

'DINAGYANG COUNTDOWN'

City gov't launches 100-day countdown for Dinagyang Festival 2026

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Iloilo City Government, in partnership with the Iloilo Festivals Foundation Incorporated (IFFI), launched the 100-day countdown for Dinagyang Festival 2026 at SM City Iloilo Southpoint in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on October 22, 2025.

Mayor Raisa Trefias led the event and was attended by Girl Mayor Helen Natalie Bolivar, Vice Mayor Lady Julie Grace Baronda, San Jose de Placer Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Nelson G. Zerda, OSA, Iloilo Festivals Foundation, Inc. (IFFI) President Angel De Leon, SM City Iloilo Assistant Mall Manager Rychmark Trinidad, Iloilo Provincial Administrator Dr. Raul Bantias, and councilors of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP).

In her message, Mayor Trefias characterized the festival as a testament to the Ilonggo people's faith, creativity, and resilience, which are essential aspects of their identity.

"Dinagyang is happening. We are carrying our heritage and culture. We are showing not only to the entire Philippines but to the entire world, the Ilonggos, our faith and love for Señor Sto. Niño," Trefias said.

With the theme, "Bugay sang Ginoo, Bugal sang mga Ilonggo", Dinagyang Festival 2026 highlights faith, **DINAGYANG / page 2**



SM City Iloilo Assistant Mall Manager Rychmark Trinidad, San Jose de Placer Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Nelson G. Zerda OSA, Iloilo City Mayor Mayor Raisa Trefias, Provincial Administrator Dr. Raul Bantias, and Iloilo Festivals Foundation, Inc. (IFFI) President Angel De Leon beat the drums to signal the start of the 100-day countdown for Dinagyang Festival 2026 at SM City Iloilo Southpoint in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on October 22, 2025. (Mary Joy Cavañas)

SOPA 2025

Gov. Javier vows government with 'genuine concern for the people'



GOVERNOR Paolo Javier of the Province of Antique delivered his first-ever State of the Province Address (SOPA) on October 20, 2025, outlining his administration's key achievements, upcoming programs, and the challenges faced during his first 100 days in office.

Governor Javier began by revisiting his three major campaign promises: a P500 electric subsidy for all residential consumers, equal access to education, and the implementation of a Zero Billing Balance policy in the provincial and district hospitals.

Taking office, Javier was immediately confronted with issues such as managing the remaining 2025 budget, boosting provincial income, and settling payables for medical and drug supplies.

On July 2, he personally oversaw the medical response when more than 200 students from Pis-anan National High School and Pis-anan Central School in Sibalom suffered respiratory problems from inhaling a chemical, later identified as the pesticide Cypermethrin.

He expressed his gratitude to Congressman AA Legarda, Sibalom Mayor Gian Carlo Occeña, San Jose de Buenavista Mayor Paul Joseph Untaran, and medical personnel for their swift response during the emergency.

True to his word, Governor Javier implemented the Provincial Electric Power Subsidy (PEPS) program in his second week in office. The initiative grants a P500 subsidy

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'READY FOR 'UNDAS'

City gov't issues guidelines for All Saints' Day 2025

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

In the observation of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day for 2025, Mayor Raisa Trefias issued an Executive Order No. 108, Series of 2025 which serves as guidelines for the regulation of activities, and also outlines the city government offices' roles, duties, and responsibilities during the "Undas" season in Iloilo City.

In the said EO, certain items and activities are prohibited within and around the cemeteries starting 12:00 A.M. on October 30, 2025, until 11:59 P.M. on November 2, 2025. These include:

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Iloilo province, LGUs sign agreement for P20/kg. rice program rollout

ILOILO CITY – The provincial government and the 43 local government units (LGUs) of the province signed a memorandum of agreement on Wednesday in preparation for the rollout of the Benteng Bigas Meron (BBM) Na!

in Iloilo.

The program is integrated under the SiPag at TiyaGa for MoRProGRes sa Bagong Pilipinas, a convergence program designed to strengthen the agriculture sector while addressing

malnutrition in the province.

Signatories to the agreement were Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. and Badianan Mayor Suzette Mamon, who is president of the League of Municipalities

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RICE FOR THE VULNERABLE.

The Iloilo provincial government, represented by Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. and League of Municipalities of the Philippines - Iloilo president, Badianan Mayor Suzette Mamon (seated, 3rd and 2nd from left), sign an agreement for the implementation of the PHP20 per kg. rice program on Wednesday (Oct. 22, 2025). The provincial government purchased 20,000 bags of rice from the Food Terminal, Inc. to be distributed to the local government units. (PNA photo by Perla Lena)

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gratitude, and pride of Ilonggos, and by also showing heritage and culture.

The launching also featured seven official competing tribes for next year's Dinagyang Tribe Competition under the Open Category. These include:

- * Tribu Bulawanon — Molo
- * Tribu Ilonganon — Jalandoni Memorial National High School
- * Tribu Taga Baryo — Bo. Obrero National High School
- * Tribu Salognon — Jaro National High School
- * Tribu Ilayanhon — Graciano Lopez Jaena Elementary School
- * Tribu Pan-ay — Fort San Pedro National High School (1st Runner-Up, contingent for Kalayaan 2025)
- * Tribu Paghidaet — La Paz National High School (Defending Champion, performed at World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan)

Meanwhile, the competing tribes for Sadsad sa Calle Real (Barangay Contingents) were also revealed. These include:

- * Tribu Parianon
- * Tribu Yrong-Yrong
- * Tribu Aninipay
- * Tribu Familia Sagasa
- * Tribu Molave
- * Tribu Panaad

Aside from Dinagyang Tribes Competition and Sadsad sa Calle Real, festival goers will also be able to enjoy Dinagyang ILOmination and Iloilo Provincial Government's organized festival which is the Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan.

According to Dinagyang Festival Artistic Director Mr. Eric Divinagracia, the event will be highlighting Ilonggos as stewards of God's creation through celebrating flora and fauna, such as different flowers and animals across the Visayas region.

He added the plan to consider Iloilo Sports Complex in La Paz district as an area for Dinagyang through a consultation during their stakeholders meeting.

He cited plans that on the Sunday of Dinagyang, the Sadsad sa Calle Real will begin, while Dinagyang Tribes Competition will be held on a Sunday afternoon of the festival wherein the route will start from Iloilo Freedom Grandstand up to Iloilo Provincial Capitol.

He cited that they have already measured the sports complex, and has already talked with Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. wherein he also approved, in case this plan happens.

In case Iloilo Sports Complex will be chosen as an area for Dinagyang, twice of the Freedom Grandstand's size will be accumulated from the said area during the event.

"We are currently studying these plans that's why we have a stakeholders meeting, and we'll see the voice of the people. We've been doing this since 2012, and with the new technology, we can already put better speakers, better led walls, so that more people could watch Dinagyang, and it's more accessible to the people, particularly the ones with no tickets," Divinagracia said.

Divinagracia also stressed that the Dinagyang Festival is very particular in its own aesthetics, and it should not copy other best festivals in other areas such as Mascarana in Bacolod, and Sinulog in Cebu.

"Our Dinagyang tribes say that we have our own aesthetics and that's what we'll look forward to," he said.

He also invited the light festivals from across many regions to participate in the ILOmination to participate and celebrate the tradition of the Ilonggos.

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* Alcoholic Beverages such as beer (including flavored and low alcohol variants), whisky, rum, brandy, gin, and tequila.

* Poisonous and highly combustible materials such as gasoline, kerosene, propane, rugby, and/or benzene (solvents).

* Drones without registration and security clearance

* Unlicensed firearms, or licensed firearms without a Permit to Carry Firearms Outside of Residence (PTCFOR)

* Medium and/or large speakers, videoke machines, and/or any other acoustic devices that may cause loud sounds

* Gambling and any related paraphernalia, including mahjong, tiles, playing cards, dice, poker chips, and/or casino gaming.

* A "Clean As You Go" (CLAYGO) policy is also mandated

The EO also features regulation of vending activities during Undas, including:

* Only vendors with special permits issued by the City Mayor can sell goods in designated areas.

* Vendors must maintain cleaning materials and trash receptacles

* Cooking is prohibited within the vending area

* Vendors must ensure no obstruction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

* Flower vending stall dimensions are prescribed as 2 meters in length and 3 meters in height; vendors are responsible for construction and disassembly.

* Minors are prohibited from manning stalls or

engaging

Additionally, the designated areas for flower vending are the following:

1. Arevalo
 - a) Yulo Drive - across Barangay Hall of Barangay San Jose (Plaza Side);
 - b) Part of Osmeña Street - Plaza Side
2. Molo
 - a) M.H. Del Pilar Street - stretch of road across BDO to Locsin Street
3. Mandurriao
 - a) Oñate Street - Plaza Side across CSC Regional Office VI
4. Iloilo City Proper
 - a) Iznart Street to Cor. Aldeguer from former Soccoro to F&C excluding the stretch facing the banks between Bank of Makati and Metrobank
 - b) De Leon Street - after BPI to Corner Valeria Street
5. Jaro
 - a) Rizal Street - Plaza Side - from across Arguelles Street to Ledi Supermart

Meanwhile, the city government offices, including POSMO (Public Order and Safety Management Office), ICPAU (Iloilo City Police Auxiliary Unit), TTMO (Traffic and Transportation Management Office), PIO (Public Information Office), and CHO (City Health Office) will also have their respective roles in terms of public order and safety, peace and order, traffic management, information dissemination, and food/health sanitation during the observation of Undas in Iloilo City.

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to all residential consumers.

He reported that 128,000 households have benefited from PEPS, with 53,000 enjoying zero billing. "Based on ANTECO and AKELCO data, 53,000 residents whose billing is less than P500 pay nothing, while 75,000 others receive a P500 deduction," he said.

He credited the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and Vice Governor Genevive Lim-Reyes for approving the program into law and for approving the budget.

By his third week, Antique was struck by consecutive storms affecting 400 of its 590 barangays. Governor Javier emphasized the need to "build stronger infrastructure and flood mitigation measures," citing the province's growing vulnerability to climate change.

He ordered a review of government-funded projects to ensure they are "strategically placed" and announced the phasing out of staggered programs, or implementing into phases or stages, of multi-purpose centers.

The governor said he is coordinating with barangay and municipal LGUs, Senator Loren Legarda, and Congressman AA Legarda to prioritize projects such as farm-to-market roads, evacuation centers, bridges, irrigation systems, flood control, and school buildings.

Meanwhile, the damaged bridge connecting Barangay Bacalan and Barangay Alegre in Sebaste was declared unfit for use. The bailey bridge project originally planned for Egaña, Sibalom, will be transferred to Bacalan to ensure continued access between northern and southern towns.

