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# 'RESOUNDING SUCCESS'

Dinagyang '26 brings best of the best tribes and performances



Former Senator Franklin Drilon, Iloilo City Mayor Raisa Trefias, Iloilo province first lady Michelle Defensor, Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr., Senator Risa Hontiveros, and Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque at the Iloilo Freedom Grandstand during the Dinagyang Tribes Competition. (Capitol PIO)

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

DINAGYANG FESTIVAL 2026 has finally wrapped up, bringing the best of the best tribes that showcased their unique storyline, energetic performances, and vibrant costumes.

With this year's theme, "Bugay sang Ginoo, Bugal sang mga Ilonggo", the celebration showcased the faith, culture, and tradition of Ilonggos.

One of Dinagyang's major highlight was joined by seven competing tribes composed of community and school-based during the Ati Tribes Competition held on January 25, 2026.

The event was attended by local officials from the Iloilo City LGU including Mayor Raisa Trefias, Vice Mayor Lady Julie Grace Baronda, Congresswoman Julienne Baronda, Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) councilors, Iloilo Festivals Foundation Incorporated (IFFI) President Angel de Leon,

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## Iloilo inks sisterhood pact with San Juan City

THE province of Iloilo has secured a vital governance partner with a prominent city in Metro Manila.

On January 24, Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. signed a memorandum of agreement with Mayor Francis Javier Zamora to establish a sisterhood partnership between the province of

Iloilo and the City of San Juan.

A sisterhood relationship would allow both LGUs to promote and expand development efforts in the fields of tourism, commerce, education, sports development, and public health, among others.

Governor Defensor said the provincial government

is eager to forge a strategic governance alliance with the Metro Manila LGU. "San Juan is a city in Metro Manila while we are a province here in the Visayas. We have a lot to share with each other in furtherance with governance," the Iloilo governor said.

Governor Defensor

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Spectators join the Dinagyang tribes dancers during their community dance at the Iloilo Sports Complex sharing the energy, rhythm, and spirit of this year's Dinagyang Festival. (Iloilo Dinagyang Festival)



Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. and San Juan City Mayor Francis Javier Zamora signed a memorandum of agreement to establish a sisterhood partnership between the province of Iloilo and the City of San Juan. Witnessing the historic milestone are Iloilo provincial officials and San Juan City officials. (Capitol PIO)

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# Iloilo City, UPV renew agreement for Iloilo River study

## ILOILO . . . (from page 1)

shared his personal ties with the Zamora family dating back to his tenure in Congress. He served alongside Mayor Francis's father, Ronaldo Zamora, and shared a fraternal bond with his uncle in Sigma Rho fraternity at UP Diliman.

Meanwhile, Mayor Zamora also assured support to Iloilo, in his capacity as the national president of the League of Cities of the Philippines and the president of the Metro Manila Council. He leads the 149 city mayors in the country and also the 17 mayors of Metro Manila.

"In our way, we can help you promote your tourism sites. We can also share a producer-consumer program where we will sell the products of Iloilo in San Juan... If you need help in coordinating with the other cities within our jurisdiction, feel free to let us know," he said.

Witnessing the MOA signing are Provincial Administrator Raul Baniyas, Provincial Legal Officer Atty. Dennis Ventilacion, Provincial Tourism Officer Bombette Marin, Provincial Population Officer Atty. Ruel Von Superio, General Services Officer Vincent Flores Jr., and LEDIP Center Chief Aulynn Yue Sin.

Mayor Zamora was accompanied by San Juan City Councilors and basketball superstars James Yap, Paul Artadi, and Ervic Vijandre. Yap started his basketball career in Iloilo when he studied and graduated high school at Hua Siong College Iloilo.

The event coincided with the Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahan which is the grandest festival in the province of Iloilo. Mayor Zamora and his team also roamed around Iloilo City today to experience the Iloilo Dinagyang Festival. (Capitol news)



**THE Iloilo City Government and the University of the Philippines (UP) in the Visayas continue their partnership through the extension of the research project being conducted on the Iloilo-Batiano River.**

The Memorandum of Agreement was signed today, January 27, between the city and the university, represented by Mayor Raisa Treñas, UP Visayas Chancellor Dr. Clement Camposano, and City Environment and Natural Resources Office Head EnP. Janis Sy.

