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TYPHOON AFTERMATH

Iloilo City assesses damage, mobilizing relief efforts

After the passing of Typhoon Tino, Boracay Island once again sparkles with crystal-clear waters, powdery white sands, and that unmistakable island charm that keeps tourists coming back. The Boracay-Malay Tourism Office posted this photo, taken on November 6, 2025, showing beachgoers flocking to the front beach to enjoy various water activities.

By Mary Joy Cavañas

THE Iloilo City Government in collaboration with City Disaster Risk and Management Council (CDRRMC) assessed the impact brought by Typhoon Tino in order to strategize recovery operations across all response clusters through a coordination meeting held on November 5, 2025.

Prior to the typhoon Tino's landfall, face to face classes in all levels across Iloilo City were suspended along with work in all government offices to ensure the safety of students and employees.

The City Government also conducted a pre-emptive evacuation of residences near rivers, creeks, and coastal areas to protect and ensure the safety of all residents.

These areas include:

Molo District: Brgy. Boulevard, San Juan, Calumpang, South Baluarte, Nearby Coastal Areas

Arevalo District: Sto. Niño Sur, Sto. Niño Norte, Calaparan

City Proper District: Ortiz, General Hughes, Rizal Ibarra, Maria Clara, Concepcion, Tanza Baybay, Rizal Palapala I & II, Rima Rizal, Rizal Estanzuela, Sto. Rosario Duran, Veterans Village, Tanza Bonifacio

Jaro District: Brgy. Bito-on

La Paz District: Hinactacan, Ingore

Lapuz District: Bo. Obrero, Lapuz Norte, Loboc, Mansaya

Residents within 150 meters of the regular high-water

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DTI assures stable prices, supply after 'Tino'

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in Western Visayas has assured the public that prices and supply of basic necessities and prime commodities across the region remain stable amid the effects of typhoon Tino.

DTI field offices in the region are closely monitoring supermarkets, grocery stores, and other retail outlets to ensure adequate stocks of essential goods and strict compliance with Suggested Retail Prices (SRPs).

The agency also warned against overpricing, hoarding,

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Modernized Central and Terminal Markets – Symbol of progress and partnership

Iloilo City Mayor Raisa S. Treñas joins vendors and shoppers during the soft opening of the Iloilo City and Central Markets on October 30, 2025, celebrating the revitalization of local commerce and community spirit in the heart of the city. *(Iloilo City PIO)*

ILOILO CITY officially ushered in a new chapter of local commerce and community pride with the soft opening of the redeveloped Iloilo Central and Terminal Public Markets on October 30, marking a major milestone in the city's market modernization program under the leadership of Mayor Raisa S. Treñas.

"Today, we have all the reasons to celebrate and be thankful to God because our dream of having beautiful, clean, and modern public markets have been realized," Mayor Treñas said in her message during the program held at the Iloilo Terminal Public Market, popularly

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level and those near Jaro River, Dungon Creek, Buntatala Creek, Mansaya Creek, and Calajunan Creek are also advised to evacuate immediately to their designated evacuation centers.

Based on the report from the Iloilo City Operations Center, about 121 barangays across the city were affected, with 5,182 families consisting of over 18,000 individuals sheltered in 165 evacuation centers, and no casualties have been reported.

The overall total of affected, includes 5,231 families and 18,216 individuals, accounting for those impacted by the typhoon, regardless of evacuation status.

Reports also cited that 266 houses across 40 barangays in Iloilo City were damaged due to strong winds, of which 243 were partially damaged while the remaining 23 were totally damaged.

The Iloilo City Emergency Operations Center also noted over 100 uprooted and fallen trees and several damaged utility posts, after which clearing operations followed for their removal in order to restore road access, along with power restorations.

Food and other necessities were also distributed to evacuation centers, which continues for as long as evacuees remain. Cash assistance coming from the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) will also be provided for the ones with totally damaged houses.

Meanwhile, the city government has also activated its Vet Alert Team to ensure the well-being of pets and stray animals affected by the storm, through the Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) in conducting rounds in various districts, offering free pet consultations, provide dog food (especially for stray animals), administer vitamin supplementation, and offer rabies vaccinations as needed.

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known as "Super".

She acknowledged the legacy of her father, former Mayor Jerry P. Treñas, whose administration initiated the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project with SM Prime Holdings, Inc., and thanked the SM officials led by Hans T. Sy, Jr., President of SM Engineering Design and Development Corporation, for their partnership and trust.

The redevelopment of the Iloilo Central and Terminal Markets began with the groundbreaking on September 18, 2023, under a PPP between the Iloilo City Government and SM Prime Holdings, Inc.

"Under this PPP, our government did not spend even a single centavo. Iloilo City and SM are not just partners for long - we are partners for good," Mayor Treñas emphasized.

She also clarified that our markets are not privatized, the city will still manage our markets. "There will be no increase in rental fees and all legitimate vendors are assured of their spaces."

As a UNESCO-declared City of Gastronomy, Iloilo City further strengthens its global culinary identity with the soft opening of the two redeveloped public markets. These modern, clean, and readily accessible markets will serve as the very foundation in sustaining this distinction because good food begins with good quality and fresh ingredients, now made more available and accessible through these state-of-the-art public market facilities.

This milestone not only represents progress in infrastructure and governance but also reinforces Iloilo's commitment to nurturing the culture of food and community that defines its people.

From a single-floor setup, both markets have expanded vertically to three floors, dramatically increasing vendor capacity and enhancing the shopping experience.

The Terminal Market now accommodates 1,250 vendors, up from 885, while the Central Market has grown from 603 to 850 vendors. This expansion not only boosts economic activity but also reflects the city's commitment to modernizing traditional marketplaces.

Each floor has been thoughtfully designed to streamline operations and improve customer flow:

Ground Floor: Dedicated to the wet section, featuring meat, fish, poultry, and frozen products.

Second Floor: Hosts dry goods, groceries, variety stalls, a coco grinder, and a vibrant fruit and vegetable section.

Third Floor: Offers a food hall, eateries, services, offices, and additional variety stalls.

Roof Deck: A new parking area with space for at least 300 vehicles, easing congestion and improving accessibility.

City officials say the upgrade is part of a broader initiative to elevate public infrastructure while preserving the cultural essence of local commerce. With more space, better organization, and improved amenities, the markets are poised to become not just centers of trade but vibrant community hubs.

Local Economic Enterprise Office (LEEO) head Maricel Mabaquiao emphasized that both markets will continue to be managed by the City Government through LEEO.

Each section has its own sub-meter for electricity, with monthly readings conducted together with the assigned representatives from each section to ensure transparency and accountability in billing and usage.

She noted that market rental rates have remained the same despite the renovation, and additional storage areas were made available for vendors who requested them, especially those in the wet section.

More importantly, all rules, policies, and procedures implemented by LEEO including those governing good will money, award or adjudication of stalls, and conditions of lease are guided by Regulation Ordinance No. 2019-316, which serves as the comprehensive policy framework for the operation and management of Iloilo City public markets.

Iloilo City PPP Office head Atty. David Abraham Garcia explained that the new stall designs aim to restore order and efficiency in the markets.

"With the renovation, each section has standardized stall sizes depending on the area but everything is properly managed and fit for purpose," Garcia said.

He added that the total floor area of the new markets is comparable to that of a modern mall, ensuring comfort while retaining the public market character.

General Services Office head Engr. Neil Ravena, ensured that market operations are environmentally sustainable through the following:

- Operational Material Recovery Facility (MRF) for waste segregation
- Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) for wastewater management
- Daily Waste Collection:
  - Terminal Market: 5 trips/day
  - Central Market: 2 trips/day
- Common Usage Service Areas (CUSA) and maintenance are handled jointly by SM Prime Holdings and LEEO

Transportation and Traffic Management Office (TTMO) head Uldarico Garbanzos confirmed that the existing carousel traffic scheme will remain, complemented by additional traffic management measures:

- Parking Areas: Available around the markets. A portion of Fuentes Street will serve as the delivery bay.
- Pay Parking: Located at the Mabini side only, based on the existing regulatory ordinance. Rizal, De Leon, and Fuentes Streets are free on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Traffic Enforcers: Increased deployment to ensure smooth vehicle and pedestrian movement.

The forthcoming roof deck parking will significantly reduce roadside congestion once fully operational during the grand opening next month.

"In the next three weeks before the grand opening, our Traffic Management Office will study the actual traffic situation surrounding our markets kon kinahanglan ipa-convert ta sa two-way street palibot o selected lang nga mga dalan, makita naton ina once magamit na ang parking sa babaw sang duha naton ka markets," said Garbanzos.

The modernization of the city's markets is matched by efforts to equip vendors with essential business and food safety skills.

Market vendors have undergone food handling and management training to help them improve their operations and maintain quality service.

Through the Uswag Negosyo Academy (UNA), Accelerated Capacity Training for Market Vendors, and digicities Master classes programs, the City Government provided vendors with opportunities to learn skills vital to the retail environment.

These trainings covered: Financial Literacy, Digitalization, Customer Service, Food Safety, Business Registration, Service Quality, Business.

Murder raps filed against Negrense cop linked to lover's death

BACOLOD CITY – The Talisay Component City Police Station in Negros Occidental has filed a murder complaint against an officer involved in the death of a woman, whom he claimed was his lover.

Staff Sgt. Enrique Gonzalodo Jr., assigned at the Bacolod City Police Office Police Station 5, has been charged before the Talisay City Prosecutor's Office after he issued an extra-judicial confession on his involvement in the disappearance and killing of Kristine Joy Dignadice, 42.

In a press conference on Monday, Negros Occidental Police Provincial Office Director Col. Dennis Wenceslao said the 43-year-old Gonzalodo is now under the custody of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-Negros Island Region (NIR) here.

"All the documents pertaining to the case were already submitted to the Prosecutor's Office yesterday (Nov. 2) at 6 p.m. in Talisay City. It is now in the hands of the prosecutor," he added.

Wenceslao said that based on the extra-judicial confession, the married officer was in a relationship with Dignadice.

"Ayon po sa kanyang salaysay at confession, na syempre po kaharap ang kanyang counsel, meron po silang relasyon ng ating biktima (Based on his confession, in the presence of his counsel, he is in a relationship with the victim)," he added.

On the morning of Oct. 29, Gonzalodo and Dignadice met in Talisay City, where the policeman is residing. They were inside the car driven by Dignadice when they had an argument.

"Ang version po ng ating suspect, nagkaroon ng konting pagtatalo at ang kanyang baril ay nasa pagitan nila. Parang may attempt po na kunin 'nung babae, binawi ng lalaki at biglang nangyari, at 'dun na po hunantong ang pagkamatay ang ating biktma (According to the version of the suspect, there was a little argument and his gun was between them. It seems the woman attempted to take the gun, the man took it back and it happened suddenly, and that's when the victim died)," Wenceslao said.

By afternoon of the same day, an abandoned gray sedan, identified to be owned by Dignadice, with bloodstains was found in Sitio So-ol, Barangay Gargato, Hinigaran in

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SCENE OF THE CRIME. Scene of the crime operatives retrieve the body of Kristine Joy Dignadice, 42, at a sugarcane field in Barangay Don Jorge Araneta, Bago City, Negros Occidental on Nov. 1, 2025. Staff Sgt.t Enrique Gonzalodo Jr., 43, who claimed to be a lover of the victim, confessed to the crime and is now facing a murder complaint. *(Photo courtesy of Police Regional Office-Negros Island Region)*

Dinagyang Festival 2026 launch ignites Iloilo's vibrant spirit

ILOILO CITY — The Iloilo City Government has officially launched the Dinagyang Festival 2026, marking the start of preparations for one of the country's most popular and anticipated cultural festivals.

The festival's theme, "Bugay sang Ginoo, Bugal sang mga Ilonggo" (Blessings of the Lord, Pride of the Ilonggos), reflects the Ilonggos' deep sense of gratitude, faith, and pride in their culture and heritage.

Mayor Raisa Treñas led the official launch at SM City Iloilo Southpoint area on Oct. 22, 2025 together with 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 Banias; and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Treñas described Dinagyang as a celebration of faith, creativity, and resilience—traits that embody the true spirit of the Ilonggo people.

"Dinagyang brings our heritage and culture to the world. It is a celebration of faith, creativity, and resilience—the very spirit of the Ilonggos," she said.