By September 19, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan approved the implementation of the first-class salary

schedule, second tranche, and step increment for provincial government employees.

Governor Javier said the salary upgrade is in line with Antique's improved income classification and aims to give fair compensation to employees who serve as "the backbone of the provincial government."

To address supply shortages in hospitals, the province will establish Padayon Centers in every district hospital. These centers will provide free medicines and medical supplies funded by the provincial government, eliminating the need for patients to purchase items outside.

The governor said funding for Padayon Centers will come from cutting unnecessary expenses and increasing revenue collection.

The 2026 budget also allocates funds for X-ray and CT scan machines for the Angel Salazar Memorial General Hospital (ASMGH) as part of the Pro-Antiqueño Governance Program.

The governor also directed the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) to double the daily allowance of Pagsapupo Center wards from P25 to P50, following his visit to the facility with Congressman Legarda.

Governor Javier concluded his SOPA by calling for leadership rooted in connection, compassion, and "genuine concern for the people."

"I have limitations, I make mistakes. But perfection is not what I aspire," he said.

"What our beloved province needs right now are leaders who act, leaders who serve, and who can think beyond themselves, outside the box, so to say." (Antique PIO)

Capitol celebrates 25th Piyesta sa Kakahuyan, vows sustainable reforestation program

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

In line with the celebration of the 25th Piyesta Sa Kakahuyan, the Iloilo Provincial Government through the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PGENRO), in cooperation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region VI, conducted an Enrichment Planting Activity at Maasin Watershed in Brgy. Daja on Saturday, October 18, 2025.

The event was led by Governor Arthur Defensor Jr., Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque, Provincial Administrator Dr. Raul Banias, PGENRO Head Atty. Cesar Emmanuelle Buyco, DENR VI OIC-Regional Executive Director Raul Lorilla Jr., Maasin Mayor Francis Amboy, among others.

With the theme, “PaghandurawkagPagpasanyog” the said initiative started in 2000 under the administration of former Governor Arthur Defensor Sr. under the Action

for Regreening and Transformation for Climate Change Adaptation (ART-CCA) program.

This initiative was later continued by Gov. Defensor Jr., which aligned with the Provincial Government's vision of transforming Iloilo into a “Forest Province” by 2044 under the Tanum Iloilo for MoRProGRes Program, aiming to plant a total target of 1.5 million trees annually.

Out of 6,150-hectare, the Provincial Government acquired at least 625 hectares for its forest conservation area in Maasin Watershed.

PGENRO's initiative also resulted in 6,661,075 seedlings planted from 2020 to 2023, with a 45% survival rate, while in 2024 solely, a total of 1,652,188 seedlings were planted, and monitoring is still ongoing.

Meanwhile, 2,000 participants from various government offices and agencies, private organizations, and other stakeholders also joined forces in this year's tree-planting activity to increase the forest cover in the province.



Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr. leads the tree-planting activity at the Maasin watershed in Brgy. Daja, Maasin, Iloilo during the 25th anniversary of Piyesta Sa Kakahuyan on October 18, 2025. Also in photo are: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) VI OIC-Regional Executive Director Raul Lorilla Jr., PGENRO Head Atty. Cesar Emmanuelle Buyco, and Iloilo Police Provincial Office (IPPO) provincial director PCol. Bayani Razalan (partly hidden). Capitol photo



MORE Electric and Power Corporation (MORE Power) President and CEO Roel Z. Castro received the award as the Grand Winner in the Circle of Excellence for Innodata as CSR Company of the Year at the prestigious 2025 Asia CEO Awards held last October 14 at Manila Marriot Grand Balroom.

MORE Power secures top Honor at Asia CEO Awards as CSR Company of the Year Grand Winner

MORE Electric and Power Corporation (MORE Power) has been named as the Grand Winner in the Circle of Excellence for Innodata as CSR Company of the Year at the prestigious 2025 Asia CEO Awards held last October 14 at Manila Marriot Grand Balroom.

The accolade positions the utility firm at the pinnacle of corporate social responsibility in the Philippines and Southeast Asia's largest business awards event.

The distinction recognizes MORE Power's robust commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR), highlighted by comprehensive programs aimed at environmental protection, livelihood support, and youth development.

These initiatives were lauded for their significant and sustainable contributions to society.

Janet Petilla, Vice President for Project Delivery at Innodata Knowledge Services, emphasized the profound significance of the award.

"Corporate social responsibility is the gold standard for being recognized as a premier company in the Philippines," Petilla stated. "Companies dedicated to CSR are recognized for their integrity, attracting the best people, the most loyal customers. Their success proves that caring for the community



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-2025-0139**

DATE: **OCTOBER 13, 2025**

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF
HANS BENEDICT GANDECILA FAINA
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS
HANS BENEDICT CAMIÑA SOMBLINGO**

**SPOUSES, HYLMAR PANEZA SOMBLINGO
AND LENNY CAMIÑA SOMBLINGO**
Petitioners

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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Hans Benedict Gandecila Faina 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, **Hans Benedict Gandecila Faina** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the adoptee be changed particularly to appear as **Hans Benedict Camiña Somblingo**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **November 18, 2025**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3rd Floor, Ana Ros Building, Simon-Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City**. 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.

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and the nation is inseparable from corporate excellence.”

In response to the recognition, MORE Power conveyed its gratitude to the Asia CEO Awards. The company reaffirmed its commitment to the proactive pursuit of pro-people and pro-environment CSR initiatives that focus on community empowerment and the promotion of sustainable progress.

Operating as the electric distribution utility for Iloilo City since 2020, MORE Power stood out among a highly competitive field of finalists.

Other notable companies in the category included AXA Philippines Life and General Insurance Corporation, Concentrix Philippines, Gardenia Bakeries (Philippines), Inc., Genpact, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Opentext, PJ Lhuillier Inc., PLDT and Smart, Robinsons Land Corporation, SixEleven Global Services and Solutions, Inc., White & Case Global Operations Center (Manila) LLP, and Wipro Philippines Inc. (via MORE Power)

We are the ‘new poor’

“Hi sir Cito. May I call you?”

I knew the sender and he is one of those people who seldom calls unless it’s important or necessary. Considering my circle of friends, I generally assume the person is going to ask for advise on a personal or spiritual matter.

Yes, that is one of the signs that you’re officially “mature,” “getting on in years” or have become wise as you aged, with emphasis on “aged.” I remind myself that it is a privilege to gain such trust or confidence that people are willing to share their pain or fear.

My friend called because his son requires surgery within the week and after a “Go-No/Go-Go” process, the doctor wants to cut and remove gall stones from his son.

Like many middle-class Filipinos, they can no longer afford the commercial rates charged by physicians and hospitals. The professional fee of the surgeon was P160,000 and they are still preparing for the aftershock charges of the hospital.

The parents have pooled their resources in terms of HMO, savings, even soliciting help from the LGU and I think DSWD. But all that would not be enough when the total is summed up.

So, my friend is staring at the dire possibility of burning their credit cards and kiss Christmas celebrations goodbye! He reached out in desperation to ask for any amount of help that our discipleship group might be willing to give just to lessen his load.

This situation is all too common and true for many Filipinos, even for those working in the corporate world. We want the best for our loved ones and ourselves, so we instinctively rush to the well-known and well-marketed private hospitals.

Unfortunately, we have misled ourselves into believing that HMOs, PhilHealth and savings will cover the cost of minor to medium-type surgery. Sorry, they no longer do.

People now pay several hundred thousand to several million pesos, with no guarantee of full recovery. We are forced to “ransom” family because we are emotional hostages at the mercy of private health practitioners.

It was honestly painful and humbling to hear my friend ask for financial assistance and to learn that he even approached the LGU for “indigent assistance” that Cong. Tractors have been using for their glorification.

I advised my friend to seriously consider going to my favorite government hospital, the Rizal Medical Center, since he was a resident of Pasig.

In case some readers missed the article, yes I was confined at the ICU of the Rizal Medical Center for three days due to Atrial Fibrillation or AFIB. The care and expertise were superb and even as a regular paying patient the rates were below affordable.

None of us want to take away resources from indigents and the poorest of the poor, but when corporate employees can no longer afford private hospital charges and doctor’s fees, we have become “The New Poor.”

How else do you define it? You have to sell your allegiance to the company for HMO coverage, you humiliate yourself lining up for the pittance that PCSO extends, you go to the LGU with a begging bowl for P15,000 to P30,000 maybe, and for the next six months to a year you learn what it’s like to be “poor” because of credit card debts.

In the final chapter you max out credit cards, sell cars or hock your land title for emergency medical loan. And while you are doing it, private hospitals and GOCC hospitals bill you by the day as if you were an ATM machine.

My friend and his family still has to decide if they go to “public” or suffer the consequential indignities of going to a private hospital. Either way, our group will



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Cito Beltran

surely help out.

So, what should all of us learn and do about the situation?

For starters, guys like Secretary Ted Herbosa should “raise the bar” and change the reputation of government hospitals as “hospitals for the poor.”

Malacañang and the DOH should work at improving the reputation of public hospitals and show the public that things have improved over the decades. Even the media should do its part to make up for the negative portrayal of government hospitals and public health.

Government hospitals should be built and run as proper hospitals for all Filipinos and by that I mean don’t squeeze them to fit. We always talk about lack of beds and rooms because we squeeze hospitals into lots that are too small or not ideal for hospitals.

Make more rooms and increase beds for paying patients as well as improve laboratory services by applying correct planning, project management and future proofing based on population growth and aging and sustainable funding.

The perfect example is how the Philippine government improved public schools, made salaries highly competitive thereby convincing many parents that it was alright to transfer their children to public from private!

The Department of Health should take ownership of its infrastructure. Working with counterpart agencies such as the DPWH, DILG or LGU may be necessary.

But as Secretary Herbosa now realizes, ownership and control must be fiercely defended and done by the DOH. Raise the bar, make public hospitals good for all Filipinos, regardless of status.

If the DepEd did it, so can the DOH!

Politicians accused of receiving campaign contributions from public works contractors maintain that they have done nothing illegal.

Several of them have issued explanations similar to that of former Senate president Francis Escudero: the donations were made in a private capacity, and the declaration of the contributions in the candidate’s statement of contributions and expenditures reflected the belief that the donations were aboveboard.

Perhaps the candidates, who now face probes by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) and may be slapped with criminal cases for poll-related offenses, can be forgiven for believing that they did nothing wrong.

After all, as far as Comelec Chairman George Garcia can tell, no one has ever faced a complaint, much less gone to jail, for receiving campaign contributions from “natural and juridical persons” supplying goods or services to the government, or who have been awarded government franchises.

