

'LEGACY CONTINUED'

Daughter of late Vice Mayor Lamasan joins Dueñas Council

BY REMZ CASTOR

YZABELLE Annika Lamasan Padojinog, 22, daughter of the late Vice Mayor Aimee Paz Lamasan, formally took her oath of office as the newest Sangguniang Bayan Member of Dueñas, Iloilo before Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

She assumed the vacant council seat following the succession of SB Member Pia June Pama as Vice Mayor. Present during the ceremony were her grandmother, former Vice Mayor Pangga Lamasan Piccio, grandparents Elna Lamasan and Ella Salazar Lamasan, Dueñas Mayor Robert Martin Pama, and other family members.

Her nomination was endorsed by the Nacionalista Party (NP), led by Fourth District Congressman

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Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. administers the oath of Yzabelle Annika Lamasan Padojinog, 22, daughter of the late Vice Mayor Aimee Paz Lamasan, as the newest Sangguniang Bayan Member of Dueñas, Iloilo on Thursday, January 22, 2026. Present during the ceremony were her grandmother, former Vice Mayor Pangga Lamasan Piccio, grandparents Elna Lamasan and Ella Salazar Lamasan, Dueñas Mayor Robert Martin Pama, and other family members. In a poignant moment, Yzabelle's younger sister held a photo of their late mother. (ECGarcia photo)

PBBM inaugurates newly upgraded Antique Airport

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. led the inauguration of the newly upgraded Antique Airport—implemented

by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)—on Monday, January 19, 2026.

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IBC power line in Pavia, Iloilo, successfully transferred to more power



MORE Power President and CEO Mr. Roel Z. Castro, Pavia, Iloilo Vice Mayor Mr. Edsel G. Gerochi, International Builders Corporation Owner Mr. Alfonso Tan, Vice President for Operations Mr. Alvin L. Tan led the Migration Ceremony of International Builders Corporation's (IBC) power source to MORE Electric and Power Corporation.

The transfer of International Builders Corporation's (IBC) power source to MORE Electric and Power Corporation was successfully completed on January 18, 2026.

IBC is the first consumer in MORE Power's extended franchise area to officially transfer its electric power line from another distribution utility.

The Migration Ceremony was attended by MORE Power President and CEO Mr. Roel Z. Castro, International Builders Corporation Owner Mr. Alfonso Tan, Vice President for Operations Mr. Alvin L. Tan, and Pavia, Iloilo Vice Mayor Mr. Edsel G.

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Ferjenel Biron.

In her message, Padojinog vowed to continue the programs and projects of her late mother, emphasizing her commitment to work closely with barangays to address community needs.

Currently a graduating student of the University of San Agustin with a degree in BS Foreign Service, she has built a strong record of leadership and academic excellence. She served as Chief Justice of the University of San Agustin Student Government in 2025 and held key roles in the San Agustin Model Congress, Student Judicial Court, and debate societies.

Her achievements include:

*Senate President of the 4th San Agustin Model Congress (2025)

*Deputy Speaker of the 3rd San Agustin Model Congress (2024)

*Champion of the San Ag Debate Cup (2024)

*Prime Minister of the San Ag Debate Society (2022–2023) and Debate Circle (2021–2022)

*Secretary and Communications Officer of the Iloilo Debate Union (2019–2021)

*Competitor at the 2021 Pre-Australis hosted by Tamil Nadu National Law University

*Honorary Member of the UP Debate Circle (2021)

She completed her elementary and secondary education at Ateneo de Iloilo. Beyond academics, she has worked as a Mandarin teacher at the University of San Agustin and as a barista at Starbucks.

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The event was joined by the DOTr Secretary Giovanni Lopez, CAAP Director General (DG) Lieutenant General Raul L. Del Rosario, AFP (Ret.), along with Senator Loren Legarda, Governor Paolo Javier, Cong. Antonio Agapito “AA” Legarda Jr., and local officials of Antique.

Located at San Jose de Buenavista, the airport's development consisted of a newly constructed 2,224 square-meter Passenger Terminal Building—costing P120 million—which was previously 181 square meters, increased seating capacity of 360 from 64, and from two to six check-in counters.

In addition, the airport has a newly developed ramp up which can accommodate up to four jet aircrafts. It also has an upgraded seven-storey control tower for better visibility towards safer flight operations.

Moreover, modern systems were also installed for baggage handling, flight information, and passenger convenience for an enhanced travel experience for Antiquenos.

The airport, through the runway project, shall also be able to cater jet aircraft through the extended runway spanning 1,800 meters from 1,430 meters. Other developments included a new fire station, power house, and pump house to ensure airport safety.

Currently, Antique Airport—classified as Principal Class 2 Airport—caters three flights a week, with very minimal terminal fees.

In his speech, Marcos expressed hope that the airport's completion will boost tourism, improve passenger experience, and enhance economic activity in Western Visayas.

He noted that the launching of the upgraded Antique Airport is part of government initiatives to provide people with fast and convenient traveling.

“To make this dream happen, we’ve launched the Antique Airport Development Project – it’ll make getting to Antique and other spots in Western Visayas way faster,” Marcos said.

Marcos added that the initiative also serves as proof of the government's efforts to deliver accessible services that are clear, practical, and beneficial for Filipinos.

Meanwhile, DOTR Secretary Lopez, in an interview, noted that the entire project cost a total of P1.5 billion (from 2017 to 2023), which included site acquisition, feasibility study, runway widening, procurement of facilities, and other significant initiatives needed for the airport's development.



DPWH to expedite completion of Aganan Flyover in 2026 as Christmas gift for Ilonggos

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) vowed to expedite the completion of the Aganan Flyover, aiming for its accomplishment by the end of 2026, to serve as a “Christmas gift” for the Ilonggos.

The Aganan Flyover

project, one of the key infrastructure projects in Pavia town, Iloilo, has been stalled at its initial target completion originally set in 2023.

“The President has instructed me to finish this (Anagan Flyover) this year. ‘Yun ang gagawin natin, and we will make sure that

happens,” said Dizon.

This was cited by DPWH Secretary Vivencio “Vince” B. Dizon, following his inspection of the flyover on January 19.

The Secretary made this a precedent-setting move after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. issued a directive to complete all

long-overdue infrastructure projects nationwide by the end of the year.

While pushing for the fastest project completion, Dizon said that the safety of the people shall not be compromised.

“Currently, we have an initial proposed plan, which was completed last year. A foreign consultant will be sought to assess and review the newly proposed design for rectifying the flyover. It will only take one month, so let us wait for that,” Dizon remarked.

Meanwhile, in terms of budget, on top of the P802 million, which is the original cost of the flyover, an additional P229 million has been allocated this year for its rectification works.

“May budget tayo for this. May P229 million to complete. Wala tayong problema sa pondo. Pero, we have to focus first on safety,” Dizon noted.

(We have a budget for



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Gerochi.

The migration of IBC’s power supply to MORE Power, a historic first in the country, was completed within just a few hours and carried out without any delays.

Mr. Castro shared that this milestone marks the beginning of proving that another distribution utility can effectively serve municipalities for the benefit of consumers. It also demonstrates that consumers have been anticipating the services of MORE Power.

“This ceremony is just the beginning. We are very excited to cater to more consumers in Pavia, Iloilo, proving that nothing is impossible with us. Serving the consumers will be our topmost priority here at MORE Power. I am very thankful to IBC for trusting us with this commitment,” said Mr. Roel Z. Castro, President and CEO of MORE Power.

It can be recalled that the expansion of MORE Power was prompted by the clamor of constituents from the Second and Fourth Districts of Iloilo, which led Congressman Michael Gorriceta and Congressman Braeden John Biron to file the expanded franchise bill in Congress on September 22, 2021.

This development shows that MORE Power is fully prepared to expand its operations in the province of Iloilo starting early this year. (via MORE Power)

Initiative promotes sustainable development of non-timber products

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources in Western Visayas (DENR-6) has partnered with an intergovernmental organization, Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), for the sustainable development of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) within the Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) area in the municipality of Maasin, Iloilo.

“The project aims to transition local residents from a traditional ‘gather and sell’ mindset towards other bamboo handicrafts,” DENR-6 Regional Executive Director Raul Lorilla said in a statement on Tuesday.