"Through the years, the Dinagyang Festival has been a source of pride and inspiration for all Ilonggos. It reminds us why we have every reason to be proud of who we are and of our vibrant culture," she added.

Festival and Artistic Director Eric Divinagracia, on the other hand, said next year's Dinagyang Festival will highlight creative designs and performances inspired by the endemic flora and fauna of the Visayas, reflecting the region's deep connection with nature.

"It is a recognition that we are stewards of God's creation. That is why we celebrate the flora and fauna of our Visayan heritage," he said in an interview.

For Dinagyang 2026, seven tribes will compete in the Tribe Competition – Open Category, namely: Tribu Bulawanon of Molo District; Tribu Ilonganon of Jalandoni Memorial National High School; Tribu Taga Baryo of Bo. Obrero, Lapuz; Tribu Salognon of Jaro National High School; Tribu Ilayanhon of Graciano Lopez Jaena Elementary School; Tribu Pan-ay of Fort San Pedro National High School; and Tribu Paghidaet of La Paz National High School, the defending champion.

Meanwhile, barangay contingents participating in Sadsad sa Calle Real include Tribu Parianon, Tribu Yrong-Yrong, Tribu Aninipay, Tribu Familia Sagasa, Tribu Molave, and Tribu Panaad.

Adding more color and excitement to the celebration are the festival's major highlights—Dinagyang ILOmination and Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan—which promise to bring even more light, joy, and energy to Dinagyang Festival 2026. *(AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)*

Power restoration ongoing in Bacolod City, adjacent areas

BACOLOD CITY – Power supply has been restored in some areas covered by the Negros Electric and Power Corp., including this highly urbanized city, on Wednesday, after the destruction brought by Typhoon Tino to distribution lines.

In a press conference, engineer Bernard Bailey Del Castillo, Negros Power's chief operating officer and chief technical officer, said that after the total loss of power on Tuesday, initial restoration activities reduced the affected areas to 87 percent before 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

"We determine what needs to be done first, then the next, until we finish all of the ongoing works this week. That's our promise and our commitment to our consumers that we will add more teams to fast-track the repairs," he added.

As of 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Negros Power recorded 96 downed electric poles, 65 of which are in Bacolod City alone.

Also damaged were 271 electrical conductors, the majority of which, or 175, are also in this city, as well as 15 insulators, and 23 crossarms.

All the transmission lines of Negros Power tripped off on Tuesday morning, resulting in total loss of power in all feeders across the six cities and municipalities within its franchise area, affecting 250,059 consumers.

By Wednesday morning, 217,577 customers were still affected by power interruptions.

Del Castillo appealed to the consumers to bear with Negros Power in their continued efforts to restore the power supply.

"As of now, we really need your patience and understanding. We need the help of the public. In fact, we asked for an additional team from outside Negros to fast-track the restoration work," he added.

Del Castillo said about 70 teams composed of more than 300 personnel are simultaneously deployed for the restoration efforts in the cities of Bacolod, Talisay, Silay, and Bago, as well as the municipalities of Murcia and Don Salvador Benedicto.

"If there are affected areas not yet included in our reported data, we will continue to receive reports from our consumers. Then we will schedule it," he said. (PNA)

REENERGIZATION. Restoration works are ongoing within the franchise area of Negros Power, including Bacolod City, on Wednesday (Nov. 5, 2025) after electric poles and other infrastructures were damaged by Typhoon Tino the previous day. After the total loss of power on Tuesday (Nov. 4), initial restoration activities reduced the affected areas to 87 percent before 9 a.m. on Wednesday. *(Photo courtesy of Negros Power)*

Suicide: Acceptance or aversion

CTALK
Cito Beltran

The past week has been a difficult one for many Filipinos as we collectively mourn the loss of a young woman who ended her life resulting from mental health issues.

But even in such tragedy, we can find inspiration in the declaration of faith by her family that God is in control and believing that good will come from the deep loss and pain they now experience.

Yes, inspiration and a reminder that even from deepest pain can come some of the greatest good. The young lady's "final act" of celebrating life was to give life through the process of organ donation, believing that others can live on "with her."

For ages, society has demonized people who commit suicide. We have yet to truly view suicide as a disease, an act triggered by deep emotions or experiences not common to all or related to the "spiritual" realm.

We casually accept breast cancer or leukemia, saying it has become treatable. What makes cancer "acceptable" and suicide not? Perhaps attitudes will change the way we stopped hitting left-handed kids or tying their left hand behind their back in order to make them right-handed.

Isn't it bizarre that the most developed countries have "suicide watch" for despondent criminals but not for severely depressed mental health patients?

While the US takes note of former servicemen who commit suicide due to PTSD, our AFP does not even acknowledge or publicly share the increasing number of suicide cases among uniformed personnel.

As expected, many sympathized with last week's bad news while others could not help but reflect, discuss, even argue about the why's and wherefores of suicide. Well-meaning or misguided someone even "preached" that the situation could have been averted with closer supervision and religious immersion.

The first lesson many of us need to learn is that when someone loses a loved one, whatever the cause, assumptions and judgment have no place.

Even a miscarriage is a death in the family! Less said and more shown, is the rule. Don't victimize the victims twice. The lesson is partly taught in the book of John 9: verses 1 to 3.

" As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned. But this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life'."

Jesus then spit on the ground made mud, placed it over the man's eyes, which eventually ended up with the man having sight. There was a reason and a plan.

Whenever young people pass away, we all find it difficult to accept such short lives. Even more difficult is explaining it to people who ask, "If God is good, why did allow the person to die so young?" The biblical answer is in the Book of Isaiah Chapter 57 verses 1 to 2:

"The righteous perish and no one ponders it in his heart; devout men are taken away and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death."

As for suicide, most societies certainly don't want to talk or think about it. We leave questions like how, why, what caused it? But we end the discussion, never trying to learn and understand suicide intentionally.

We have to do more than hand out numbers for the "Suicide Hotline." We need to talk, teach and learn that suicide is not a character flaw, it is the complicated outcome of serious mental health problems.

If you read and believe the Bible, you can't ignore some of the episodes about demon possession or spiritual attacks. They talk of anguish, self-hurt, attempts at self-annihilation just to be rid or be free of whatever is driving them "mad" or torturing them. They are not just in the movies; they are in real life.

Our aversion to talking about suicide is because of our deep religious beliefs related to the life of Jesus Christ and Judas Iscariot in particular.

We hate Judas for betraying Christ and causing his crucifixion. We feel cheated by Judas for not facing the consequences and "taking the easy way out" through suicide.

We judge the man based on religiosity so much so that many of us won't acknowledge his true repentance and deep pain of his betrayal. He lived, worked and believed in Christ as the revolutionary Messiah and when Jesus did not live up to Judas' expectation, Judas felt betrayed.

So Judas betrays Jesus; then what happened? Judas was at the trial and sentencing of Jesus, Judas realized that his anger was misplaced, his betrayal a deathly mistake and so he retracted his statement, returned the money, hoping to undo things.

Imagine for a minute…how would it feel if you betrayed your "Rabbi," your "Lord" and know that because of you, he has been beaten and will be crucified in less than 24 hours?

We forgive St. Peter because he only denied Jesus three times for self-preservation. But Judas could not even forgive himself, so he paid with his life.

Only by putting ourselves in someone else's shoes, surviving an attempt or by standing on the edge of the abyss can we fully appreciate what's involved. I know because I've been there.

Talking about suicide is not to popularize or suggest it as a solution. The more informed and the more we learn, the better we are to deal with it.

Don't waste the outrage

Sketches
Ana Marie Pamintuan

In our land of 112.7 million people (officially, as of last July), 24.8 million are functionally illiterate as of 2024, while nearly six million are saddled with basic illiteracy or are "no read, no write."

Between 2023 and 2024, experts estimated that 2.6 million Filipino children under five years old – from 23.6 to 24 percent of the total – suffered from physical and mental stunting due to chronic malnutrition, repeated infections and economic difficulties.

In the latest survey on self-rated poverty conducted by Social Weather Stations, 50 percent considered themselves poor.

We're still waiting for the results of the third time that Filipino 15-year-olds participated in the Program for International Student Assessment, administered by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. But we can guess that there will be little improvement from the outcomes of the first two times that the country participated in the PISA.

At least the outcome can't be any worse. We can't sink lower since both times, our students had already hit rock bottom in terms of mathematics and science competencies as well as reading comprehension.

Poor comprehension of lessons imparted in schools is the new element in the government's official redefinition of functional illiteracy.

Basic illiteracy is the complete inability to read, write and compute. According to official data, there were 5.8 million Filipinos aged 10 to 64 classified as basic illiterates as of 2024.

That figure is equivalent to the total population of Singapore. The city-state, which since 1971 has spent from 2.19 to 3.98 percent of its gross domestic product on education, responds to global economic downturns by investing even more on education.

Corruption is rare in the city-state, and when it is caught, it is dealt with swiftly, decisively.

No wonder Singapore keeps punching above its weight, enjoying one of the highest per capita incomes, with its passport the most powerful in the world, and its students placing second on average overall in the PISA in 2018, when Pinoys landed at the bottom.

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Children will inevitably inherit the Earth. Once they do, our country could be doomed, condemned to be Asia's chronic basket case. Unless drastic interventions are made to reverse the deterioration of the most precious resource of any nation, our people.

And unless we put a stop to endemic corruption.

The tasks, as we are seeing, are intertwined. Corruption made the looters in Congress defy the constitutional provision mandating that the largest chunk of the national budget should go to education.

Instead, the Department of Public Works and Highways got the largest allocation in the 2025 General Appropriations Act. Even after President Marcos pruned the amount in his token GAA veto, the DPWH allotment was still larger than the funding for the entire education sector.

Our public health care services are woefully inadequate. Yet instead of increasing funding for health, the executive, through the Department of Finance – acting on a provision inserted in the 2024 GAA at the last minute by the looters – impounded all supposed savings of government-owned and controlled corporations, including the Philippine Health Insurance Corp., to finance the latest incarnation of the pork barrel, the unprogrammed appropriations.

At the same time, the budget ballooned for state-funded ayuda programs for public health, wherein service is speeded up by political endorsements, and for which epal politicians could claim personal credit – an extremely useful resource during elections.

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So here it is, the state of the nation: teeming with the hungry and stunted, who are doomed to eternal impoverishment by illiteracy. Meanwhile, too many of the miniscule fraction with sufficient literacy and means use their brains and wealth to rob the nation blind.

In between are those in the middle class, unable to break the stranglehold of power anchored on keeping the masses poor, undereducated and dependent for life on the dole-outs of the ruling class.

It's a recipe for a failed state.

The silver lining in the ongoing infrastructure scandal is the opportunity that it provides for long-lasting, meaningful structural reforms that venal politicians will find difficult to reverse.

It's not the first time that a paroxysm of public outrage has erupted over colossal corruption. But our modern history is littered with stories of all the big fish that got away, with only the minnows punished.

This time, we must make sure that the denouement will be different.

The big fish, their relatives, bagmen and other cronies must not be allowed to get away. Ill-gotten wealth must be seized, not only from the looters themselves but from their family estates.

Public opprobrium must be heaped not only on the thieves, but also on judges and justices who give crooks an excuse to invoke "inordinate delay" in escaping conviction. Such magistrates may be just as crooked and should be subjected to asset checks. Simply comparing their asset declarations with their tax payments can provide clues to the anti-money laundering police.

The nation is united in outrage. We must not let the outrage go to waste.

ASSISTANCE. Provincial government employees load family food packs into a van at the New Antique capitol on Wednesday (Nov. 5, 2025). Antique Gov. Paolo Everardo Javier said the provincial government has started distributing food packs to municipalities severely affected by Typhon Tino. *(PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)*

Tino-affected families in 10 Antique towns receive assistance

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Antique provincial government is distributing family food packs to affected families following the wrath of Typhoon Tino.

In an interview on Wednesday, Antique Gov. Paolo Everardo Javier said they started to distribute 350 food packs to families in the town of Valderrama Tuesday afternoon, followed by another 2,000 food packs to nine other municipalities severely affected by the typhoon.

"Today, we have three teams that distributed family food packs to the municipalities," Javier said.