Politicians, among them Escudero, have said owners of contractor firms donated campaign funds in their personal or private capacity, being long-time friends or supporters of the candidates.

But Garcia has pointed out that the law prohibiting such contributions make no distinction between contractor companies and their owners and executives.

This belief of politicians regarding the nature of personal contributions could have been reinforced by the fact that no one has ever been indicted for it as an electoral offense, much less gone to prison for it.

Complaints for electoral violations are usually filed by rival candidates. I asked Garcia, a former election lawyer, why no one has ever filed such a complaint.

Maybe they were all doing it – “baka lahat sila guilty,” he told us, tongue in cheek, on One News’ “Storycon” last Monday. He did not take back or qualify his statement.

We have so many laws that have never been enforced, so this situation is hardly surprising.

In the ongoing landmark probe by the Comelec, how fast can a case be resolved, and what penalties await?

Will anyone be jailed?

“Prohibited contributions” under Section 95 of the Omnibus Elections Code, Batas Pambansa 881, list campaign donations from “natural and juridical persons” who hold contracts or sub-contracts to supply the government with goods or services, or “to perform construction or other works, or who have been granted franchises, incentives, exemptions, allocations or similar privileges or concessions” from any government agency including government corporations.

The Marcos 1.0-era BP 881 makes no distinction between campaign donations of contractor firms and “private funds” contributed in a personal capacity by executives of the companies. No exemption is provided for the covered natural and juridical persons who contribute to the campaigns of their parents or children.

Also, the covered “goods and services” do not refer only to flood control projects.

If Section 95 would be strictly applied, the majority of elective officials could be found guilty.

Fortunately for a number of them, the statute of limitations for such offenses, according to Garcia, is only five years – the reason why the Comelec probe is giving priority to candidates in the 2022 general elections, although the probe has now expanded to the 2025 race.

There are two key concerns here: how long will it take before guilt is established, and more importantly, can punishment be carried out?

Garcia told Storycon that the Comelec can establish guilt in a matter of months, but ousting the violator from the elective post based on Comelec findings will be up to other agencies.

For ethical or administrative breaches, sanctions are imposed by the Department of the Interior and Local Government for local executives. For lawmakers, politics rather than laws or rules largely govern the actions of the ethics panels of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

In 2016, the Senate ignored an order from then ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales to kick out Joel Villanueva and perpetually bar him from public office for misuse of his P10-million pork barrel in 2008 when he was a CIBAC party-list congressman. Villanueva still has pending graft cases.



Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan

Villanueva has again been implicated in the current flood control scandal, lampooned together with Senators Jinggoy Estrada and their former colleague Bong Revilla as the “Men of Steal.”

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As tough as putting wealthy and influential thieves behind bars (the hampaslupa are tossed in jail simply for playing cara y cruz) is the enactment of campaign finance reforms.

BP 881 was passed way back in December 1985, when the elder Ferdinand Marcos was the president. Since then, additional election-related laws have been passed, such as those providing for poll automation and the bastardization of the party-list.

But to this day under Ferdinand Marcos Jr., there is still no law on campaign finance reforms, even with the Comelec itself pushing for the legislation. And even if proponents have tried to appeal to the self-interest of lawmakers, by arguing that the reforms are meant to make election campaigns much cheaper.

Considering the details emerging in the Comelec probe, which tend to confirm public perceptions about rotten election campaigns, such reforms could stunt wealth accumulation among political families.

Many corrupt deals and illegal wealth spring from election campaigns – one of the most efficient mega money laundering mechanisms in this country.

Now the Comelec is trying to shine the light into this dirty money black hole. Not all the violators can be covered; the Comelec will inevitably face accusations of being selective and politically motivated.

But change must start somewhere.

Garcia said the criminal aspects of the cases are up to the prosecution arms and the courts.

Maybe with a new ombudsman who knows the mandate of the office and is gung-ho about the anti-corruption campaign, the nation can look forward to seeing the big fish land behind bars. Sooner than later.



FARM SCHOOL. The greenhouses at the Aningalan Integrated Farm School in San Remigio, Antique in this undated photo, where learners have hands-on training on agriculture. Farm school learners spend two hours daily learning to plant vegetables, fruits, and other crops. (PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)

Farm school ensures hands-on training for Antique learners

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – A farm school in Antique devotes two hours daily to teaching learners how to plant vegetables, fruits, and other crops as part of their hands-on training.

The Aningalan Integrated Farm School (AIFS) in Barangay Aningalan in San Remegio municipality is the only farm school in Antique, with 234 learners, since it started in 2021.

“Learners are immersed for at least two hours a day, especially on the Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) subject in the secondary level, to learn agriculture and crop management,” school head Jocelyn Gatila said in an interview on Wednesday.

She added that they are optimistic that their first batch of graduates would take an interest in pursuing agriculture courses or engage in agriculture.

Barangay Aningalan is considered a premier tourism destination in Antique. Its cool climate makes it suitable for planting high-value crops.

The Department of Agriculture established greenhouses in the area where high-value crops, such as lettuce, strawberries, and peppers, are being cultivated.

It is also being used as a learning site for learners enrolled in a farm school in the same barangay. (PNA)

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of the Philippines - Iloilo chapter.

The Provincial Agriculturist Office said the provincial government purchased 20,000 bags of rice, at 50 kg. per bag, from the Food Terminal, Inc.

The provincial government has appropriated PHP26.5 million for the purchase.

Mamon said the local government will sell the rice to target beneficiaries at PHP20 per kg., for a maximum of 30 kg. per beneficiary.

"In support of the program, which is very laudable, we will execute the same in our local area. It could help a lot because among the target beneficiaries are the nutritionally compromised children or families," she said in an interview.

Mamon said they will link with the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Iloilo Provincial Health Office for the list of families with nutritionally compromised children.

"There is a timeline, but then if you are talking about execution, we are starting the legwork towards the implementation," she said.

Provincial Health Officer 1, Dr. Wendel Marcelo, said the



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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
(CENRO SARA) Brgy. San Nicolas, San Dionisio, Iloilo
Email ad: denrcenrosara@yahoo.com

September 5, 2025

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
Appraised value of land	:	P5,772,600.00
Value of improvements	:	P5,732,113.60
Applicant	:	FEM PETROLEUM CORPORATION REPRESENTED BY ELENA ESPISO

The right to lease the land will be awarded to the person offering the highest annual rental, which shall not be less than three percent (3%) of the value of the land plus one percent (1%) of the value of the proposed and/or existing improvement. In order that a person may be entitled to participate in the bidding, he must be a qualified public land applicant and must, before the commencement of the same, make a deposit equivalent to at least three (3) months rental. Only deposit in cash, money order, treasury warrant, certified checks, cashier's check or manager's check can be accepted. A person bidding in representation of another may do so under a duly executed power of attorney. During the bidding, the bidder has to make an additional deposit every time his bid is raised, to complete the three (3) months rental, otherwise, such bid as raised shall not be accepted. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

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

For & in the absence of the OIC, CENR Officer:

(SGD.) NICOLAS C. PERICON
RPS Chief / LMG-III / Office Caretaker

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<<Regional Office VI>>

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Cecilia H. Lumampao** (Landowner) has filed with the Department a sworn registration statement for the sale of subdivision lots at **LOT 206, CAD. 746-D** located at Brgy. Poblacion Southeast Zone, Lemery, Iloilo specifically described as the following:

LOT NO.	AREA (SQ. M.)	TITLE NO.	OWNER
206	16,212.00	F-46610	CECILIA H. LUMAMPAO

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

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 07, 2025.

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

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Active Construction, Inc.** (Owner/Developer) has filed with the Department a change of project name from **Villa Cristina Phase III – Lot Only to Villa Cristina Estate – Lot Only** located at Brgy. Madanlog, Victorias City, Negros Occidental.

Any person with objection to the change of name of the project may file his/her objection in writing with the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development – Regional Office VI, 2nd Floor, Gaisano Capital ICC – Mall, Diversion Road, Sen. Benigno S. Aquino Jr., Brgy. San Rafael, Mandurriao, Iloilo City, telephone number (033) 321-6177 not later than two weeks from the date of the last publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 22, 2025.

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

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DEMOCRACY?



PH democracy nearing dead-end?

Editorial

According to Pulse Asia's latest survey, an alarming 97 percent of Filipinos now believe corruption is widespread, and 59 percent see it as a "normal" part of politics.

This normalization is not just a crisis of governance but also a crisis of national conscience.

In a democracy, public trust is what keeps institutions alive.

But what happens when that trust is suffocated by decades of impunity, scandal, and systemic abuse?

The latest opinion survey offers a sobering answer: Almost all Filipinos consider corruption as too far-reaching, and more than half now see it as par for the course in Philippine politics.

This is not just a statistic but a clear warning that we must move decisively.

When corruption becomes normalized, accountability becomes optional. When citizens expect graft as a matter of course, outrage gives way to resignation. And when resignation takes root, reform dies quietly in the shadows.

The timing of this survey is no coincidence. It was conducted just days after the Sept. 21 "Trillion-Peso March," the largest protest under the Marcos Jr. administration, sparked by revelations of massive corruption in flood control projects.

Whistleblowers allege ghost projects, rigged bidding, and billions siphoned off while communities drown in preventable floods.

In response, the President created an independent commission to investigate corruption allegations in infrastructure.

What's most disturbing is not just the scale of corruption, but the creeping sense of inevitability.

Fifty-nine percent of Filipinos now believe corruption is simply part of how politics works here. This belief is alarming because it tells young people that integrity is unimportant, that public service is a racket, and that the system cannot be changed.

We must reject the myth that corruption is cultural or inevitable. It is not.

Rather, it is a choice enabled by weak institutions, opaque procurement, dynastic monopolies, and a lack of citizen oversight. And like any choice, it can be unmade.

This moment demands more than ad hoc investigative bodies and soundbites.

It demands structural reform: full transparency in infrastructure spending, protection for whistleblowers, participatory budgeting, and independent citizen audits.

It demands civic education that teaches the next generation not just to vote, but to question, to organize, and to hold power to account.

Most of all, it demands that we stop treating corruption as "normal." Because the moment we accept that lie, we lose the will to fight it.

The latest survey, in fact, should be a wake-up call for government to take firm moves and file charges against those responsible for graft and corruption, no matter how high up in the official hierarchy, and sentence them to long jail terms if found guilty. (manilastandard.net)

Systemic neglect

The recent rescue of 17 senior citizens and persons with disability (PWDs) from appalling conditions in a "care facility" in Maramag, Bukidnon is yet another tragic reflection of the poor state of elderly care in our country.

The incident, which made headlines here and abroad, exposes the systemic neglect of our most vulnerable citizens and highlights the urgent need for comprehensive reform.

