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## Over 7K farmers in WV secure land ownership from DAR

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) conducted its ceremonial distribution of Electronic Titles (E-Titles) and certificate or condonation with release of Mortgage (CoCROMs) to over 7,000 Farmer-beneficiaries and Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) from five provinces across Western Visayas—Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, and Iloilo—that was held at Pototan Astrodome on January 12, 2026.

DAR Secretary Conrado M. Estrella III personally led the ceremonial distribution, granting farmer-beneficiaries full ownership, possession, and control of their individual farmlands.

Farmlot distribution included the Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) Project which aims to help beneficiaries in securing land ownerships and

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Farmer-beneficiaries take a selfie with Agrarian Reform Secretary Conrado M. Estrella III shortly after the ceremonial distribution of Electronic Titles (E-Titles) and certificate or condonation with release of Mortgage (CoCROMs) to over 7,000 Farmer-beneficiaries and Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) from five provinces across Western Visayas at the Pototan Gym on January 12, 2026. (DAR Western Visayas photo)

# 'NO SIGNAL SHUTDOWN'

City gov't disapproves signal shutdown during Dinagyang '26 celebration

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Iloilo City Government announced their decision regarding the signal shutdown request by the Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO) to ensure the public welfare's safety and security in the celebration of Dinagyang Festival 2026.

In a statement released by Mayor Raisa Treñas, the City Government along with the Iloilo Festivals Foundation Incorporated (IFFI) decided not to allow a signal shutdown during the Dinagyang Festival highlights, unlike in previous years, as this could cause great inconvenience to the city's visitors and residents, and to neighboring towns.

"We want to avoid what happened in previous years, when the signal was lost even in neighboring towns and Guimaras, causing great inconvenience to our fellow Ilonggos and visitors," Treñas stated.

To recall, the ICPO submitted a request letter to Mayor Raisa Treñas, addressed to IFFI Executive Director Joyce Clavecillas to a passage of temporary signal shutdown as a security measure to selected areas where Dinagyang's

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## MORE Power assures continued reliable and improved service in Iloilo City, province this 2026

MORE Electric and Power Corporation (MORE Power) has reaffirmed its commitment to delivering reliable and improved electric service across Iloilo City and nearby municipalities as it rolls out major infrastructure and technology upgrades in 2026.

MORE Power President and CEO Roel Z. Castro said the company is set to expand its coverage while continuing to invest in modern systems aimed at enhancing service efficiency and customer experience.

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Proclamation No. 1128 establishes several parcels of land along Donato Pison Avenue in Barangay San Rafael, Mandurria District, Iloilo City as a new IT Park Special Economic Zones (SEZ) to be known as Atria Gardens.

## Thousands of IT jobs await in new Iloilo ecozone

### NO SIGNAL ... (from page 1)

main highlights will be held.

ICPO Spokesperson PMaj. Shella Mae Sangrines noted that this initiative aims to ensure the safety and security of public welfare, not only the locals but also visitors that will join in celebrating the upcoming Dinagyang Festival.

Treñas noted that instead of signal shutdown, she requested the police force to implement strict security measures to ensure everyone's safety during the Dinagyang highlights celebration.

Regarding security measures for the upcoming festival, the Philippine National Police also gave assurance to the city government that they will deploy full force, together with the force multipliers in ensuring peace and order in the city.

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improve their respective quality of life. The distribution covered a total of 13,500 hectares of land wherein 6,472 titles were distributed to 5,837 ARBs. The SPLIT Project's key purpose is to speed up the process of Collective Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CCLOA) conversion, turning into E-Titles which will be given to farmer beneficiaries under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

The breakdown of the SPLIT Project's farmland distribution composed of the following:

\* 640 hectares with 463 titles given to 461 ARBs in Aklan

\* 4,270 hectares with 1,108 titles given to 1,107 ARBs in Antique

\* 4,250 hectares with 2,248 titles given to 2,056 ARBs in Capiz;

\* 1,310 hectares with 804 titles given to 496 ARBs in Guimaras

\* 3,030 hectares with 1,849 titles given to 1,717 ARBs

Additionally, about 1,803 CoCROMs were distributed to 1,762 ARBs in Guimaras, which covered a total land area of 2,162 hectares. Through this, the beneficiaries will be relieved from their debt which amounted to ₱87.51 million under the CARP.

The said initiative was made possible through the programs under the Republic Act No. 11953 by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. which is a law that was signed on July 7 2023, which frees more than 600,000 farmers from debt. The condonation of unpaid amortizations covers the principal, interests, penalties, and surcharges to free the ARBs from financial burden and mortgage obligations on their lands.

Beneficiaries also expressed gratitude for DAR and President Marcos, for having been selected in the distribution of E-Titles and CoCROMs, which are big help for their respective livelihood.

Meanwhile, the farmland distribution ceremony was attended by DAR Secretary Conrado Estrella III, DAR Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Office (FASPO) Usec. Jesry Palmares, Governor Arthur Defensor Jr., Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque, DAR personnel, local officials, among others.

### Thousands of new jobs are set to be created in Information Technology (IT) in recently-approved new Special Economic Zones (SEZ) or ecozone.

Proclamation No. 1128 establishes several parcels of land along Donato Pison Avenue in Barangay San Rafael, Mandurria District, Iloilo City as a new IT Park SEZ to be known as Atria Gardens.

It is projected to draw PHP 550 million in investments and create 2,200 jobs, further strengthening Iloilo's position as a growing hub for IT and business process services.

The proclamation was signed by the Executive Secretary on January 6, 2026.

SEZs are designated areas where businesses can enjoy

fiscal and non-fiscal incentives and privileges, depending on their location and industry priority.

These include IT parks, industrial estates, export processing zones, tourism/recreational ecozones, and others.

Ecozones are subject to compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7916 or the "Special Economic Zone Act of 1995" as amended by Republic Act No. 8748, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and relevant Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) Board Resolutions.

The new proclamations followed the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the PEZA. (Iloilo City News)

## ICPO reminds public of strict gun ban enforcement for 'Dinagyang 2026'

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO) is reminding the public that a gun ban will be strictly enforced from January 15 to 25 for the Dinagyang Festival 2026.

For a period of 10 days, the Permit to Carry Firearms Outside of Residence (PTCFOR) is temporarily suspended starting from 12:01 a.m. on January 15 until 11:59 p.m. on January 25, 2026, the ICPO said.

Police Regional Office

6 Deputy Regional Director for Operations and ICPO Officer-in-Charge Police Colonel Roland V. Bulalacao said the enforcement of the gun ban is intended to ensure that everyone can safely enjoy the festivities without fear or inconvenience.

"This gun ban is not meant to disrupt the celebration but to protect lives. We want everyone to enjoy Dinagyang without hassle, fear, and without an incident.

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Castro explained that the company's expansion plans go hand in hand with the adoption of advanced technologies designed to ensure that consumers feel the value of what they pay for through tangible service improvements.

He also clarified that MORE Power's development roadmap goes beyond its initial five-year plan. According to Castro, the company is preparing additional programs that will directly benefit consumers once new substations and primary distribution lines are fully completed and operational.

"There are new customer programs that we will be launching and improving this year here in Iloilo, as well as in our expansion areas, to ensure excellent service. This is how we justify what consumers pay for their electricity—through the quality of service we provide. At the same time, we will continue working to keep our rates among the lowest for our consumers," Castro said.

Among MORE Power's key infrastructure projects is the construction of additional substations. The company currently operates eight substations with a combined capacity of 252.2 megavolt-amperes (MVA), with another substation scheduled for completion in 2026.

The power distributor is also set to expand the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for centralized data analytics, enabling faster response times and more efficient handling



of consumer concerns.

In addition, MORE Power continues to study the implementation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), which will allow consumers to monitor their electricity consumption more conveniently. Once operational, the system will also enable remote reconnections through the company's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, reducing service downtime.

The company is likewise working to strengthen its energy mix by increasing the share of renewable energy sources, a move aimed at maintaining stable and competitive electricity rates.

Castro noted that MORE Power's expansion into Iloilo's 2nd and 4th districts was driven by consumer demand, citing the company's transparency and customer-focused service as key factors behind the migration.

"The reason for migration is really the kind of service we provide—very transparent, very open, and always present for our customers. We work to solve problems as fast and as reliably as possible," he said.

MORE Power has already begun supplying electricity to new areas in Iloilo Province, starting with Pavia and the University of St. La Salle campus. Several establishments are also preparing to migrate to MORE Power, while expansion to San Miguel and Sta. Barbara is expected to follow once requirements are met.



## New Year, New Inspirations for Ilonggos: Iloilo City wins two global awards for cleanliness and ecosystem restoration

Iloilo City begins the new year on a high note, earning two prestigious international recognitions for its commitment to cleanliness and ecosystem restoration.

For the second time, Iloilo City has been honored with the ASEAN Clean Tourist City Award, reaffirming its dedication to sustainable, community-driven tourism.

Mayor Raisa Treñas expressed pride in the achievement.

"Proud gid kita nga once again ginkilala ang aton syudad as an ASEAN Clean Tourist City. Ang ini nga dungog para sa tahan nga Ilonggo, gani padayon kita sa pagbuligay sa pag-maintain sang kalimpyo, kaayuhan, kag katahum sang aton pinalangga nga syudad," she said.

The validation and on-site inspection were conducted on July 25, 2025 by the Department of Tourism Central Office – Office of Tourism Standards. The official awarding ceremony will take place in Cebu City on January 30, 2026.

Iloilo City first received the award in 2019, covering the 2020–2022 cycle.

Also, Iloilo City has been recognized as a Role Model City by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center for advancing ecosystem restoration and implementing nature-based solutions (NbS) in urban spaces.

This honor contributes to the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration, highlighting Iloilo's successful track record in integrating NbS to create greener, more resilient communities.

These twin recognitions underscore Iloilo City's growing reputation as a model for clean, sustainable, and resilient urban development.

As the city continues to inspire Ilonggos and the global community, it strengthens its role as a leader in tourism excellence and environmental stewardship. (Iloilo City PIO)

## Police beef up security measures for Dinagyang Fest

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO) convened members of the Security Task Group earlier this month to strengthen cooperation and map out comprehensive safety and security measures to ensure a peaceful, orderly, and successful celebration of the Dinagyang Festival 2026.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Lindley T. Barrientos, Deputy City Director for Administration and Commander-Sub-Site Task Group Security, joined by Police Lieutenant Colonel Lorenz G. Losaria, Deputy City Director for Operations and Commander-Sub-Site Task Group for Peace and Order; and Police Lieutenant Colonel Jereme M. Belo, Chief of the City Operations Management Unit (COMU) and Head of the Dinagyang 2026 Secretariat, held a security group meeting in preparation for the festival.

The meeting was also attended by sector commanders, task unit heads, and focal persons responsible for

emergency preparedness and response, traffic and route management, road obstruction operations, seaport and airport security, convoy protection, private security providers, and radio communications.

Discussions centered on personnel deployment



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**'If'**

Just to put things in their proper place, the column title "IF" is not about the popular song of Bread but rather the poem written by the English poet Rudyard Kipling sometime in 1895.

The poem speaks of real life challenges, human nature, character, trials and tribulations. It serves as a reminder to be grounded, to be bold, dealing with failure as much as with success. It also shows that critics and envy abound, even several centuries ago.

Every now and then, I read the poem to remind me that all of the above comes with life and are consequences of dealing with people and to serve as a personal compass.

While reading the poem early this week, I was reminded of a friend who is a visionary, a patriot and someone so bold and is in the habit of defying the odds. But in the process, he is constantly disparaged, doubted, even maligned by lesser individuals and envious groups.