The initiative, which was implemented last year, provided members of the Federation of People's Organizations, Katilingan sang Pumuluyo nga Nagatipon sa Watershed sang Maasin (KAPAWA) with specialized training, enterprise development, and

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PBBM: Antique airport dev't part of wider modernization effort in Western Visayas

SAN JOSE, Antique (PIA) — President Ferdinand ‘Bongbong’ Marcos Jr. led the inauguration of the new passenger terminal building at the Evelio B. Javier-Antique Airport on January 19 (Monday).

He said that the upgrade of Antique Airport is part of the wider airport modernization effort in Western Visayas, as he mentioned his administration’s commitment to improving the country’s transportation infrastructure.

Highlighting Antique’s potential in tourism and agriculture, the President said better connectivity is key to easing the daily struggles of commuters and boosting the local economy.

The P1.576 billion allocation for the Antique Airport made possible the construction of a 2,224-square-meter passenger terminal building, from the previous 181 square meters, which can now accommodate up to 360 passengers compared to 64 in the past.

The check-in counters have tripled from two counters to six, with the newly developed ramp capable of handling jet aircraft.

Other major developments included upgrading control towers from a three-storey structure to seven for better visibility and safe flight operations.

The runway was also extended from 1,420 meters to 1,800 meters, which can handle jet aircraft.

With this upgrade, the President noted that the travelers can now expect organized check-in processes, comfortable waiting areas, and complete services.

Aside from the upgrade of the Antique airport, the



President also cited the ongoing improvements of Iloilo National Airport in Cabatuan, Iloilo Province, and Roxas Airport in Roxas City, Capiz.

He also noted that this project served as a model for quality infrastructure built through honest and efficient spending.

With the project’s cost-effectiveness, he challenged the Department of Transportation and CAAP to make this a “standard of service,” proving that when public funds are utilized correctly, the government can build faster, cheaper, and better facilities for the people.

Likewise, PBBM lauded the support and initiatives of Senator Loren Legarda, who serves as the driving force behind this project.

For her part, Senator Loren thanked the President for visiting Antique, noting that the upgrade of Antique Airport is proof that when local officials and government agencies cooperate, it can bring development to the people.

“Amidst all the political noise, what is important are the development projects that we bring to the local government, where farmers, fisherfolk, small and medium enterprises, and students with trade and tourism will thrive.

Legarda also said that this project will benefit not only the people of Antique but also of Panay Island.

Also present during the program are Congressman AA Legarda, Governor Paolo Javier, municipal mayors, and other local officials.

Javier expressed gratitude to President Marcos, Senator Loren, and the government agencies for making this important milestone happen for Antique. (AGP/PSM/PIA Antique)



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DILG vows support for Iloilo’s ‘Purok Resilience Program’

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — The Iloilo provincial government is strengthening its Purok Resilience Program with the support of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. said Interior Secretary Jonvic Remulla expressed support for the province’s priority programs, including the classroom development initiatives, during a brief meeting on January 7, 2026.

He noted that the province has begun coordinating with the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office to prepare proposals for the Purok Resilience Program, which will be presented to the DILG.

The Purok Resilience Program is a socialized housing initiative aimed at relocating families living in danger zones, including flood- and landslide-prone areas, to safer locations within their barangays.

According to the governor, the provincial government can allocate around P40 million annually for the program, but this amount can only support one project, prompting the province to seek support from national government agencies and other partners.

Currently, the province is implementing a 30-unit socialized housing project with land development in Barangay Nanga, Batad. Defensor said the site already has an access road and street lighting.

Defensor revealed that the province plans to expand the Purok Resilience Program to other areas, including the relocation of families living in landslide-prone communities, and is also considering a similar project in the town of Pototan.

He stressed that the provincial government remains committed to strengthening disaster resilience and improving housing and learning facilities through partnerships with the national government. (AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)



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We all have to make choices but what often determines success is if we are resolute in achieving our choices and just how good our sense of timing is.

More often than not, the most important choices, even determining correct political outcomes, all fall victim to deferment, delay or our “it’s too early” playing it safe mindset.

Last Friday, someone told me about a group of “Tanders,” elder gentlemen, active politicians, businessmen, as well as ex-military officials who were all politely debating on the ideal leader for the Philippines after PBBM.

From what I was told, they were not plotting to form a temporary government or a political party or lead an EDSA 4 by February 2026. They were just getting together for a great lunch and trying to stay relevant by “talking and playing politics.”

The direction of the conversation/debate was toward properly understanding the country’s overall political situation, the direction of the “investigation” into the massive corruption under the Marcos Jr. government and if PBBM could “crash and burn” if he fails to convince Filipinos that the hunt for and prosecution of the corrupt is real.

The “Tanders” pondered where the planned impeachment of Vice President Sara Duterte is heading, and what should be done next if any of the serious scenarios do take place.

In fairness to the “Tanders,” they actually talked and considered who should lead the country post Marcos Jr. and from there, they went through a shortlist of young leaders, the good points, weak points and challenges.

The “Tanders” did not want any unconstitutional action such as People Power or worse. They agreed that it was best for the country to stick to the Constitution. But after that, their lunch hour started to sour in debate.

If they stick to the Constitution, it follows that the vice president would have to take over a presidential vacancy. The politicians in the group balked at the idea because

they are the ones pushing for the impeachment of Sara Duterte, and as far as they were concerned it was a case of “anybody but Sara.”

Based on the patchwork narration, I imagine the response of the businessmen was: well, that brings us back to the impeachment. How sure are you that you can impeach Sara?

You no longer have access to hundreds of millions of pesos to give out as incentive to supporters of impeachment, unless those who stole the most are desperate enough to cough up a few billions.

I myself have wondered, if VP Sara is impeached and PBBM was out of office by force of circumstance, who then would benefit the most?

Will there be a major power struggle in the Senate and Congress to be next in line right after the impeachment, or will the Senate go: enough is enough – Sara stays!

Returning to the “Tander Dialogues,” they all concluded that a choice had to be made on who to support as the future leader or president of the Philippines in 2028. Round and round they went over Vico, Magalong, Leni, Ping, etc. but no choice could be made.

The consensus was that all those on the administration side were politically damaged or tainted by the corruption scandals, while the ideal Young Guns were unfortunately too young constitutionally and politically untameable.

Then a businessman boldly suggested that the obvious choice for both the constitutionalists and business side was VP Sara Duterte. Certainly not a popular choice to those who used her, betrayed her, jailed her father and now want to impeach her.

But choices have to be made. For the Tanders against Sara it was a matter of losing all their influence and connection in the future. They could even be subjected to the same investigation that they did to VP Sara.

Come to think of it, if Filipinos really want “Justice” from the massive infrastructure and congressional corruption, there would be a greater possibility of that happening under Sara Duterte.

As the saying goes, “Hell has not known the fury of a

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woman scorned” and Sara Duterte certainly has all the right reason to prove that if anyone is guilty of corruption, it would be all of her accusers.

Going back to choosing, we all find ourselves regularly having to choose who to follow, who to elect, who to idolize or who to believe in. But in the current environment, many people are reluctant to show their cards.

They fear bashing, haters and being cancelled. A few individuals or groups publicly wave their colors and their flags more for publicity, presence or participation.

What is lacking is commitment, strategy and correct timing.

Consensus is good but principled commitment runs deeper. Rise or fall, we must each have courage in our commitment, and you don’t necessarily get that by being a follower.

If you share principles and aspirations, speak out and lend your voice or align with the shared vision and put your money or time where your mouth is.

The Tanders were talking about what to do for 2027. But by then, it’s too late because where you are now a small group of supporters, you will be just someone else in the crowd of 2027 to 2028.

Perhaps it would help if folks read all of chapter 24 of the book of Joshua in the Bible. For today I quote verse 15:

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

The more things change

HARBIN – Hollow blocks for house walls are stuffed with paper. There’s a huge racket in the illegal entry of aliens. A small, little known company bags a major computerization deal in government. A fountain in a government hospital is repaired, over and over, every budget cycle.

Sound familiar?

Depressingly so. Such schemes for corruption have been mentioned in ongoing investigations on the public works mess.