Photos that circulated online showed the squalid and unsafe conditions endured by the malnourished and neglected elderly and PWDs. According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the unregistered care facility lacked professional caregivers, medical personnel, safety standards, and even basic sanitation.

This wasn't just mismanagement; it was a clear abuse of the helpless.

What makes this incident more infuriating is that families of residents were charged PHP5,000 to PHP6,000 a month for accommodation and care, according to news reports—yet the photos revealed the horrid conditions of the elderly and PWDs in the facility. Moreover, the fact that the facility managed to operate for years, hidden from government regulators, highlights a glaring failure of oversight and accountability.

An investigation should be launched to determine

why the facility managed to operate for years without immediate government intervention, and the operators of the facility should be held accountable to the full extent of the law.

As Senior Citizens Party-List Rep. Rodolfo "Ompong" Ordanes said, this incident should serve as a wake-up call to our government. Senior citizens and PWDs deserve to live a life with dignity and care—not neglect.

How many more "care facilities" are operating in the shadows at the expense of our most vulnerable citizens?

The government must act swiftly to strengthen the licensing and monitoring mechanisms for care facilities in the country to enforce the necessary standards and ensure that only legitimate ones are allowed to operate. Regular inspections, surprise audits, and community reporting systems must be strictly implemented to ensure that care facilities adhere to standards.

Second, the government needs to invest in geriatric care and public elderly care facilities to provide senior citizens with proper health care and allow them to age with dignity. Geriatric care must be included in the broader health agenda of the country to ensure that senior citizens have access to specialized healthcare. This includes equipping public hospitals and barangay health centers with senior-friendly facilities and

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By JOE ZALDARRIAGA

equipment.

Third, the government must professionalize caregiving by incentivizing training programs, providing certifications, and ensuring that caregivers are properly compensated. Caregivers must be recognized as healthcare workers, not domestic helpers.

Lastly, we must shift our mindset. Elderly care is not just a moral duty of the family—it is a societal responsibility. Aging should not be treated as a burden or a curse, but as a natural phase of life that every Filipino deserves to experience with compassion and respect.

While there have been significant improvements in social benefits for senior citizens in recent years, much more needs to be done. I call on our lawmakers to pass the Comprehensive Welfare and National Health Program for Senior Citizens Act to help promote the welfare of the elderly.

Growing old in the Philippines should not be feared but rather be viewed as a dignified chapter of one's life. Senior citizens deserve more than just survival. After years of contributing to the nation, they deserve to live the rest of their lives with compassion, safety, and respect—not neglect.

AI and mental health

On Oct. 21, the Department of Health (DOH) issued a warning to students who have recently turned to Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools as an alternative guidance counselor. Studies and anecdotal data have shown that many of our young ones are increasingly avoiding consulting guidance counselors or even other school authorities when it comes to emotional problems. Instead, they have increasingly turned to AI through chat boxes and other tools. DOH officials have warned that although useful, AI tech as of this point cannot recognize and manage emotions.

Last April, an American youth took his own life after extensive conversations with an AI chatbox through his phone. Apparently, the youth expressed to the AI his suicidal thoughts and plans through ChatGPT. According to the youth's parents who read the said conversations on his phone, AI encouraged the dark thoughts of their son, discouraged him from talking

to his parents, and even offered to write his suicide note. Subsequent studies have shown that some AI chatbots would instruct minors how to get drunk, conceal eating disorders, and perform other risky behaviors. Many of these studies showed that the guardrails installed to prevent this from happening could be easily side-stepped.

Many of our children have started to rely on ChatGPT too much. It has become their constant companion, mentor and emotional crutch, and advisor. Experts say that AI language models of today display sycophancy or a tendency to match responses to the user's belief and not challenge them and say what the user wants to hear to encourage further use. As such, mental health problems and even suicidal thoughts are encouraged.

With AI encroaching on all our lives, especially the younger generation, there must still be an emphasis

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

on human interaction, especially in terms of mental health management in schools. Many students have this belief that seeing guidance counselors is something to be ashamed of or something that can mark them as having something "wrong" with them. This has to be countered by making more guidance counselors or associates available to our students. AI has the advantage of being there all the time and being supportive and seemingly non-judgmental. If we are to take back our troubled youth, we must all work together to counter this threat to the mental health of our kids.

Human interaction must never be removed.

Vicious cycle of corruption: Philippines governance Armageddon?

VIEWED in the context of numerous reports from ongoing investigations, testimonies from multiple sources, and other concerned sectors of the Filipino society, indisputable substantial evidence has confirmed the vicious cycle of massive graft and corruption scandals encompassing "ghost" anti-flooding structural barriers and other substandard infrastructures like roads, bridges, including hospitals, health centers, as well as school buildings, classrooms and facilities.

Indisputable evidence show that systemic and cyclical corruption also plagues the healthcare sector and is embedded at various levels, from the national public insurance agency to local facilities and private contractors. The complex and multifaceted nature of healthcare system, with its numerous stakeholders, and large financial flows, makes it highly vulnerable to corruption.

As reported, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation is consistently at the center of large scale corruption scandals manifesting in "ghost patients", "upcasing" claims where there is allegedly misrepresentation or exaggeration of patient's condition to claim higher insurance benefits which diminish the quality of care.

Based on extensive reports, ongoing investigations, and historical events, it appears that Philippine agriculture is not spared from systemic corruption. As the facts surface, corruption in agriculture is spanning the entire supply chain from mismanagement of government subsidies to rampant large-scale smuggling as in the case of the smuggled onions from China, interlocking rice traders and dummy brokers use sophisticated methods like "consignees for hire" to illegally import agricultural products and evade taxes with the complicity of Customs officials who were allegedly paid kickbacks.

Reports on ongoing investigations into large-scale infrastructure scandals revealed allegations that corruption in agriculture projects includes farm-to-market roads and flood control systems being deliberately made substandard to allow massive kickbacks.

Current investigations also show that corruption in Philippine agriculture is manifested in the politicized rice importation by the National Food Authority (NFA). While intended to curb corruption, food importation are allegedly corruptly timed to arrive during local harvest season causing domestic market prices to drop lower than local farmers costs of production, and led to income losses for local producers.

The Rice Tariffication Law (RTL) or R.A. No. 11203 which was intended to restrain corruption in rice importation, liberalize the rice market and lower rice prices to make it affordable has led to income losses for farmers. This undercut local producers leading to job losses, and making farming unprofitable and unsustainable, and discouraging the rural youth from pursuing careers in agriculture.

As more revelations unfold, evidences indicate that corruption is also impacting on the educational curricula, nepotism in teachers' appointments, assignments

and promotions. It also involves misallocation of funds and procurement fraud that leads to substandard educational materials and facilities, and widening existing inequalities between urban centers and rural areas. These corrupt practices compromise educational quality, undermine meritocracy, and erode public trust in the system.

It is yet impossible to provide a definite total estimate for all infrastructure anomalies involving the DPWH and implicating certain incumbent and former congressmen and senators, as well as high ranking officials of other government agencies and institutions, as investigations are still going on and new cases continue to surface.

However, as reported there was P118 billion pesos of "ghost" flood control projects between 2023 and 2024. Investigations likewise show that P680 billion pesos was poured into flood control projects from 2023 to 2025, and is still subject to full accounting of how funds were spent.

As more details emerge, the colossal scale of the findings provoke widespread astonishment. It shocks the conscience, staggers the imagination, and defies comprehension. The extent and stench of this monstrous anomalies are deluging the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). While the backlash is cascading across the entire spectrum of government and affecting everyone from top officials to lower level bureaucrats.

The assertion by congressmen and senators under investigations that they were compelled to commit fraud because they were allegedly pestered by their mendicant supporters for financial assistance does not legally justify or excuse public officials commission of graft is not valid defense. Political pressures and demands from supporters do not invalidate the corrupt nature of the act.

How was it possible to commit such gargantuan fraud without getting noticed or discovered is a bizarre phenomenon when viewed against the backdrop of the Philippine government's multi-layered legal frameworks, independent oversight bodies, internal controls, and technology.

Why were those anomalies not detected earlier and prevented by any or all of the numerous government watchdogs encompassing a wide range of unquantifiable government offices, civil society organizations, media groups, and such independent constitutional commissions, statutory bodies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are supposed to monitor different levels of government including finances, elections, human rights, and anti-corruption measures? Why are constitutional and oversight bodies unable to prevent fraud and abuse of funds expeditiously.

How and why those outrageous anomalies were committed only those with greed for power and insatiable lust for wealth knows. Suffice it to say, that no plausible rationalization can atone for those abominable acts which tarnished the reputation of the Filipino people, and the integrity of the country in the

The Question: WHY?

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community of nations.

Viewed in the context of what is happening, it is undeniable that graft and corruption in the Philippines has become a weapon of mass destruction. It is a systematic issue deeply tied to political power as well as business influence, that robs the people of essential services, strips millions of dignity, erodes investors trust, and ultimately worsens inequality and poverty. The consequences are felt across the economic, social and political spectrum and impacting on safety, health, and economic well-being of the Filipino people. It is a corrosive force that undermines democracy and institutions - a systematic failure. The situation provoke the question whether what is now happening is the curse of bad governance, or has become the Philippines development Armageddon?

Or, are the interconnected problems now drowning the Philippines in the quagmire of overlapping and mutually reinforcing crises the consequence of "kakistocracy" - "a governance by the worst and the least qualified as characterized by the ongoing political in-fighting, widespread anomalies, cronyism, patronage, haphazard justice that is applied inconsistently, randomly, and favoring the wealthy and the powerful; persistent extra-judicial killings, erosion of democratic institutions, and suppression of free expression. A government reflecting a reality of profound and multi-layered governance, and issues that provoke questions about the state's integrity and effectiveness?" Is the Philippines now a "karkistocracy?"

What can stop corruption in the Philippines?

Corruption is one of the most consequential challenges that has been negatively and persistently impacting everything in the Philippines - from public service to health, education, food and economy. It is embedded and deeply entrenched - a multi-dimensional issue with complex historical and social roots.

The ecology of corruption in the Philippines is a complex dynamic system influenced by multiple, interconnected factors rather than individual acts. It is a systemic conditions, power dynamics, and social norms creating fertile ground for corruption to germinate, take roots and grow and become entrenched.

Hence, the question of whether its perpetrators will be held accountable? Will the corrupt officials suffer the consequences? Will justices be served? What measures will be taken to ensure the punishment of those responsible for corruption? Will the culture of corruption be addressed? Will the systemic and leadership failures that enable corruption be reformed? What can the Citizens Oversight do to help prevent its recurrence? These questions triggers a litany of questions confronting Filipinos and begging for answers.