He has been called nothing more than a mechanic, a China man, unqualified, inexperienced in the world of real business, dreaming, boastful, even crazy.

But in spite of all these, he maintains his composure and diplomacy. He has come to accept that crab mentality, small-time thinking is and will be part of the business landscape. "The criticism," he says, "only stops when the critic dies."

Rather than get petty and vindictive, his form of revenge is "radical success" and profit. Instead of wasting energy and resources, he chooses to put them into thinking big and doing more.

I refer to none other than Ramon S. Ang a.k.a RSA, chairman and president of San Miguel Corporation.

While talking to one of his officers in B-Meg, we recalled how we reacted in disbelief that SMC would break the mold and invest in "mega" poultry farms and modern feed mills.

Today, those mega farms and mills are no longer sufficient to meet the public demand for chicken as well as feeds for poultry, hogs, dogs, goats, etc. We believed in market history, RSA followed data and believed in market capacity.

When RSA went into infrastructure and started bidding three times higher than the competition, people said he was over investing and would go broke, especially with NAIA, on April 15, 2013. Today, the NAIA is already beyond capacity.

When RSA decided to embark on building the SMC-Bulacan Airport, he was blocked, opposed by government officials back then. "Only in the Philippines will you find such a massive, game changing project built on private land" and "private sector funded."

But instead of "hurrahs" and "let's go," politicians found ways and means to "skin the cat," line their pockets or steal business ideas. Others said the project would never get off the ground, while fake NGOs falsely accused RSA and the project of destroying the environment.

Even a bill that would allow an export processing zone in the proposed airport was vetoed. That bill would have maximized economic benefits and job generation for the province of Bulacan.

Today, people are pinning the donkey's tail on NNC and the NAIA. People who could not accept defeat at the bidding as well as the changes in tenancy now agitate in their interest rather than cooperate with the majority of satisfied locators at NAIA.

In spite of such pests, RSA and SMC remain focused on what is essential. SMC continues to be very profitable from "a little of everything." All the expansion programs, the diversification into infrastructure, power, petroleum plus the traditional businesses have come together in spite of head winds and disrespect.

If, in your own little way, you have been subjected to the same behavior or insults, read the words and

**CTALK**

*Cito Beltran*

wisdom of Rudyard Kipling:

If you can keep your head when all about you Are losing theirs and blaming it on you; If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, But make allowance for their doubting too;

If you can wait and not be tired by waiting, Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies, Or, being hated, don't give way to hating, And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream – and not make dreams your master; If you can think – and not make thoughts your aim; If you can meet with triumph and disaster And treat those two impostors just the same;

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools, Or watch the things you gave your life to broken, And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss, And lose, and start again at your beginnings And never breathe a word about your loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew To serve your turn long after they are gone, And so hold on when there is nothing in you Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on;"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with kings – nor lose the common touch; If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you; If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds' worth of distance run –

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it And – which is more – you'll be a Man, my son!

**Doctor BBM**

Corruption in our plundered country, according to President Marcos, is a cancer that must be excised.

One thing about certain cancer treatments: they can kill the cancer cells – along with the host.

In the excision, can Doctor Bongbong Marcos wield the scalpel or obliterate the carcinogens with chemo or radiation with surgical precision, so that the patient not only survives, but also thrives post-op?

Cancer treatment has improved exponentially in my lifetime. I know many cancer survivors, including several who were diagnosed to be in advanced stages, who regained their health, who had children and are still active a decade or two after their initial diagnosis. Cancer is no longer a surefire death sentence.

Still, despite advances in medicine, cancer remains a major killer, with certain types more aggressive than others. And sometimes, the treatment can hasten the patient's demise.

Doc BBM correctly diagnosed the disease. Now can he prescribe the proper treatment?

After that impressive launch of his anti-corruption crackdown, through his memorable "mahiya naman kayo" State of the Nation Address followed by the identification of the biggest public works contractors and the opening of the sumbongsapangulo reporting site, BBM now seems to be groping blindly for his next moves.

The economy and other sectors are feeling the uncertainty. Business confidence is down; consumption is dampened; investors are on wait-and-see.

Opportunists are stirring unrest in the military and police, compelling BBM to buy their loyalty with a salary (and consequently, retirees' pension) hike, leaving the next administration to deal with "fiscal collapse." Is this cure worse than the disease?

Maybe the perpetually overworked and underpaid public school teachers and health workers should take up arms and spread rumors that they are planning to stage a coup.

Certain groups are exploring ways to exploit the public outrage, to seize power through extraconstitutional means so they can become the

new ruling class of thieves.

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Presumably, there is increased public awareness that corruption takes away hefty sums from state coffers than can otherwise be used to improve government services.

For example, those billions in kickbacks pocketed by the looters in Congress could have built all the new roads in Mega Manila, to be used for free by taxpayers. Instead the government has to get the private sector to build the roads needed to ease traffic.

Since profit drives private enterprise, of course tolls are collected on these roads: P35 minimum to use just about a kilometer of the NAIA expressway from Macapagal Boulevard to the NAIA Terminal 1. For the four-kilometer Muntinlupa-Cavite Expressway, the toll is P23 for cars, P47 for buses and light trucks and P70 for heavy trucks.

With its billions in funding, how can the Department of Public Works and Highways be unable to build and maintain bypass roads of just one or four kilometers, which are badly needed to decongest Metro Manila traffic? Where do our road user's taxes go? (OK, now we know – to overpriced traffic barriers, cat's eyes and other kickback-enabling procurements.)

All these road tolls are tacked on to logistics costs, which contribute to inflation in food and all other commodities that require road transportation. And the steep tolls discourage their regular use, even among middle-class motorists, defeating the purpose of decongesting ground-level traffic.

Our government services are so pathetically inefficient NAIA operations had to be privatized, which resulted in higher fees for everything at the airport.

Now Lufthansa Technik Philippines, aircraft maintenance provider for international carriers, with 3,200 highly skilled employees, could pack up from the NAIA following an over-tenfold jump in its monthly lease rate, after its 25-year lease expired last August.

The Germans see a Fraport 2.0 shaping up – something that is reportedly spooking investors from the world's third largest economy (and Europe's largest).

Unless a compromise is struck soon, Lufthansa will

reportedly pack up and relocate to more investment-friendly and predictable countries.

**Sketches**

*Ana Marie Pamintuan*

The private sector addresses the weaknesses in governance, providing services that the state cannot deliver properly. But surely it's not impossible to mobilize taxes to provide the infrastructure that we need, to spare the public from stiff road tolls and other fees.

Those trillions of pesos in public works funds pocketed by thieves could have built all the bypass roads, skyways and bridges that the government had to toss to the private sector. The trillions could have built science-based flood control projects that adhered to contract specs and actually worked.

In these infrastructure and budget anomalies, Doc BBM is not just trying to cure the patient. He won't say it, but he must also be struggling to shield those close to him from being fatally zapped by his cure.

This cancer patient is already in the ICU. Yesterday, as part of his prescribed treatment, BBM and Congress leaders agreed to prioritize the passage of laws prohibiting dynasties, reforming the party-list system, creating an Independent People's Commission and implementing blockchain technology to fight corruption.

I'll laud this agreement if ever the proposals are actually enacted.

In diagnosing the disease, Doc BBM, a "nepo baby" of the entrenched Marcos-Romualdez dynasties, knows whereof he speaks. His mother, the immortal multiple-graft convict Imeldific, whom his family trots out to the public at every opportunity, is the best reminder of how corruption pays spectacularly in this country.

And yes, Juan and Juana, as the Marcoses' dramatic reversal of fortunes showed, you can get away with it.

Right now, however, due to the lack of more palatable alternatives, the nation's hopes are pinned on Doc BBM. Perhaps he can surprise us with a miracle cure.

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2. **Owner:** Bjorn Olof Olsson **Make:** 2007 Ford Escape 2.3L 4x4 A/T XLT; **Plate No.:** XMM646;
3. **Owner:** Metchem Industrial, Inc. **Make:** 2010 Ford Escape 2.3L (E20) 4x2 A/T XLT; **Plate No.:** NOH896;
4. **Owner:** Girasole IT'I, Inc.; **Make:** Ford Expedition 4x2 XLT; **Chassis No.:** 1FMRU1864XLC20210; **Plate No.:** BTA222;
5. **Owner:** Nelly Pen Lano / Evelyn Molina; **Make:** 2012 Ford Fiesta C6 (1.6L Sigma) DPS6; **Motor No.:** TSJACB81197; **Series:** Fiesta 5DR Sport; **Chassis No.:** MNBJXXARJJCB81197; **Plate No.:** AAG3437; **CR No.:** 237370954; **MVRR No.:** 1101-00000106512;
6. **Owner:** Eric Roy Santiago; **Make:** Ford Escape 2.3L 4x2 A/T XLS; **Motor No.:** L310319756; **Series:** Escape 2.3; **Chassis No.:** PE2EV22181GF00683; **Plate No.:** YFU802;
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8. **Owner:** Michael Sancho; **Make:** 2019 Ford Ranger 2.0L Raptor 4x4 A/T; **Motor No.:** YN2QX242656; **Series:** Ranger 2.0; **Chassis No.:** MPBUMFE60KX242656; **Plate No.:** GAM4884; **CR No.:** 36983658-5; **MVRR No.:** 0701-982731

9. **Owner:** Jensen Ocena; **Make:** 2015 Ford Ecosport 5DR Trend 1.5L A/T; **Motor No.:** UEJA FL18744; **Series:** Ecosport 5DR; **Chassis No.:** MPBSXXMXKSFL18744; **Plate No.:** II9276; **CR No.:** 225848630; **MVRR No.:** 0701-182973

10. **Owner:** Benedict Ang; **Make:** Ford Expedition 4x2 XLT; **Motor No.:** XLC20210; **Series:** Expedition 4x2; **Chassis No.:** 1FMRU1864XLC20210; **Plate No.:** BTA222;

11. **Owner:** Emelda C. Manubag; **Make:** Ford Lynx; **Plate No.:** GKM962;

12. **Owner:** Aida Moran; **Make:** Ford Focus; **Motor No.:** BD000788; **Series:** Focus 5DR; **Chassis No.:** PE163L0351AM00288; **Plate No.:** YCE624

13. **Owner:** Clark Christopher Restauro; **Make:** 2013 Ford Ranger; **Motor No.:** P4AT1100481; **Chassis No.:** MNCLMFF80DW188000; **Plate No.:** VFT685; **CR No.:** 166101854; **MVRR No.:** 0716-542254

14. **Owner:** Kenneth Shankland; **Make:** 2009 Ford Everest 4x2; **Plate No.:** YHV563;

15. **Owner:** Ecolochem Holdings, Inc.; **Make:** 2009 Ford Explorer Sport Trac 4x2; **Plate No.:** XJU476;

16. **Owner:** Ma. Luchi Shalaine S. Petrescu **Make:** 2016 Ford Escape 2.0L GTDi Titanium; **Plate No.:** GED7289;

17. **Owner:** Stephen Dela Rama; **Make:** 2001 Ford Explorer Sport Truck 4.0L V6; **Chassis No.:** 1FMZU77E81UC03164; **Plate No.:** GLZ-494;

18. **Owner:** Gerry Sioson; **Make:** 2001 Ford Expedition 4.6L SOHC V8; **Chassis No.:** 1FMRU15W11LB64609; **Plate No.:** XAV733;

19. **Owner:** Michael Vincent Jimenez **Make:** 2013 Mazda BT-50 4x4 A/T 3.2L; **Chassis No.:** MM7UP4DF3DW176387; **Plate No.:** YLN857;

20. **Owner:** Russel May Guitche; **Make:** 2015 Ford Fiesta 1.5L Trend M/T; **Chassis No.:** MPB7XXMXJ7FD15426; **Plate No.:** ABM5051;

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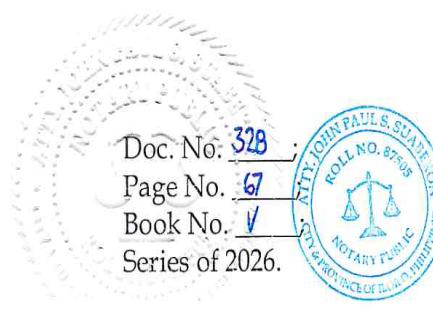
The auction will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City.