Those schemes I mentioned, however, were disclosed over two decades ago in congressional investigations.

I was reminded of them by the person who condemned them in privilege speeches when she was a senator, Nikki Coseteng.

For the first time in about a decade, I’m back in China. I thought I’d enjoy my visit in this “Ice City” as a tourist in the Ice and Snow Festival, but my chats with Coseteng reminded me of corruption scandals in the past. And disappointments in the past, over the failure to hold anyone accountable.

Coseteng reminded me that when she was a senator, the Board of Airline Representatives even submitted to her a list of over 100 Bureau of Immigration employees who charged their representation expenses to the airlines. BAR members said they went along with the scheme to avoid BI harassment, but the extortion became brazen.

Apart from the act itself being illegal, the BI employees also presented receipts for meals that clearly never happened. An employee, for example, would present receipts showing him having lunch or dinner on the same day at different restaurants in different places around the country.

Coseteng said many of the so-called immigration agents turned out to be security personnel. She no longer remembers if anyone got punished. There was also no punishment for the big fish in a housing scam that she denounced in 2000.

In the years when Coseteng served as senator, and several years after, so many corruption scandals erupted that I have forgotten some of them, including the ghost meals and ghost fountain repairs.

There was the Centennial Expo scam in 1998, the TOPWEB scam, the North Rail overpricing scandal, the ZTE-NBN broadband deal, and the Manila Bay reclamation project awarded by the Public Estates Authority to Amari Coastal Bay Development Corp., described by a senator as “the mother of all scams.”

Who got punished?

Incidentally, when the senator who denounced the PEA-Amari deal was still a Manila councilor, he was also described as “so young, yet so corrupt” by then Manila mayor Arsenio Lacson.

It’s not unusual in our country’s sad history that today’s accusers become tomorrow’s defendants in corruption scandals. Or the accused manages to rise to high elective office.

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Since I am back in the land of my maternal grandparents, I will mention in particular two projects with Chinese involvement that became mired in allegations of corruption.

In the North Rail scandal, state-owned China National Machinery and Equipment Group reportedly complained that most of the \$150 million advanced for the contract was eaten up by bribes to Philippine officials, with not a single kilometer of railway built. CNMEG opted out of the contract.

In the NBN-ZTE broadband deal, the only one who went to prison was one of the whistleblowers, Rodolfo “Jun” Lozada – for another corruption mess unrelated to the broadband deal, and involving his brother Jose Orlando. After three years in Bilibid, the brothers were paroled and released in July last year.

Before the NBN-ZTE scandal, there was TOPWEB – the effort to computerize The Office of the President Web in 1996.

In the Centennial Expo scam, then ombudsman Aniano Desierto drew flak for clearing former president Fidel Ramos and saying the buck stopped with the chairman of the National Centennial Commission, former vice president Salvador Laurel. The graft case was still crawling through the judicial mill when Laurel died in 2004, before he could prove his avowed innocence.

Several of the other big fish linked to those

scandals galore that I have mentioned have also passed away.

Death is not supposed to spare the corrupt from punishment, but government prosecutors have a poor record in going after the estate of deceased thieves. This allows the relatives to enjoy the fruits of looting, and breeds impunity.

Many other big fish were cleared, either because the evidence was genuinely insufficient to establish guilt beyond reasonable doubt, or thanks to the best justice that money can buy.

Or (we can’t discount it, you nasty folks) maybe the big fish were truly innocent.

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The possibility that the big fish will again manage to escape accountability weighs heavily on everyone’s mind as the Senate Blue Ribbon committee resumes its probe this week into the flood control mess.

It helps that the Blue Ribbon is chaired by Panfilo Lacson, who because of his background has an easier time tapping law enforcement agencies for assistance in a congressional inquiry. Having been burned by a so-called star witness in the past, Lacson also knows the importance of not relying too much on human testimony for building a case.

We have to see though if a Senate probe led by a no-nonsense senator with an upright reputation will help net the big fish and send them to prison.

Richard Gordon also conducted a thorough probe when he chaired the Blue Ribbon in the previous administration, but look how his inquiry on the Pharmally scandal ended up.

Ombudsman Jesus Crispin Remulla is giving the Pharmally case a second look. Let’s see if the review will lead to blind justice being rendered, with no sacred cows spared.

The developments in recent weeks on the public works corruption scandal have not been encouraging. But the year is just starting. Perhaps we’ll yet see genuine winds of change blowing.

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



'Coastal Greenbelt Zones' INITIATIVE . . . (from page 2)

proposed in Iloilo City

ILOILO CITY – A "Coastal Greenbelt Zones" is being proposed in Iloilo City to protect its coastal and mangrove forests.

"The Coastal Greenbelt Zones refer to a strip of natural or planted coastal vegetation whenever applicable from the sea towards land, primarily of mangrove and beach forest species, which are designed to prevent coastal erosion and mitigate the adverse impact of natural coastal hazards in human lives and property," Councilor Romel Duron said during the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council) on Wednesday.

In a follow-up interview, Duron said they will identify coastal barangays to be developed, and protect existing forest mangroves in the city, including Balabago and Bito-on in Jaro, Boulevard in Molo, and Hinactacan in La Paz district.

Mandatory mangrove planting will also be undertaken in identified areas.

"Actually, we are mandated by the Department



COASTAL PROTECTION. Councilor Romel Duron proposes an ordinance for the establishment of "Coastal Greenbelt Zones" in Iloilo City during the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod on Wednesday (Jan. 21, 2026). There proposed ordinance aims to protect coastal and mangrove forests in the city. (PNA photo by Perla Lena)

of the Interior and Local Government to protect our coastal barangays. During calamities like flooding, typhoon and storm surge, they (mangroves) help cushion the impact," he said.

The proposed ordinance mandating its creation will also provide penalties for illegal cutting of mangroves, as there are areas that are being converted into fishponds.

He said the initiative will also benefit fisherfolk because of increased fish population in the mangrove areas.

Duron said they will be coordinating with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, City Environment and Natural Resources and other concerned agencies in crafting the proposed ordinance.

They will also invite

host barangays for their suggestions and conduct an ocular inspection.

"We need to protect mangrove areas, especially since we are an urban city," he added.

Duron added that the established mangrove areas even earned the city an international award just recently.

The proposed ordinance was approved on first reading. (PNA)

workshops to upscale them in selling bamboo crafts and products.

"The AFoCO project in Maasin proves that we do not have to choose between protecting our forests and providing for the community, because we can do both. By empowering KAPAWA to process non-timber forest products, we are reducing the pressure on our natural timber while giving the community livelihood and ensuring the health and sustainability of the Maasin Watershed," Lorilla said.

Unlike traditional hardwood trees that take 20 to 50 years to mature, bamboo reaches its full height in just one growing season and achieves optimal structural strength in only three to five years, the DENR said.

Lorilla welcomed the AFoCO Secretariat in South Korea and Vietnam, the Forest Management Bureau, the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service, and the NTFP-Exchange Program Philippines during their monitoring and evaluation visit on Jan. 6 to 8.

The three-day visit served to verify that the project's implementation remains aligned with its established timeframe and objectives.

They also reviewed the financial utilization, addressed logistical challenges and established a strategic roadmap for the next phase of the project. (PNA)

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this. We have P229 million to complete [the project]. We don't have problems in terms of funds, but we have to focus first on safety.)

Dizon said the construction of the flyover is expected to resume by mid-February. (EAD-AGP/PIA 6)

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Prov'l board urges support for villages' fight vs. illegal drugs

ILOILO CITY – The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Board) has called on concerned government agencies to help strengthen the fight against illegal drugs at the barangay (village) level.

The legislative body,

during its regular session on Tuesday afternoon, passed six resolutions asking for support from national agencies after several sting operations led to the arrest of barangay officials, including two barangay captains in the province this month.

"These incidents not only shake public confidence; they remind us that public office is a public trust. These situations hurt the very communities these officials were sworn to protect and challenge us to ask if our system is strong enough not just to declare

success or to sustain it," Liga Ng Barangay Iloilo Province president Amalia Victoria Debuque said in her privilege speech.

The Liga president said she brought the matter not to discredit village leaders, especially since a vast majority of barangay leaders work under difficult conditions and remain committed even with limited resources.