Also present was Iloilo City Planning and Development Coordinator EnP. Ronald M. Cartagena.

The project, entitled "Revitalizing an Urban River: Stakeholders' Engagement in Improving the Water Quality of the Iloilo-Batiano River Basin," will cover the Iloilo-Batiano River, including 29 barangays along its stretch as the project site.

The project's third year aims to provide a proof of concept for an integrated, multi-level urban river governance framework. It focuses on the continuous co-production of data for the Iloilo River Development Master Plan, socio-economic monitoring of riverine communities, and the formulation of policy recommendations for institutional river management, among others.

Following the signing, students from the UP Visayas College of Management – Diploma in Urban and Regional Development presented results and recommendations from two studies that may directly impact the city: improving mobility and livability along the Iloilo Sunset Boulevard, and site-planning options for a UPV property in Brgy. Tanza Timawa I.

Mayor Raisa thanked the researchers for providing timely data, insights, and recommendations that will guide city decision-making and ensure that governance remains evidence-based. (Iloilo City PIO)

## RESOUNDING . . . (from page 1)

IFFI Chairman Rito Carlos "Judgee" Peña. Also present in the celebration were Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr., Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque, Senators Risa Hontiveros and Bam Aquino, among others.

The Ati Tribes composed of:

- \* Tribu Bulawanon - Boulevard, Molo
- \* Tribu Taga-baryo - Bo. Obrero, Lapuz
- \* Tribu Pan-ay - Fort San Pedro National High School
- \* Tribu Paghidaet - La Paz National High School
- \* Tribu Ilayanhon - Graciano Lopez Jaena Elementary School
- \* Tribu Salognon - Jaro National High School
- \* Tribu Ilonganon - Jalandoni Memorial National High School

Each tribe showcased their respective concepts featuring the flora and fauna, connecting them to the history, tradition, and culture of Iloilo and its people.

This year, the tribes performed at three judging areas, particularly Iloilo Freedom Grandstand in City Proper as judging area no. 1, Gaisano La Paz as judging area no. 2, and Iloilo Sports Complex in La Paz district as judging area no. 3.

During the awarding ceremony, Tribu Salognon was hailed as the champion for the Ati Tribes Competition wherein they received P1.5 million cash prize and P10 million worth of school projects. This was followed by Tribu Paghidaet as first runner-up bagging a cash prize of P1 million and P3 million worth of school projects, Tribu Pan-ay as second runner-up with P700,000 cash prize and P2 million worth of school projects, and Tribu Taga-Baryo as third runner-up with P600,000 cash prize and P1 million worth of school projects. Tribes who were unable to secure major prizes have been awarded by P500,000 each by the city government as consolation prizes.

In minor awards, Tribu Salognon garnered the Best in Choreography, Best in Production Design, and Best in Music, while Tribu Paghidaet bagged the Best in Costume Design, Best in Discipline, Best in Performance, and Best in Street Dance.

Additionally, one of Dinagyang's major highlights was the Sadsad sa Calle Real wherein it was joined by six barangay tribes from various districts of Iloilo City. These include Tribu Aninipay, Tribu Familia Sagasa, Tribu Panaad, Tribu Yrong-Yrong, Tribu Parianon, and Tribu Molave-Buntatala.

In Sadsad sa Calle Real, Tribu Parianon was hailed as the champion and the Darling of the Crowd, followed by Tribu Molave as first runner-up, and Tribu Familia Sagasa as second runner-up.

Tribu Parianon also bagged minor awards, including Best in Costume Design and Headdress, Best in Music, Best in Choreography, and Best in Sto. Niño Bearer, while Tribu Molave got the People's Choice Award and first place in Unity Dance, and Tribu Aninipay got the Best in Discipline along with second place in Unity Dance. Also, Tribu Panaad was named as third place in the Unity Dance.

In addition to the celebration, ILOmination was also held last January 23 at Atria Park and SM City Iloilo wherein it was joined by four competing light festivals from different regions, including Pandang Gitab Festival of Lights of Mindoro, Pavvurulun Afi Festival of Tuguegarao City, Zamboanga Hermosa Festival of Zamboanga City, and Banaag Festival of Anilao, Iloilo.

Dinagyang ILOmination by Sidlangan Dance Company and FEDLAD Lion and Dragon Dance Troupe of the Iloilo Cultural Federation, Inc. also showcased their special performances during the ILOmination event.