This sale is to satisfy the obligations of pledgors, including the amounts due, accrued storage charges, attorney's fees, and foreclosure expenses.

Iloilo City, Philippines, Jan. 05, 2026.

  
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Rank or prominence must, under whatever circumstance, be entitled to the same standards of justice expected of any citizen.

After all, justice means fairness, impartiality, and moral rightness, ensuring people are treated equitably by law and society, often involving fair consequences for actions, upholding rights, and restoring balance, though interpretations vary from legal systems to philosophical ideals of "rendering to each their due."

Depending on context, but justice centers on equitable treatment and rightness, whether through legal processes or moral conduct.

Equitable treatment means treating people fairly according to their individual needs and circumstances to ensure a just outcome, different from equal treatment, which means treating everyone exactly the same, regardless of their individual situation.

Rightness refers to the moral quality of an action, decision, or system, characterized by adherence to established ethical principles and moral integrity, fairness, and justice.

Dragging names through the mud without proof does not strengthen accountability; it weakens institutions and cheapens public debate.

Two recent incidents of wire theft have once again put the spotlight on the dangers to public safety and the inconvenience to communities caused by such illegal actions.

Just four days into the new year, Meralco reported an attempted power cable theft in Quezon City that disrupted power service to nearly 8,000 customers for four hours. The suspect, a 37-year-old man, sustained flashover burns and even fell from a tree.

In Las Piñas, police arrested 17 men accused of stealing copper wires from PLDT. The stolen wires were valued at around P560,000, cutting off internet and communication lines.

These cases, coming on the heels of similar incidents recorded in 2025, are only the latest in a disturbing trend that threatens lives and cripples essential services.

Cable theft has long plagued both power utilities and telecommunications companies in the Philippines, and recent incidents only underscore the gravity of the problem.

According to Meralco, 285 theft incidents involving its electric distribution facilities were recorded in 2025 alone, with four resulting in physical injuries. The company has repeatedly warned the public that its energized facilities carry high voltage and any contact can lead not only to severe injuries but even death. Yet despite these warnings, theft continues—driven by the lure of quick profit from the illegal trade of stolen facilities such as power cables and electric meters.

The telecommunications sector faces a parallel crisis. The 17 men arrested in Las Piñas managed to cut the copper wires before they were apprehended. They claimed they were promised PHP1,200 each to pilfer the wires—showing that

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## Moral rightness

We underline that dragging names to crimes without proof does not strengthen accountability; instead, it undermines the justice system, violates basic rights, and can lead to false accusations.

Accountability in a legal and ethical sense relies on due process, evidence, and the rule of law.

A cornerstone of justice systems worldwide is the Constitutional presumption of innocence, meaning any person accused of a crime is considered innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Accusations without evidence preempt this process.

True accountability ensures that if an individual is found guilty, it is based on the strength of the evidence presented by the prosecution. Bypassing this process weakens the legitimacy of the outcome.

In essence, accountability is achieved through transparent, evidence-based legal processes, not through public shaming or accusations made without sufficient proof.

It also bears recalling that during Martin

## Editorial

Romualdez's tenure as Speaker, the House pursued reforms, exercised oversight, and worked with the administration on key national priorities.

If allegations arise, they should be tested properly – before the right forums, with sworn evidence, and with respect for due process.

Respect for due process means the government must follow fair, established legal procedures and rules, ensuring everyone's rights are protected before being deprived of life, liberty, or property, guaranteeing impartial treatment and a chance to be heard. It prevents arbitrary government action by requiring fair notice, an opportunity to defend oneself, and an unbiased hearing, applying to both criminal and civil matters.

If there is none, the responsible course is to stop the harassment.

The country deserves calm, evidence-based discussion – not political theater.

When facts have spoken as clearly as they have now, it is time for the noise to fade and for institutions to be allowed to do their work. ([manilastandard.net](http://manilastandard.net))

## Cable theft crisis

organized groups are recruiting people for these crimes.

Both crimes are punishable under the law, specifically the Anti-Electricity Pilferage Act (Republic Act 7832) and the Anti-Cable Television and Cable Internet Tapping Act (Republic Act 10515). Buyers of stolen wires are not exempt from criminal liability either. Presidential Decree 1612, or the Anti-Fencing Law, has been in place since 1979, imposing penalties of up to 20 years' imprisonment depending on the value of the item fenced.

The dangers of cable theft are not limited to the perpetrators, and the impact of these crimes goes beyond mere public inconvenience.

When power cables are stolen, communities are left vulnerable to power interruptions that can last for hours. Meralco crews had to work for hours to repair the affected lines in Quezon City, affecting residents and customers in the area. Businesses, schools, and households all suffer from the impact of power cable theft.

In telecommunications, stolen cables mean disrupted internet and phone services—affecting communication lines essential for work, education, and emergencies. In an era where digital connectivity is the currency, the theft of this essential infrastructure is not a simple crime against property; it is a crime against public welfare and safety.

Although cable theft is often perceived as a minor offense compared to other crimes, its impact is far-reaching—affecting millions of customers and undermining trust in service providers. When people experience power service

## ESPRESSO MORNINGS

BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

interruptions or intermittent internet service, their first instinct is usually to blame utilities and telcos, unaware that these interruptions are often caused by theft.

Addressing wire theft requires a holistic approach. For utilities and telcos, continued investment in security measures is an ongoing effort—but they cannot do this alone. These companies need the support of the government through stronger enforcement of existing laws to address wire theft and pursue fences to curb illegal markets that make these crimes lucrative.

Lastly, public awareness is essential. Communities must understand that reporting these crimes or any suspicious activity is not simply meant to protect power utilities and telcos; doing so protects their access to electricity service and internet connection.

Ultimately, cable and wire theft is a symptom of deeper social and economic issues. Poverty and lack of opportunity drive individuals to risk their lives for a few thousand pesos. Addressing these root causes is as important as enforcement. But while long-term solutions take shape, immediate action is needed to protect infrastructure. Electricity and internet service are lifelines of modern society, and all of us should play our part to protect these.

## Enlightened and empowered Filipino families: Philippines last best hope

Based on numerous recent reports and ongoing events, the Philippines is currently experiencing a devastating wave of corruption cases largely fueled by widespread graft in "ghosts" flood control and infrastructure projects. The massive corruption scandals allegedly siphoned public funds for substandard or non-existent infrastructures implicates a wide range of individuals including incumbent and former senators, congressmen, DPWH engineers, private contractors and businessmen.

According to media reports, investigations are going on but it appears that progress is slow. Many Filipinos are criticizing the government's pace and effectiveness in tackling systemic corruption, especially within the powerful political class involved in government, policy and power dynamics. Public opinion seems to be mired on whether there is a strong resolve or sufficient collective political will or nerve to combat and end corruption due to systemic issues and public resignation.

Filipinos view corruption scandals in the Philippines as a complex amalgamation of systemic failures and moral lapses of individuals involved, fueled by patronage and impunity. Analysis purport to show that the prevalence of corruption stems from systemic vulnerabilities and environmental pressures e.g. poverty, social norms, and resource scarcity that creates opportunities and incentives for bribery and abuse of power, making it a complex issue beyond individual's greed alone.

Research studies have shown that corruption is not curbed by stringent laws. Draconian or severe repressive laws and regulations or enforcement measures do not stop corruption, but by values change among Filipinos. The preponderant belief is that a sustained effort to change societal values and accountability from the country's leaders is crucial in tackling corruption effectively.

According to sociologists and psychologists values formation is gained from the home, the community, schools and mass media from the cradle to the grave. Our family provides the foundation of our initial beliefs and these are influenced in complex ways by our parents' genetics, peers and teachers influence throughout life. We are what, how, and why we do what we do because of our breeding. Values change is a part of the whole gamut of our character, and environment is the foremost factor. Thus, the Philippines future is not just about politics, but intertwined with the moral values, principles, philosophies and ethical strength, and the well-being of its families.

As a nation founded on strong familial bonds and rich cultural heritage, the Philippines recognizes that enlightened and empowered Filipino families are the cornerstone of progress and advancement of society. The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, specifically

Article XV, recognizes the family as the foundation of the nation and mandates the State to strengthen its solidarity, and promotes its development. The Family Code of the Philippines echoes the Constitution and firmly establishes the Filipino Family as the nation's foundation, emphasizing its solidarity and total development.

As the nation navigates its journey through the complexities of globalization and modernization, the Filipino family, is confronted with new challenges and transformations. The concept of "enlightened and empowered Filipino families" and their ability to adapt while preserving core values like education, faith and 'bayanihan' or "pintakasi" will be crucial for anchoring the Philippines future progress and in shaping a resilient nation, and a prosperous and ethical society.

According to F. Landa Jocano, a distinguished Filipino cultural anthropologist, the family provides the framework for almost all individual activities, including economic support, social behavior through "relational imperatives" or collective responsibilities and reciprocal exchanges with a person's actions reflecting on the entire family's standing in the community.

In another vein, Fr. Horacio de la Costa, a historian and the First Filipino Provincial Supervisor of the Jesuits in the Philippines, the Filipino family is a fundamental resilient institution that provides the nation with its core strength x x x. He emphasized how the strong family unit contributes to the unique blend of Filipino culture with Malay, Chinese, and American influences. Fr. de la Costa averred that the strength of the Filipino family is connected with the moral and spiritual foundation that provides stability and resilience against various societal and political problems. In essence, both F. Landa Jocano, a distinguished Filipino cultural anthropologist and Fr. De la Costa share the view that the family is the

bedrock of Filipino society and culture, a source of stability, identity and resilience that transcends historical changes and external influences.

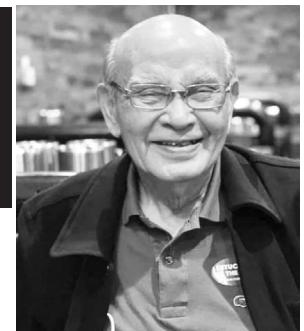
Viewed in the light of all the foregoing, it is believed that the future of the Philippines is entwined with the enlightened and empowered Filipino families. Hence, it is an evolving perception that the government's anti-corruption strategies could be more effective if they can be harmonized with the Filipino family's unique values, principles and philosophies as the foundational unit of society. The Filipino families' autonomy coupled with its principles is essential to decision-making process. Hence, a successful anti-corruption strategy requires an encompassing top-down systemic reform and bottom-up societal chain where the active participation of empowered Filipino families' is essential for an effective "whole-of-nation" approach.

Viewed from a socio-cultural perspective, the

## The Question: WHY?

BY: USEC VIRGILIO L. LEYRETANA SR.

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Filipino family is the primary source of identity, values formation and social support for individuals, and is paramount in Filipino society which is characterized by strong family ties, mutual support and collectivism. The Filipino family is the basic most important social unit, and its influence extends across almost all aspects of an individual citizen's life. Thus, it is imperative that the government's proposed anti-corruption systemic measures should be reconciled and anchored with enlightened and empowered Filipino families.