As it appear, there is no single answer, but rather a combination of reforms, enforcement, and cultural changes are needed. But if our guide is the United



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Province of Iloilo Region VI



MASTERLIST OF QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES (ARBs)

Pursuant to Section 15 of DAR Administrative Order No. 3 Series of 2012, the Department of Agrarian Reform is mandated to effect the publication of the certified Master List in a local newspaper if the Notice of Coverage was not served through personal or substituted service, and the Landowner has yet to correspond with the DAR, or if the registered mail was sent back to the PARO or remained unserved for fifteen (15) days or more. The hereunder list of Landholdings were not effected with personal or substituted service, hence, this publication.

The hereunder landholdings information with corresponding certified Master List of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries is subject for the Landowner to either attest or to file a written protest within fifteen (15) days from date of publication. Failure of the Landowner to submit an attestation or to file a protest within the given period shall be construed as a waiver of his right to attest to the said list.

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**MASTER LIST OF QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES (ARBs)
and Notice of Valuation (NOV) and Notice of Land Valuation and Acquisition (NLVA)**

Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners- Family Name/ First Name/ Middle Name)

PLAGATA, OSIAS, CATEDRAL

Location (Municipality/Barangay): Bingawan/Poblacion OCT/TCT No. T-16808 TD No. _____ Total Area: 3.0155 (has.) Lot No. 7232-E
Approved Survey No. _____ Crops Planted: _____

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation ²	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	Remarks
1	CESAR D. GENER	POB. BINGAWAN	MA. ANA LEMOS	SHARE TENANT		48 YEARS	
2	WILMA L. CASTROVERDE	POB. BINGAWAN	WIDOW	SHARE TENANT		18 YEARS	
3	CHERRY T. CASTROVERDE	POB. BINGAWAN	SINGLE	SHARE TENANT		13 YEARS	
4	RAMIL C. CASTROVERDE	POB. BINGAWAN	SINGE	SHARE TENANT		2 YEARS	
XXX NOTHING FOLLOWS XXX							

Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners- Family Name/ First Name/ Middle Name)

APM Management Corporation

Location (Municipality/Barangay): San Enrique, Gines Nuevo OCT/TCT No. T-80925 TD No. _____
Total Area: 6.5728 (has.) Lot No. 1403 Approved Survey No. _____
Crops Planted: _____

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation ²	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	LO's Signature
1.	Marianne Christine V. Muyco	Burgos Mabini Plaza, Lapaz, Iloilo City	Single	Lessee		5 YEARS	
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Nothing Follows xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx							

Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners- Family Name/ First Name/ Middle Name)

VICENTE ABELLAR

Location (Municipality/Barangay): **LEMERY, SINCUA** OCT/TCT No. **F-23631** TD No. **24-0005-000273**
Total Area: **13.4600** (has.) Lot No. **14, GSS-18** Approved Survey No. _____ Crops Planted: **RICE AND CORN**

[illegible]

Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners- Family Name/ First Name/ Middle Name)

Amelia Tirador

Location (Municipality/Barangay): Brgy. Danao, Pototan, Iloilo OCT/TCT No. T-21286 TD No. _____ Total Area: 0.8440 (has.)
Lot No. 16 Approved Survey No. _____ Crops Planted: PALAY

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation ²	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	Remarks	LO Attestation ⁴ (to be filled-up by the LO)	LO's Signature
1	ZENAIDA H. CRUCERO	BRGY. BAAC, DUEÑAS, ILOILO	ELEAZER CRUCERO	REGULAR FARM WORKER					
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Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners- Family Name/ First Name/ Middle Name)

Catequista, Mariano

Location (Municipality/Barangay): **Janiuay/Abangay** OCT/TCT No. **O-864** TD No. **21-0017-00273** Total Area: **1.5285** (has.)

Lot No. **5578** Approved Survey No. _____

Crops Planted: **Bananas & Sugarcane**

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation ²	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	Remarks	LO Attestation ⁴ (to be filled-up by the LO)	LO's Signature
1	Arnold M. Agligar	Brgy. Abangay, Janiuay, Iloilo	Single	Tenant		3 years			
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Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners- Family Name/ First Name/ Middle Name)
Catequista, Mariano
Location (Municipality/Barangay): Janiuay/Tiringanan OCT/TCT No. T-23628 TD No. 21-0005-00001 Total Area: 1.4998 (has.)
Lot No. 5601 Approved Survey No. _____
Crops Planted: Rice, Corn , Bananas & Vegetables

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation ²	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	Remarks	LO Attestation ⁴ (to be filled-up by the LO)	LO's Signature
1	Amy P. Jaque	Brgy. Pangilihan, Janiuay, Iloilo	Rammil A. Jaque	Tenant		3 years			
2	Marivic P. Pialante	Brgy. Pangilihan, Janiuay, Iloilo	Edgar S. Pialante	Tenant		3 years			
3	Klien Mark D. Coopera	Brgy. Pangilihan, Janiuay, Iloilo	Single	Tenant		6 years			
4	Richmond P. Acujeda	Brgy. Pangilihan, Janiuay, Iloilo	Single	Actual Tiller		3 years			
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Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners- Family Name/ First Name/ Middle Name)
Catequista, Mariano
Location (Municipality/Barangay): Janiuay/Abangay OCT/TCT No. O-893 TD No. 21-0017-00010 Total Area: 2.7615 (has.)
Lot No. 5614 Approved Survey No. _____
Crops Planted: Rice, Bananas & Vegetables

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation ²	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	Remarks	LO Attestation ⁴ (to be filled-up by the LO)	LO's Signature
1	Norberto L. Camarista	Brgy. Magbato, Lambunao, Iloilo	Lea A. Camarista	Tenant		25 years			
2	Alicia L. Capada	Brgy. Abangay, Janiuay, Iloilo	Josefino C. Capada	Tenant		30 years			
3	Jonnel C. Capada	Brgy. Abangay, Janiuay, Iloilo	Reynalyn L. Capada	Tenant		3 years			
4	Marilou C. Consular	Brgy. Abangay, Janiuay, Iloilo	Widow	Tenant		15 years			
5	Ronnie C. Capillo	Brgy. Magbato, Lambunao, Iloilo	Ma. Lezel A. Capillo	Actual Tiller		10 years			
6	Jonathan L. Lorque	Brgy. Magbato, Lambunao, Iloilo	Jenniefer A. Lorque	Actual Tiller		26 years			
7	Felipe J. Borcillo	Brgy. Abangay, Janiuay, Iloilo	Marissa B. Borcillo	Other Farmworker		30 years			
8	Rosemary C. Borcillo	Brgy. Abangay, Janiuay, Iloilo	Reynaldo J. Borcillo	Other Farmworker		30 years			
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Landowner/s: (Write full names of all co-owners- Family Name/ First Name/ Middle Name)
RODRIGO LUCAS
Location (Municipality/Barangay): LEMERY, PACUAN OCT/TCT No. F-22585 TD No. 24-0021-00036
Total Area: 15.5800 (has.) Lot No. 34. GSS-18 Approved Survey No. _____ Crops Planted: RICE & CORN

No.	Name of ARBs	Address	Name of Spouse	Present Status ¹	Position/ Designation ²	Length of Tenure/ Service (No. of Days)	Remarks	LO Attestation ⁴ (to be filled-up by the LO)	LO's Signature
1	RICHARD O. LUCAS	BRGY. PACUAN, LEMERY, ILOILO	CLAUDIA S. LUCAS	TENANT	N/A	26 YEARS	N/A		
2	RABBY V. AGBAS	BRGY. PACUAN, LEMERY, ILOILO	AILYN L. AGBAS	TENANT	N/A	24 YEARS	N/A		
3	NONIE P. ALLANA	BRGY. PACUAN, LEMERY, ILOILO	ELIAS G. ALLANA	TENANT	N/A	24YEARS	N/A		
4	NELSON O. LUCAS	BRGY. PACUAN, LEMERY, ILOILO	SINGLE	TENANT	N/A	2 YEARS	N/A		
5	NOYEN A. ANTIQUEÑA	BRGY. PACUAN, LEMERY, ILOILO	NOEME P. ANTIQUEÑA	TENANT	N/A	24 YEARS	N/A		
6	RICARDO P. ARROYO, JR.	BRGY. PACUAN, LEMERY, ILOILO	SINGLE	TENANT	N/A	5 YEARS	N/A		
7	NELSON J. AZUCENA	BRGY. PACUAN, LEMERY, ILOILO	JE-ANN C. AZUCENA	ACTUAL TILLER	N/A	38 YEARS	N/A		
8	RONELO P. FLORES, SR.	BRGY. ASPERA, LEMERY, ILOILO	MEDELYN A. FLORES	ACTUAL TILLER	N/A	24 YEARS	N/A		
XXXXXXXXXXXXX NOTHING FOLLOWS XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX									

ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF VALUATION AND NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION							
NO.	Name of Landowner	Title No.	Lot No.	Area (Title)	Area (Acqd.)	Location	Mailing Address
1	Mercado, Judith married to Arcenio Mercado	T-59361	2612-A	25.0906	10.1075	Brgy. Romblon, Dueñas, Iloilo	Rica Village, Jaro, Iloilo City
2	Guanco, Jepte married to Aida Tampuyas de Guanco	T-16997	1259	1.7440	1.3099	Brgy. Agmanaphao, Mina, Iloilo	c/o Neptali Guanco F. Parcon Street, Pototan, Iloilo



Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Regional Office VI
MRO VI Bldg., De La Rama Street
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000



RE: Application for RENEWAL of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations

MARVIN T. SIBULAN
Applicant

Case No. MRO VI 20-006
CPC Renewal

X-----X

ORDER

This refers to the application for Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
BORACAY ISLAND AND NEARBY ISLETS WITHIN 3 NAUTICAL MILE RADIUS AND/OR DESIGNATED DIVING AREAS (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	Passage Rate
MBca "Go Ocean Phil"	4.25	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	Per contract basis

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **04 November 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 14th day of October 2025.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) ENGR. BERNARDO A. POLLO
Regional Director

Copy furnished:

Applicant Nueva Valencia, Guimaras

Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila

Phil.6th Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City

File



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RE: Application for RENEWAL of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations

ROBERT G. GRAVELA
Applicant

Case No. MRO VI 19-091
CPC Renewal

X-----X

ORDER

This refers to the application for Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
ISLAND HOPPING AT DUNGCAAN, GUISI BEACH RESORT, TANDO, SAN ROQUE, LA PAZ, ALL IN NUEVA. VALENCIA, GUIMARAS (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	Passage Rates
MBca "ODESSA"	2.78	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	Per contract basis

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **11 November 2025 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 21st day of October 2025.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) ENGR. BERNARDO A. POLLO
Regional Director

Copy furnished:

Applicant Lucmayan, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras

Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila

Phil.6th Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City

File



Department of Transportation
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MRO VI Bldg., De La Rama Street
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000



RE: Application for RENEWAL of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations

EDDELYN D. VARGAS
Applicant

Case No. MRO VI 19-092
CPC Renewal

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ORDER

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ISLAND HOPPING AT DUNGCAAN, GUISI BEACH RESORT, TANDO, SAN ROQUE, LA PAZ, ALL IN NUEVA. VALENCIA, GUIMARAS (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	Passage Rates
MBca "GED"	2.51	WOOD	Tourist/Guest	Per contract basis

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **11 November 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 16th day of October 2025.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) ENGR. BERNARDO A. POLLO
Regional Director

Copy furnished:

Applicant Lucmayan, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras

Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila

Phil.6th Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City

File

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **PO MAN BENJAMIN HO** with business address at 27B, Pennylane, Valley Golf, San Juan, Cainta, Rizal/ Balabag, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **GERLIE G. TIMBAS** to **PO MAN BENJAMIN HO** and change of vessel named from **MBCA "BENHO"** to **MBCA "RISING SUN - BH"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

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PDRRMO . . . (from page 14)

scenario, and the Community Site in Barangay 4, San Jose de Buenavista, designated for coastal evacuation.