"They deserve our respect; they deserve our support. And precisely because we value their work, we must surround them with strong systems," she said.

The provincial board approved a resolution urging the Department of the Interior and Local Government to further strengthen capacity-building programs for barangay officials, particularly on functions and ethical leadership for the barangay anti-drug abuse councils (BADAC).

Another resolution requested the Regional Oversight Committee on

Barangay Drug Clearing to clarify the validation and documentation protocols for the grant and retention of drug-cleared status barangays in Iloilo province in aid of transparency.

Another resolution was approved, calling upon the Provincial ADAC to implement a province-wide BADAC mentorship and coaching system to municipal and city clusters, and the designation of a trained focal person.

Board Member June Mondejar, meanwhile, expressed disappointment and alarm, especially since the village chief who sits as chair of the anti-drug council "appears to be a supplier or pusher of illegal drugs."

"It will be more challenging and difficult to win the fight against illegal drugs if the entrusted commander, who had sworn to follow the law before his constituents after being elected to office, has ironically violated the law for being a retailer of illegal drugs," he said in a manifestation.

He said there is a need for the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) "to review their strategies to ensure sustainability of the barangays declared as drug-

free and drug-cleared," citing a recent report of the PDEA showing that only one of the 1,721 barangays in the province has been declared drug-free.

"Although PDEA and PNP are still reliable and worthy of our trust, I think it is a must for the provincial government to help them monitor and ensure the sustainability of the status of a drug-free, as well as drug-cleared barangays, in the province of Iloilo," he said.

The provincial board approved his three resolutions, including commending the PNP for the apprehension.

Also approved was the resolution urging the chairpersons of the city/municipal ADACs to take necessary and appropriate actions to avoid the repeat of the "humiliating apprehensions of punong barangays" within their respective territorial jurisdiction; and the resolution urging the PDEA to come up with more effective strategies to ensure sustainability of the barangays declared as drug-free and drug-cleared were also approved.

Mondejar also proposed an ordinance seeking to organize the Barangay Kontra Droga, prescribing its duties and functions, and providing funds thereof and other purposes. (PNA)



STRENGTHENED CAMPAIGN. The Iloilo Provincial Board calls on concerned government agencies for support to strengthen the fight against illegal drugs at the barangay level during its regular session on Tuesday afternoon (Jan. 20, 2026). The legislative body passed six resolutions and proposed one ordinance to bolster the anti-drug campaign at the barangay level. (Photo courtesy of IChannel Multimedia Production)



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‘Big, bold reforms’

Editorial

The decision of the government’s key economic agencies to propose a package of major initiatives on infrastructure, trade, and ease of doing business directly to the country’s key private sector leaders is a significant development as it manifests both urgency and unease within the administration’s economic team.

It’s a timely move.

With economic growth slowing down and investor sentiment softening, the government is clearly seeking to reassure capital holders that it remains committed to “big, bold reforms.”

Infrastructure acceleration, trade facilitation, and regulatory streamlining are necessary responses to weak investment flows.

By engaging the private sector’s most powerful actors, economic managers are saying that they understand where growth, jobs, and capital formation ultimately come from.

Yet the call for “big, bold reforms” highlights a deeper problem: confidence has eroded to the point where formal policy announcements and budget speeches are no longer enough.

When economic agencies feel compelled to talk to tycoons directly, it suggests that the market is unconvinced that reforms will be implemented

consistently and credibly.

This raises an important issue.

Are these “big, bold reforms” genuinely transformative, or are they being repackaged to restore confidence without addressing the structural constraints that continue to hound the economy?

Infrastructure, for one thing, has long been the government’s go-to growth lever. But persistent delays, right-of-way issues, and governance concerns, such as public-private partnerships, have diminished its impact.

Similarly, commitments to ease of doing business ring hollow if businesses still confront overlapping regulations, discretionary enforcement, and a judicial system that struggles to resolve disputes swiftly.

Trade liberalization and ease-of-doing-business reforms definitely offer much promise, particularly if they’re genuine. Reducing regulatory burdens and opening markets can unlock private sector dynamism quickly.

However, these reforms frequently encounter

resistance from entrenched interests both within government and among existing business sector players who benefit from barriers to entry.

The real test of the government’s commitment will emerge in the coming months: do they follow through when powerful constituencies push back?

The real measure of reform initiatives won’t come from high-flown rhetoric, but from concrete outcomes over the coming months. Are infrastructure projects breaking ground?

Are regulations actually being simplified?

Do businesses report meaningfully easier operations? Are investment flows responding positively?

Bold reforms, it should be emphasized, matter only if they’re bold in deed, not just in declaration.

The private sector leaders will be watching intently, and their investment decisions will ultimately determine whether these initiatives really revived the economy or simply bought time. (manilastandard.net)

Improving public transportation accessibility

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) recently announced that it would adopt the Accessible Travel Policy (ATP) guidelines for all railways, including those under construction, offering a glimmer of hope for commuting senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and pregnant women.

Over the years, I have watched with both hope and frustration how our public transportation and infrastructure systems have evolved, and for seniors like me, who remember the simpler days when walking a few short blocks seemed effortless and traffic was more bearable, I see how everyday commuting has now evolved into a stressful (if not degrading) undertaking.

But in the past few months, we have seen encouraging signs from the DOTr to make public transportation and infrastructure more inclusive and accessible to vulnerable sectors who are part of the commuting public.

We see the struggles of the commuting public almost every day on the news, but we often overlook how these challenges are felt more deeply by senior citizens and PWDs, whose commutes are marked by disheartening accounts of broken elevators or escalators, and inaccessible or uneven walkways, among others.

The adoption of the ATP guidelines is a welcome development—introducing long-needed uniform standards for accessibility in our railway systems that are not mere conveniences, but rather necessities for vulnerable

commuters. But achieving a truly accessible public transport system should not be limited to railways alone—it requires a holistic approach.

Railways are just one part of the country’s public transport ecosystem, and thousands—if not millions—of Filipinos depend daily on other modes of transportation such as buses, jeepneys, UV Express vans, and transport network vehicle services, including motorcycle taxis.

Consider what a typical commute looks like for a PWD or an elderly commuter. Even if a train station becomes fully accessible, the journey to and from that station often involves walking on uneven or obstructed sidewalks, boarding jeepneys or buses with steep steps, or riding tricycles that drop passengers off at the roadside without any regard for loading and unloading areas. For someone with mobility challenges, these gaps do not just create inconvenience—they create barriers.

This is why we need parallel reforms across all public transportation modes and infrastructure, starting with those used by the majority of commuters—from terminals to the actual transport vehicles. Even basic infrastructure like pedestrian crossings and sidewalks must be designed mindful of our vulnerable commuters.

Beyond infrastructure, maintenance is equally important. A broken elevator at a train station can shut out seniors and PWDs who rely on it. Investing in the maintenance of public transport facilities ensures accessibility for all

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commuters.

We also need to strengthen both technical and sensitivity training for transport personnel to better transport commuters and create a more inviting environment for traveling senior citizens and PWDs.

Of course, this is not just the responsibility of the national government. We all play a part too.

Commuters should practice inclusivity in public transport by giving way and offering seats to PWDs, pregnant women, and senior citizens. It all starts with recognition that some among us travel at a different pace. As a society that prides itself on “malasakit”, now is the time to really live this value through public transport.

Progress doesn’t happen overnight. To make our public transport system truly inclusive and accessible, we need commitment to reform, a strong political will, and collective responsibility.

The goal is to enhance our public transport system so that accessibility is visibly a fundamental right for all. I am confident that under the able stewardship of Acting Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez, this can be done.

Manila Bay belongs to the people

One day, our children may stand near Manila Bay and wonder why the sunset no longer appears as it did in old photos. They might question why tall buildings and reclaimed land have replaced the once open view of the sea. By then, it may be too late to explain. This is why many people today are speaking out. They are asking for the immediate stop of reclamation projects in Manila Bay. They want to protect what remains, not only for themselves but also for future generations.

Manila Bay is more than a development site. It is a shared public space, especially the stretch from Rizal Park to the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex, where reclamation projects are planned to be concentrated. It is part of our national identity. For decades, people have gathered along its shores to rest, reflect, and enjoy the sunset. Rich or poor, young or old, everyone has equal access to this natural beauty.

