parcel of land **Lot 2566** of the Cadastral Survey of Santa Barbara, with the improvements thereon, situated in Santa Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2025006016** with an area of **Seven Hundred and Thirty Six (736) Square Meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heir **RENE J. ESPAÑO, LEAH J. ESPAÑO, AGNES E. DIMZON and MODESTO J. ESPAÑO, JR.** That, the heirs **WAIVED, CEDED, TRANSFERRED** and **CONVEYED** all their rights, interests, and participation in the above-said property in favor of **MODESTO J. ESPAÑO, JR.** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. EDWARD DATSEEN T. GIAGONE** per Doc. No. 118, Page No. 25, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ARMANDO LEGARIO, SR.** known as a parcel of land **Lot 5522-A, Psd-06-046166 (AR)** being a portion of **Lot 5522, Lambunao Cad. 309-D**, situated at Brgy. Bonbon, Lambunao, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. CT-9,567** with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND (5,000) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **CORNELIA L. LEGARIO, ARMANDO LEGARIO, SR., ARNOLD L. LEGARIO, ARLENE L. JARLOC , GERALDINE L. SORIASO, ARMANDO LEGARIO, JR. and GENALYN L. HUMAYAG**. That, the heirs **SOLD, CONVEYED** and **TRANSFERRED** by way of **Absolute Sale** unto **DWAYNE EDWARD ANUNA CRUZ**, represented by **NORALYN ANUNA FIGUERRES** a portion of the abovementioned **Lot 5522-A-2** with an area of **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (2,500) square meters, more or less**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CARL CLINT J. LINGAYA** per Doc. No. 423, Page No. 86, Book No. XXII, Series of 2025.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LIBERTY L. CASPE** consisting of a parcel of land **Lot No. 2, PCS-06-001458**, being a cons-subd. of **Lot 343-C-2 and Lot 343-C-3, (LRC) Psd-288952**, situated in Arevalo, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-85858** with an area of **EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (835) square meters more or less** and a **Residential House** at Don Esteban, Lapuz, Iloilo City under **TAX DECLARATION NO. 24-04-008-01158** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **EDNAR G. CASPE, BERNARD L. CASPE, and ARNEL L. CASPE**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. REX C. MUZONES** per Doc. No. 21, Page No. 5, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2025.

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