The three teams, composed of the Governor's office, Antique Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and other provincial government offices, as well as volunteer groups, distributed assistance in Anini-y, Hamtic, Tobias Fornier, Laua-an, Patnongon, Belison, San Remigio, Sibalom and San Jose de Buenavista.

"The Antique provincial government continues to repack family food packs at the New Antique capitol lobby so that other affected families from other towns could also receive assistance," Javier said.

With 42,994 families or 97,924 individuals displaced by landslide and flooding due to the typhoon, Javier said he is requesting for augmentation support from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Regional Office 6 (Western Visayas).

"We are requesting DSWD for additional food packs, aside from the prepositioned goods already prepositioned in the province," he said.

He said the DSWD has more than 17,000 family food packs prepositioned prior to Tino, which are now being distributed to affected towns in Western Visayas, including Antique.

Meanwhile, Social Welfare Officer 3 Rebecca Lotilla said the provincial government has allocated PHP4 million from the Quick Response Fund and Special Trust Fund for the food packs being distributed by the local government.

"The food packs prepared by the provincial government will be distributed in far-flung areas that could not be reached by the DSWD," she said.

She said donated used clothes are also available to those needing it. (PNA)

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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

NE/Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10 & 17, 2025

DSWD visits 4Ps communities with caravan of services

SAN JOSE, Antique (PIA) — The Regional Convergence Committee (RCC) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has visited various communities of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in San Remigio, Antique.

The highlight of the October 21-24 visit was the caravan of services held in Barangay San Rafael, San Remigio, and undertaken by members of the partner agencies and Municipal Convergence Committee, with beneficiaries from 4Ps families and indigenous communities.

The team also inaugurated the balay Darayunan in Aningalan, San Remigio Antique, intended for students from far-flung barangay studying at Aningalan Farm School.

Other activities of the team in Antique were field visits to different schools in San Remigio, health centers, and polyclinics. These institutions provide services to 4Ps families. The team also conducted home visits to some families.

Governor Paolo Javier welcomed the members of the RCC and the Regional Independent Monitoring Committee of DSWD-4Ps, who led the four-day field visit in the province.

He noted that during the early part of his government service, particularly as Antique's Lone District Representative way back in 2010, DSWD-4Ps was already an active partner in helping poor families and in empowering local communities through their different family and community interventions.

Javier also lauded the support of DSWD in the province of Antique, especially during disaster response and relief operations, as well as through other programs benefiting the Antiqueños.

DSWD-6 4Ps Division Chief Belen Piad-Gebusion emphasized the convergence efforts in providing people with various government services and eventually uplifting the beneficiaries of the program.

She noted that this field visit aimed to strengthen inter-agency collaboration and monitor the implementation of convergence programs in the town of San Remigio.

Through field engagements and the visits to schools, health facilities, and 4Ps households, the activity sought to validate program accomplishments, identify gaps, and recommend actions for sustainable and inclusive community development.

The DSWD Pantawid Pamilya Antique, led by Jeffrey Gabucay, expressed all-out support to this event, which was also in partnership with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development and the office of Mayor Mar C. Mission Jr. of the municipality of San Remigio. *(AGP/PSM/PIA Antique)*

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and other unfair trade practices.

To maintain sufficient inventory levels in the region, DTI continues to coordinate with manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.

The agency reminded consumers to avoid panic buying and to practice responsible purchasing to help keep market stability and ensure that supplies remain available to everyone during emergencies.

It added that reports of overpricing or unfair trade practices may be filed through the nearest DTI office or via the official Facebook page of DTI Region 6 (https://www.facebook.com/DTI.RegionVI).

MURDER ... (from page 2)

southern Negros.

After Dignadice was reported as missing, Gonzalodo surrendered on Nov. 1 and confessed the crime to Brig. Gen. Arnold Thomas Ibay, regional director of Police Regional Office-NIR.

The suspect said he left Dignadice's body somewhere in Barangay Don Jorge Araneta, Bago City. Hours later, scene of the crime operatives found the body at a sugarcane field. (PNA)

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Read, write, comprehend, think

Editorial

A change in the definition of "functional literacy" in the Philippine Statistics Authority's Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Study has caused the number of illiterate Filipinos to nearly double to 24.8 million this year, according to the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM2).

In 1993, EDCOM1 found that there were around 14.5 million functionally illiterate Filipinos.

FLEMMS is a national survey that gathers information on basic and functional literacy rates, as well as educational skills qualification of the populace. The previous definition automatically confers functional literacy on all high school graduates or junior high school completers.

But the 2024 definition says functional literacy includes higher-level comprehension skills that go beyond basic reading, writing, and numeracy.

Illiterate individuals are often described as "no read, no write." Unfortunately, basic reading and writing do not get anyone far if one is not able to understand what one is reading, much less compose one's thoughts coherently to put it in writing.

International large-scale assessment tests determining Filipino students' proficiency in basic subjects, as well as in critical and creative thinking, have yielded dismal results. And while Filipinos are almost chronically online, specifically on social media, many Filipinos are not able to distinguish facts from disinformation. They tend to fall prey to propaganda and blind worship.

Getting to the root of this problem is always a daunting task. EDCOM2 said it was concerned the DepEd, instead of focusing on its core mandate of basic education, is also involved in at least 261 interagency bodies. More than 150 new laws and executive issuances in the past 24 years have increased teachers' responsibilities. The additional non-teaching tasks have caused teachers to be overworked, affecting the quality of instruction.

Reforms have been recommended and we hope those in authority heed them. The current public outrage against corruption should also make us ensure that education funds are used precisely for that purpose.

Lest we drown in the details of all proposed solutions, however, it is always good to remind ourselves of the kind of population we desire to have. We want to have students know how to read and write and count, yes, but also understand what they read beyond the literal level, connect and integrate ideas, and then form their own opinions from the information they have on hand.

Only then can we begin to imagine a society where people are not duped by scammers or politicians, and who can carve out a good life for themselves and make democratic decisions as a result of genuine understanding and critical thinking. *(manilastandard.net)*

National literacy crisis

ESPRESSO MORNINGS

By Joe Zaldarriaga

The Philippines is facing a silent yet crippling literacy crisis that threatens not only our national competitiveness but our democracy, economy and growth prospects.

In the past three decades, the number of functionally illiterate Filipinos has nearly doubled to 24.8 million in 2024, from 14.5 million in 1993 according to the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2).

This means there are 24.8 million Filipinos who cannot comprehend and make inferences to manage daily living, access gainful employment and participate in civic discourse.

The implications of this problem are profound.

A functionally illiterate population is more vulnerable to misinformation which means they are easy targets for scams and propaganda. They are more prone to poverty since their inability to comprehend limits their access to economic opportunities. This crisis also hurts our country's growth prospects since millions of Filipinos cannot reach their full potential to be productive contributors to the economy.

Sadly, this crisis is not new and has only worsened over time to the point that it has become a national emergency. The statistics are not just alarming but rather a wake-up call.

Our country cannot progress if millions of its citizens are unable to read with understanding. Literacy is the foundation of learning, and without it, we cannot build a workforce capable of competing in a knowledge-driven global economy. We cannot expect innovation, productivity, or inclusive growth when a significant portion of our population struggles with basic comprehension.

Boosting functional literacy should be treated as a cornerstone of development, one that requires a whole-of-nation approach — from the national government, to local government units (LGUs), and the private sector.

After all, functional literacy is not just an education issue — it is an economic and social concern as well. The government must treat this crisis as a national emergency. We must go beyond books and schools and address the matters that are stopping families from sending their children to school — poverty, malnutrition, and inequality.

One of the ways to promote functional literacy is by empowering poor families to send their children to school through institutionalized scholarship programs. House Bill No. 2125 or the "Scholar ng Bayan Act," introduced by Senior Citizens Party-list Rep. Rodolfo "Ompong" Ordanes, aims to deliver targeted educational assistance to poor but deserving students. It requires LGUs to earmark 30 percent of their Special Education Fund — derived from real property tax collections —for learners from households living below the poverty threshold.

While this is not a silver bullet, this is a critical step towards boosting functional literacy.

For the Department of Education (DepEd), urgent and sustained action is essential to address functional illiteracy starting with early childhood education. This means going beyond enrollment numbers and focusing on actual learning outcomes. The challenge is to ensure that students do not only attend and stay in school but learn.

The private sector, media, and community organizations all have a role to play too. Companies can support literacy programs as part of their corporate social responsibility, while community organizations can help LGUs champion literacy campaigns. The media, for its part, must continue to raise awareness about the gravity of this problem so that it remains a priority national issue.

The ability to read and write with understanding is the very basic foundation of progress. Without it, our country's aspirations for inclusive progress, development, and national competitiveness will remain elusive.

We cannot afford to lose another generation of Filipinos to illiteracy. The future of our country depends on our ability to ensure that every Filipin — not just the privileged few — can read, understand and thrive.

Stress and mental health

OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

Today, Nov. 5, 2025, is International Stress Awareness Day. Celebrated annually on the first Wednesday of November, it was created by the International Stress Management Association (ISMA) in 1998 to raise awareness of how stress can affect health and to promote coping and management techniques. ISMA encourages individuals to manage stress and prioritize mental health and well-being. Various studies have indicated that stress levels around the globe have been rising during recent years. The Covid-19 pandemic, economic worries, political issues, work place stress have been cited as contributing factors to this increase.

Stress is a natural response to a challenging situation and can even be needed to motivate and push people to perform the needed task. Good stress or eustress is a short term or temporary state which essentially induces heightened mental acuity and focus. Old school academic systems have relied on eustress to forge countless generations of students into productive members of society. Today, many institutions still rely on stress as an essential part of any training regimen. In fact, it is a well-known fact that the absence of stress is actually detrimental.

In the 1960's and 1970's, American ethologist John Calhoun conducted the Universe 25 experiment where he created an enclosed habitat for mice. This habitat had an unlimited food, water, nesting material and no predators. It was observed that in this stress-free environment, the mouse society eventually broke down. Social behaviors such as courting, mating and parental care collapsed. Aggression and cannibalism became rampant. Reproduction ceased and many of the test subjects withdrew from any contact. Many say that this experiment proved that removing stress will have progressive negative effects. This has been the cornerstone of the survival of the fittest mindset where competition is king and weak ones should fall by the wayside.

Unfortunately, recent statistics have shown a marked increase of mental health conditions which many blame on increased stress factors especially among the younger generations like the Generation Z. Many blame social media and digital overload, doomscrolling, negative news overload, bullying, social isolation and Gen X parenting as the culprit.

Whatever the reason exposure to long term and chronic stress can negatively impact mental health which can lead to anxiety and depression. Chronic stress affects cognitive abilities and triggers negative emotional behavior which in turn affects work or study capacity. Other than mental health issues, stress can also induce substance abuse. As such, it is imperative that efforts be done to address the issue other than labelling the young generation as weak and then adding more stress.

Recently, mental health and depression have been the subject of many discussions because of an unfortunate death of a celebrity's child who was allegedly suffering from mental health issues such as depression. This has spurred the ongoing debate on Gen Z stress and mental health. A group of professionals have started several projects such as Project Stigma which seeks to create awareness of stress and mental health connection and promote coping tactics.

In the end, whatever your stand is on the matter we must realize that these Gen Zs are our children or the future of our society. All of us must as a society or individual rally and and fight this scourge.

Education that withstands the storm

FRESH VIEWPOINTS: A NEW PERSPECTIVE

By Brian James Lu

In recent weeks, typhoons have ravaged large parts of the country—and once again, the first casualty is education. Classes were suspended across most regions, even in areas spared from the worst of the storms.

But it isn't just typhoons that disrupt schooling. In Laguna, for instance, the provincial government ordered a 14-day suspension of in-person classes in all public and private schools from Oct. 14 to 27. The reason — precautionary measures against possible seismic activity along the West Valley Fault. Students were told to shift temporarily to online or modular learning.

In Metro Manila, the Department of Education - National Capital Region (DepEd-NCR) likewise suspended face-to-face classes from Oct. 13 to 14 — not because of weather, but for disinfection and sanitation amid reports of influenza-like illnesses among students, and to prepare for possible strong earthquakes.

When the typhoons subside, classes don't simply resume. In many communities, schools cannot reopen because they've been converted into evacuation centers for displaced residents. The classroom, once a place for learning, becomes a temporary shelter — sometimes for weeks.