Reclamation threatens to take this habitat away and turn it into private land meant for profit.

There is a strong reason why people must oppose reclamation in Manila Bay because reclamation causes permanent and irreversible change to the natural environment. Once soil and rocks are dumped into the sea, the bay can no longer return to its original state, as marine life is buried and natural water movement is disrupted. These changes damage the ecosystem in ways that cannot simply be corrected by promises of “rehabilitation” or “mitigation,” because nature does not function in a manner that allows large-scale destruction to be easily reversed.

Public safety is one of the most serious concerns since reclamation changes water flow in the bay. During heavy rains and typhoons, water has fewer places to go, which can lead to worse flooding in nearby communities. Coastal areas are already vulnerable, and many families living there have limited resources. They are the first to suffer when floods come, and yet they are often the last to benefit from reclamation projects. Development that puts people’s

lives at risk should never be accepted.

Supporters of reclamation often talk about jobs and economic growth. This sounds appealing, but the reality is different. Most of the jobs created are temporary construction work, since once the project is finished, they disappear. High-end businesses, offices, or luxury buildings that ordinary citizens cannot afford typically occupy the reclaimed land. The profits go to a small group of developers, while the public bears the cost of lost access, environmental damage, and higher disaster risk.

We should also ask a basic question. Why reclaim Manila Bay when there are many available lands in the provinces? Across the country, there are wide areas that remain undeveloped. Many provinces struggle with unemployment and a lack of investment. These places need businesses, infrastructure, and jobs. Developing them would bring real and lasting growth.

Focusing development only in Metro Manila creates more problems. The city is already overcrowded. Traffic is heavy. Pollution is getting worse. Housing is expensive and limited. Reclamation will only add more pressure to an already strained city. Meanwhile, provinces continue to lag behind. Balanced development means spreading opportunities, not piling them all in one place.

Another important reason to oppose reclamation is the need to protect biodiversity. Manila Bay supports many forms of marine life. Fish, shellfish, mangroves, and other organisms live and grow there. These are not just part of nature since they are part of people’s daily lives. Many small fisherfolk depend on the bay for food and income. When reclamation destroys marine habitats, it destroys livelihoods.

Once fish-breeding areas are buried, fish populations decline and water quality becomes poorer. This affects not only fisherfolk but also consumers. Food becomes more expensive. Nutrition suffers. Environmental damage always has a human cost, even if it is not immediately

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By BRIAN JAMES LU

visible.

Manila Bay also plays an important role in protecting us from climate change. Healthy coastal areas help reduce the impact of strong waves and storm surges. Mangroves and shallow waters act as natural shields. Reclamation removes these protections. It replaces them with artificial structures that may fail during extreme weather. At a time when climate risks are increasing, destroying natural defenses is a dangerous choice.

Beyond safety and ecology, there is the issue of culture and memory. The Manila Bay sunset is known around the world. It is featured in postcards, films, and stories. It is a place where people pause after a long day. It reminds us that beauty can exist even in a crowded city. Losing this view means losing a part of ourselves.

Future generations deserve to inherit a bay that is alive, not one that is buried. They deserve clean water, open spaces, and natural beauty. They deserve leaders who protect public resources instead of giving them away for short-term gain. Our laws and Constitution recognize the people’s right to a healthy and balanced environment. This right should guide all decisions on development.

The call to stop reclamation in Manila Bay is not a call against progress. It is a call for responsible progress. True development should protect people, respect nature, and plan for the long term. It should not sacrifice public safety, biodiversity, and cultural heritage for quick profit.

Stopping reclamation now is an act of responsibility. It shows that we value life over land deals and the future over short-term gain.

Manila Bay should remain a living bay, open to all, and protected for generations to come.

2026 the start of political tremors

It seems that many political analysts view the first quarter of 2026 as the start or a crucial time for political positioning in the 2028 elections. The 2028 election itself is seen as one of the most important electoral exercises in recent decades as it can very well decide which side of the political fence will be dominant for the next decades. The year 2028 will be the big shakeup and 2026 will be peppered with the tremors and opening salvoes.

Apparently, the first political tremors will start in the second district of the city of Antipolo in the province of Rizal. On March 14 of this year, a special election will be held to fill the district’s vacant seat in the House of Representatives. The vacancy arose when the incumbent lawmaker Romeo Acop passed away in December 2025.

As this was a sudden development and since the period for preparation and campaign will be short, the late congressman’s party

or family will have the advantage. There are, however, a couple of possibly powerful candidates that can offer a challenge. What will be interesting is this election might be a proxy war both for local powerful groups and even the national parties. The tactics and results of this special election can shape not only possible special elections occurring thereafter but also the big one on 2028.

In November this year, the Barangay and Sanggunian Kabataan Elections will be held in around 42,000 barangays all over the Philippines. Although barangays are the smallest administrative division on the country, barangay officials are an indispensable factor in local and national campaigns. In fact, many of the campaigns for mayoralty, congressional, and even gubernatorial posts begin with the control of the barangay.

In any campaign for local positions, the barangay is an important cog in any

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campaign machinery despite the fact that barangay officials are supposed to be apolitical. On the national campaign, ground campaigns are very dependent on one’s ability to expand one’s machinery to the barangay level. For party list campaigns, whether national or regional, barangays are even more crucial as party-list campaigns are actually organizational campaigns rather than political campaigns per se.

Other than these two events, there will be many instances where the political tremors for the 2028 big one will arise. All instances of allegations of corruption and wrongdoings and all seemingly wrong moves by incumbents, will now be magnified by political PR specialists. Even trips abroad will be weaponized against politicians.

All in all, 2026 will be the start of exciting things to come for political creatures such as me. Let the battle begin.

NOTICE OF SALE

(By Notarial Act, Article 2112 Civil Code)

TO:

1. NENALYN SERANO LANTAO – Magsaysay Extension, Calbayog City, Samar
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7. MARIA VEDA M. SUZUKI – Malapoc, Danao City, Cebu
8. MICHAEL SANCHO – Brgy. Casili, Consolacion, Cebu
9. JENSEN OCENA – 1815 San Miguel, Nashville, Maspit
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12. AIDA MORAN – Ylaya, Talamban, Cebu
13. CLARK CRISTOPHER RESTAURO – Block 2, Lot 2, Hacienda Firenze, Maghaway, Talisay City
14. KENNETH SHANKLAND – 6D Tower 4, Citylights Garden, Nivel Hills, Lahug, Cebu City
15. ECOLOCHEM HOLDINGS, INC. – 2007 Corporate 88 Center, 141 Valero St., Makati City
16. MA. LUCHY SHALAIN S. PETRESCU – No. 123 Brgy. Biasong, Talisay City, Cebu
17. STEPHEN DELA RAMA – No. 2503 Macopa St., Villamonte, Bacolod City
18. GERRY SIOSON – 2/F Prestige Tower, Brgy. San Antonio, Pasig City
19. MICHAEL VINCENT JIMENEZ – No. 18 PHI St., Greenville Subd., tefania, Bacolod City
20. RUSSEL MAY GUITCHE – Zone 6, Bonifacio St., Bacolod City

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 2112 of the Civil Code of the Philippines, legal pledges were constituted in favor of Ford -FAVI (Fairlane Automotive Ventures, Inc.) over the motor vehicles hereinafter described, as security for unpaid repair, service, and storage charges;

WHEREAS, the principal obligations of the above-named pledgors, in the aggregate amount of NINETEEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND FORTY FIVE PESOS AND 14/100 CENTAVOS, comprising of principal due and daily storage fee per vehicle, have remained unpaid despite written demands dated July 26, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Article 2112 of the Civil Code, the undersigned will sell or cause to sell, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following motor vehicles:

VEHICLES SUBJECT OF FORECLOSURE

(Extracted and transposed from FAVI Abandoned Units List)

1. **Owner:** Nenalyn Serano Lantao **Make:** Ford Ecosport; **Plate No.:** KCX791;
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;
7. **Owner:** Maria Veda M. Suzuki; **Make:** Ford Escape 3.0L 4x4 XLT A/T; **Motor No.:** SR AJ012101; **Series:** Escape 3.0 **Chassis No.:** PE2ET68151WB00316; **Plate No.:** YBH304;

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 Cristopher 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. Luchy 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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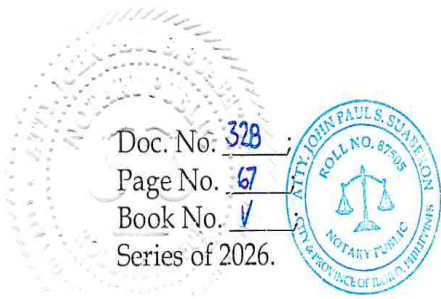
The auction will be held on the 26th day of January, 2026, at 2 :00 o’clock in the afternoon at the Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City.