Observers from the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Region VI will oversee the conduct of activities.

The PDRRMO expects that through this drill, the readiness of each agency, office, and community in responding to a major earthquake and possible tsunami will be tested.

It also aims to identify areas for improvement in evacuation, communication, and coordination processes to further strengthen the province’s disaster response capacity.

To ensure smooth operations, real-time communication channels have been established, including social media advisories and dedicated group chats for updates and reporting.

Train noted that through this province-wide initiative, Antique reaffirms its commitment to promoting a culture of safety and preparedness, ensuring that all sectors are ready to respond swiftly and effectively to natural disasters. *(EAD-PSM/PIA-Antique)*

ERRATUM

In the **NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE under FORECLOSURE NO. F-11436-25** of the **BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee** versus **NICK CARLSON SOLIJON TAI, GOLDENTOP MARKETING INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, Mortgagors**, published in **News Express** on **Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2025**, the correct under **BOUNDARIES: LINE 1-2, DIRECTION NW, ADJOINING LOT(S): LOT 25 (ALLEY), BLOCK 16, PCS-06-006593** was inadvertently written as **LOT 225, (ALLEY), BLOCK 16, PCS-06-006593**.

Our apologies.

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

General Manager / Inventor

ERRATUM

The following are the corrections in the **Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale, FORECLOSURE FILE NO. F-10620-23** filed by the **Mortgagee, RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION** versus **ALVIN SENCIL POQUITA, represented by Attorney-in-Fact MARICRIS MATANDAC SAGALA/Mortgagors**, under **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2015004784**, published in **NEWS EXPRESS** on **March 6, 13 and 20, 2023**, and on the first Erratum which was publish on **September 15-21, 2025**: Instead of the Name of Attorney-in-Fact, MARICRIS MATANDAC SAGALA it should be changed to **MARICRES MATANDAC SAGALA**.

Our apologies.

NE/Oct. 27, 2025





NE/Oct. 20, 27 & Nov. 3, 2025

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



BEEF CHOP SUEY

Stir fried beef with cabbage, carrot, and capsicum.



- INGREDIENTS
- 1 LB. BEEF TOP SIRLOIN
SLICED INTO THIN PIECES

5 CLOVES GARLIC MINCED

1 YELLOW ONION SLICED THINLY

3 STEMS GREEN ONION CUT INTO 2-INCH LENGTH

1/2 HEAD CABBAGE SLICED INTO SERVING PIECES

2 CARROTS JULIENNE

1 RED BELL PEPPER SLICED INTO THICK STRIPS

2 CUPS SNAP PEAS

1 TABLESPOON SOY SAUCE

3 TABLESPOONS COOKING OIL

1/2 CUP BEEF STOCK

8 GRAMS MAGGI MAGIC SARAP

MARINADE INGREDIENTS:

2 TABLESPOONS SOY SAUCE

1 1/2 TABLESPOONS OYSTER SAUCE

1/4 TEASPOON BAKING SODA

2 TEASPOONS CORNSTARCH

1/4 TEASPOON GROUND BLACK PEPPER

1 TABLESPOON COOKING OIL
- INSTRUCTIONS

Combine the sliced beef and all the marinade ingredients in a bowl. After that, mix everything well. Set aside for 12 minutes.

2 tablespoons soy sauce, 1 1/2 tablespoons oyster sauce, 1/4 teaspoon baking soda, 2 teaspoons cornstarch, 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, 1 tablespoon cooking oil, 1 lb. beef top sirloin

Meanwhile, start to partially cook the vegetables. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a wide pan. Stir fry the cabbage, snap peas, carrot, and bell pepper for 1 minute. Sprinkle some salt to flavor it and then pour 1/4 cup of beef broth. Cover the pan and let the liquid boil. Continue steaming for 1 minute. Then remove the cover of the pan. Let the remaining liquid evaporate. Set the vegetables aside.

1/2 head cabbage, 2 carrots, 1 red bell pepper, 2 cups snap peas, 3 tablespoons cooking oil, 8 grams Maggi Magic Sarap, 1/2 cup beef stock

Heat the remaining oil on the same pan. Once the oil gets hot, stir-fry the marinated beef until the outside part turns light brown.

3 tablespoons cooking oil

Add the minced garlic, white part of the green onion, and sliced onions. Continue to stir-fry until the onion softens.

5 cloves garlic, 3 stems green onion, 1 yellow onion

Add the stir-fried vegetables. Then toss to distribute the ingredients evenly.

Pour 1 tablespoon soy sauce and remaining beef broth. Stir and continue cooking until the sauce thickens.

1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1/2 cup beef stock

Season with Maggi Magic Sarap as needed.

8 grams Maggi Magic Sarap

Transfer to a serving plate. Share and enjoy!

WORD SEARCH

HALLOWEEN
WORD SEARCH

WORD LIST

BLACK
BROOMSTICK
CANDY
CARVE
CAULDRON
COBWEB
COFFIN
COSTUME
DRACULA
GHOST
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAUNTED HOUSE
JACKOLANTERN
MONSTER
MUMMY
NIGHT
OCTOBER
POTION
PUMPKIN
SCARY
SKELETON
SPIDER
SPOOKY
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sudoku

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

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

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

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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

X-----X

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

Republic of the Philippines
Province: Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARY JUNE VILLASOR PORRAS**,
(complete name of the petitioner) has filed with this Office a petition for **Change of First Name** from **MARY** to **MARY JUNE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARY VELASCO VILLASOR** who was born on **JUNE 22, 1973** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **DANILO TONDO VILLASOR** and **ROSITAVELASCO ROBLES**,
(name of father) (name of mother)

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

(SGD.) REENA MARIEL M. LIMOSO
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Oct. 20, 2025 & Oct. 27, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
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SPL. PROC. CASE NO. 24-15814

FOR: ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE
INTESTATE ESTATE OF SPOUSES
**BENNY PAISAJE CORDERO, SR.
AND DIVINA BILLONES-CORDERO**

SHELLA CORDERO-DEOCADES,
Petitioner.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Atty. Catherine B. Pasco - MCTA Law Group, 14 Jereos St., La Paz, Iloilo City
Shella Cordero-Deocades - Siatong St., Ilaud Poblacion, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo
Eusebia Alojado - Jalandoni Ext., Brgy. Bolilao, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Yuri Billones Cordero - Lot 10, Blk. 2, Purok Masinadyahon, Brgy. Bata, Bacolod City
Benny Cordero, Jr. - BC ENTERPRISES, Jalandoni Extn., Bolilao, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Benzer Cordero - BC ENTERPRISES, Jalandoni Extn., Bolilao, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Benjie Cordero - BC ENTERPRISES, Jalandoni Extn., Bolilao, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Benmarc Cordero - BC ENTERPRISES, Jalandoni Extn., Bolilao, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Eusebia Cordero - BC ENTERPRISES, Jalandoni Extn., Bolilao, Mandurriao, Iloilo City
Marivie Cordero - BC ENTERPRISES, Jalandoni Extn., Bolilao, Mandurriao, Iloilo City

Greetings:

You are hereby notified that the above-entitled case will be heard in this Branch of this Court on the **4th** day of **NOVEMBER 2025**, at 8:30 in the morning.

If you desire to subpoena witnesses, notify this office. Forty eight hours in advance of the time of their appearance with a brief note of the names and addresses, otherwise the Sheriff's Office will not be able to properly serve the subpoena on time.

Applications for continuance should be made at least three days in advance of the date of said hearing and should be accompanied by affidavit of merits. If on the ground of absence of witnesses, the affidavit should specify the name of witnesses, and what he expects each of them to prove.

Iloilo City, August 05, 2025.

(SGD.) ATTY. RAINCELLE D. OMAYAO-RUFINO RUFINO
Branch Clerk of Court

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Regional Trial Court
Sixth Judicial Region
Branch 24
Iloilo City
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SPL. PROC. CASE NO. 24-15814

For:
Issuance of Letters of Administration with Prayer for the Appointment of a Special Administrator

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE
INTESTATE ESTATE OF
SPOUSES BENNY PAISAJE CORDERO, SR. AND DIVINA BILLONES-CORDERO

SHELLA CORDERO-DEOCADES,
Petitioner.

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ORDER

On file is a MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF HEARING, filed by the Petitioner, through counsel.

In her motion, petitioner claimed that the publication of the whole petition is an excessive financial burden upon her considering that she has been previously recognized as having an indigent status per Order dated August 29, 2024, of then Honorable Executive Judge. Thus, she prays that to alleviate the said financial burden, only the Order or Notice of Hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Iloilo. Further, she claimed that such publication of the Order or Notice of Hearing is already substantial compliance with Sec 3, Rule 76 of the 2019 Amended Rules of Court.

Rule 79 of the 2019 amended Rules of Court, provides:

Section 3. Court to set time for hearing. Notice thereof. - When a

petition for letters of administration is filed in the court having jurisdiction, such court shall fix a time and place for hearing the petition, and shall cause notice thereof to be given to the known heirs and creditors of the decedent, and to any other persons believed to have an interest in the estate, in the manner provided in Sections 3 and 4 of Rule 76. (emphasis supplied)

Further, Sections 3 and 4. Rule 76 of the Rules of Court states:

Section 3. Court to appoint time for proving will. Notice thereof to be published. - when a will is delivered to, or a petition for the allowance of a will is filed in, the court having jurisdiction, such court shall fix a time and place for proving the will when all concerned may appear to contest the allowance thereof, and shall cause notice of such time and place to be published three (3) weeks successively, previous to the time appointed, in a newspaper of general circulation in the province.