Banaag Festival was hailed as ILOmination champion, bringing a cash prize of P500,000; followed by Zamboanga Hermosa Festival as first runner-up with cash prize of P300,000; Pavvurulun Afi Festival as second runner-up with cash prize of P200,000; and Pandang Gitab as third runner-up with P100,000 cash prize.

Special awards were also bagged by Banaag Festival, including Best in Light Designer, Best in Costume Designer, Best in Production Designer, Best in Musical Director, Best in Lighting Design, Best in Lighted Production Design, Best in Lighted Costume Design, Best in Music, and Best Performance.

Special awards also went to Zamboanga Hermosa Festival as Best in Choreography and Best in Choreographer, while Pandang Gitab Festival was named Best in Street Performance and People's Choice Award.

On the other hand, the Iloilo Provincial Government also held its Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahan on January 24, wherein it was joined by eight festivals across various municipalities in the province, showcasing their respective livelihood and culture. These festivals include:

- \* Jimanban Festival – New Lucena
- \* Tawili Festival – San Rafael
- \* Salakayan Festival – Miag-ao

- \* Pagnahi-an Festival – Bingawan
- \* Tultugan Festival – Maasin
- \* Kasag Festival – Banate
- \* Kahilwayan Festival – Santa Barbara

In Kasadyahan, Tultugan Festival once again secured their championship with P1.2 million cash prize, followed by Kahilwayan Festival as first runner-up with cash prize of P700,000, and Kasag Festival as second runner-up with P500,000 cash prize. Festivals who were unable to secure spots were given P200,000 each as consolation prizes.

Tultugan Festival also bagged special awards, including Best in Music, Best in Costume, Best in Production Design, Best in Musical Director, Circular Creativity Award, and Best in Streetdancing while Kahilwayan Festival bagged the Best in Performance, Best in Choreography, Best in Choreographer, and Ingenuity Award.

In her speech during the awarding ceremony, Mayor Raisa Treñas considered Dinagyang Festival 2026 as one of the successful Dinagyangs as it gained about 30,000 spectators for the awarding ceremony.

"Our Dinagyang, won't be successful if not because of the support by our tribes, choreographers, tribe managers, and everyone who helped for the sponsorships, dancers, production team, propsmen, and everyone, you do make Dinagyang 2026 possible," Treñas said.

She also acknowledged the security personnel that were deployed—Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Public Order and Safety Management Office (POSMO), and other force multipliers—for ensuring peace and security during the celebration of Dinagyang. She also expressed thanks to General Services Office (GSO), City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), and other part of cleaning departments for maintaining orderliness during the festive celebration. †

Meanwhile, in a media interview on January 27, 2026, Iloilo Festivals Foundation Incorporated (IFFI) Chairman Rito Carlos "Judgee" Peña announced that the Dinagyang Festival 2027 will return to its original carousel route in the City Proper and they would consider having five judging areas so that more people could see the performances. He added that they may also bring back the "banderitas" on the streets.

To recall, this year's celebration also sparked criticisms and sentiments from the public as there were changes in route of judging areas and absence of "banderitas" in the city during the festivity.



# Iloilo intensifies road safety, anti-drug efforts

**ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Road safety and anti-drug efforts have been intensified in Iloilo province to reduce road accidents and prevent the entry of illegal drugs into the province.**

Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. has ordered the Iloilo Provincial Police Office (IPPO) to step up efforts and issued the directive during the New Year’s Call of the IPPO attended by Col. Bayani Razalan, chiefs of city and municipal police stations from the province’s 43 local government units, and other police units.

Defensor said the provincial government is prepared to support initiatives to address road accidents, which are often attributed to road conditions and drunk driving. He noted that assistance may include the provision of breath analyzers, installation of proper road signage, and other safety measures.

He asked the police to submit an inventory of needed traffic signs, citing the strain vehicular accidents place on the

health care system.

Data from the IPPO showed a 6.28 percent increase in vehicular accidents in 2025, with 5,341 recorded cases compared to 5,025 incidents in 2024.

Meanwhile, Defensor commended the provincial police for its performance in the anti-illegal drugs campaign but stressed the need for stronger prevention efforts.