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

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IN RE: PETITION
FOR CORPORATE
REHABILITATION,

SCC CASE
NO. 25-122

For:

NEARSOL PHILIPPINES,
INC., as represented by
SANDRA JOY SABID,

“PETITION FOR
REHABILITATION
UNDER RA
10142”

Petitioner.

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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, Mandurriao, 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 collection or enforce a claim against the debtor after commencement date unless otherwise allowed in this Act, subject to the provisions of Section 50 hereof;

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

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

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

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

WHEREFORE, finding the Petition, together with its annexes, 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, Plazuela Dos, Pison Ave., Mandurriao, 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 Sreets, Iloilo City, at the expense of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.
Iloilo City, Philippines, January 06, 2026.

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

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
6TH JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE
Branch 76
Janiuay, Iloilo
(033) 503 5371/3205405
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the Petition for Notarial Commission of:

Atty. JOSE MARIE V. LAMPARERO

Atty. JERALDINE M. DALUPINES

shall be held on **February 10, 2026 at 2:00 in the afternoon** in the Office of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court Branch 76, Janiuay, Iloilo.

Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified or written opposition thereto and should be received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, January 9, 2026.

(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO – TAROL
Executive Judge

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF MAASIN

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **GLENN ERNESTO JR. M. GUARDAMANO** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **ERNESTO JR.** to **GLENN ERNESTO JR.** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ERNESTO JR. MAGCANAM GUARDAMANO** who was born on **FEBRUARY 10, 1968** at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ERNESTO SR. PAGUTAO GUARDAMANO** and **TERESITA MOLINA MAGCANAM.**

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

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

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Republic of the Philippines
Municipal Civil Registry Office.
Province: ILOILO
Municipality: MINA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012 (IRR on RA No. 10172), Notice is hereby serve to the public that **JENEL CASUMPANG SUBEBE** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD’S SEX** from **MALE** to **FEMALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JENEL CASUMPANG SUBEBE** who was born on **JULY 20, 1983** at **Mina, Iloilo** and whose parents are **FELIPE A. SUBEBE** and **HELEN M. CASUMPANG.**

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

(SGD.) MARIA C. TOMO
Municipal Civil Registrar

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AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **JUN M. FIGUEROA**, of legal age, Filipino Citizen and a resident of Sta. Rita, Oton, Iloilo executed an Affidavit of Loss stating that he is the owner of **One (1) Share of Stock of Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Inc.** under **Certificate Number 3103** issued on **July 18, 2011** which was misplaced and lost and was not recovered despite diligent efforts to locate it, entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RONALD Y. LAO** per Doc. No. 187, Page No. 39, Book No. XIII, Series of 2026.

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DOST, NIA strengthen market readiness of irrigators’ associations

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (PIA) — The Department of Science and Technology Capiz Provincial Science and Technology Office (DOST-Capiz PSTO), in partnership with the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Aklan-Capiz Irrigation Management Office, strengthens the market readiness of the Irrigators’ Associations (IAs) through improved product packaging and labeling compliance.

Five participating IAs in Capiz recently completed a training on Packaging 101 and Mandatory Labeling Requirements to help farmers elevate the quality and marketability of their products through proper packaging and accurate labeling.

DOST Capiz Senior Science Research Specialist and information officer Mia Pielago said that currently, the IA produces food and non-food products but faces challenges in meeting the mandatory labeling requirements set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

“They do not have any idea if the packaging materials used are appropriate for their products. Most of their products still use basic packaging and incomplete labels, which limits their ability to sell their products during trade fairs or if they are going to enter wider markets,” Pielago added.

She also emphasized the crucial role of packaging

in protecting products and shaping consumer perception during the session.

The session covered packaging classifications, materials, and structures, as well as common deteriorative factors affecting food products.

Practical insights were provided on various packaging materials such as glass, paper, metals, and plastics, guiding IAs in assessing the suitability and compatibility of

Republic of the Philippines
Sixth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Iloilo City
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX OFFICIO SHERIFF

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE
FILE
NO. F-11418-25

-versus-

RUBEN B. LAMIGO, As
Represented By His Attorney-
in-Fact CHARLENE A. OSEÑA,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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RE-NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon verified Application for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage [Under Act 3135 As Amended], filed by **Mortgagee BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a universal banking corporation with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, against **RUBEN B. LAMIGO, Debtor/Mortgagor**, of legal age, Filipino, with given address at Brgy. Ipil, Balasan, Iloilo, and with alternative postal addresses at Ph. 5, Blk 10 Mt. Arayat Alta Tierra, Jaro, Iloilo City, and Lot 3 Blk 5, Country Homes Subd., Brgy. Balabago, District of Jaro, Iloilo City, Iloilo Province, as represented by His attorney-in-fact **CHARLENE A. OSEÑA**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **August 15, 2025**, has amounted to **Php325,573.15**, the undersigned Ex Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or the undersigned Sheriff-in-charge and/or any of his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on **March 23, 2026** at 10:00 AM at the Office of the Clerk of Court and Ex Officio Sheriff, Regional Trial Court, **ground floor lobby of the New Castle Hotel**, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine Currency, the mortgaged property covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2016000753**, including all the improvements thereon, bounded and described as follows:

“A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 3, BLK. 5, PCS-06-005375, BEING A CONS-SUBD. PLAN, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1-5, BLK.1, LOT 1-10, BLK. 2, LOT 1-10, BLK. 3, LOT 1-11 BLK. 4, LOT 1-24, BLK. 5, LOT 1-22, BLK. 6, LOT 1-12 & 14, BLK. 7, LOT 1-16, BLK. 8, LOT 1-12, BLK. 9, LOT 1-13, BLK. 10, LOT 1-10, BLK. 11, LOT 1-6, BLK. 12, LOT 1-7, BLK. 13, ALL OF PCS-063022-001989), SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF BALABAGO, DISTRICT OF JARO, CITY OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 1, BLOCK 5; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 5 (6.50 METERS WIDE); ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 5; BLOCK 5 AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 4; BLOCK 5 ALL OF THE CONS-SUBD. PLAN. XXXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. XXXX”

All SEALED bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the abovementioned date and time.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it will be held instead on **March 30, 2026**, at the same time and venue without further notice and re-publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **January 21, 2026.**

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

Prepared by:

(SGD.) RAMIL G. FACURIB
Sheriff-in-charge/Authorized Deputy

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their current packaging solutions. improve packaging and labeling.

During the discussion, Pielago used sample products brought by local IAs as visual references and provided specific recommendations to Proper labeling formats and compliance with Administrative Order 2014-0030: Revised Rules and Regulations
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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, MYRTAANAS 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 GALLEG0 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 GALLEG0 BERNALES, JIMMY SALVANTE GALLEG0, RONIE SALVANTE GALLEG0, MARCIAL SALVANTE GALLEG0, JR., EDNA GALLEG0 JIMENEZ and BEN SALVANTE GALLEG0**. 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.

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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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W. Visayas expo highlights gastronomy, creative industries

ILOILO CITY – The best of the culinary heritage and creativity of Western Visayas is highlighted in the seven-day Gastronomy and Creative Expo 2026, an initiative of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Regional Development Council (RDC).

The expo, which kicked off Monday afternoon at SM City Iloilo with the theme “One Western Visayas, a Creative Western Visayas,” builds on the successes of the 2024 One Visayas Expo and the 2025 Western Visayas Business Conference and Expo spearheaded by the previous EDC.