Filipino anthropologists and cultural observers agree that the family is the fundamental human institution that forms the foundation of society and serves as the cornerstone of the nation. Hence, for any corruption effort to succeed after decades of failed attempts, a radically different and encompassing 'whole-of-nation' approach not just "to plaster the wound" requires a comprehensive societal effort involving government, civil society, the private sector, and citizens with family participation is essential.

Anchoring anti-corruption measures in Filipino families is imperative because the family is the primary institution for cultivating values needed to resist and prevent a culture of corruption in Philippine society. As is evolving, it is the consensus view that family-based education and modeling of integrity help shape responsible citizens who can demand accountability and contribute to good governance.

In essence, it is believed that reconciling anti-corruption measures with enlightened and empowered Filipino families will eventually promote individual integrity within the family unit as a vital complement to institutional and government-led anti-corruption initiatives, and forming the collective will necessary to combat corruption.

Anchoring anti-corruption measures with the empowerment of Filipino families is imperative. As experiences have shown, corruption directly siphons resources from the households well-being and national growth. Thus, harmonizing these two areas is crucial for the restoration of the family economic security, ensure equitable access to social protection, strengthen moral and civic foundations, breaking the dynastic cycles, and improving resilience against disasters. It is anticipated that by involving Filipino families directly, anti-corruption efforts become more relevant, effective and resilient, thereby transforming citizens from victims into active agents of change for a more just and prosperous nation. This approach aligns with the evolving shifts in Philippine governance toward bottom-up and top-down citizens-led oversight.

## OBLIQUE OBSERVATIONS

BY ATTY. GILBERTO LAUENGCO, J.D.

## Lawfare, forced transparency against public officials

Recently, we have seen an uptick in high-profile cases or investigations on violations of the law or government regulations involving both private and public individuals and particular government projects. As usual, many of these cases involve public and media aspect on top of the legal battle as many of them are subjected to scrutiny and backlash.

One common PR spin used by some of the individuals is that they are being unjustly targeted and that laws and regulations are being used in a heavy-handed manner to harass and persecute them. Although this defense is not gaining traction, it has put to light the issue of law weaponization or lawfare.

In addition to these cases and regulatory actions, there are several moves such as a proposed legislation to force transparency on these officials. Specifically, there is a proposed measure to compel all officials to sign an automatic waiver to the bank

secrecy laws without the need for a court order. This would throw open to the government all information on the assets of government officials.

There are also proposed measures to loop in information from the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Registry of Deeds, the Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and the Insurance Commission to synchronize all operations to trace not only bank accounts but also corporate shares, Real property, Vehicles, and other forms of instruments considered assets.

All of this data shall be synchronized under a merged data or information system run by an AI for easy tracking and monitoring. As expected, many present officials have vigorously objected to these measures and actions, claiming this is already unjust and an example of weaponizing the law against them.

Are these seemingly Orwellian measures already crossing the line? When you talk about

weaponizing law or lawfare, you are referring to the alleged misuse of the legal system and government regulations by the government to harass and intimidate individuals.

Given the circumstances and the fact that this is the people's money involved, it is clear that this is not, in any way, a misuse of government powers but a necessary one to ensure proper use of the people's funds. The proposal to fully make all assets of officials transparent and monitored is a necessary consequence of being a public official. A public position, whether elected or appointed, is imbued with public trust and implies that transparency is a requisite element for such a position.

Finally, it must be emphasized that laws and regulations are tools. They are neither good or bad. As such, "weaponizing" a law is but natural. We are at war with corruption and if we need to "weaponize" the law and regulations, then so be it.



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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 7<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, NEW LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ILOILO CITY, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

PRESENT:

**HON. LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA**

City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Jose Maria B. De la Llana	Member
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Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor	Member
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Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia (Majority Floor Leader)	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon (Vacation Leave)	Member
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**REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-363**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING DISCOUNT ON REGULATORY FEES AND BUSINESS TAXES TO NANO ENTERPRISES OR ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF ILOILO**

*Sponsored by Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas, and Unanimously Co-Sponsored*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Iloilo is committed to fostering a vibrant and inclusive local economy by creating a business-friendly environment that encourages the growth and development of all enterprises, particularly those at the micro and small-scale levels;

**WHEREAS**, the Iloilo City Government recognizes the significant contribution of 'nano enterprises' to the local economy, which, despite operating on minimal capital, serve as a primary source of livelihood for many Ilonggo families;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of regulatory fees and local business taxes, while essential for funding city services, may pose a substantial financial challenge to these nano enterprises, often discouraging them from formalizing their operations;

**WHEREAS**, the granting of a special discount on these fees and taxes is a necessary and supportive measure to ease the financial burden on nano enterprises, incentivize their formal registration, and empower them to grow into more sustainable businesses that contribute to the city's economic vitality;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained by the Sanggunian Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Nano Enterprise Support Ordinance of Iloilo City."

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is the policy of the City Government of Iloilo to encourage and promote the growth of nano enterprises as a means to support grassroots economic activity, empower marginalized sectors, and provide livelihood opportunities. This Ordinance is intended to reduce the initial financial burden on start-ups with limited capital through targeted fiscal incentives.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- Nano Enterprise** – A business or economic activity with a declared start-up capital of **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) or less**.
- Regulatory Fees** – Charges imposed by the City Government in compliance with regulations such as sanitary inspections, fire safety certifications, zoning, building inspections, health permits, and other similar authorizations.
- Business Tax** – A local tax levied on the gross sales or receipts of business establishments pursuant to the Local Government Code and Iloilo City's Revenue Code.
- Start-up Capital** – The total amount of financial resources used to begin operations, as declared during the business permit application or renewal.

**SECTION 4. GRANT OF DISCOUNT.** A discount on Regulatory Fees required by the City Government shall be granted for the first three years of business operations as follows:

Period	Percentage of Discount
First Year	75 %
Second Year	50 %
Third Year	25 %

Similarly, a discount on **Business Tax** required by the City Government shall also be granted for the first three years of business operations as follows:

Period	Percentage of Discount
First Year	75 %
Second Year	50 %
Third Year	25 %

**SECTION 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.** Only enterprises expressly enumerated and compliant with the following conditions shall be eligible to avail of the discount. The entitlement to the incentive is strictly limited to those that fully satisfy *all* of the criteria set forth herein:

- The enterprise must be newly established and shall not have been previously registered;
- The applicant must submit a **notarized declaration of capital investment** at the time of application;
- The enterprise must have a declared start-up capital of **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) or less, excluding the value of land**. The determination of the start-up capital shall be conducted by the **Joint Inspection Team (JIT)**, based on the submitted documents and actual site inspection;
- The enterprise must **not have previously availed** of this discount or any analogous incentive granted by the Local Government of Iloilo City.

Enterprises that fail to meet any of the foregoing requirements shall be deemed **ineligible**. No enterprise other than those specifically enumerated above shall be permitted to avail of the discount.

**SECTION 6. PERIOD OF INCENTIVE.** The **incentives under this Ordinance shall be available for a maximum of three (3) consecutive years starting from the date of issuance of the original business permit**.

**SECTION 7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND IMPLEMENTING OFFICE.** The City Treasurer's Office (CTO) and the Business Permits and Licensing Division (BPLD) shall jointly implement and monitor compliance with this Ordinance. They shall also:

- Review submitted documents and validate start-up capital declarations;
- Maintain a database of beneficiaries;
- Submit an annual report to the Sanggunian Panlungsod detailing the implementation status and impact of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 8. PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION.** Any person or entity found guilty of misrepresentation or fraud in declaring their start-up capital or status shall be subject to:

- Immediate revocation of the granted discounts;**
- Payment of the full amount of regulatory fees and taxes due, with applicable interest and surcharges;**
- Possible revocation of business permit;**
- Liability under applicable civil or criminal laws.**

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the portions not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All other policies, resolutions, or ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or after posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places in Iloilo City.

**ENACTED**, December 12, 2025.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

**(SGD.) FRANCIS RODOLFO T. CRUZ**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
City Government Department Head II

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ADOPTED

**(SGD.) LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA**  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

**(SGD.) RAISA S. TREÑAS**  
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**IN RE: PETITION  
FOR CORPORATE  
REHABILITATION,**

**SCC CASE  
NO. 25-122**

**For:**

**"PETITION FOR  
REHABILITATION  
UNDER RA  
10142"**

**Petitioner.****-----x****COMMENCEMENT ORDER**

Petitioner **NEARSOL PHILIPPINES, INC.**, herein represented by **Sandra Joy Sabid**, alleges among others that:

Petitioner is a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under Philippine laws, principally engaged in business process outsourcing, including call center operations, technical support, back-office services, and related activities. Petitioner's principal office address is at 4/F Two Techno Place, corner Megaworld Boulevard, Daytona Avenue, Iloilo Business Park, Mandurria, Iloilo City, where it may be served with notices, orders, and other court processes. Pursuant to Section 12 of the Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act of 2010 (R.A. No. 10142), the filing of this Petition was duly authorized by the Board of Directors and the Stockholders representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the outstanding capital stock. The necessary corporate approvals and certifications are attached as annexes.

Petitioner was incorporated in 2017 and operated as a financially stable business process outsourcing company from its inception until mid-2022. During this period, it maintained long-term relationships with international clients, generated consistent revenues, and complied with its financial and contractual obligations. In anticipation of projected expansion from a major client, Petitioner entered into long-term lease agreements for additional office spaces, ranging from three (3) to five (5) years, to accommodate expected workforce growth.

Petitioner further alleges that the cause and fact of its insolvency began in July 2022 when its principal client, Convergent, abruptly and unilaterally terminated its engagement with Petitioner, following the loss of its own major account. This termination occurred without prior notice and resulted in the immediate cessation of Petitioner's primary revenue stream. Despite the sudden loss of income, Petitioner remained bound by its long-term lease obligations, which imposed substantial fixed monthly expenses. These uncompensated costs severely impaired Petitioner's cash flow and operational sustainability. The termination further resulted in workforce downsizing, placing numerous employees on floating status and ultimately leading to redundancies. These events triggered multiple labor complaints before the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC). In December 2024, the NLRC rendered a decision ordering Petitioner to pay monetary awards for back wages, separation pay, and attorney's fees amounting to approximately Php99 Million. An Entry of Judgment and a subsequent Writ of Execution were issued in 2025, followed by Notices of Garnishment served upon Petitioner's existing clients, which garnishment significantly disrupted Petitioner's operations, prevented the collection of receivables, impaired client confidence, and further constrained its ability to meet current obligations.

From 2017 until 2021, Petitioner operated profitably. However, following the loss of its major client in 2022, its financial performance sharply deteriorated. By 2023 and 2024, Petitioner incurred substantial net losses, driven by fixed lease expenses, reduced revenues, and litigation-related liabilities. Despite efforts to secure new clients and restructure operations, revenues remained insufficient to offset operational costs. As of 2025, Petitioner recorded a net loss exceeding Php250 Million, with total liabilities significantly exceeding its total assets. The company is presently unable to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. Petitioner's financial statements for the years 2023 to 2025 reflect

a persistent and widening deficit, clearly demonstrating insolvency under the standards set by the Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act.

Petitioner's records show that, over the past three years, its liabilities consistently exceeded its assets, resulting in negative equity and a continuing decline in financial viability. These figures confirm that Petitioner is insolvent but possesses assets, receivables, and ongoing business prospects that render rehabilitation feasible.