But no newspaper publication shall be made where the petition for probate has been filed by the testator himself.

Section 4. Heirs, devisees, legatees, and executors to be notified by mail or personally. - the court shall also cause copies of the notice of the time and place fixed for proving the will to be addressed to the designated or other known heirs, legatees, and devisees of the testator resident in the Philippines at their places of residence, and deposited in the post office with the postage thereon prepaid at least twenty (20) days before the hearing, if such places of residence be known. A copy of the notice must be in like manner be mailed to the person named as executor, if he be not the petitioner; also, to any person named as coexecutor not petitioning, if their places of residence be known. Personal service of copies of the notice at least ten (10) days before the day of hearing shall be equivalent to mailing.

If the testator asks for the allowance of his own will, notice shall be sent only to his compulsory heirs.

In the instant case, Benny Cordero. Sr. has contracted another marriage with Eusebia Alojado and as result of their union they had begotten six (6) children. Considering that they are also heirs of the late Benny Paisaje Cordero, Sr. thus, they need to be informed of the proceedings in court. Further, petitioner per Manifestation dated February 14, 2025, submitted to the court the list of names of the children of Benny Paisaje Cordero, Sr. with Eusebia Alojado and the address where they may be served with summons as well as the present address of Eusebia Alojado.

The court in the case of Migdonio Racca and Miam Grace Diane Racca vs. Maria Lolita A. Echague¹ held:

"Personal notice to the heirs whose places of residence are known is mandatory. Trial courts cannot simply abdicate their duty under Section 4, Rule 76 of the 1997 Revised Rules of Court by indiscriminately applying the rule on publication. To do so would render nugatory the procedure laid down in Sec. 4 and the purpose for which it was intended."

It is clearly explained in the case of De Aranz vs Judge Goling as cited in the case of Migdonio Racca and Miam Grace Diane Racca vs. Maria Lolita A. Echague:

"notice on Individuals heirs, legatees, and devisees is a mandatory requirement.xxx

Furthermore, the court in the same case, upheld that:

"It should be emphasized that De Aranz does not disregard the rule in proceedings in rem that publication serves as a constructive notice to the whole world. De Aranz merely upholds the additional requirement under Section 4 that personal notice be served to the interested parties to the will on the condition that their places of residence are known. Otherwise, personal notification is not required even though the oppositors to the will are the compulsory heirs or named legatees and devisees, Xxx

Applying the foregoing in the case at bar, although the place of residence of the other heirs cannot be ascertained, yet, petitioner provided for an alternate address which is their place of business where they can be served with summons, with regard to the children of Benny and Eusebia. Petitioner also, in the same pleading, provided for a residential address where Eusebia may be served. Thus, notice of hearing can be served on the compulsory heirs of Benny Paisaje Cordero, Sr. while publication will suffice as to the creditors and other unknown legatees, devisees, the case having an in rem nature.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Motion for Issuance of Notice of Hearing is **granted**. Furthermore, the Branch Clerk of Court is ordered:

1) To issue a Notice of hearing setting the date and time for hearing: and

2) To allow petitioner to publish this Order and the Notice of Hearing setting forth the date and time of hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, August 5, 2025.

(SGD.) NESTLE A. GO
Presiding Judge

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VICIOUS . . . (from page 5)

Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) failure to stop the persistent high levels of corruption worldwide, does the Philippine government have the institutional capacity to address deeply entrenched systemic issues? Does the Philippine government officials have the will to enforce the laws? Will the government prosecutors have the nerve to prosecute the perpetrators??

If the gauge is the status of those individuals found guilty in the previous corruption cases who remain out

of jail, with some even elected or re-elected to positions of power, are there guarantees that those who will be convicted in the present cases will serve jail time, or be removed from elected or appointed positions? Will they not be pardoned or later acquitted on legal technicalities, despite facing strong initial evidences?

Moreover, will the legal leeways provided in the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, R.A. No.7438, and the Revised Penal Code which are available to provide legal safeguards for suspects, the accused, and convicts to ensure due process and humane treatment

limit or impede the power of the state throughout the criminal justice system?

Furthermore, with the overburdened judicial system with its thousands, if not millions of cases at all levels, what are the chances that justice will be done?

Can the vicious cycle of graft and corruption in the Philippines be stopped? Given the immense challenges our country has encountered throughout its history, coupled with the threats and difficulties ahead, it is not fatalism to say - HEAVEN WATCH THE PHILIPPINES!

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SCC CASE NO. 25-120

For:
"CORPORATE REHABILITATION"

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORPORATE
REHABILITATION, IVQ LANDHOLDINGS INC.
Represented by IAN ERIC S. PAMA,

Petitioner.

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COMMENCEMENT ORDER

Petitioner IVQ LANDHOLDINGS, INC., (hereafter referred to "IVQ" for brevity) herein represented by its President Ian Eric S. Pama who is authorized on June 10, 2025 by the Board of Directors and stockholders owning at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock to sign and institute the herein petition filed, alleges among others that it is a domestic corporation organized and incorporated in 2002 under Philippine laws with principal address at 11 Valiant Building, Mabini Street, Iloilo City, primarily engaged in real estate acquisition, development, leasing and sale, and owns and manages properties in Iloilo City and adjacent areas and holdings.

Over the past several years, however, the company has encountered severe financial distress due to declining revenues, rising costs, and tightening credit conditions. While the company's total assets amount to approximately 198.35 million, still exceeding its total liabilities of P184.99 million as of August 31, 2025, thereby maintaining positive equity-it has become unable to meet obligations as they fall due, as its current liabilities of P186.2 million far exceed its current assets, with cash on hand of only P215,400. This situation renders the company financially distressed under FRIA standards and necessitates judicial protection to prevent further deterioration of its operations and to preserve asset value for the benefit of creditors and stakeholders.

The Petitioner attributes its financial difficulties to external and market-driven factors rather than fraud or mismanagement. It cites the prolonged impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, elevated construction and operating costs, and rising interest rates, which collectively reduced real estate demand and disrupted the timing of collections and loan takeouts. Sales revenues declined dramatically from P8.9 million in 2021 to 1.59 million in 2023, with only marginal recovery in 2024, while fixed operating expenses such as taxes, security, and administrative costs continued to erode liquidity. Credit restrictions from institutional lenders, including delayed release of loan takeouts, further constrained cash flow and contributed to growing arrears. Petition underscores that IVQ Landholdings remains fundamentally viable, supported by valuable landholdings and inventories that, although currently illiquid, retain long-term profitability once properly developed or monetized. The company stresses that its difficulties are temporary in nature, arising from short-term liquidity mismatches rather than permanent insolvency. Accordingly, it seeks the protection and supervision of the Honorable Court to enable it to execute a structured recovery plan that will allow it to meet its obligations, sustain operations, and restore profitability.

To this end, IVQ has prepared a comprehensive and feasible Rehabilitation Plan that aims to restore liquidity, rationalize debt obligations, and enhance operational efficiency over a period not exceeding ten (10) years. The plan envisions the suspension of payments to all creditors for an initial period of sixty (60) months to provide financial breathing space, followed by the conversion of short-term debts into longer-term obligations with appropriate grace periods for both principal and interest. It further proposes the monetization of select inventory assets valued at

approximately P15 million within eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) months, projected to generate P10 million to P15 million in immediate liquidity. Concurrently, IVQ intends to accelerate the development of its landholdings, such as the Escalante project, expected to produce sustained cash inflows beginning the fifth year of the plan's implementation. In addition, the Petitioner plans to explore equity infusion opportunities from existing shareholders and potential strategic investors to strengthen capitalization and improve its financial standing. A panel of qualified Rehabilitation Receivers is nominated to supervise, evaluate, and ensure faithful compliance with the plan's objectives under court oversight.

The Petitioner likewise commits to a series of governance and operational reforms designed to restore efficiency and transparency. These include the rationalization of manpower, consolidation of administrative and professional services, and stricter financial controls supported by monthly performance and compliance reporting. Marketing and sales efforts will be revitalized through updated pricing strategies, expanded brokerage partnerships, and enhanced use of digital platforms to accelerate property disposition and revenue generation. Through these initiatives, IVQ aims to improve its cash position, reduce expenses, and strengthen its capacity to service debts over time. The Petitioner therefore prays that the Honorable Court approve the proposed Rehabilitation Plan, issue a Stay Order suspending all claims and enforcement actions, appoint a qualified Rehabilitation Receiver, and grant the reliefs necessary to implement the plan effectively. IVQ respectfully submits that rehabilitation-rather than liquidation-offers the most equitable and beneficial outcome for all parties, as the continued operation of the company will preserve employment, stabilize asset values, and generate better recoveries for creditors than any immediate winding up. The Petition thus stands as a good faith effort to restore the company to solvency under the guiding principles of fairness, viability, and transparency enshrined in R.A. 10142 (Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act [FRIA] of 2010).

Section 17 of Chapter II of R.A. 10142 provides that:

"Unless otherwise provided for in this Act, the court's issuance of a Commencement Order shall, in addition to the effects of a Stay or Suspension Order described in Section 16 [thereof]:

(a) vest the rehabilitation with all the powers and functions provided for this Act, such as the right to review and obtain records to which the debtor's management and directors have access, including bank accounts or whatever nature of the debtor subject to the approval by the court of the performance bond filed by the rehabilitation receiver;

or (b) prohibit or otherwise serve as the legal basis rendering null and void the results of any extrajudicial activity or process to seize property, sell encumbered property, or otherwise attempt to collection or enforce a claim against the debtor after commencement date unless otherwise allowed in this Act, subject to the provisions of Section 50 hereof;

(c) serve as the legal basis for rendering null and void any setoff after the commencement date of any debt owed to the debtor by any of the debtor's creditors;

(d) serve as the legal basis for rendering null and void the perfection of any lien against the debtor's property after the commencement date; and

(e) consolidate the resolution of all legal proceedings by and against the debtor to the court Provided. However, That the court may allow the continuation of cases on other courts where the debtor had initiated the suit.

"Attempts to seek legal of other resource against the debtor outside these proceedings shall be sufficient to support a

finding of indirect contempt of court."