The expo is conducted during the busiest season of the year, the week of the Dinagyang Festival, to give micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) the opportunity to sell their products to a bigger market, RDC co-chairperson Jobert Peñaflorida said in an interview Tuesday.

MSMEs and young farmers joined the expo free of charge.

“The expo demonstrates the unified and collective effort of the region’s local government units to grow as one,” he said.

He said the event is considered a “practice” because the target of the RDC is to bring the expo to the national stage within the year, inspired by the success of the Negros Trade Fair that has been going on for 35 years.

“We also want to do our own for Western Visayas,” Peñaflorida said.

The expo brought together various government agencies,

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Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development
Kagawaran ng Pananahang Pantao at Pagpapalad ng Kalusuran

Regional Office VI

N O T I C E

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

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Susan Arroyo Hofileña**, the only heir of the late **Ninfa Garganera Hofileña** (also known as Ninfa Garganera Hofileña) 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,GARGANERA	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

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including the Department of Economy, Planning and Development, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Tourism; Iloilo City and provincial governments; and the private sector in mounting the displays of 36 MSMEs in the region. (PNA)



EXPO. The seven-day Western Visayas Gastronomy and Creative Expo 2026 opens at SM City Iloilo on Monday (Jan. 19, 2026). It highlights the best of the culinary heritage and creativity of the region. (Photo courtesy of DTI-6)

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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

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over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



CREAMY COCONUT MILK FISH STEW (GINATAANG ISDA WITH EGGPLANT AND BOK CHOY)

Fried galunggong simmered in creamy coconut milk with eggplant, bok choy, malunggay, and aromatics—served hot with rice for a satisfying Filipino stew.



- INGREDIENTS
- 5 PIECES ROUND SCAD GALUNGGONG
 - 2 CUPS COCONUT MILK
 - 1 BUNCH BABY BOK CHOY
 - 2 CHINESE EGGPLANTS
 - 1 LONG GREEN PEPPER

- ½ CUP MALUNGGAY LEAVES
- 3 THUMBS GINGER JULIENNE
- 1 ONION SLICED THINLY
- 5 CLOVES GARLIC CHOPPED
- 2 TABLESPOONS WHITE VINEGAR
- 1 CUP COOKING OIL
- 2 TEASPOONS SALT
- 4 GRAMS MAGGI MAGIC SARAP
- FISH SAUCE AND GROUND BLACK PEPPER TO TASTE

INSTRUCTIONS

Rub Maggi Magic Sarap all over the fish. Let it stay for 10 minutes. 5 pieces round scad, 4 grams Maggi Magic Sarap
Meanwhile, brush the sliced eggplants with cooking oil. Heat a pan and cook the eggplants for 2 minutes per side. Remove and set aside. 2 Chinese eggplants, 1 cup cooking oil
Heat the remaining cooking oil in a wok. Fry the fish until both sides are golden brown and crisp. Set aside. 1 cup cooking oil, 5 pieces round scad
Using around 3 tablespoons of the cooking oil used to fry the fish, sauté ginger, garlic, and onion until the latter softens. 3 thumbs ginger, 5 cloves garlic, 1 onion
Pour coconut milk and let it boil. 2 cups coconut milk
Add the vinegar. Simmer for 3 minutes. 2 tablespoons white vinegar
Season with fish sauce and ground black pepper. Fish sauce and ground black pepper to taste
Add the long green pepper and fried fish. Cover and simmer for 3 minutes. 5 pieces round scad, 1 long green pepper
Add bok choy, fried eggplant, and malunggay leaves. Cook for 2 minutes. 1 bunch baby bok choy, ½ cup malunggay leaves, 2 Chinese eggplants
Transfer to a serving bowl. Serve with warm rice. Share and enjoy!

HOROSCOPE

ARIES
March 21 - April 19
Ask for what you need, Aries, and you will get it. Don't wait around for the rewards to come to you. This is one of those days in which actions speak louder than words. Don't expect others to read your mind. If you want something, go after it. There may be an element of the unexpected working its way into your day so be on guard.

TAURUS
April 20 - May 20
Watch the sunrise today, Taurus. Open your eyes to the beauty around you and let it inspire you to take action. Someone may be trying to throw you a curve ball, so be ready. You have a generous heart that you should share freely. Your helpful nature will draw others to you and help you skate effortlessly through your day. Teach someone a lesson that you know they need to learn.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 21
Get in touch with a friend you haven't heard from in a while, Gemini. Someone is waiting to hear from you. Surprise him or her with an unexpected expression of love. Rely on your inner map and don't let others throw you off course. Don't waste time. Keep an eye on your goals at all times. Other people play key parts in making this day go smoothly, but don't let them manipulate you.

CANCER
June 22 - July 22
Mind your manners, Cancer, and open doors that you've never opened before. Maintain your principles and integrity as you venture forth into worlds unknown. Don't write people off without giving them a fair chance. Don't judge others. Give them an equal amount of respect. It may be hard to maintain a solid footing today, but you should try.

LEO
July 23 - August 22
You may go in many different directions today, Leo, so try to stay focused. Spend some time by water, even if it's just your bathtub, and reconnect with your true self. The more you integrate your inner nature with your outer demeanor, the more you will attract the people and situations that can help you in your journey.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
Your actions may take a sudden turn today, Virgo, so beware. This may seem like an annoying bend in the road at first, but if you keep walking, you'll see that this course of action is exactly the one you need to take. This isn't a day to sit back and watch. Get your act together and do something before you're the one who gets acted upon.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
You're able to get quite a bit accomplished today, Libra, as long as you're the one taking action. Don't let other people be in charge. Your power may come in energetic, erratic bursts, so use this to your advantage. Maintain a level head and you will be able to cut through your day's work like a warm knife through butter. Whatever you do, don't give up.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Maintain your integrity, Scorpio. Other people may suspect your motives, so make sure you give them no reason to doubt you. Be confident in your actions and follow through with your promises. There's a great deal of power under your belt, but it's erratic. Take breaks during the day to collect your energy and refocus.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Slow and steady actions are likely to win the race today, Sagittarius. Unexpected situations may crop up to throw you off course, but don't let them. Stay on your path and try not to give in to the wild, erratic energy around you. Stick to traditional methods and beware of peddlers trying to sell you wooden nickels. You're smarter than that.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
If you don't agree with what the group is doing today, Capricorn, don't feel like you have to join in. Earn their respect in your own way, not by forcing yourself into a mold you don't fit into. Maintain your integrity and act with confidence. If you're confident about your actions, others will put their confidence in you. Don't compromise your beliefs.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Get the rest you need, Aquarius. Prevent sickness and maintain full control of your mind and body by making sure you get the proper amount of sleep. Your actions today should be methodical. Don't try to experiment with something you know nothing about. Make sure you understand the situation completely before you jump in with both feet.

PISCES
Feb. 19 - March 20
Don't poke your nose into other people's business today, Pisces. Give others their space and let them work things out for themselves. Don't feel like you have to gain the attention of everyone. Do what you need to do and your rewards will come in due time. Your actions might be thrown off course by the unexpected. Be on the lookout for something wild and bizarre that could be coming your way.

WORD SEARCH



sudoku

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

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

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

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GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **KENNETH JHON A. DEDUCIN** with business address at Brgy. Bayuyan, Estancia, Iloilo has filed with MARINA Regional Office VI for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of vessel named from **FBCA “KAFE” to FBCA “JAN JAN KD”**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **OLGA F. PAYUSAN** with business address at San Angel, San Jose, Antique 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 **RAMIRO S. FAJARDO** to **OLGA F. PAYUSAN** and change of vessel named from **FBCA “DYNA RF” to FBCA “KATE JELLA-OP”**. Notarized by Atty. Anselmo S. Alvañiz IV, a Notary Public in the Province of Antique docketed as Doc. No. 362, Page No. 73, Book No. XII, Series of 2024. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **JENEBE R. ESCAÑA** with business address at Igbon, Concepcion, Iloilo has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to Change of Ownership from **RUDY M. ESCAÑA** to **JENEBE R. ESCAÑA** of the vessel named, **MBCA KING JERUD**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **WILMA A. BRILLO** with business address at Cogon, Roxas City 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 **EDITHA B. ABENIR** to **WILMA A. BRILLO** of the vessel named, **FB SALVADOR**. Notarized by Atty. Gladys Gay B. Pagulong, a Notary Public in the City of Roxas docketed as Doc. No. 467, Page No. 95, Book No. XI, Series of 2024. 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.