Despite its present financial distress, Petitioner remains operational and has ongoing negotiations with prospective clients. Management has identified new projects and revenue-generating opportunities that, if realized, are expected to restore cash flow and stabilize operations. Petitioner's rehabilitation will enable it to preserve jobs, honor obligations to creditors in an orderly and equitable manner and prevent the piecemeal dissipation of its assets. A comprehensive Rehabilitation Plan has been prepared and submitted, detailing the causes of insolvency, proposed restructuring measures, projected cash flows, and repayment schedules consistent with the objectives of R.A. No. 10142.

Absent judicial intervention, Petitioner faces imminent asset dissipation, continued garnishment, and operational paralysis. A Stay or Suspension Order is indispensable to afford Petitioner the necessary breathing space to implement its Rehabilitation Plan. Rehabilitation, rather than liquidation, will best serve the interests of creditors, employees, and the public, as it maximizes asset value and promotes business continuity.

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

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

- (a) vest the rehabilitation with all the powers and functions provided for this Act, such as the right to review and obtain records to which the debtor's management and directors have access, including bank accounts or whatever nature of the debtor subject to the approval by the court of the performance bond filed by the rehabilitation receiver;
- (b) prohibit or otherwise serve as the legal basis rendering null and void the results of any extrajudicial activity or process to seize property, sell encumbered property, or otherwise attempt to collect or enforce a claim against the debtor after commencement date unless otherwise allowed in this Act, subject to the provisions of Section 50 hereof;
- (c) serve as the legal basis for rendering null and void any setoff after the commencement date of any debt owed to the debtor by any of the debtor's creditors;
- (d) serve as the legal basis for rendering null and void the perfection of any lien against the debtor's property after the commencement date; and
- (e) consolidate the resolution of all legal proceedings by and against the debtor to the court. Provided, however, that the court may allow the continuation of cases on other courts where the debtor had initiated the suit.

"Attempts to seek legal or other resource against the debtor outside these proceedings shall be sufficient to support a finding of indirect contempt of court."

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

Declares that Petitioner is under rehabilitation;

Appoints as Rehabilitation Receiver, with a bond in the amount of P200,000.00, who shall exercise such powers and duties defined in the abovementioned R.A. 10142 as well as the procedural rules that the Supreme Court will promulgate, however, any creditor may submit the name or nominate any other qualified person to the position of rehabilitation receiver at least five (5) days before the hearing;

Stays the enforcement of all claims, judgment, attachment or other provisional remedies, whether for money or otherwise and whether such enforcement is by court action or otherwise, against Petitioner, its guarantors and sureties not solidarily liable with the debtor;

3. Prohibits Petitioner from selling, encumbering, transferring, or disposing in any manner any of its properties, except in the ordinary course of business;

4. Prohibits Petitioner from making any payment of its liabilities outstanding as of the date of filing of the petition;

5. Prohibits the debtor's suppliers of goods or services from withholding supply of goods and services in the ordinary course of business, for as long as the debtor makes payments for the services and goods supplied after the issuance of Commencement Order;

6. Directs the payment in full of all administrative expenses incurred after the issuance of the Commencement Order;

7. Fixes the initial hearing of the petition on **January 30, 2026** at 1:30 in the afternoon, for the purpose of determining whether there is substantial likelihood for the petitioner to be rehabilitated;

8. Directs petitioner to publish this Commencement Order in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the Philippines once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made within seven (7) days from the date of issuance of this Order;

9. Directs all creditors and all interested parties (including the Securities and Exchange Commission and Bureau of Internal Revenue) to file and serve with the court and on the petitioner a verified comment or opposition to the petition, with supporting affidavits and documents, not later than five (5) days before the initial hearing and putting them on notice that their failure to do so will bar them from participating in the proceedings;

10. Directs all interested parties to secure from the court the petition and its annexes to be reviewed and copied to enable them to file their comment or opposition to the petition and to prepare for the initial hearing of the petition.

The Petitioner is ordered to immediately serve a copy of the petition and to the appointed Rehabilitation Receiver, Atty. Fitzgerald P. Macalalag at his address at 156, Burgos St., Iloilo City 5000, who shall in turn manifest his acceptance or non-acceptance of his appointment not later than ten (10) days from receipt of this Order.

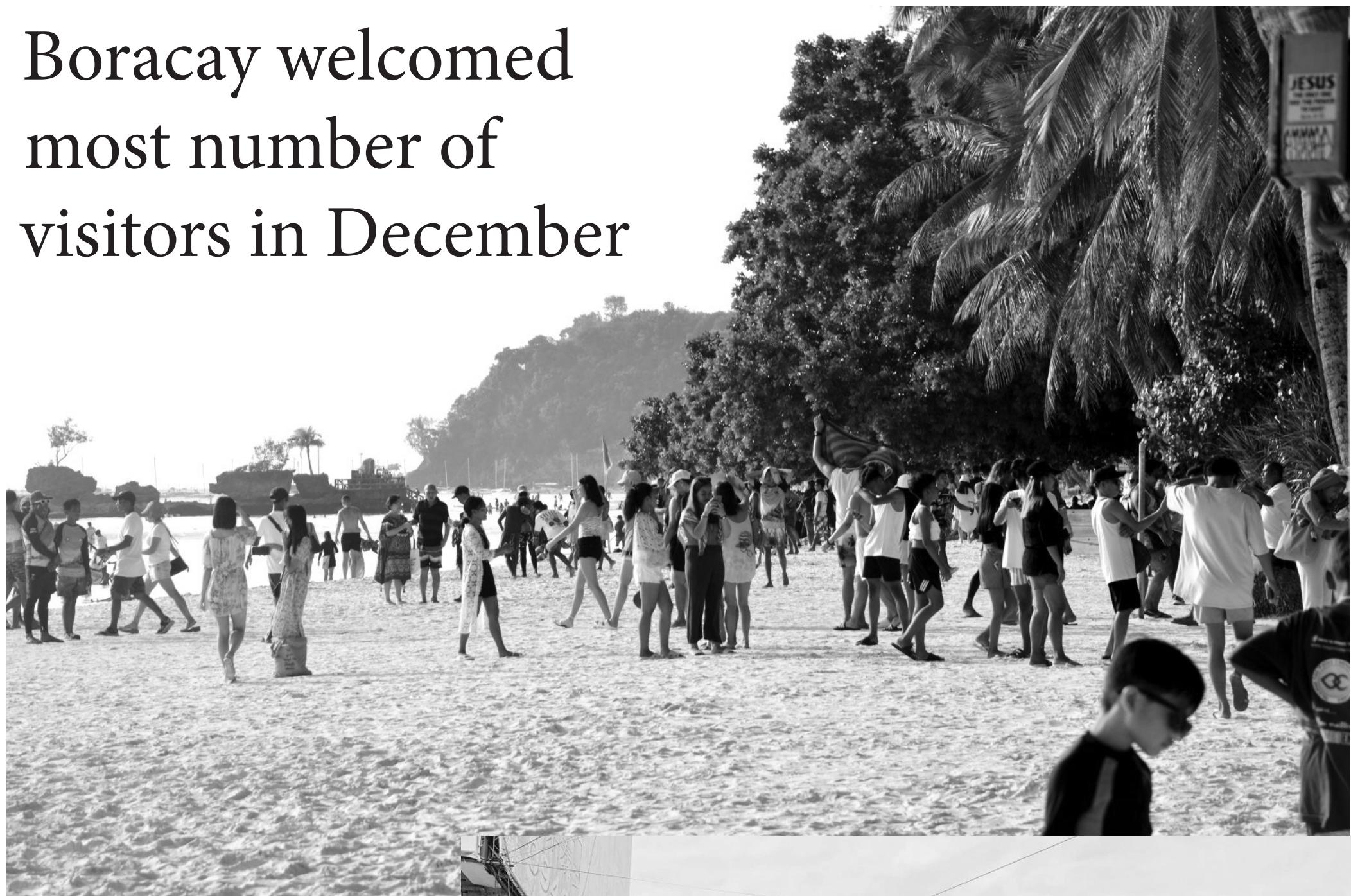
Further, let a copy of this Commencement Order be preferably served personally by the Branch Sheriff and/or Process Server to all the creditors of Petitioner, particularly the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Plazauela Dos, Pison Ave., Mandurria, Iloilo City, Security Bank, Security Bank Centre, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Local Government Unit – Iloilo City, Local Government Unit – Pasig City; and the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC), S.C. Divinagracia Bldg., Quezon-Delgado Streets, Iloilo City, at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, January 06, 2026.

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

# Boracay welcomed most number of visitors in December



KALIBO, Aklan (PIA) — December 2025 marked one of the busiest holiday seasons in recent years for Boracay Island in Malay town, as tourists flocked to its world-famous white sand beaches.

Data from the Aklan Provincial Tourism Office showed that tourist arrivals for December reached 227,828, the highest monthly figure recorded in 2025.

Of the total, 182,913 were domestic tourists, 4,736 were overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), and 40,179 were foreign visitors.

The December 2025 turnout significantly surpassed the previous year's holiday season, which recorded 195,677 arrivals in December 2024.

Tourism officials attributed the increase to the Christmas and New Year holidays, traditionally peak travel periods for the island.

December posted the highest arrivals among all months in 2025, followed by May with 222,952 tourists and June with 205,310.

For the entire year of 2025, Boracay generated P47,001,813,576 in tourism-related revenues, providing a substantial boost to the local economy.

The surge in visitor spending was strongly felt by local businesses and workers.

Among those who experienced the positive impact was

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## ‘Kasadyahan’ kickoff marks sustainable waste management practices



ILOILO CITY (PIA) — This year's Grand Opening Salvo of the 'Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahan,' dubbed as the festival of festivals in Iloilo, pushes for the promotion of sustainable plastic waste management practices, anchored on the principle of circular economy.

According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the circular economy "shifts away from the linear take-make-waste economic model toward systems that are designed to reduce waste and pollution, keep materials

and resources in use for as long as possible, and regenerate natural systems, supported by a transition to renewable energy."

With this, the inclusion of the circular economy in the celebration allows for reducing festival waste and encourages recycling and upcycling among participating local government units.

The Iloilo provincial government earlier met with the Iloilo City Government and representatives from UNDP to discuss waste management efforts and

communication strategies to reduce the volume of plastic waste during the celebration.

A prelude to the Dinagyang Festival, the Kasadyahan Sa Kabanwahan kickoff featured a vibrant sneak peek of performances from the eight town festivals in Iloilo, celebrating stories and shared identity as Ilonggos.

Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahan is organized by the Iloilo Provincial Government, in collaboration with the Iloilo

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PIO ANAS** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 3664** situated in Brgy. Bagumbayan, Alimodian, Iloilo covered by **TAX DECLARATION NO. 02-0006-00166 (PIN 041-02-0006-004-33)** with an area of **TWENTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY FOUR (23,144) SQUARE METERS**, more or less is adjudicated to heirs **ROMEO M. ANAS, THELMA ANAS CABEROY and MERCED ANAS SUMAGAYSAY**. That, the heirs/adjudicatees **WAIVED, RENOUNCED and RELINQUISHED** all their rights, shares, interests, and participations in the above-said parcel of land in favor of the children of herein adjudicatee **ROMEO M. ANAS, namely, MA. RUBY ROSAN ANAS DELUSO, MA. CONCEPCION S. ANAS, MA. IVY S. ANAS, MYRTA ANAS AMUENDA, KIM ANAS CRISTOBAL, MA. CATHERINE ANAS CAMIQUE, MARY ANN GRACE ANAS ALDERETE and PIO S. ANAS**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RUTH A. FLORENTINO** per Doc. No. 488, Page No. 99, Book No. XLIX, Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION (of Money in Bank)**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MA. REGINA GALLEGOS MORALES** known as a bank deposit with **Land Bank of the Philippines – Gaisano Iloilo City Branch** under **Savings Account No. 2321-0107-28** is adjudicated to heirs **CHARLIE GALLEGOS BERNAL, JIMMY SALVANTE GALLEGOS, RONIE SALVANTE GALLEGOS, MARCIAL SALVANTE GALLEGOS, JR., EDNA GALLEGOS JIMENEZ and BEN SALVANTE GALLEGOS**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. SHEREAL M. FERRER-VICHO** per Doc. No. 309, Page No. 63, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

NE/Jan. 19, 26 &amp; Feb. 2, 2026

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION / EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EVA GASAPO MOLETA** known as **Lot No. 1647** situated in Poblacion, Guimbal, Iloilo covered by **TAX DECLARATION NO. 19-0001-02643 PIN 041-19-001-031-51** with an area of **Seven Hundred Forty Four (744) square meters** is adjudicated to heirs **TOMAS F. MOLETA and JAPHET GRACE G. MOLETA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JOHN PAUL S. SUABERON** per Doc. No. 395, Page No. 80, Book No. V, Series of 2026.