In July 2025, monsoon rains triggered by successive tropical cyclones left widespread damage to schools across the country. The Department of Education reports that the storm caused minor damage to 2,492 classrooms, major damage to 726, and complete destruction to 732. Furthermore, the devastation impacted 327 water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. The devastation forced 442 schools in 10 regions to serve as evacuation centers, disrupting classes for thousands of learners.

A similar story unfolded last year. As classes opened on July 29, 2024, twin typhoons Butchoy and Carina, along with the enhanced southwest monsoon, or habagat, battered some 12,800 schools nationwide. Of these, 246 reported flooding, while 425 became evacuation sites. The worst-hit areas included Metro Manila, Calabarzon, and Central Luzon. For nearly a thousand schools—979 to be exact—the school year didn't even begin. Their students were left waiting, their education yet again put on hold.

These realities affirm the findings of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II), which reported that typhoons and other natural disasters routinely disrupt classes nationwide, leading to significant losses in instructional time. One striking example cited by the Commission is a school in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) that lost nearly half — 48 percent — of its school days in 2024 due to weather-related suspensions.

EDCOM II also said students will lose a lot of learning if classes are interrupted too often. Prolonged school closures, it noted, often cause learners to lose interest in returning to school altogether. As I have written in earlier columns, the chronic flooding caused by ghost, substandard, and unfinished flood control projects may be a major factor behind the 1.2 million drop in student enrollment for School Year 2025–2026.

But observers, particularly in the National Capital Region, pointed out the irony that while local government units were suspending classes, malls were extending their operating hours on the same days.

The Philippines remains the most typhoon-prone country in the world, lying squarely within the so-called "typhoon belt" of the western Pacific Ocean. According to the 2023 World Risk Report, the country ranks highest in disaster risk with a score of 46.86 — outpacing Indonesia (43.50) and India (41.52). Therefore, it comes as no surprise that the Philippines experiences an average of 20 tropical cyclones annually. Recently, however, even without typhoons, Filipinos have endured severe rains and widespread flooding brought by the habagat, or southwest monsoon, worsening the already fragile conditions in many communities.

Let's face it: climate change is worsening the already fragile conditions of many Filipino communities. Unless we learn to adapt, it will continue to disrupt the education of millions of learners.

This is where the concept of Education in Emergencies (EiE) becomes crucial. EiE ensures access to quality learning opportunities for people of all ages—even in times of crisis. It covers early childhood, primary, secondary, non-formal, technical, vocational, higher, and adult education.

Education in Emergencies goes beyond short-term "emergency education response." It is a broader framework that recognizes learning must continue despite disasters or disruptions. It can be delivered through various modalitie — face-to-face, online, or modular — and across different contexts, whether high-tech, low-tech, or even no-tech at all, according to Prudencia Martinez-Sanoy, a leading advocate of EiE.

Sanoy underscored the crucial role of civil society organizations, non-government organizations, people's organizations and indigenous groups in building resilient and inclusive education systems. She emphasized that civil society coalitions must push for education reforms and partnerships that ensure learning continues even in times of crisis.

Sanoy also highlighted the importance of innovative resource mobilization — tapping local government funds mandated for development, gender and development, child protection, and disaster risk reduction. Beyond these, she urged stakeholders to explore crowdfunding, sponsorships, and grant opportunities to sustain resilience-oriented education initiatives.

She pointed to a major milestone: the signing into law on Sept. 12, 2025, of Republic Act (RA) 12287, or the Declaration of State of Imminent Disaster Act. This, she said, is a proud moment for the nation—placing the Philippines on the map as the first in the region, and possibly in the world, to legislate anticipatory action. Ranked among the countries with the highest disaster risk for three consecutive years, the Philippines is now taking a bold step from reactive disaster response toward proactive and preventive action—a true mark of global leadership in resilience.

Sanoy argued that RA 12287 strengthens the foundation of EiE by allowing the government to act before a disaster strikes. By authorizing early mobilization of resources, pre-positioning of supplies, and preventive measures such as the temporary relocation of schools or transition to remote learning, the law shifts the country's disaster management framework from reaction to anticipation. This proactive approach ensures that education is not sidelined during crises but protected as an essential public service. In essence, RA 12287 bridges disaster risk reduction and educational resilience—helping guarantee that learning continues even before the storm makes landfall.

As the frequency and intensity of disasters increase, the education sector cannot afford to remain unprepared. The challenge now is to turn the lessons of every storm into lasting reform — to build schools that are not only safe but also adaptable, and to make learning truly resilient. RA 12287 offers a promising start, but laws alone will not keep classrooms open. It will take political will, local action, and community participation to ensure that no child's right to education is washed away with the next flood or lost in the next typhoon.

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By virtue of provisions of Section 260 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the 1991, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **DECEMBER 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M** until finish at the Main Entrance of the City Treasurer's Office. The Real Properties, herein below specified are hereby certified to be delinquent in the payment of taxes. This notice specifies the delinquent real property taxes, penalties and other incidental expenses cost due therein as of the date of sale.

	DECLARED OWNER	LOCATION	KIND	AREA (sq.m.)	LOT NO.	PIN	ASSESSED VALUE	YEARS DELINQUENT	TAX DUE	PENALTIES	REGISTRATION FEE	COST OF SALE	GRAND TOTAL
1	RUFINO DEAN	LOPEZ JAENA ST., BRGY. SAN ISIDRO, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	229.00 sq.m.		139-03-032-01-029-1001	14,430.00	2014 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	5,148.30	3,338.82	802.64	848.71	10,138.47
2	REX E. HABLADO M/TO HELEN GARCIA	DOLMAX SUBD., BRGY. CAMALIG, JARO, ILOILO CITY	COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	4.80 sq.m. 37.20 sq.m.		139-03-010-03-001-1001	23,410.00	2009 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	11,377.50	7,594.90	802.64	1,897.24	21,672.28
3	ALFREDO MATTA SR. C/O NATHAN M. PINEDA (BEN. USER)	BRGY. LAPUZ NORTE, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	147.10 sq.m.		139-04-016-02-048-1067	13,500.00	2010 3RD QTR-2025 4TH QTR	6,081.74	4,034.61	802.64	1,011.63	11,930.62
4	SPS. OTHELIA L. TIJAM & DANILO S. TIJAM	RELOCATION SITE, BRGY. SAN ISIDRO, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	44.00 sq.m.		139-03-032-05-035-1488	44,350.00	2014 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	15,823.50	10,261.99	802.64	2,608.54	29,496.67
5	VICENTE TIU	VIC IMPERIAL SUBD., BRGY. M.H. DEL PILAR, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL LAND	192.00 sq.m.	LOT 8 PT.	139-03-029-05-035	121,680.00	1990 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	16,190.73	15,411.62	802.64	3,160.23	35,565.22
6	MAXIMA TOLEDANES	BRGY. DON ESTEBAN, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	184.00 sq.m.		139-04-008-03-063-1001	19,110.00	2014 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	6,818.10	4,421.67	802.64	1,123.97	13,166.38
7	REGINO A. TOMULTO M/TO ELENA C. TOMULTO	OSMEÑA ST., BRGY. MOHON, AREVALO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	96.33 sq.m.		139-02-004-01-022-1005	138,630.00	2011 3RD QTR-2025 4TH QTR	58,652.34	38,694.64	802.64	9,734.69	107,884.31
8	MA. CATHERINE B. TORRES,SINGLE	ZAMORA ST., BRGY. CONCEPCION, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	223.40 sq.m.		139-01-005-01-001-1205	55,300.00	2004 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	29,833.92	20,070.26	802.64	4,990.41	55,697.23
9	MELVIN TRABADO	BRGY. LAPUZ NORTE, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	55.47 sq.m.		139-04-016-02-048-1097	12,410.00	2008 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	6,422.10	4,307.42	802.64	1,072.95	12,605.11
10	JOEPET J. TUMESA M/TO MADOLEN B. TUMESA	BRGY. LANIT, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	42.00 sq.m.		139-03-022-02-003-1005	17,050.00	2007 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	9,281.70	6,248.07	802.64	1,552.97	17,885.38
11	SPS. DOMINGO TUNG & VILMA V. TUNG	RIZAL ST., BRGY. RIZAL IBARRA, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	COMMERCIAL LAND	50.00 sq.m.	LOT 104-J-3	139-01-030-01-024	118,950.00	2015 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	15,689.70	9,476.65	802.64	2,516.63	28,485.62
12	NELSON TUNGALA	L. LEDESMA SUBD., BRGY. HECHANOVA, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	167.73 sq.m.		139-03-020-04-201-1001	105,010.00	2020 2ND QTR-2025 4TH QTR	18,114.22	10,364.47	802.64	2,847.86	32,129.19
13	JESINE CHERYL G. TUPAS M/TO JHON FRANCIS JONATHAN D. TUPAS	MELLIZA ST., BRGY. ZAMORA, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	35.28 sq.m.		139-01-045-03-086-1001	15,810.00	2012 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	6,487.20	4,267.56	802.64	1,075.47	12,632.87
14	LILIAN TUPAZ	BRGY. LIBERTAD, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	91.60 sq.m.		139-04-017-01-122-1001	12,560.00	2013 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	4,818.00	3,148.63	802.64	796.66	9,565.93
15	MARILYN C. UMALAY, MARRIED	BRGY. SINIKWAY, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	52.14 sq.m.		139-04-035-01-073-1002	17,870.00	2007 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	9,420.06	6,326.74	802.64	1,574.68	18,124.12
16	ESTELITA UMITEN & JOALITA TERRANO	BRGY. JALANDONI ESTATE, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	173.10 sq.m.		139-04-012-02-196-1002	19,810.00	2006 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	11,313.60	7,640.64	802.64	1,895.42	21,652.30
17	FELY BAS VALENCIA C/O CORAZON MOLEÑO (BEN. USER)	BRGY. PROGRESO, LAPUZ, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	81.36 sq.m.		139-04-028-01-009-1028	13,550.00	1990 1ST QTR-1993 4TH QTR 2006 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR.	7,948.50	6,157.39	802.64	1,410.58	16,319.11
18	EDUARDO VALENZUELA, SINGLE	JARDELEZA-LEDESMA SUBD., BRGY. SAN JUAN, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL LAND	100.00 sq.m.	LOT 21-B-3-A-1	139-06-018-02-098	58,500.00	2018 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	3,715.50	1,780.11	802.64	549.56	6,847.81
19	EDUARDO VALENZUELA,JR.	LEDESMA-JARDELEZA SUBD., BRGY. SAN JUAN, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	74.00 sq.m.		139-06-018-02-065-1001	50,270.00	2005 3RD QTR-2025 4TH QTR	26,695.92	17,939.16	802.64	4,463.50	49,901.22
20	SPS. WILSON GARINO VALGUNA & NENITA BERNABE PIOGUID	URBAN POOR RELOCATION SITE, BRGY. EAST BALUARTE, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	52.00 sq.m.		139-06-005-01-242-1001	19,100.00	2003 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	12,148.68	8,260.00	802.64	2,040.86	23,252.18
21	NERA VALLEJERA	PHASE I MAHARLIKA HOMES, BRGY. BALABAGO, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	80.04 sq.m.		139-03-002-12-106-1001	14,490.00	2017 3RD QTR-2025 4TH QTR	3,694.94	2,290.89	802.64	598.58	7,387.05
22	ROLANDO VEGA M/TO MARILYN VEGA	CEMETERY ROAD, BRGY. TIMAWA TANZA ZONE II, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	54.04 sq.m.		139-01-041-02-014-1148	48,420.00	2010 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	22,463.10	14,938.71	802.64	3,740.18	41,944.63
23	ARTURO P. VILLANUEVA & BELLE A. VILLANUEVA	PAHO ROAD, BRGY. DOLONAN, AREVALO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	65.00 sq.m.		139-02-003-06-021-1013	47,060.00	2003 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	25,754.76	17,343.37	802.64	4,309.81	48,210.58
24	CRESENCIANO VILLALUZ	BRGY. CALUMPANG, MOLO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	75.00 sq.m.		139-06-002-02-155-1013	48,630.00	2016 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	14,589.00	9,264.02	802.64	2,385.30	27,040.96
25	EUFEMIA VILLANUEVA, WIDOW	CEMETERY ROAD, BRGY. TIMAWA TANZA ZONE II, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	34.40 sq.m.		139-01-041-02-014-1068	16,370.00	2009 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	8,033.70	5,366.80	802.64	1,340.05	15,543.19
26	JOHN VILLANUEVA M/TO DAHLEEN MURILLO	CEMETERY ROAD, BRGY. TIMAWA TANZA ZONE II, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	44.60 sq.m.		139-01-041-02-014-1055	16,860.00	2009 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	8,272.80	5,526.43	802.64	1,379.92	15,981.79
27	VIC IMPERIAL RES. AND DEV. CORP.	VIC IMPERIAL SUBD., BRGY. GUZMA-JESENA, MANDURRIAO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL IDLE LAND	170.00 sq.m.	LOT 5 BLK 20	139-05-007-02-188	107,740.00	2005 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	23,206.46	13,228.67	802.64	3,643.51	40,881.28
28	JOSEFINA VILLANUEVA	BRGY. LOPEZ JAENA NORTE, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	98.04 sq.m.		139-04-019-01-080-1001	12,840.00	1990 1ST QTR-1993 4TH QTR 2006 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	7,801.35	7,025.08	802.64	1,482.64	17,111.71
29	LETTY VILLANUEVA	DELGADO ST., BRGY. BAGUMBAYAN, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	COMMERCIAL LAND	562.00 sq.m.	LOT 113-K	139-01-002-01-020	663,980.00	1990 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	148,047.64	119,078.78	802.64	26,712.64	294,641.70
30	MA. RHEA G. VILLANUEVA, SINGLE	GRAN PLAINS SUBD., BRGY. HECHANOVA, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	108.64 sq.m.		139-03-020-02-132-1001	48,470.00	2016 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	14,541.00	9,233.51	802.64	2,377.45	26,954.60