He said the goal is to eventually reduce apprehensions as illegal drugs are stopped from entering the province.

In 2025, the local police conducted 371 anti-drug operations that resulted in the seizure of 24,228 grams of shabu, with an estimated street value of PHP165.96 million.

The governor emphasized the importance of improving police capabilities and strengthening intelligence operations, including closer coordination with the intelligence community. *(AAL/JNH/PIA Iloilo)*



THIS local government and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) formally launched the “Meet You in Iloilo” project with the signing of a memorandum of agreement recently.

The five-year project aims to position Iloilo City as a premier MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions) destination in the Southeast Asian region.

The MOA was signed Mayor Raisa Treñas and TIEZA chief operating officer Mark Lapid, and witnessed by TIEZA chief of staff King Bauyon, MICE Alliance Iloilo chair Natalie Lim, former Iloilo Festivals Foundation Inc. chair Allan Ryan Tan, Executive Assistant Leny Ledesma and MICE Center Iloilo Director Maria Victoria Lara.

Under the agreement, TIEZA committed PHP17.6 million for initiatives eyed to expand and boost the

## Iloilo City, TIEZA launch ‘Meet You in Iloilo’ project

competitiveness of Iloilo, including hosting local and international conventions, capacity-building for stakeholders, marketing campaigns, upgrading of facilities and networking events to attract investors and organizers.

“This project is a very significant milestone for our MICE here in Iloilo City. And we want to thank TIEZA for this partnership. Last year, more than 150 MICE conventions and events happened in the Iloilo Convention Center, and we want to sustain and improve those events.

That’s why this partnership is very important for us,” Treñas said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Lapid expressed the readiness of TIEZA to help the city, even beyond MICE.

“Anything that we can help support the local stakeholders, including the city government, the LGU, TIEZA is very much willing to help,” Lapid said.

He said they have various programs coming in, including the development of plazas and the rehabilitation of the Museo de Iloilo. (PNA)

### DSWD ... (from page 5)

PHP52 million in grants to 3,548 beneficiaries from 176 conflict-vulnerable areas under the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Program.

It also opened opportunities to 14,453 4Ps members.

Lamprea said that while they are open to providing grants to individuals, they recommend having it in a group so it will have a bigger impact.

Starting this year, the grant is already PHP20,000 for every individual.

“We ensure that after providing the grants, a series of capability building activities, such as financial literacy, entrepreneurial capacity building, are provided to the beneficiaries. For the success rate, I can say it's 60 to 70 percent for the entire Sustainable Livelihood Associations of DSWD,” she said.

DSWD Regional Director Joselito Estember, in a media forum on Tuesday, said the agency also assists beneficiaries in securing permits and licenses for their businesses to operate legally.

The region’s hosting of the National Alunsina: Kabuhayan Convention Bazaar in September last year and the opening of a showroom at the DSWD regional office last month were among the highlights of the program implementation in the region. (PNA)

## Mother, child healthcare facility to rise soon at Iloilo Provincial Hospital

**ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Better maternal and pediatric healthcare is much expected by patients, particularly in the Central part of Iloilo, with the establishment of the proposed Mother and Child Unit at the Iloilo Provincial Hospital in Pototan town.**

This bold move was affirmed in a coordination meeting of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Health (DOH), and key offices of the Iloilo Provincial Government.

Iloilo 3rd District House Representative Lorenz Defensor, who presided over the meeting, tackled the building’s design, layout, and essential amenities to ensure the facility meets national health standards.

“I want to build this para may (healthcare) access ang women and children. Panamion ta guid ang healthcare sa

Iloilo, sa tanan nga districts,” said Defensor, whose office supports the proposed facility.

Key officials from DPWH 6, DOH-Western Visayas Center for Health and Development, and Iloilo provincial government convened to discuss necessary amenities and building design of the Mother and Child Unit at the Iloilo Provincial Hospital. (Photo by: Iloilo provincial government)

A press report from the Capitol said that the facility will rise on a property acquired by the Iloilo Provincial Government, mainly for the expansion of the Iloilo Provincial Hospital.

The facility’s target completion is 2028. It is aimed at reducing referrals outside the province and bringing critical care closer to Ilonggo families. *(AAL/LMLE/PIA Iloilo)*

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## 'House cleaning'

*"Nothing inspires cleanliness more than an unexpected guests."* – Radhika Mundra

I'm sure many of our readers have experienced having unexpected guests for lunch, dinner or visitors staying for a few days on short notice. As Filipinos, we traditionally don't mind because we are so hospitable and welcome company.