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

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EMILE R. PRIMAVERA** consisting of parcels of land **Lot No. 385** of the Cadastral Survey of Oton, with all buildings and improvements except those herein expressly noted as belonging to other persons, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-67463** with an area of **ELEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWO (11,902) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** and **Lot No. 459** of the Cadastral Survey of Oton, with all buildings and improvements except those herein expressly noted as belonging to other persons, covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 20592** with an area of **SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE (785) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** area adjudicated to heirs **NENITA D. PRIMAVERA, ALBERTO D. PRIMAVERA, JOEMILE D. PRIMAVERA, VICENTE NEIL D. PRIMAVERA, and MARIA LILIBETH PRIMAVERA**. That, **NENITA D. PRIMAVERA** waived and quitclaim all her rights, interests and participations on the above-said parcels of land in favor of her children/co-heirs as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. HENEDINES C. ARANDA** per Doc. No. 420, Page No. 85, Book No. XXXVI, Series of 2025.

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**POLICE BEEF UP ... (from page 3)**

public safety during the festivities were tackled by the representatives of Police Colonel Adrian V. Acollador, Chief of the Regional Operations Division (ROD) of the Police Regional Office 6.

Barrientos also addressed operational concerns, stressing strong coordination and public cooperation.

These series of meetings, coordination activities, and conferences will continue in the coming days to further enhance safety and security measures as the festival draws near, according to the ICPO. (AAL/LAF/PIA6-Iloilo/ICPO)

**BORACAY ... (from**

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Gil Delos Santos, a resort and bakery-café owner, boat operator, and manager of GMarket Boracay, an MSME community hub on the island showcasing local food, culture, and crafts.

Delos Santos noted a significant increase in customer traffic during the holiday season.

“Akon nga business konektado run. Basta nami ang kita it boat, sayran ko nami ang kita it resort dahil abo ro nagasulod. Pag taas kita it boat, halos puno man kami sa resort, ag among café hay abo man nga mga customer. So far, umpisa nga nag-open kami, kara nga December ro pinakamayad,” he said.

(My businesses are interconnected. When boat income is good, I know the resort income is also good because many guests are coming in. When boat income increases, our resort

is almost full, and our café also has many customers. So far, since we opened, December has been the best month.)

Delos Santos added that his café-bakery, which has been operating for nearly two years, recorded a 30 to 50 percent increase in income compared to the same period last year.

He also confirmed that fellow MSMEs at GMarket experienced similar growth and expressed optimism that the trend would continue.

Another Aklanon, Dandy Solano, a coordinator of Bans Beach Resort in Boracay Island for the past 30 years, also described December 2025 as exceptionally busy.

“Na-experience nakon ro kasakuon ku December especially during Christmas ag New Year, nga kung siin hay fully-booked na kami ag may naga-inquire gihapon,” Solano said.

(This December, especially during Christmas and New Year, we experienced a surge in guests. We were fully booked, still, inquiries continued to come in.)

The Provincial Tourism Office also reported that 2,155,217 tourists visited Boracay Island in 2025.

Domestic tourists dominated arrivals at 1,765,318, followed by 357,510 foreign tourists and 32,425 OFWs.

Top domestic tourist sources included the National Capital Region (746,459), Western Visayas (454,717), CALABARZON (204,372), Central Luzon (133,495), Central Visayas (59,425), Davao Region (24,473), Ilocos Region (22,896), Bicol Region (18,582), MIMAROPA (18,293), and Eastern Visayas (16,555).

Among foreign visitors, South Korea led with 96,199 arrivals, followed by the United States (48,356), Australia (21,357), Taiwan (20,306), Russia (18,952), China (17,958), the United Kingdom (13,802), Japan (12,287), Germany (9,679), and India (9,387).

Tourism officials also noted a significant number of international cruise ship visits in 2025, with expectations that these vessels will return to Boracay in 2026.

With record-breaking arrivals, strong economic gains, and positive feedback from the local business community, December 2025 stands out as a milestone month for Boracay's tourism industry.

The local government and tourism officials are optimistic that arrivals will continue to rise in January 2026, in time for the Sto. Niño Ati-Atihan Festival.

The local government unit of Malay has set a target of 2.6 million tourist arrivals for Boracay Island in 2026. (AGP/SQP/PIA Aklan)

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development  
Kagawaran ng Pananahanang Pantao at Pagpapauilad ng Kalunsuran

Regional Office VI

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **Greencrest Development Corporation** (Owner/Developer) has filed with the Department a sworn registration statement for the sale of subdivision house and lots at **LIMSIACO'S RESIDENCES** located at Brgy. Talaban, Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental specifically described as the following:

LOT NO.	AREA (SQ. M.)	TITLE NO.
Lot 556-B, Psd-06-008529	20,141.00	T-145739
Lot 556-C, Psd-06-008529	20,141.00	T-145740
TOTAL	40,282.00	

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

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

Iloilo City, Philippines, January 12, 2026.

**(SGD.) ELENITA PAULINA R. CAÑETE**  
OIC - Regional Director

NE/January 19 &amp; 26, 2026

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **Susan Arroyo Hofilena**, the only heir of the late **Ninfa Gaganera Hofilena** (also known as Ninfa Gaganera Hofilena) who died on December 28, 2025 in The Medical City Iloilo Hospital Inc., Locsin St., Brgy. Tap-oc, Molo, Iloilo City has executed a **DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF SOLE HEIR** dated January 15, 2026 notarized by Notary Public Nelson C. Oberas under Doc. No. 280; Page No. 57; Book No. 252; Series of 2026, involving the following PNB and BPI bank accounts:

ACCOUNT TYPE	ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CCY	CURRENT BALANCE	AVAILABLE BALANCE	DATE OPENED
SAVINGS	HOFILENA, NINFA G. GAGANERA	310460133061	USD	2,406.67	2,406.67	02/08/08
SAVINGS	HOFILENA, NINFA G. OR HOFILENA SUSAN OR	310410352801	PHP	2,034,681.51	2,034,681.51	07/07/21
SAVINGS	HOFILENA, NINFA G. OR HOFILENA SUSAN OR	310460292742	USD	537.25	537.25	08/07/19
BPI Branch		Currency & Type of Account	Nature	Account No.	Amount	As of Date of Request 01/15/2026
Iloilo Main		Dollar Savings	Single Account	1074-0522-89	USD 11, 458.35	

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 **JENGLE MAGARSO OSANO** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S SEX** from “**FEMALE**” to “**MALE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JENGLE MAGARSO OSANO** who was born on **DECEMBER 28, 1990** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **CHARLIE, SR. E. OSANO** and **JOSEPHINE C. MAGARSO**.

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/Jan. 19, 2026 &amp; Jan. 26, 2026

## over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS &amp; MICHAEL FRAY



## HOROSCOPE

ARIES  
March 21 - April 19

A group encounter, perhaps spiritual or metaphysical, could take place at your home tonight. This group will probably manage to do whatever it aspires to do. Intuition, energy, and imagination are all around you. You'll get closer to whomever you choose to spend time with today, be it friend, lover, or colleague. Tonight write down your thoughts and insights so you can remember them.

Your body, which usually runs at warp speed, is telling you to slow down. You need to take a break from time to time. Eating a big bowl of caramel popcorn while watching TV won't send you into a downward spiral from which you'll never emerge. On the contrary, such an indulgence may leave you feeling refreshed and even giddy. Why not try it?

TAURUS  
April 20 - May 20

GEMINI  
May 21 - June 21

New business contacts could bring the possibility of pursuing a new career in the psychic, spiritual, or healing arts, or perhaps in painting, writing, or another of the fine arts. Think seriously about it. Your own talent should be especially acute today. You could be thinking seriously about training to be more effective. The support of friends and groups could prove invaluable.

Spiritual matters come to the forefront today. You'll want to throw yourself into the study of a spiritual or metaphysical discipline that appeals to you the most. Friends or a group may want to join you. Getting together with others might stimulate your intellect, imagination, and spirit. At day's end, write down your thoughts. Take a long walk to clear your head so you can sleep.

CANCER  
June 22 - July 22

LEO  
July 23 - August 22

You're a spiritually inclined person, but today your mind is on other planes. Insights and revelations could come thick and fast, and you might want to express them through art. Romantic and other relationships take on a new karmic aura. Meditation could help you make sense of it all, as could a process like past-life regression or rebirthing. In the absence of that, write down your thoughts.

Other people take on special importance today. Romance is very much on your mind, whether in friendships, business partnerships, or relationships of all kinds. Your interactions are warm, cordial, and supportive. Romantic feelings approach fairytale intensity. Make the effort to see everyone as they really are and not as idealized images.

VIRGO  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

LIBRA  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Today you might try to secure the perfect job, possibly in an artistic field or one connected with the healing arts. You might have a specific position in mind, or you could consider several. It's important to think of all the ins and outs of every position before charging ahead. What you think might be perfect today could have hidden aspects you don't know about.

SCORPIO  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

A new or existing romance could take on a spiritual aspect that creates a stronger bond between you. The works of past great masters, perhaps some from exotic lands, inspire your creative drive. Spirituality could take on new importance to you. You might want to spend time meditating or studying. Past-life regression or guided meditation could prove enlightening.

SAGITTARIUS  
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Dreams and meditation could bring up deep-seated emotions from the past that have been blocking your growth without your realizing it. Both seeking and giving forgiveness may take on new importance. Romantic passion should be at an all-time high. These emotions are also likely to provide artistic inspiration that you want to turn toward decorating your home.

CAPRICORN  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

If you aren't romantically involved, don't be surprised if romance comes your way today, perhaps in your neighborhood. Even if you are involved, you'll make a new friend. You're likely to meet someone special outside in the open air and close to a crowd of people. Therefore, this isn't a good day to stay inside, even if the weather's bad. Go see what the Universe has in store for you.

AQUARIUS  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your value system may take on new spiritual and idealistic aspects today. Mundane affairs could assume new meaning for you. You might even see spirituality in your job. You could set some idealistic but unrealistic goals as far as your health is concerned. If you want to start a new health program, take it one step at a time. Don't try to accomplish everything all at once.

PISCES  
Feb. 19 - March 20

Other people are important to you. Today your relationships could take on even more significance than usual. You could meet some interesting people, and if you're not involved, you might even fall in love. Old and new friends could seem more wonderful and idealized. Romantic relationships could assume fairytale qualities. Try to make an effort to see people as they really are.