	DECLARED OWNER	LOCATION	KIND	AREA (sq.m.)	LOT NO.	PIN	ASSESSED VALUE	YEARS DELINQUENT	TAX DUE	PENALTIES	REGISTRATION FEE	COST OF SALE	GRAND TOTAL
31	MELVIN VILLANUEVA M/TO DAILINDA I. VILLANUEVA	GRAN PLAINS SUBD., BRGY. HACHANOVA, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL LAND	216.00 sq.m.	LOT 24 BLK 3	139-03-020-01-293	147,420.00	2012 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	17,214.12	10,138.64	802.64	2,735.27	**30,890.67**
32	NATIVIDAD Q. VILLARDAR M/TO GELACIO C. VILLARDAR, JR.	BURGOS ST., BRGY. GEN. HUGHES, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	44.16 sq.m.		139-01-010-01-054-1010	18,780.00	2013 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	7,203.60	4,707.71	802.64	1,191.13	**13,905.08**
33	MANFRED VILLARIZA M/TO MARILOU TAN	R. MAPA ST., BRGY. TABUCAN, MANDURRIAO, ILOILO CITY	COMMERCIAL LAND	168.00 sq.m.	LOT 2322-B-7-C-1	139-05-018-02-020	60,610.00	2001 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	18,619.71	12,478.86	802.64	3,109.85	**35,011.06**
34	ROMULO VILLAREAL MARRIED TO TERESITA P. VILLAREAL	PHHC ROAD, BRGY. DUNGON, MADURRAIO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	47.18 sq.m.		139-05-006-03-622-1001	46,280.00	2007 4TH QTR-2025 4TH QTR	23,036.64	15,406.27	802.64	3,844.29	**43,089.84**
35	PATROCINIO VILLARUEL	STO. ROSARIO ST., BRGY. STO ROSARIO, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	97.60 sq.m.		139-01-039-03-017-1093	18,360.00	2012 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	7,534.80	4,956.83	802.64	1,249.16	**14,543.43**
36	CONRADA F. VILLASIN	BRGY. VETERANS VILLAGE, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	96.00 sq.m.		139-01-043-01-020-1638	15,320.00	2006 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	8,749.20	5,908.76	802.64	1,465.79	**16,926.39**
37	ALEJANDRO VILLEGAS	JOCSON DRIVE ST., BRGY. DOLONAN, AREVALO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	267.00 sq.m.		139-02-003-02-186-1003	228,390.00	2016 4TH QTR-2025 4TH QTR	63,378.21	39,808.40	802.64	10,318.66	**114,307.91**
38	SEVERA VILLORENTE	QUEZON ST, INT., BRGY. DOLONAN, AREVALO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	70.00 sq.m.		139-02-003-06-050-1003	16,880.00	1990 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	13,202.85	10,054.51	802.64	2,325.73	**26,385.73**
39	CRISTITUTO C. VOCAL M/TO SUSAN P. VOCAL	BRGY. MAGSAYSAY, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	33.60 sq.m.		139-04-024-02-1004	16,750.00	2006 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	9,307.38	6,274.17	802.64	1,558.15	**17,942.34**
40	MARILYN G. WASAWAS, WIDOW	BRGY. BO. OBRERO, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	75.24 sq.m.		139-04-027-02-135-1001	20,220.00	2007 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	10,794.06	7,256.10	802.64	1,805.01	**20,657.81**
41	MA. FELIZA SAURIN WENZZEL AND CHRISTIAN HUMLE WENZZEL	PORT SAN PEDRO DRIVE, BRGY. VETERANS VILLAGE, CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	98.00 sq.m.		139-01-043-01-020-1709	109,500.00	2012 4TH QTR-2025 4TH QTR	42,734.46	27,976.57	802.64	7,071.10	**78,584.77**
42	ESTELITA YAP	SAN VICENTE ST., BRGY. SAN VICENTE, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	68.43 sq.m.		139-03-036-02-042-1001	18,180.00	1990 1ST QTR-1993 4TH QTR 2006 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	10,822.50	8,966.64	802.64	1,978.91	**22,570.69**
43	SPS. ROBIN YU YAP & TERESA A. YAP	VILLA RICA SUBD.,BRGY. CUBAY, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL LAND	337.00 sq.m.	LOT 2293-A-11	139-03-013-01-056	213,570.00	2008 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	30,512.97	18,701.72	802.64	4,921.46	**54,938.79**
44	BELINDA YAMAUCHI	RAILROAD TRACT, BRGY. SAN ISIDRO, JARO, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	74.34 sq.m.		139-03-032-02-002-1009	16,630.00	1990 1ST QTR-1993 4TH QTR 2006 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	11,197.35	13,952.13	802.64	2,514.94	**28,467.06**
45	CANDELARIA I. YSUNZA M/TO JASON JIMENEZ	GUZMAN ST., BRGY. GUZMAN-JESENA, MANDURRIAO, ILOILO CITY	COMMERCIAL LAND	242.00 sq.m.	LOT 12-I	139-05-007-03-034	219,430.00	2012 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	15,902.73	8,092.70	802.64	2,399.54	**27,197.61**
46	GUILLERMO ZARANDIN	BRGY. PROGRESO, LAPAZ, ILOILO CITY	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING	135.10 sq.m.		139-04-028-01-024-1017	16,170.00	1990 1ST QTR-1993 4TH QTR 2006 1ST QTR-2025 4TH QTR	9,693.75	8,271.50	802.64	1,796.52	**20,564.41**
									858,290.39	**595,993.12**	**36,921.44**	**145,428.15**	**1,636,633.10**

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 260 of R.A 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 the foregoing statement is correct transcript of records of this office as of **OCTOBER 27, 2025.**

If the date of auction sale which is **DECEMBER 11, 2025**, falls on or be declared as a Holiday the next working day will be the date of auction sale.

Approved by:

(SGD.) Engr. JINNY C. HERMANO
City Treasurer

Recommending Approval:

(SGD.) CLAIRE JOHN P. LADRILLO
Chief, Tax Enforcement Division

Noted:

(SGD.) Hon. RAISA S. TREÑAS
City Mayor

NE/ Nov. 3 & 10, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF ILOILO
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 **EDISON C. PACITE** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry of sex from **"FEMALE"** to **"MALE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth **EDISON CALA-OR PACITE** who was born on **AUGUST 10, 1998** at **Marikina City** and whose parents are **NIEVE CALA-OR** and **EDUARDO PACITE.**

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

(SGD.) CHERIE J. AMPIG
City Civil Registrar

NE/Nov. 3, 2025 & Nov. 10, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Janiuay

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CONSOLACION C. MANERO** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **"GENEROSE"** to **"GENEROSE JOY"** in the Birth Certificate of **GENEROSE CONATO MANERO** who was born on **July 17, 1973** and whose parents are **JORGE LABOR MANERO** and **CONSOLACION JUNOY CONATO.**

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

(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Nov. 3, 2025 & Nov. 10, 2025

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CECILIA R. VELASCO** has filed with this office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **"CECIL"** to **"CECILIA"** in the Birth Certificate of **CECIL BASE REYES** who was born on **July 27, 1979** and whose parents are **Felimon Reyes** and **Esmeralda Base.**

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

(SGD.) ANA LISA M. CORNELIO
Municipal Civil Registrar

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the Philippines to announce if the Evelio B. Javier Airport here will resume its operations on Thursday.

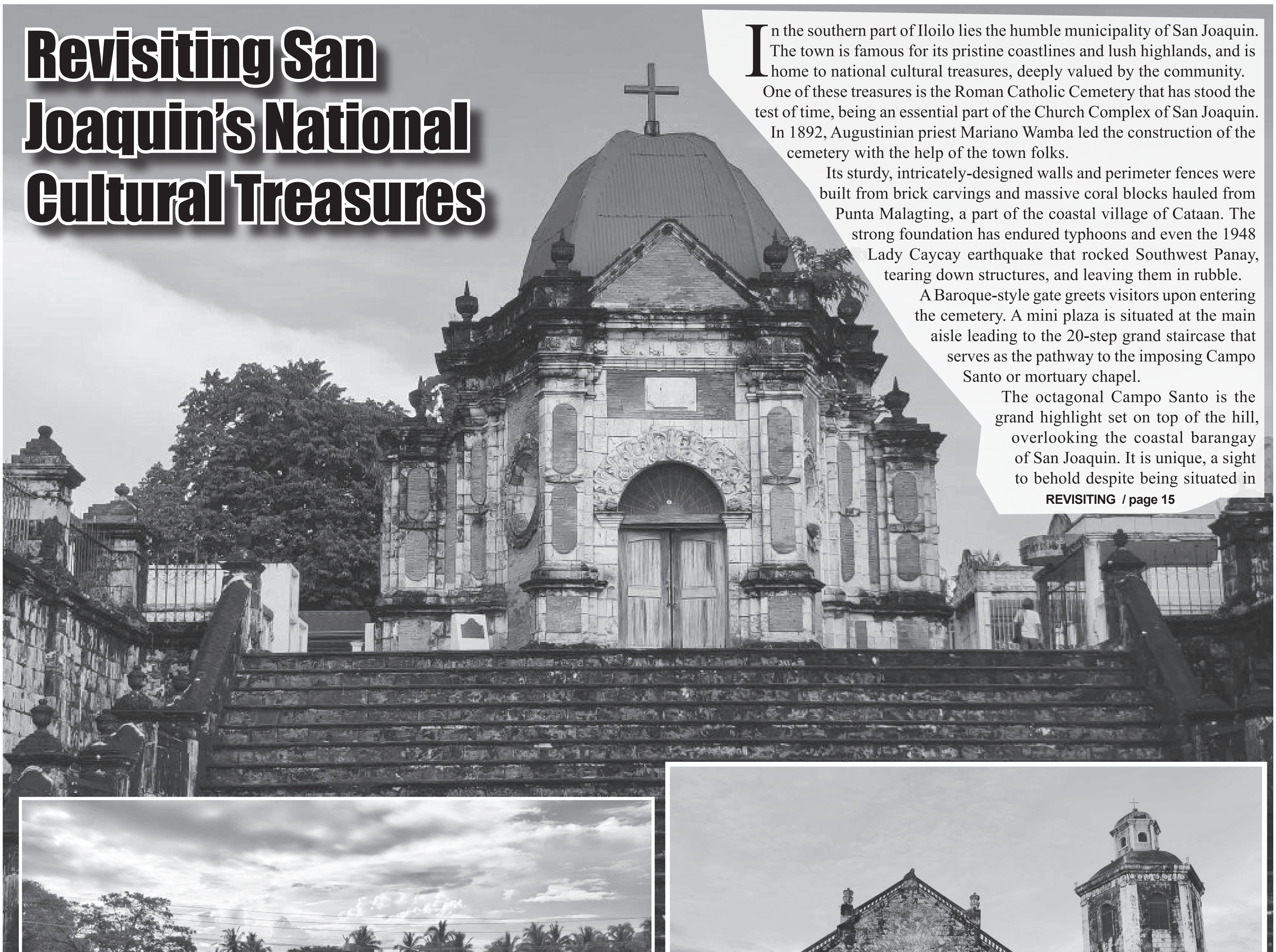
In a separate interview, Antique Governor Paolo Everardo Javier said they will wait for the recommendation of the PDRRMO for the resumption of classes and government work.