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **PROCOPIO T. GALIDO** known as (**Lot 4103-D, Psd-06-051981, being a portion of Lot 4103, Psc-40, Jordan**), situated in Brgy. Bugnay, Jordan, Guimaras covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-17357** with an area of **SIXTEEN THOUSAND (16,000) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **ROSALINA CATALUÑA GALIDO, VINCENT CATALUÑA GALIDO, and MARY ROSE CATALUÑA GALIDO**. That, the said heirs **SOLD, CEDED, TRANSFERRED and CONVEYED** by way of Sale the above-said parcel of land in favor of **PAULETTE JADE G. OLANO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JUDE VINCENT D. FONTILON** per Doc. No. 56, Page No. 13, Book No. VII, Series of 2025.

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Regional Alternative Child Care Office
Region VI- Western Visayas
TIN 200-137-390-000

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
CASE NO:
RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0134

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2026

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION
OF **YOUICHI AMAGO AOTO** TO BE
KNOWN THEREAFTER AS **YOUICHI**
AMAGO DESTAJO

MR. NOE CASTRO DESTAJO JR. AND
MS. MA. CYNTHIA AMAGO DESTAJO
Petitioners

X-----X

ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of **YOUICHI AMAGO AOTO** 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 **YOUICHI AMAGO AOTO** 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 **YOUICHI AMAGO DESTAJO**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **February 26 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.) **JANICE J. BRASILEÑO, RSW**
Officer-In-Charge

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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-2025-0149

DATE: Jan. 21, 2026

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION
OF **JOHN MARGO AGUILLON NAING**
TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS
JOHN MARGO AGUILLON OFALLA

NATIVIDAD AGUILLON OFALLA
Petitioner/s

X-----X

ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of **John Margo Aguillon Naing** 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, **JOHN MARGO AGUILLON NAING** 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 **JOHN MARGO AGUILLON OFALLA**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **February 26, 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.) **JANICE J. BRASILEÑO, RSW**
Officer-In-Charge

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1. Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172 and R.A. No. 9048), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JOHN L. GALON** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of **Sex** from “**FEMALE**” to “**MALE**” and the **Change of First Name** from “**JENNIFER**” to “**JOHN**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JENNIFER LABOYO GALON** at **JORDAN, GUIMARAS** and whose parents are **FELIZARDO JOVER GALON** and **FELY DALANON LABOYO**.

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

(SGD.) **JESUSA M. MILLONDAGA**
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Jan. 26, 2026 & Feb. 2, 2026

ILOILO METRO PAWNSHOP, INC.

Simon Ledesma, St. Jaro, Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **FEBUARY 6, 2026**, an **AUCTION SALE** will be held at **9:00 A.M.** for all unredeemed jewelries & articles, the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **PEBRERO 16, 2026 alas 9:00** sa aga pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtanang natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

DOST ... (from page 10)

Governing the Labeling of Prepackaged Food Products were also tackled during the session.

“This training demonstrated the collaborative efforts of DOST and NIA to support Irrigators’ Associations, equipping them with proper labeling and packaging knowledge to strengthen their product competitiveness and access broader market opportunities,” Pielago noted. *(AGP/PLF/PIA Capiz)*

DINAGYANG ... (from page 15)

resilience.

Festival revelers can also look forward to a star-studded entertainment lineup and a mix of arts, culture, fashion, food and nightlife at the township.

“With Dinagyang celebrations unfolding across our mall, hotels, museums, residential communities, and convention center, Iloilo Business Park proudly upholds its role as the city’s center of arts and culture,” Megaworld Lifestyle Malls head Graham Coates said in a statement.

“Through immersive art, exciting celebrity-led performances, and vibrant cultural showcases, the township becomes a shared stage where heritage, creativity, and community are celebrated,” he said. (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 Mandurriao, 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.

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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.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

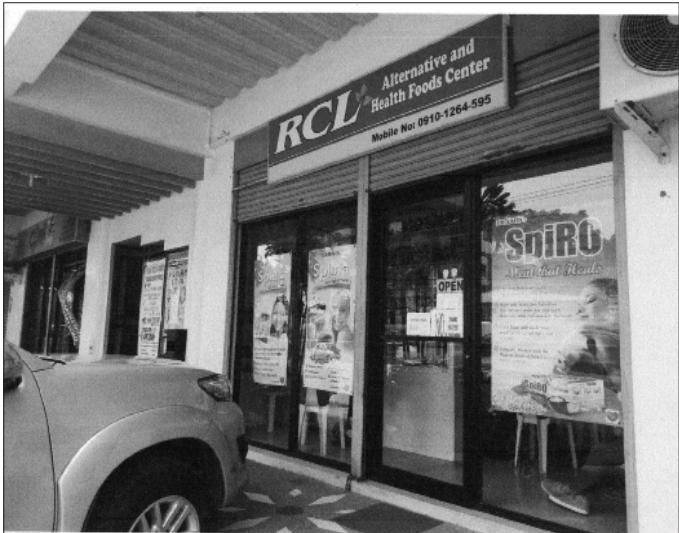
Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **VIOLETA DIGNADICE LEYSA** known as **Lot No. 1029-A-1, Plan No. PSD-06-083266, Portion of Lot 1029-A, PSD-8445** situated at Brgy. Lopez Jaena, Jaro, Iloilo City covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2020001540** with an area of **TWO 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.

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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.

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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

X-----X

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 JENM C. BARRO, RSW
Alternate Officer-In-Charge

NE/January 12, 19 & 26, 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-Buenafior and Cresenciano Buenafior, Sr.**, namely, **MILDRED BUENAFIOR-MARQUEZ, CRESENCIANO SALUGAO-BUENAFIOR, JR., MARIA NELFA BUENAFIOR-SALAVERIA, HAYDEE BUENAFIOR-MADRAZO, and ELVIS SALUGAO BUENAFIOR; heirs of Meliton Amuenda Salugao**, namely, **ERLINDA ALEGRADO-SALUGAO, RONIE ALEGRADO-SALUGAO, ROMULO ALEGRADO SALUGAO, RODEL ALEGRADO 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, EURIKA 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.

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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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Dinagyang side events to create livelihood opportunities

ILOILO CITY – Side events for the 2026 Dinagyang Festival are not only meant to draw crowds and entertain spectators, but also create livelihood opportunities for food startups, ambulant vendors and other micro, small and medium enterprises.

Gabriel Felix Umadhay, chair of the committee on side events, said they have accredited 110 side events, the bulk of which will happen during the three-day highlight of the festival starting Jan. 23.

“We want that beyond the festivity of tribes competition, people will feel that they have more options. At the same time, we are giving more livelihood opportunities to our vendors, our ambulant sellers. They are the ones benefiting from our side events,” he said in an interview on Tuesday.

Umadhay said they would like startups in the food business to benefit because they are not really big businesses, but are food lovers who venture into the trade.

“Our goal is for them to see that the business opportunity in Iloilo City is sustainable, and this is the jumpstart of their career because everyone explores for food options during Dinagyang,” he said.

Most of the events will be held at key venues in the City Proper, Mandurriao and La Paz districts. Almost all of the events set for the day of the festival are free, except for those that are privately organized.

Side events include concert performances by either local or national bands and artists at the Sunburst Park, food festival areas, or major malls.

Umadhay said any activity that failed to secure accreditation and those found to be unsafe for mass gatherings will be stopped.

He added that they expect to have around 50,000 people in the downtown area and 100,000 in the Mandurriao district per day.

“With the expected crowd, there will be a heightened police presence in these areas. We also required organizers to have their bouncers to complement our Philippine National Police,” he said.

Meanwhile, the Iloilo Business Park in Mandurriao district unveiled its 10-foot Dino art installation along with the Dino and Dina Limited-Edition Blind Box Collectible on Jan. 16 to usher in the Dinagyang celebration.

The Dino character represents the strength and bravery of the precolonial Ilonggo warrior, symbolizing courage, unity and

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