JANUARY 19 - 25, 2025  
MONDAY - SUNDAY

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Compiled by:  
CARL SARDUA

## TULINGAN BISTEK (BRAISED BULLET TUNA IN SOY SAUCE AND ONION)



## INGREDIENTS

6 CLOVES GARLIC CRUSHED  
2 THUMBS GINGER MINCED  
1 STALK GREEN ONION CHOPPED  
2 PIECES ONIONS SLICED INTO RINGS  
1/2 CUP SOY SAUCE  
1/2 TEASPOON SUGAR  
4 GRAMS MAGGI MAGIC SARAP  
1/4 TEASPOON GROUND BLACK PEPPER  
1 CUP WATER FOR SIMMERING  
1/4 CUP COOKING OIL FOR FRYING AND SAUTÉING

## INSTRUCTIONS

Combine tulingan, calamansi juice, soy sauce, and 3 cloves minced garlic in a bowl. Mix and marinate for 30 minutes.

2 lbs tulingan, 5 pieces calamansi, 1/2 cup soy sauce, 6 cloves garlic  
Heat oil in a pan. Fry the tulingan slices until golden brown. Remove from the pan.

1/4 cup cooking oil, 2 lbs tulingan Discard excess oil, leaving about 3 tablespoons. Sauté the remaining garlic until golden brown. Add ginger and onion. Cook until the onion turns slightly soft.

6 cloves garlic, 2 thumbs ginger, 2 pieces onions  
Pour the remaining marinade into the pan. Add water. Bring to a boil.

1 cup water  
Add the fried tulingan into the pan. Lower the heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Note: add water as needed.

Season with sugar, ground black pepper, and Maggi Magic Sarap.

1/2 teaspoon sugar, 4 grams Maggi Magic Sarap, 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Add the onions and green onions. Cook for 5 minutes.

1 stalk green onion

Transfer to a serving plate. Serve hot with rice.

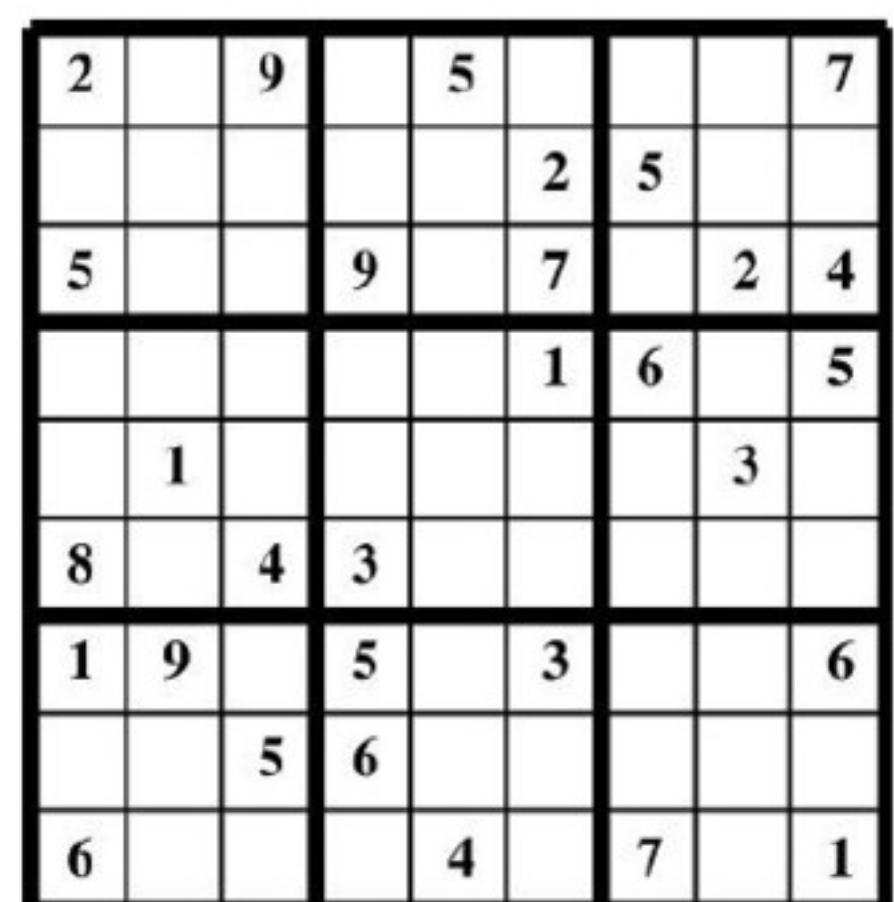
## sudoku

Puzzles by Pappocom (C)

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

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

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





Department of Transportation  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**  
Regional Office VI  
MROVI Building, De La Rama Street  
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000



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

**ASTORIA BORACAY, INC.** Case No. MRO VI 17-043  
Applicant. 1<sup>st</sup> CPC Amendment  
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#### ORDER

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

#### ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:

BORACAY ISLAND (ALONG STATION 1 TO STATION 3) & VICE VERSA (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY); AND/ OR CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN – CAGBAN/TAMBISAAN, BORACAY ISLAND-TABON, CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN; AND/ OR TABON, CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN TO SAMBIRAY, MALAY, AKLAN AND VICE VERSA; AND/OR WELCOME CENTER, CATICLAN, MALAY, AKLAN TO CAGBAN PORT, BORACAY ISLAND, MALAY, AKLAN /TABON, CATICLAN, AKLAN TO TAMBISAAN, BORACAY ISLAND AND VICE VERSA AND/OR W/IN BORACAY ISLAND W/IN 3 NAUTICAL MILE RADIUS (24 HRS NAVIGATION)

OWNED BY APPLICANT	GT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE	PASSAGE RATE
RB "MARINA BLU"	5.08	FRP	Guest/ Tourist	Per Contract Basis

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **30 January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. SONIA B. MALALUAN** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

*Copy furnished:  
Applicant Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila  
Phil. 6<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City  
File*



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



RE: Application for Eleventh Amendment  
of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)  
pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its  
Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations  
to effect extension of charter agreement

**BUENAVISTA AND JORDAN FERRY, INC.** Case No. MRO VI 22-031  
Applicant. 11<sup>th</sup> CPC Amendment  
X-----X

#### ORDER

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

#### For the vessel: MB "MARGAUX 1":

##### CHARTER CONTRACT

Chartered from SG8 Maritime Inc. valid for ten (10) years or until 07 January 2036

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **27 January 2026 at 2:00 PM** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **HON. SONIA B. MALALUAN** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

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Applicant Buenavista, Guimaras  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila  
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File*



Department of Transportation  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**  
Regional Office VI  
MROVI Building, De La Rama Street  
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000



RE: Application for Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Amendment  
of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)  
pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its  
Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations  
to effect additional vessel

**CARLES TOURIST BOAT ASSOC. (CATBAS), INC.** Case No. MRO VI 19-030  
Applicant. 9<sup>th</sup> CPC Amendment  
X-----X

#### ORDER

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

#### ROUTE/S TO BE SERVED:

BANCAL, CARLES, ILOILO VIA BUENAVISTA ISLAND –  
BALBAGON ISLAND – GIGANTES ISLAND ALL IN CARLES,  
ILOILO AND VICE VERSA (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)

#### Name of Additional Vessel

CHARTERED BY APPLICANT	GT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE	CHARTERED FROM
MBca "Binky Boboy"	6.82	Wood	Tourist/ Guest	Vangie Lou D. Ibañez until 08 July 2027

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **30 January 2026 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

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Applicant, Bancal, Carles, Iloilo  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila  
Phil. 6<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City  
File*



Department of Transportation  
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**  
Regional Office VI  
MROVI Building, De La Rama Street  
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000



RE: Application for Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Revised - Implementing Rules and Regulations to effect additional vessel.

**MARGIE S. TENORIO**  
Applicant.  
X-----X

#### ORDER

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

#### Route(s) to be served:

SEBASTE, SIBUNAG, GUIMARAS TO PULUPANDAN, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND VICE VERSA

VESSEL OWNED BY APPLICANT	GT	HULL	TYPE OF SERVICE
MV "RON JAYREDINE II"	127.00	FIBERGLASS	Passenger/Liner

PASSAGE RATES		CARGO RATES	
P 320.00 - Regular		Motorcycle 1200cc - P 1,200.00	500cc - P 550.00
P 250.00 – Senior Citizen and PWD		300cc - P 300.00	400cc - P 400.00
P 160.00 – Children (6–12-year-old)		Bicycle - P 50.00	125-200cc - P 300.00
		Boxes Styro - P 100.00	Rice - P 100.00
			Kaing - P 100.00
			Fruits - P 40.00

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS		ARRIVAL		
DEPARTURE	ORIGIN	TIME	DESTINATION	TIME
Sebaste, Sibunag, Guimaras	6:30 AM		Pulupandan, Negros Occ.	7:30 AM
Pulupandan, Negros Occ.	8:30 AM		Sebaste, Sibunag, Guimaras	9:30 AM
Sebaste, Sibunag, Guimaras	10:30 AM		Pulupandan, Negros Occ.	11:30 AM
Pulupandan, Negros Occ.	12:30 PM		Sebaste, Sibunag, Guimaras	1:30 PM
Sebaste, Sibunag, Guimaras	2:30 PM		Pulupandan, Negros Occ.	3:30 PM
Pulupandan, Negros Occ.	4:00 PM		Sebaste, Sibunag, Guimaras	5:00 PM

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **27 January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

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

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File*

"We appreciate the participation in the Dinagyang, and we invest time and resources because it is very important to us. Nasiling naton na we are one with Iloilo City because I've said this before, and I say it again, ang turismo sang Iloilo City, turismo sang Iloilo province," Defensor said.

Defensor also thanked the local government units for the huge support poured out among the festival performers, who are mostly composed of the youth sector.

The 2026 Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahan Festival highlights the participation of Salakayan Festival of Miag-ao, Kahilwayan Festival of Santa Barbara, Tawili Festival of San Rafael, Tultugan Festival of Maasin, Jimanban Festival of New Lucena, Kasag Festival of Banate, Pagnahi-an Festival of Bingawan, and Banaag Festival of Anilao.

Anchored on the Iloilo provincial government's mantra "Fun, Foodie, Friendly Iloilo," the Kasadyahan Festival competition is slated on Jan. 24, 2026. (AAL/LMLE/PIA Iloilo)

#### ERRATUM

In the **RE-NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE, BDO UNIBANK, INC. versus JAYREN B. RAYMUNDO** married to **RICHARD L. RAYMUNDO** under **Foreclosure No. F-11282-25** which came out in the **News Express** issue of December 22, 2025, "BDO UNBANK, INC." should be corrected as "**BDO UNIBANK, INC.**"

Our apologies.

#### ERRATUM

In the **RE-NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE, BDO UNIBANK, INC., versus SPS. BOBBY J. BARRETTO AND LORNA A. TERRESTRE BARRETTO** under **Foreclosure No. F-11367-25** which came out in the **News Express** issue of December 22, 2025, "BDO UNBANK, INC." should be corrected as "**BDO UNIBANK, INC.**" and "BARRETO" should be corrected as "**BARRETTO**". The same correction for "**BARRETO**" applies to the **December 29, 2025 and January 5, 2026** issues

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 **LUISA G. DUMOL** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "LORNA" to "LUISA" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LORNA GALVE DUMOL** who was born on **March 1, 1962** at Leganes, Iloilo and whose parents are **LEODEGARIO GALVE** and **MAGDALENA QUIDATO**.