"I will wait for the PDRRMO recommendation as to when the provincial government work and classes in schools will resume since we are also anticipating another typhoon over the weekend," he said.

Meanwhile, the Office of Civil Defense in Western Visayas reported there were 43,373 families or 135,111 individuals preemptively evacuated in Western Visayas.

As of Wednesday, the Department of Social Welfare and Development regional office said it had already provided PHP13.4 million worth of family food packs to 22,394 families. *(PNA)*

Revisiting San Joaquin's National Cultural Treasures



In the southern part of Iloilo lies the humble municipality of San Joaquin. The town is famous for its pristine coastlines and lush highlands, and is home to national cultural treasures, deeply valued by the community.

One of these treasures is the Roman Catholic Cemetery that has stood the test of time, being an essential part of the Church Complex of San Joaquin.

In 1892, Augustinian priest Mariano Wamba led the construction of the cemetery with the help of the town folks.

Its sturdy, intricately-designed walls and perimeter fences were built from brick carvings and massive coral blocks hauled from Punta Malagting, a part of the coastal village of Cataan. The strong foundation has endured typhoons and even the 1948 Lady Caycay earthquake that rocked Southwest Panay, tearing down structures, and leaving them in rubble.

A Baroque-style gate greets visitors upon entering the cemetery. A mini plaza is situated at the main aisle leading to the 20-step grand staircase that serves as the pathway to the imposing Campo Santo or mortuary chapel.

The octagonal Campo Santo is the grand highlight set on top of the hill, overlooking the coastal barangay of San Joaquin. It is unique, a sight to behold despite being situated in

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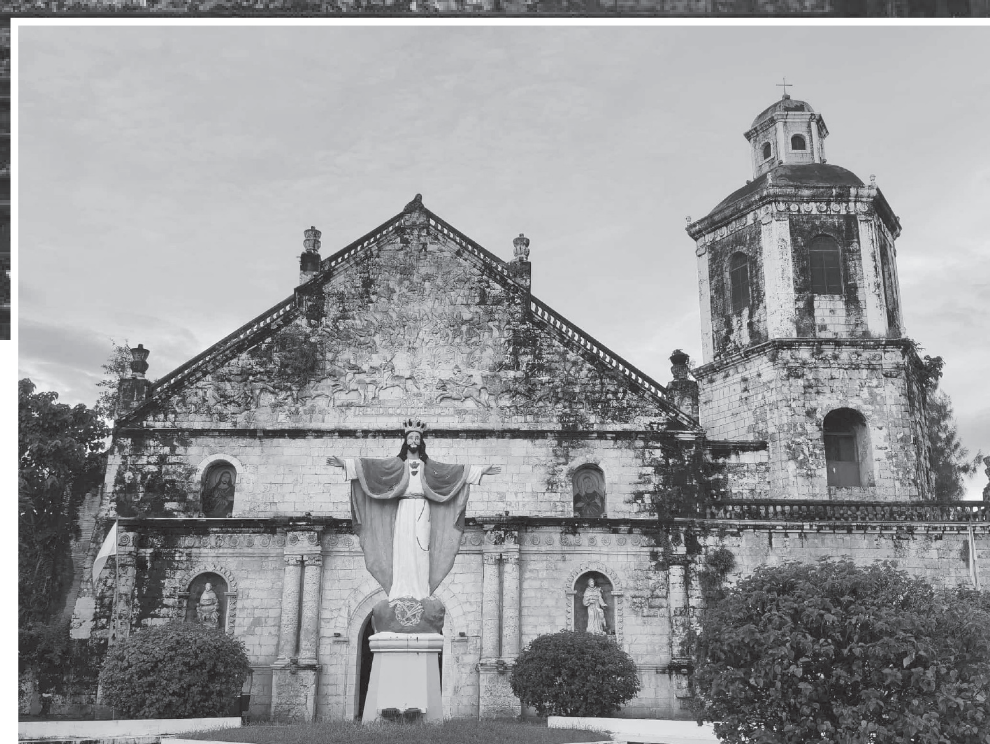

Public Wi-Fi connects Olotayan Island residents online

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) — Residents of the island barangay of Olotayan in Roxas now enjoy free public Wi-Fi that was installed by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) last September as part of the government's. 'Free Wi-Fi for All' program.

The public Wi-Fi in Olotayan is the 214th active free Wi-Fi site in the province and the 5th in Roxas City based on DICT-Capiz data as of last month.

"It helps us in enhancing our lesson delivery, and we can now access real-time information," said Olotayan Integrated School Information and Communications Technology focal person Jhoemar Alimonsurin.

He added that the project is also a big help for the lessons of students as they can now immediately research and submit their assignments on time.

For his part, Olotayan Barangay Information Officer Doxchristian A. Balasabas said that the public Wi-Fi connection is reliable and helps villagers save on internet costs.

Before the public Wi-Fi was installed on the island, residents relied solely on 'peso Wi-Fi' and mobile data to access the internet.

The Free Wi-Fi for All program, implemented under Republic Act No. 10929 or the Free Internet Access in Public Spaces Act of 2017, aims to provide fast, free, and secure internet access in public spaces such as schools, government offices, transport hubs, plazas, libraries, hospitals, and especially in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs).

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. highlighted the critical importance of internet connectivity as a basic necessity for all Filipinos, particularly under the Bagong Pilipinas era, during his 4th State of the Nation Address delivered on July 28.

Likewise, the President added that the DICT and the Department of Education will be working on providing all public schools with internet connectivity by the end of this year.

The Free Wi-Fi for All program is part of DICT's Free Public Internet Access initiative, which aims to accelerate internet accessibility nationwide, bridge the digital divide, and promote digital inclusion. *(AGP/AAL/PIA Capiz/ Photos screengrab from DICT 6)*

Aklan marks first provincial Indigenous Peoples Day

KALIBO, Aklan (PIA) — The Provincial Government of Aklan, through the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO), in partnership with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), has marked a significant milestone with the celebration of the first Provincial Indigenous Peoples (IP) Day.

With the theme "Pagkilala at Pagpapahalaga sa mga Aklanon Bukidnon ag Ati it Aklan," the event honored the rich cultures, histories, and lasting contributions of Aklan's two recognized IP groups—the Aklanon Bukidnon and the Ati.

It highlighted their vital roles in shaping the province's cultural identity, promoting environmental stewardship, and strengthening community life.

The day-long celebration featured a learning session and dialogue in the morning, and cultural games and raffle draws in the afternoon, alongside product and information booths that highlighted opportunities and services for IP communities.

The program opened with traditional rituals led by representatives from the Akeanon Bukidnon (Dalagsaan, Libacao) and the Ati (Numancia), followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the Aklan Hymn.

A series of inspirational messages from local leaders and national officials reaffirmed the government's commitment to IP empowerment and cultural preservation.

The Malay IP Community presented a colorful cultural performance that showcased the artistry and heritage of Aklan's Indigenous Peoples.

Aklan Governor Jose Enrique M. Miraflores expressed his joy and full support for the event.

"We supported this without much question and immediately decided that the Province of Aklan has to celebrate this event. In this way, we can share with the whole province of Aklan that we have dedicated a day this year for our IP communities. By doing so, we also give due respect to our IP brothers and sisters whose contributions are of great help to our province, especially in the agriculture sector," Miraflores said.

He also emphasized that the celebration is a moment to honor the Akeanon Bukidnon and Ati communities, whose rich traditions, cultural identity, and steadfast stewardship continue to strengthen and enrich Aklan's shared roots.

"This is a day to recognize, celebrate, and be grateful for the priceless involvement of our indigenous peoples in shaping the heritage and soul of the province of Aklan," he added.

Charlen P. Rosales, Community Development Officer III of the NCIP, expressed her gratitude to the Provincial Government of Aklan for its continued love and support for the IPs.

She emphasized that the NCIP's primary goal is to preserve cultural heritage and protect the rights of IPs.

She also conveyed her hope that both Antique and Aklan would soon have their own NCIP offices to ensure greater focus, more opportunities, and stronger support for IP communities.

A key learning session was led by lawyer Hermie Jun S. Toledo, who discussed the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997, emphasizing the legal framework that safeguards the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs).

Another presentation was delivered by Francis Arnaiz on behalf of engineer Alexys Apolonio, Provincial Agriculturist. He discussed the Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran Para sa Kababayang Katutubo (4K) Program, which focuses on promoting livelihood and development opportunities for IPs.

The session concluded with heartfelt responses from Indigenous Peoples' representatives.

Gladys Dorothy Colas, Indigenous Peoples Mandatory

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Aklan public markets go cashless with Paleng-QR Ph plus

KALIBO, Aklan (PIA) — The local government of Kalibo, in partnership with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), has officially launched the Paleng-QR Ph plus Program, a digital payment initiative designed to promote cashless transactions in public markets and local transport sectors.

The Paleng-QR Ph plus aims to empower vendors, consumers, and tricycle drivers by utilizing QR Ph, the national standard for quick response (QR) code payments, to ensure safe, fast, and secure digital transactions.

Through the program, market vendors and transport operators can now receive payments directly via QR codes using any participating financial institution or e-wallet.

Kalibo Mayor Juris Sucro welcomed the rollout, saying it represents a key step toward digital transformation and financial inclusion in Aklan.

"May this program continue to inspire collaboration between the government and the private sector as we work together to build a more resilient, connected, and progressive country," Sucro said.

DILG-Aklan Provincial Director Dindo Ponsaran delivered the message of Juan Jovian E. Ingeniero, Regional Director of DILG Region VI, who reaffirmed support for promoting cashless transactions as a step toward building efficient, inclusive, and sustainable financial systems.

"As we move toward a future where cashless transactions become the norm, we are making progress in building systems that are not only efficient but also inclusive and sustainable," Ponsaran said.

Vendors and tricycle drivers are encouraged to register with participating financial institutions or electronic money issuers to generate their own QR Ph codes for digital payments.

Meanwhile, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas–Roxas Branch conducted a Digital Financial Literacy session as part of the program launch.

During the briefing, participants learned how to use their mobile phones and various digital tools to manage their finances more efficiently.

Doreen M. Santerya, BSP-Roxas Acting Area Director, said the session aimed to strengthen public confidence in digital finance.

She noted that through digital financial literacy, participants can gain the knowledge and skills needed to use financial tools safely and wisely. *(AGP/SQP/PIA Aklan with reports from Justin Robert Idolog/DOLE-GIP)*

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ARIES
March 21 - April 19

Try not to read too much into other people's words today. You may have spent hours tearing apart every off-the-cuff remark. You may build up a wild scenario in your head regarding what that person is thinking. Instead of trying to sneak up on the answer through the back door, try the direct approach. Simply ask your question.

TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

Long-term trends are coming to an important climax now. This dramatic period is highlighted by the added amount of information being thrown your way. Try to make small adjustments to your direction that incorporate this new information. Be aware of the prevailing winds and your relationships will be much better off.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

Take a break from what you're doing. Look at what people are doing around you. Check your plans in relation to those of others and see if there's a way you can combine forces and kill more birds with fewer stones. Cooperation instead of competition is the lesson that needs to be emphasized today. The better you learn this today, the better off you'll be tomorrow.

CANCER
June 22 - July 22

Get involved with the energy of today so you don't get left out of the loop. Your contribution to the group is important. You should foster positive relationships among all parties. Think big. You can do no wrong by expanding your mind today. You can do no wrong by expanding your mind out into the minds of others. Make a commitment to quench your thirst for knowledge and freedom through information.