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition together with its annexes sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby:

- Declares that Petitioner is under rehabilitation;
- Appoints MR. EROLL C. TALLO, CPA Room 11 Mezzanine Floor Red Plaza Building, JM Basa St., Iloilo City as Rehabilitation Receiver, with a bond in the amount of P200,000.00, who shall exercise such powers and duties defined in the abovementioned R.A. 10142 as well as the procedural rules that the Supreme Court will promulgate, however, any creditor may submit the name or nominate any other qualified person to the position of rehabilitation receiver at least five (5) days before the hearing;
- Stays the enforcement of all claims, judgment, attachment or other provisional remedies, whether for money or otherwise and whether such enforcement is by court action or otherwise, against Petitioner, its guarantors and sureties not solidarily liable with the debtor;
- Prohibits Petitioner from selling, encumbering. transferring, or disposing in any manner any of its properties, except in the ordinary course of business;
- Prohibits Petitioner from making any payment of its liabilities outstanding as of the date of filing of the petition;
- Prohibits the debtor's suppliers of goods or services from withholding supply of goods and services in the ordinary course of business, for as long as the debtor makes payments for the services and goods supplied after the issuance of Commencement Order;
- Directs the payment in full of all administrative expenses incurred after the issuance of the Commencement Order;
- Fixes the initial hearing of the petition on **November 10, 2025 at 8:30 in the morning**, for the purpose of determining whether there is substantial likelihood for the petitioner to be rehabilitated;
- Directs petitioner to publish this Commencement Order in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the Philippines once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made within seven (7) days from the date of issuance of this Order;
- Directs all creditors and all interested parties (including the Securities and Exchange Commission and Bureau of Internal Revenue) to file and serve with the court and on the petitioner a verified comment or opposition to the petition, with supporting affidavits and documents, not later than five (5) days before the initial hearing and putting them on notice that their failure to do so will bar them from participating in the proceedings;
- Directs all interested parties to secure from the court the petition and its annexes to be reviewed and copied to enable them to file their comment or opposition to the petition and to prepare for the initial hearing of the petition.

The Petitioner is ordered to immediately serve a copy of the petition and to the appointed Rehabilitation Receiver, MR. EROLL C. TALLO, CPA, at his address at Room 11 Mezzanine Floor Red Plaza Building, JM Basa St., Iloilo City, who shall in turn manifest his acceptance or non-acceptance of his appointment not later than ten (10) days from receipt of this Order.

Further, let a copy of this Commencement Order be preferably served personally by the Branch Sheriff and/or Process Server to all the creditors, Securities and Exchange Commission, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philhealth and the Social Security System, at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.
Iloilo City, Philippines, October 20, 2025.

(SGD.) VICTORINO OLIVEROS MANIBA, JR.
Presiding Judge

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES RODOLFO P. PANES and MA. LUZ G. PANES** known as a parcel of land **Lot 2, Pls-165** situated in Brgy. Muyco, Sara, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE H-296, H.P. NO. V-75721** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE (114,721) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **HAIDE PANES SY, HERNANE G. PANES, MAXIMO G. PANES, MAY BELLE P. RUFINO, CASTOR P. PANES, RODOLFO G. PANES, JR., MA. MYLEN P. ERINGE, MARY PANES LORENTE, Heirs of the late FELIX G. PANES, namely: JASMIN P. PANES, JAZER P. PANES, and JASEL PANES CIPRIANO; and Heirs of the late FERDINAND G. PANES, namely: FERDINAND P. PANES I and FERDINAND P. PANES II** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ROSIE G. GARCIA** per Doc. No. 328, Page No. 67, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2025.

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PDRRMO calls for community participation in quake, tsunami drills

SAN JOSE, Antique (PIA) — The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) called for the participation of local communities and families in the province-wide earthquake and tsunami drills set for October 23, 2025.

Anchored on the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Memo Nos. 073 and 075, s. 2025, and PDRRMC Memorandum No. 30, s. In 2025, the activity aims to strengthen disaster preparedness, enhance inter-agency cooperation, and finalize operational details for the simulation exercises.

Provincial DRRM Officer Broderick G. Train emphasized that effective disaster response begins with proactive planning and collaboration among all sectors.

Likewise, LDRRMO Michael Tolentino, during the PIA program Pagpaathag, noted that community participation is essential in enhancing disaster preparedness.

He encouraged families, schools, business

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELMER BAÑES** known as **Lot No. 1610-C, Csd-06-006984** situated in Ajuy, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-48814** with an area of **THIRTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR (33,994) SQUARE METERS** is adjudicated to heirs **ANGELA INFANTE BAÑES, LAMER INFANTE BAÑES, MERANGIE INFANTE BAÑES, MERGIE INFANTE BAÑES, and LEMUEL INFANTE BAÑES** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARCELINO J. ARELLANO** per Doc. No. 204, Page No. 42, Book No. 67, Series of 2025.

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establishments, and other institutions to seriously take this drill to prepare because earthquakes and subsequent hazards could not be predicted; thus, community preparedness is important.

Two major sites have been identified for the drill: the Provincial Site, covering the Old and New Capitol, and the Legislative Building for the earthquake-to-tsunami

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Spl. Proc. No.: 25-16113

IN RE: PETITION FOR CANCELLATION
OF CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
LILI VALE VILLA YOCK WITH REGISTRY
NO. 854370

REYNOLD YOK SO SOON,
Petitioner,

- versus -

LILI VALE VILLA YOCK HUTALLE
(ALSO KNOWN AS WINTER HYMN
POLO BANZOT II), ZHIRLINDA POLO
BANZOT, CIVIL REGISTRAR, CITY OF
ILOILO, THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY AND ALL PERSONS WHO
MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,
Respondents.
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ORDER

A verified petition was filed before this Court by Petitioner, thru her counsel praying among others, that after due notice, hearing and publication, an Order be issued to cancel the **Certificate of Live Birth** of **Lili Vale Yock** under **Local Civil Registry No. 85-4370** duly issued by the **Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City**.

Finding the said petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on **November 25, 2025** at **9:00** in the morning before this Court. Notice is hereby given that any person who has objection to this petition may file his opposition thereto on or before the date of the hearing. The Petitioner shall cause this **Order** to be published in the **News Express**, a newspaper of general circulation in the **City and Province of Iloilo**, once a week **for three (3) consecutive weeks**, such that the last publication should be at least **fifteen (15) days** before the date of hearing. Let copy of this Order be posted at the main entrance of the **Office of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 31, Avanceña Hall of Justice Building, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City** and at **two (2) conspicuous places** in the **City of Iloilo** at the expense of the Petitioner. Furnish copy of this Order together with a copy of the petition, the **Solicitor General** and the **Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City** by registered mail.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, October 3, 2025.

(SGD.) CYRIL R. REGALADO
Presiding Judge

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JOSEPHINE G. ANDRADE** has filed with this office a petition for change of first name from “**JOSEFINA**” to “**JOSEPHINE**” and correction of date of birth from “**SEPT. 3, 1964**” to “**AUGUST 18, 1964**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOSEFINA GALDAN** who was born at **Tagum, Davao** and whose parents are **Torming Galdan** and **Teresita Robles**.

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

(SGD.) **CHERIE J. AMPIG**
City Civil Registrar

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DEED OF ADJUCIATION BY A SOLE HEIR
WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALBERTO GARRIDO** and **COLOMA DAGURO GARRIDO** consisting of a parcel of land known as **Lot 1449-B, Psd-06-043028**, being a portion of Lot 1449, Dingle Cad. 246, located in Brgy. Tanghauan, Dingle, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-T-174496** with an area of **TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE (23,629) SQUARE METERS**, more or less is adjudicated to sole heir **LIBERTY D. GARRIDO**. The heir/adjudicatee **SOLD, CEDED, TRANSFERRED** and **CONVEYED** the said parcel of land unto **JOEY T. DABUCO**, married to **WEBENA DANA DABUCO**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. HARTNEY MAY A. LABACO** per Doc. No. 44, Page 14, Book 71, Series of 2025.

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

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **REMEDIOS PAGUNTALAN CORTEZ** consisting of a parcel of land at Brgy. Sto. Tomas, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo known as **Lot No. 2635** covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-7683**, with an area of **ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THREE (1,956,253) square meters**, more or less and share in **Lot No. 2635-132** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN (284,557) square meters**, more or less is adjudicated to surviving heirs **ROMEO P. CORTEZ** (represented by **Hyacinth Cortez Valdez**), **HELENE CORTEZ ESTES** (represented by **Hyacinth Cortez Valdez**), **OSCAR PAGUNTALAN CORTEZ**, **BABE CORTEZ REY**, **HARRIS CORTEZ**, **CECIL C. LEDESMA**, **JUNE CORTEZ**, **REX CORTEZ** and **MAHARLIKA CORTEZ FRANCISCO** represented by **OSCAR PAGUNTALAN CORTEZ**. **MAHARLIKA CORTEZ FRANCISCO**, **ROMEO P. CORTEZ**, **HELENE CORTEZ ESTES**, **OSCAR PAGUNTALAN CORTEZ**, **BABE CORTEZ REY**, **CECIL C. LEDESMA**, **JUNE CORTEZ**, **REX CORTEZ** and **HARRIS CORTEZ** waived, ceded and relinquished all their rights, claims, and interests over the above-mentioned property in favor of **HYACINTH CORTEZ VALDEZ** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. DONNA MAE FERNANDEZ** per Doc. No. 425, Page No. 86, Book No. VII, Series of 2025.

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

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **REMEDIOS PAGUNTALAN CORTEZ** consisting of **cash and bonds** referring to the **one-fifth (1/5) share** of the decedent in the proceeds of payment for parcels of land located at Brgy. Nueva Invencion, and Brgy. Sto. Tomas, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo covered by **CARP** and deposited at **Land Bank of the Philippines** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **Romeo P. Cortez** (represented by **Hyacinth Cortez Valdez**), **Helene Cortez Estes** (represented by **Hyacinth Cortez Valdez**), **Oscar Paguntalan Cortez**, **Demetrio P. Cortez, Jr. (deceased)**, herein represented by **Babe Cortez Rey**, **Harris Cortez**, **Cecil C. Ledesma**, **June Cortez**, **Rex Cortez** and **Maharlika Cortez Francisco** represented by **Oscar Paguntalan Cortez**. **Maharlika Cortez Francisco**, **Romeo P. Cortez**, **Helene Cortez Estes**, **Oscar Paguntalan Cortez**, **Babe Cortez Rey**, **Cecil C. Ledesma**, **June Cortez**, **Rex Cortez** and **Harris Cortez** waived, ceded and relinquished all their rights, claims, and interests over the above-mentioned cash and bonds deposits in favor of **Hyacinth Cortez Valdez** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Donna Mae Fernandez** per Doc. No. 432, Page No. 88, Book No. VII, 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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