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/Jan. 12, 2026 & Jan. 19, 2026

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN**

#### OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **EDEN CORDERO MALOJO** (complete name of the petitioner) has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **MA. EDEN** to **EDEN** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MA. EDEN CORDERO MALOJO** (complete name of document owner) who was born on **FEBRUARY 8, 1992** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents (complete date of birth) are **EDWIN ALEMANIA MALOJO** and **NANCY MISAMEN CORDERO**. (name of father) (name of mother)

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

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

NE/Jan. 12, 2026 & Jan. 19, 2026

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN**

#### OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **HELEN S. SALINAS** (complete name of the petitioner) has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **ROSENDO** to **ROMEO** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ROSENDO CLAMOR SALINAS** (complete name of document owner) who was born on **MARCH 1, 1964** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** (complete date of birth) and whose parents are **AURELIO MELCHOR SALINAS** and **CONSUELO CASTAÑO CLAMOR**. (name of father) (name of mother)

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

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

NE/Jan. 12, 2026 & Jan. 19, 2026

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 **MA. CORAZON SUBRIDA BEATING** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from "MARIA CORAZON" to "MA. CORAZON" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MA. CORAZON GUSTILO SUBRIDA** who was born on **DECEMBER 24, 1967** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ALBERTO SUBRIDA** and **AURORA GUSTILO**.

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/Jan. 12, 2026 & Jan. 19, 2026

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 **LERAMAR JOY DEXIMO DAJAY** has filed with this office a petition of **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from "MARIA" to "LERAMAR JOY" and petition for correction of entry in **CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH** from **FEBRUARY 2, 1971** to **APRIL 2, 1971** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LERAMAR JOY DEXIMO DAJAY** who was born on **APRIL 2, 1971** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **EDUARDO MILITAR DAJAY** and **LERNA TAMAYO DEXIMO**.

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/Jan. 12, 2026 & Jan. 19, 2026

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 **JIMMY ONG TAN** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from "JAMES" to "JIMMY" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JIMMY ONG TAN** who was born on **AUGUST 11, 1961** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **VICENTE J. TAN** and **ROSALINA T. ONG**.

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/Jan. 12, 2026 & Jan. 19, 2026

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**Municipality of San Dionisio**  
**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR**

#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. 10172**), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JADE MONTEJO JORCA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JADE MONTEJO JORCA** at **San Dionisio, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Ernesto L. Jorca, Jr.** and **Me D. Montejo**.

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

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

NE/Jan. 12, 2026 & Jan. 19, 2026

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: **Guimaras**  
City/Municipality: **Jordan (Capital)**

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. 10172**), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JOEVETA E. BRANDES** has filed with this Office, a petition for Correction of Clerical Error in **child's date of birth** from **OCTOBER 23, 1967** to **OCTOBER 21, 1975** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOEVETA ALIGARBESES EFONDO** who was born on **21 October 1975** at **Jordan, (Capital) Guimaras** and whose parents are **LORETO EFONDO** and **CAROLINA ALIGARBESES**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **21 January 2026**.

**(SGD.) JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA**  
C/MCR or D/CR

NE/Jan. 12, 2026 & Jan. 19, 2026

#### DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses MANUEL SALUGAO and CONCORDIA AMUENDA-SALUGAO** known as a parcel of land described as follows, (Lot No. 3252 or the cadastral Survey of San Miguel) with the improvements therein, situated at Brgy. Sta. Cruz, San Miguel, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-104446** with an area of **TEN THOUSAND AND TWENTY EIGHT (10,028) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs: **GIL A. SALUGAO, heirs of spouses Librada Salugao-Buenaflor and Cresenciano Buenaflor, Sr.**, namely, **MILDRED BUENAFLOR-MARQUEZ, CRESENCIANO SALUGAO-BUENAFLOR, JR., MARIA NELFA BUENAFLOR-SALAVERIA, HAYDEE BUENAFLOR-MADRAZO, and ELVIS SALUGAO BUENAFLOR; heirs of Meliton Amuenda Salugao**, namely, **ERLINDA ALEGRADE-SALUGAO, RONIE ALEGRADE-SALUGAO, ROMULO ALEGRADE SALUGAO, RODEL ALEGRADE SALUGAO, and MELINDA SALUGAO SARMIENTO; heirs of Loreto Amuenda Salugao Sr. and Gloria P. Salugao**, namely, **EDGAR PALOMA SALUGAO, MYRNA**

**SALUGAO NACIONALES, LORETO PALOMA SALUGAO, JR., and RAMON A. SALUGAO; heirs of Soterania Salugao-Jarme, namely, LORETO JARME, ELEONOR JARME CASTAÑO, MARICOR SALUGAO JARME, ALLAN SALUGAO JARME, EDNA JARME OSUMO, and GINA JARME SALUDARES; heirs of Elmer Salugao Jarme, namely, AMALIA C. JARME, EURICA C. JARME, and EUNICE C. JARME; heirs of Juanito Amuenda Salugao, namely, FLORENTINA JABAO SALUGAO, IMELDA SALUGAO INOSANTO, IRENE SALUGAO MARISCOTES, JANET SALUGAO SINGH, and JAYSON JABAO SALUGAO; heirs of Eliseo Amuenda Salugao, Sr., namely, LOLITA LAQUIAN SALUGAO, RICHARD LAQUIAN SALUGAO, ELISEO LAQUIAN SALUGAO, JR., and LEO LAQUIAN SALUGAO. That the heirs/adjudicatees WAIVED, CEDED, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED by way of waiver of rights, unto and in favor of their co-heir **GIL A. SALUGAO** all their rights, shares, interest and participation over the above-described parcel of land. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JUDE VINCENT D. FONTILON** per Doc. No. 429, Page No. 87, Book No. V, Series of 2024.**

NE/January 12, 19 & 26, 2026

## DOLE calls for Antique establishments willing to avail of BBM rice

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is calling for establishments that are interested in availing of the Benteng Bigas Meron (BBM) Na program this year.

DOLE Antique provincial director Ma. Cecilia Acebuque, in an interview on Wednesday, said they may coordinate with their office so their minimum wage workers could avail of the PHP20 per kilo rice.

"We are looking for establishments, especially in the northern part of Antique, that have not yet availed of the program," she said.

Acebuque said that last year, the 16 establishments with 950 minimum wage workers which availed of the cheap and good quality National Food Authority (NFA) rice were mostly located in San Jose de Buenavista or the southern part of the province.

"Minimum wage workers can buy as much as 10 kilos of BBM rice for their consumption," Acebuque said.

Meanwhile, Acebuque said they are already accepting requests from the local government units (LGUs) for the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program.

"We have already received a request from San Remigio Mayor Margarito Mission Jr. for the TUPAD," she said.

Once approved, the workers are expected to help in the construction of a pathway in the upland Barangay Banbanan to Rizal.

The pathway will enable the barangay residents to easily haul their agricultural products to the adjacent barangay.

Last year, the municipality of Laua-an availed of the program where workers helped in the vegetable gardening and establishment of fishponds. (PNA)

## DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PAULINO M. DURANA** known as Lot 3 Block 19, Pcs-06-001173, being a consolidation-subdivision of Lot 6 (LRC) Pcs-19128 and Lot 7-A (LRC) Psd-211216, situated in Manduriao, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-85565** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN (187) SQUARE METERS**, more or less is adjudicated to heirs **MARILOU B. DURANA, PAUL ALBERT B. DURANA and ANALLA MARIE B. DURANA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RUBEN M. MACA** per Doc. No. 198, Page No. 40, Book No. XIII, Series of 2025.

NE/January 12, 19 &amp; 26, 2026

## AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **RAYMOND T. GOMEZ** of 13-C Socorro Subd., Molo, Iloilo City had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to **Three (3) Shares of Stock Certificates of Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** specifically **Stock Certificate No. 924** issued on **December 14, 1994**, **Stock Certificate No. 2373** issued on **June 5, 2002**, and **Stock Certificate No. 2802** issued on **November 24, 2006**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ROSIE G. GARCIA** per Doc. No. 208, Page No. 43, Book No. V, Series of 2025.

NE/January 12, 19 &amp; 26, 2026

## DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **VIOLETA DIGNADICE LEYSA** known as **Lot No. 1029-A-1, Plan No. PSD-06-083266, Portion of Lot 1029-A, PSD-8445** situated at Brgy. Lopez Jaena, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2020001540** with an area of **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN (237) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to heirs **HILARION LIBALIB LEYSA and LITALOU LEYSA MAGDAS** as entered in the notarial registry of **BAI THAO**, Notary Public for the State of Alaska, United State of America, dated October 27, 2023.

NE/January 12, 19 &amp; 26, 2026

## AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **EMMANUEL L. GEMORA** of 24 Magsaysay Village, La Paz, Iloilo City had filed an Affidavit of Loss pertaining to **One (1) Share of Stock Certificate of Iloilo Golf & Country Club, Inc.** specifically **Stock Certificate No. 1059** issued on **January 26, 1995** as entered in the notarial registry of **Atty. Ronald Y. Lao** per Doc. No. 137, Page No. 7, Book No. XII, Series of 2026.

NE/January 12, 19 &amp; 26, 2026



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

Para sa solusyon sang imo balati-an magkado na sa

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Nahamtag sa CISCHO BLDG. MABOLO DELGADO ILOILO CITY dira mabakal ang tanan klase sang HEALTH FOOD COMBINATION, ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE kag Food Supplement available man ngan mga Health Combination "EDUKASYON PARA SA IKAAYONG LAWAS" nga inyo mabati-an sa

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

## DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION

CASE NO:

**RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0147**

DATE: JANUARY 07, 2026

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION  
OF WINNIE ROSE GIMENO  
GERALDO TO BE KNOWN  
THEREAFTER AS MAERY JOY  
GIMENO PALOMO**

**MR. REME CASIBUA PALOMO AND  
MS. JOCELYN GIMENO PALOMO**  
Petitioners

## ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of **Winnie Rose Gimeno Geraldo** filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that after due notice, publication, and appearances, a judgment be rendered to the effect that the adoptee **Winnie Rose Gimeno Geraldo** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the adoptee be changed particularly to appear as **MAERY JOY GIMENO PALOMO**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **February 12, 2026**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3F Ana Ros Building, Simon Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City**. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected to verification and further investigation.

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

**(SGD.) AIRLN JENN C. BARRO, RSW**  
Alternate Officer-In-Charge

NE/January 12, 19 &amp; 26, 2026

## GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **LORENA S. SEJANE** with business address at Manocmanoc, Malay, Aklan has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of *Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry* due to a Change of Ownership from **J BORACAY WATER TAXI** to **LORENA S. SEJANE** and change of vessel named from **RB "BORACAY WATER TAXI 3" to RB "PAULO'S TRAVEL & TOURS 2"**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

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Local Civil Registry Office  
Province of Iloilo  
Municipality of Calinog

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JOSE MARIE G. VILLASANA** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **SAVADOR** to **VILLASANA** in the birth certificate of **SAVADOR GARDE VILLASANAS** who was born on **September 7, 1968** at **CALINOG, ILOILO** and whose parents are **PELAGIO VILLASANA** and **MAGDALENA GARDE**.

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

**(SGD.) MA. AILYN C. CAMPOS**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

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

## DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION

CASE NO:

**RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0152**

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2026

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION  
OF AYESHA PAGMANOA TO BE  
KNOWN THEREAFTER AS AYESHA  
PAGMANOA PADRONES**

**SPOUSES, LIZARDO PACHES  
PADRONES III AND SHENELLY  
PAGMANOA PADRONES**  
Petitioner

X-----X

## ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Ayesha Pagmanoa filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that after due notice, publication, and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the adoptee **Ayesha Pagmanoa** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the adoptee be changed particularly to appear as **AYESHA PAGMANOA PADRONES**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **January 28, 2026**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3F Ana Ros Building, Simon Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City**. Any interested party may appear and file an opposition or complaint supported by evidence with the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected to verification and further investigation.

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

**(SGD.) JANICE BRASILEÑO, RSW**  
Officer-In-Charge

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