LEO
July 23 - August 22

You can add more tools to your toolbox today. Express your concerns and you'll find helpful remedies present themselves. Keep the lines of communication open and let the information flow. There's a great expansiveness that comes when you think for yourself - and think big. Don't get bogged down with the emotional side of things. Concern yourself with the facts.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Join others before you make your big travel plans. The smallest idea can be quickly transformed into a huge plan of attack, thanks to the prevailing winds of the day. There's a light, communicative feeling in the air encouraging cooperation. If you find that people aren't chiming into the group effort, you may want to excuse them from the group.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Don't get stuck doing just one thing today. The more varied your activity, the easier it will be for you to integrate the different pieces of the puzzle. This is a day to think big. The more you know, the greater an asset you'll be when it comes time to solve the biggest problems. Learn how to multitask effectively.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You might be in a whirlwind today, and there will be information buzzing around asking you to do this and go there. You're the one most perfectly suited to deal with the tone of the day. Stay lively and upbeat. Don't get stuck on any one thing. Keep the energy moving. The answer will be right there waiting for you.

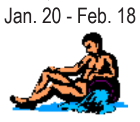
SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You might be jumping around today. This is one of those situations in which you don't want to stay in one place for too long. Each place is an individual step that leads to where you want to go. Keep your eyes focused ahead and keep on going. Stagnating will leave you lost in the middle of nowhere.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 - Jan.19

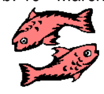
Your audience will be attentive to you today. Take the lead and others will follow. Be yourself and project your voice into the auditorium of eager listeners. Information will flow freely, and you shouldn't discount any ideas from the peanut gallery. Be open to questions and comments from others. Their participation is vital to your performance.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18



You could feel confident today, and you should have a strong idea of exactly what it is you want. Information is power. Others are working to wield power over you. Don't let them get away with it, especially today. Encourage synergistic behavior among all parties. You can accomplish a great deal by working together instead of against one another.

PISCES
Feb. 19 - March 20



Your mind will expand today. You'll feel like there's a ton of information crammed into your head that needs processing. Regarding big projects, try to finish them as quickly as you can. The best policy is to pace yourself. If you wait until the last minute to finish, the quality of your work will suffer. Make a plan and maybe even a timeline. Set small deadlines as you go along.

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Word list:

BLIZZARD	FROST	OVERCAST	STORM
CLOUD	GUST	PRESSURE	STRATUS
DEWPOINT	HAIL	RAIN	THUNDER
DROUGHT	HEATWAVE	RAINBOW	TORNADO
ECLIPSE	HURRICANE	SLEET	TYPHOON
FLOOD	LIGHTNING	SNOWFLAKE	WILDFIRE
FOG	MIST	SNOWSTORM	WIND

sudoku

Puzzles by Pappocom©

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

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

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

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PANCIT BATO GUISADO

CAMARINES SUR, BICOL PANCIT RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- **3/4 LB. PANCIT BATO**
- **2 CUPS CHOPPED CABBAGE**
- **1 MEDIUM CARROT JULIENNED**
- **1 CUP SNAP PEAS**
- **2 CUPS CHICKEN BROTH**
- **6 OUNCES PORK SLICED**
- **6 OUNCES MEDIUM SHRIMP SHELL AND HEAD REMOVED**
- **1/4 CUP SOY SAUCE**
- **2 TABLESPOONS FISH SAUCE**
- **GROUND BLACK PEPPER TO TASTE**
- **1 ONION SLICED**
- **2 TEASPOONS MINCED GARLIC**
- **3 TABLESPOONS COOKING OIL**

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat the cooking oil in a cooking pot or deep pan.
Once the oil is hot, saute the garlic and onion.
Add the sliced pork. Cook for 3 minutes.
Pour-in the soy sauce, fish sauce, and chicken broth.
Let boil. Simmer covered for 20 minutes. Add water if needed.
Add the ground black pepper. Stir.
Put-in the shrimp, snap peas, and carrots. Cook for a minute.
Add the cabbage. Cook for 2 minutes.
Put-in the noodles (pancit bato). Stir and cook until all the liquid is absorbed. The noodles should be soft . Otherwise, add a little water to soften the noodles.
Transfer to a serving plate.
Serve. Share and enjoy!

Republic of the Philippines
6th Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice
Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City

FORECLOSURE NO. F-11437-25

For:

Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135 as amended

BDO Unibank Inc.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

Nick Carlson Solijon Tai, Goldentop Marketing International Corporation,
Debtor/
Mortgagor,
x--x

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Petition for Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage Act 3135 as amended filed by **BDO Unibank Inc.,** a banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines with principal business address at BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Salcedo Village, 1226 Makati City, Philippines, hereinafter referred to as Mortgagee, against **Nick Carlson Solijon Tai** ("MORTGAGOR/DEBTOR TAI"), referred to as the Mortgagor, with residence and principal office address at No. 35 Atok Street, Barangay Sto. Domingo, Gintong Silahis, Quezon City 1114, over a parcel of land, including all the improvements erected thereon covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 090-2023013886** (the "Mortgaged Property") located at Lot 9, Block 20, Brgy. Inangayan, Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Province of Iloilo, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness in the amount of **FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE PESOS AND 36/100 (P4,136,971.36)** computed as of **July 31, 2025** and all other charges including the fees that may be due to you for services rendered, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION on **January 13, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, CJ Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in the Philippine Currency, the real property herein described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023013886

LOT NO: 9 **BLOCK NO:** 20 **PLAN NO:** PCS-06-006593
PORTION OF: THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION OF BLK 17, PSD-06-083158; LOT-5248-R-2-D-3, PSD-06-066757; LOTS-5348-L, 5248-P, 5248-Q, BSD-06- 000202 (OLT); LOTS-876 & 604, STA. BARBARA CAD. 7
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF INANGAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. BARBARA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY.
AREA: TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **January 20, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice and publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, September 23, 2025.

(SGD.) SIDNEY D. SOLAS
Sheriff-in-Charge

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

WARNING:

It is absolutely prohibited to remove or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the Date of sale, under penalty of law

NE/November 3, 10 & 17, 2025

LifeBank
A RURAL BANK

HEAD OFFICE:
Brgy. Duyan-Duyan, Sta. Barbara, 5002 Iloilo
Tel. No.: +63(033) 3331975
(033) 3331438
Fax No.: +63 (033) 5234506
E-Mail: lifebankrbmi@yahoo.com
lifebank@rbap.org

BALANCE SHEET

(Head Office and Branches)
As of September 30, 2025

BRANCHES

MAASIN BRANCH
#14 Taft Street, Maasin Iloilo
(033) 333-1439

ILOILO CITY BRANCH
Brgy. Maria Clara, Iznart Extention, Iloilo City
(033) 336-0924, 336-0426

ROXAS CITY BRANCH
Km. 2, Lawaan Roxas City
(036) 620-0168

PRODUCT AND SERVICES

SAVINGS
LifeSAVER
LifeSAVER Plus
LifeKiddie Saver
LifeTeen Saver

LOANS
AgriLIFE
LifeSavers
LifeHOME
LifeNEGOSYO
LifeDRIVE
Ikabuhi Microfinance Program (IMP)
Ikabuhi Entrepreneural Program (IEP)
WASHLoan
Gadget Loan
Educational Loan

MEMBER

PDIC - Deposit insured up to Php 1,000,000.00

ASSETS	Account Code	Amount	
		Current Quarter	Previous Quarter
Cash and Cash Items	108000000000000000	13,336,178.93	19,579,674.55
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	105150000000000000	1,145,435.59	1,145,435.59
Due from Other Central Banks and Banks - Net	105220000000000000	166,332,232.51	180,253,736.03
Debt Securities at Amortized Cost - Net	195241000000000000	159,353,741.38	167,370,074.92
Loans and Receivables - Others	140150300000000000	1,001,395,404.01	949,642,925.47
Total Loan Portfolio (TLP) - Gross	499020000000000000	1,001,395,404.01	949,642,925.47
Allowance for Credit Losses 2/	499800000000000000	110,729,179.57	101,112,492.27
Total Loan Portfolio - Net	195400000000000000	890,666,224.44	848,530,433.20
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment - Net	195500500000000000	52,581,805.68	54,333,815.78
Real and Other Properties Acquired - Net	195501000000000000	1,018,485.48	118,485.48
Sales Contract Receivables - Net	195451500000000000	0.00	0.00
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	150150000000000000	3,273,840.48	3,273,840.48
Other Assets - Net	152500000000000000	76,253,546.66	75,637,617.29
TOTAL ASSETS	100000000000000000	**1,363,961,491.15**	**1,350,243,113.32**
LIABILITIES			
Deposit Liabilities	215000000000000000	731,190,110.29	750,411,967.94
Other Liabilities	240200000000000000	162,242,389.53	150,301,566.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES	200000000000000000	**893,432,499.82**	**900,713,534.39**
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY			
Capital Stock	305000000000000000	13,929,000.00	13,929,000.00
Additional Paid-In Capital	305200000000000000	0.00	0.00
Undivided Profits	315150000000000000	53,715,354.86	32,121,094.24
Retained Earnings	315000000000000000	402,884,636.47	403,479,484.69
Other Capital Accounts	335200000000000000	0.00	0.00
Assigned Capital	325200000000000000	0.00	0.00
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	300000000000000000	**470,528,991.33**	**449,529,578.93**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	905000000000000000	**1,363,961,491.15**	**1,350,243,113.32**
CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS			
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	400000000000000000	0.00	0.00
FINANCIAL INDICATORS (in %)			
ASSET QUALITY			
Gross Non-Performing Loans (NPL) Ratio	499150500000000000	12.99	12.60
Net NPL Ratio	499151000000000000	2.69	2.85
Gross NPL Coverage Ratio	499152500000000000	85.12	84.47
Net NPL Coverage Ratio	499153000000000000	79.33	77.40
RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS			
Ratio of Loans to Related Parties to gross TLP	499401000000000000	0.00	0.00
Ratio of Non-Performing Loans to Related Parties to Total Loans to Related Parties	499401500000000000	0.00	0.00
Ratio of DOSRI Loans to gross TLP	499451000000000000	0.00	0.00
Ratio of Non-Performing DOSRI Loans to Total Loans to DOSRI	499451500000000000	0.00	0.00
LIQUIDITY			
Liquidity Coverage Ratio 4/	499550500000000000		
Net Stable Funding Ratio 4/	499551000000000000		
Minimum Liquidity Ratio 5/	499551500000000000	45.65	49.12
PROFITABILITY			
Return on Equity (ROE)	499350000000000000	15.96	14.66
Return on Assets	499351000000000000		
Net Interest Margin	499351500000000000		
CAPITAL ADEQUACY			
Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio	499650501500000000	28.05	27.14
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	499650501000000000	28.05	27.14
CAR	499650500500000000	28.53	27.68
LEVERAGE			
Basel III Leverage Ratio 4/	499850000000000000		
Deferred Charges not yet Written Down	499700000000000000	0.00	0.00

I, ROSARIO B. PERLAS hereby certify that all matters set fort in this Published Balance Sheet are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this 6th day of November 2025.

ROSARIO B. PERLAS, M.D.
President/CEO

Tino claims 1 life, affects 42K families in Antique

CLEARING OPS. Employees of the Antique Provincial Capitol conduct clearing operations at the New Capitol in San Jose de Buenavista following the onslaught of Typhoon Tino (Kalmaegi) on Wednesday (Nov. 5, 2025). Work at the Antique Provincial Government and classes remain suspended. *(PNA photo by Annabel Consuelo J. Petinglay)*

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Typhoon Tino (international name Kalmaegi) left one dead and displaced 42,994 families, or 97,924 individuals, in Antique province due to landslide and flooding on Tuesday.

In an interview on Wednesday, Antique Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (PDRRMO) Broderick Train said a 50-year-old man from Barangay Salvacion in Anini-y town died after being swept by strong currents while attempting to cross the river on Nov. 4.

He said the man was trying to transport grass for his cattle when the incident happened.

"The death of the resident is being considered a typhoon-related incident because Anini-y was then already under Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal Number 4," Train said.

Meanwhile, out of the displaced families, 17,031 families are still inside the evacuation centers.

"Port operations also remain suspended with the telecommunication lines intermittent," Train said.

He said that they are still waiting for the Civil Aviation Authority of

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Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court
Sixth Judicial Region
Office of the Clerk of Court
OFFICE OF THE EX-OFFICIO PROVINCIAL SHERIFF
Guimbal, Iloilo
E-mail: rtc1gblocc@judiciary.gov.ph/Mobile No. 09359712092

FORECLOSURE NO. 527

IN RE: PETITION FO EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118,

RURAL BANK OF MIAGAO (ILOILO), INC., MIAGAO, ILOILO MAIN OFFICE, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT, REY N. FLORES,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-- versus –

JOSE M. VILLASIS, REPRESENTED BY HIS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, DIANA S. VILLASIS,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended BY Act 4118 filed by the ***Petitioner-Mortgagee***, **RURAL BANK OF MIAGAO (ILOILO), INC., MIAGAO, ILOILO MAIN OFFICE, represented by its President REY N. FLORES** of legal age, Filipino and with principal office address at **Noble Street, Miagao, Iloilo** against the ***Respondent-Mortgagor* JOSE M. VILLASIS, represented by his Attorney-in-Fact Diana S. Villasis**, of legal age, Filipino with address at **Brgy. Kirayan Norte, Miagao, Iloilo** to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **July 31, 2025** amounts to **EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TEN & 96/100 (P847,110.96)** Philippine Currency, exclusive of all legal fees, charges, and expenses relative to or in connection with the foreclosure proceeding that may be due for the services rendered. The undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 4, 2025** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT - OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT GUIMBAL, ILOILO** to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency specifically the property/properties with all its improvements, to wit:

Tax Declaration No. 27-0064-00419
PIN 041-27-0064-010-42

*"A parcel of Land (Residential) identified as Lot No. 17595-B, Miagao Cad., Assessor's Lot No. 179 PT., situated at Brgy. Kirayan Norte, Miagao, Iloilo. Bounded on the North by Lot No. 17596; on the East by Lot Nos. 17592, 17593, and 17591; on the South by Lot No. 17595-A; and on the West by Lot No. 17585, containing an area of **Six Hundred Forty-Two (642) square meters, more or less.***

Tax Declaration No. 27-0064-00420
PIN 041-27-0064-010-42-1001

*"A one-storey building (residential) situated on Lot No. 17595-B, with a total floor area of **Thirty-Two (32) square meters, more or less**."*

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

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

Guimbal, Iloilo, Philippines, this 23rd day of October, 2025.

FOR THE EX-OFFICIO
PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF GUIMBAL:

(SGD.) RANDY D. GEOLAMIN
Sheriff IV
RTC-OCC, Guimbal, Iloilo

NOTED BY:

(SGD.) ATTY. JAHZIEL P. FANTILANAN-SILVESTRE
Clerk of Court VI
RTC-OCC, Guimbal, Iloilo

NE/November 3, 10 & 17, 2025

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ROSEMARIE J. ENCARNACION** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **"ROSE MARY"** to **"ROSEMARIE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROSE MARY SOMODIVILLA JINO-O** who was born on **October 12, 1963** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **FAUSTINO J. JINO-O** and **PIOSICIMA D. SOMODIVILLA.**

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

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

NE/Nov. 10, 2025 & Nov. 17, 2025

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. No. 10172).** Notice is hereby served to the public that **JANNELYN ARAÑA APOSAGA** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH** from **SEPTEMBER 18, 974** to **"SEPTEMBER 19, 1974"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JANNELYN CAÑONERO ARAÑA** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 19, 1974** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **ISIDRO P. ARAÑA** and **MILAGROS A. CAÑONERO.**

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

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

NE/Nov. 10, 2025 & Nov. 17, 2025

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048,** a notice is hereby served to the public that **LELANE A. GARIBAY** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **"MA. LELANE"** to **"LELANE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LELANE PEÑAFIEL ANIVERSARIO** who was born on **MARCH 2, 1969** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ALBERTO ANIVERSARIO** and **NELIDA PEÑAFIEL**.

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

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

NE/Nov. 10, 2025 & Nov. 17, 2025

Gemmary Pawnshop & Jewellery, Inc.

AUCTION SALE

This is to inform the public that we will be conducting an AUCTION SALE on **NOVEMBER 20, 2025** at 9:00 a.m. for all overdue pledges pawned on **JUNE 2025** and prior dates in the following branches. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

- **MAPA:** C.K. Bldg. Mapa St., Brgy. Ortiz Iloilo City - Tel # (033) 509-8188
- **LAPAZ:** Cor.Dicen Luna St., Lapaz Iloilo City -Tel. # (033) 508-6283
- **JARO 1:** Sommerset Bldg. Lopez Jaena St., Jaro Iloilo City - Tel. # (033) 508-1582

THE MANAGEMENT

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 R.A. Act No. 9048 & 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ELSA S. TUGBO** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Correction of Clerical Error on the child's date of birth** from **SEPTEMBER 30, 1968** to **SEPTEMBER 22, 1968** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ELSA MACAYA SOTOMIL** who was born on **September 30, 1968** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **AGAPITO SUAYA SOTOMIL** and **ADELINA ARELLANO MACAYA.**

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

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

NE/Nov. 10, 2025 & Nov. 17, 2025

AKLAN ... (from page 11)

Representative (IPMR) of Libacao, speaking on behalf of the Akeanon Bukidnon, expressed her deep gratitude for the province's recognition and continued commitment to inclusion and cultural preservation.

"This day is not only a celebration but one of the most historic events for our Indigenous Peoples in the Province of Aklan. I am filled with heartfelt gratitude for this opportunity. This celebration is not just a gathering but a meaningful recognition—recognition of our culture, our identity, and our contribution to the history and progress of our province," said Colas, reaffirming her commitment to continue serving Indigenous Peoples with compassion and determination.

Meanwhile, Richelda Sinag, IPMR of Malay, representing the Ati community, expressed her appreciation for the provincial government's support and reiterated their hopes for greater opportunities in education and livelihood.

"This event reminds us that we share a common culture, history, and rights as Indigenous Peoples. Saeamat sa pagkilaea ag pagpahaega," she concluded.

Throughout the day, several booths and assistance desks were available, including Product Displays by IP communities, a Job Fair, Scholarship and Agricultural Product Desks, a CSO Desk, and a Legal Assistance Desk managed by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines–Aklan Chapter. *(AGP/SQP/PIA Aklan with reports from Clarize Parce, DOLE-GIP)*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6TH JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 31
ILOILO CITY
Rtc1ilo031@judiciary.gov.ph
Tel. No. (033) 327-9722

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.
X--X

O R D E R

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

NE/Oct. 27, Nov. 3 & 10, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONCEPCION MARIN-DEFENSOR** consisting of two parcels of land **Lot 1905** of the Cadastral Survey of Pototan, with all the buildings and improvements thereon covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 126,353** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY TWO SQUARE METERS (1,972), more or less** and **Lot 9865-A**, PSD-06-071796, being a portion of Lot 9865, Pototan Cad. 222, situated in Barangay Bangac, Mina, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2010007344** with an area of **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT (18,168) Square Meters, more or less** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **MARIDE DEFENSOR-PEREZ, EMOLYN DEFENSOR-HUSSAINI, JOSETTE DEFENSOR-MAUSISA and ARACELI DEFENSOR**. That, the heirs SOLD, CEDED, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED all their rights, shares and interests over **Lot 9865-A** unto **LEONIDA P. DE LA PEÑA.** Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. HECTOR P. TEODOSIO** per Doc. No. 81, Page No. 18, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

NE/November 3, 10 & 17, 2025

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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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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a Spanish-era cemetery. Masses were often held during All Souls' Day and All Saints ' Day as people remember their departed loved ones.

According to Erlyn Alunan, a professional tour guide and former Tourism Officer of San Joaquin, the inherent beauty of the structure and cemetery has gained the attention of authorities and tourists. It was declared a National Cultural Treasure by the National Museum in 2015.

"Technically, the Campo Santo and Cemetery is a property of the Archdiocese of Jaro. However, because it is a National Cultural Treasure, it is also the responsibility of the local government of San Joaquin to take care of the property, so hand in hand, with the local parish. We see to it that we clean up the area especially during occasions when the people would flock to the place to visit," Alunan said in an interview.

Alunan shared that any renovations of the Roman Catholic Cemetery in San Joaquin require permission from the National Museum which is the overseer of the National Cultural Treasures.

The highest designation of National Cultural Treasure pertains to "a unique cultural property found locally, possessing outstanding historical, cultural, artistic and/or scientific value which is highly significant and important to the country and nation."

According to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) website, the National Museum is mandated to declare cultural properties of the Philippines as either Important Cultural Properties or National Cultural Treasures, pursuant to several laws, including Republic Act No. 4846 (Cultural Properties Preservation and Protection Act) as amended by Presidential Decree No. 374, Presidential Decree No. 260, Republic Act No.8492 (National Museum Act of 1998) and Republic Act No. 10066 (National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009).

In the olden times, Alunan said that graveyards were positioned nearby or inside the church yard where the pillars of the community were buried.

"It was in the time of Governor Claveria that the outbreak of Cholera happened and he signed an edict telling all the parishes that ang mga patyo (cemetery) should be a kilometer away from the church. Ginsaylo ang lulubngan (The cemetery was transferred) one kilometer away from the church of San Joaquin," Alunan recalled.

Thus, a coastal road was built to accommodate the procession from the church to the cemetery and Campo Santo without passing then the build-up area for the community to avoid the spread of Cholera.

Meanwhile, Virgilio Nacion, the current Parish Pastoral Council President of San Joaquin and former Sangguniang Bayan member for almost 23 years expressed his sentiments on the need to cherish the Roman Catholic Cemetery of San Joaquin and the Church Complex as both are National Cultural Treasures.

"Tini-treasure natin most especially ang Church kasi may mga remnants pa dyan at historical value ng ating mga ninuno," Nacion uttered, adding his personal affection towards antique collections, culture, and heritage.

He advised youngsters to avoid vandalism in these sacred structures as these are recollections of the past, etched through time.

With its interesting anecdotes and resemblances likened to other structures in Asia, the Roman Catholic Cemetery of San Joaquin leaves a lasting heritage that the future generation is blessed with. This further marks a sign of the community's amplified care and appreciation for its unique history, culture and sacred space for religious practices such as Undas, a day of prayer and remembering the departed loved ones. *(AAL/LMLE/PIA Iloilo)*

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **VIRGIE V. FRIGINAL** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **"ZONIA"** to **"VIRGIE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ZONIA GUARDIALAO VILLARANTE** who was born on **January 8, 1956** at **Leganes, Iloilo** and whose parents are **PETRONIO A. VILLARANTE** and **EDITHA J. GUARDIALAO.**

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

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

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **SHELL N. PAJONILLA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of sex from **"MALE"** to **"FEMALE"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **SHELL NICANOR PAJONILLA** at **San Dionisio, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Abelardo Arbis Pajonilla** and **Leonisa Barrion Nicanor.**

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

(SGD.) MARY JEAN G. DEMONTEVERDE
Municipal Civil Registrar

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARCELO H. FAJARDO, FELICITAS F. TOMAS, PELAGIA H. FAJARDO, and CATALINA F. ALCALDE** known as a parcel of land **Lot 3713** of the Cadastral Survey of Cabatuan, Cadastral Case No. 74, L.R.C. Cadastral Record No. 1313, situated in Barangay Tupol, Cabatuan, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. O-909** with an area of **Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine (18,329) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **CATALINA FAJARDO ALCALDE, heirs of *FELICITAS FAJARDO TOMAS*, namely: CEFERINO FAJARDO TOMAS, JR., SHIRLEY FAJARDO TOMAS, CONRADO FAJARDO TOMAS; and heirs of *MARCELO HANSE FAJARDO*, namely: CORAZON VELARGA FAJARDO, VIOLETA V. FAJARDO, ROSARIO FAJARDO GUARTIZO, LUISA FAJARDO BULANON and REX V. FAJARDO, SR.** Entered in the following notarial registers: **ATTY. WILLIAM M. AY-AY, CPA** under Doc. No. 184, Page No. 37, Book No. IV, Series of 2025 and Doc. No. 185, Page No. 37, Book No. IV, Series of 2025; **ATTY. THEODORE BANDERADO** under Doc. No. 237, Page No. 49, Book No. VII, Series of 2025.

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