There are of course certain instances when those surprise visits throw everything into a spin and we find ourselves cooking or cleaning on overdrive just to be ready and, of course, to "save face." They may be an inconvenience at the time, but they do bring results.

This article is not meant to be a "How I spent last Sunday" or "What I learned while playing tourist guide." Instead, it is meant to point out small concerns that come together and create bad impressions among tourists or guests.

Since the beginning of January, we have been playing host to in-laws from the Netherlands and after that, we will be hosting a scholar doing her PhD on Philippine studies. Aside from house cleaning, we have also been lining up places to visit and foods to eat.

I don't know if I'm just being conscious of potential embarrassment or showing guests the imperfections, but I have noticed little things that speak a lot about our culture, attitude or things we don't value.

For instance, last Sunday we took guests sightseeing and as we drove in front of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, we saw that the main building was partly covered with tarp to be repainted or cleaned.

I appreciated that the CCP management were on top of things such as regular maintenance. But right after I said that I noticed that the center island of Roxas Boulevard right in front of the CCP was an embarrassing mess.

The question was, Who is responsible or in charge

of maintaining those center island/plant boxes? Is it the DPWH, the MMDA, the DOT or Pasay City? The problem is if people don't know who is responsible, then we can't hold them accountable.

In a country where "plantitos" and "plantitas" became a thing during the pandemic, can't the government or DOT invite them to grow beyond their pots and gardens and reinvigorate or green those plant boxes?

Plant boxes and center islands may seem a small thing but remember what the Bible says about small things: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." – Luke 16:10

If I remember correctly, there used to be a women's organization famous for garden-related projects, hosting orchid shows and bonsai demonstrations. Why not try tapping them?

I carried on driving towards Manila Hotel and once again the center island became a concern but for a different reason. Maybe because many tourists go to Luneta and the Manila Hotel, the intersection in front of Manila Hotel has become a favorite among people asking for alms or food. This has been the case for many years.

So, who should be responsible for keeping the area clear of mendicants? Is it the City of Manila or is it the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the MMDA or the PNP? The issue is not just a matter of appearance.

Beggars carrying infants or toddlers begging at the risk of life and limb tells people about how the government and society treats and views the poorest of the poor. Poverty may exist worldwide, but when tourists see them it tells a negative story.

Instead of letting them beg in tourists areas, perhaps authorities could consider putting up mobile feeding centers and kid-friendly facilities that can tell a very positive tale to outsiders.

The good news is that there was ample parking around Fort Santiago, there was better organization, traffic

### CTALK

Cito Beltran



management by the "Guardia Civil" in front of the Manila Cathedral and a fiesta-like atmosphere in the area on a Sunday.

Fort Santiago was well maintained, although parts were not as good as others, and we even saw floor mops and house cleaning stuff being dried by one of the ground floor windows.

After our Sunday trip to Manila, we drove back to Pasig and of course we had to cross from BGC to Kapitolyo via the Lawton-Sta. Monica bridge. This bridge has gone from a pedestrian unfriendly bridge to an open garbage dump with the drainage outlets clogged overgrown with weeds.

Once again, who is responsible for keeping the bridge clean and clear of garbage and litter? And before I forget, how difficult is it to get the lights working at night? It is weird that both ends of the bridge are clean but not the bridge itself.

Given how DPWH engineers insisted on building the bridge, then they should be accountable for making sure it is clean and presentable to the thousands of commuters as well as foreigners that cross over it.

From what I read, DOT Secretary Frasco is optimistic that when the Philippines chairs the upcoming World Tourism Forum, it would help boost awareness and tourist arrivals in the Philippines.

This is why I am suggesting for the DOT secretary to put together the needed clean-up crew composed of the DOT, DPWH, MMDA, DILG and PNP. There is a lot of cleaning and fixing that need to be done – and not just for appearance's sake.

## Tourism laggard

Flying back to Manila from Harbin, China's "Ice City" via Shanghai Pudong over the weekend, I noticed only one passenger who I initially thought might be a Chinese national. But she must have been a Tsinoy; she spoke Mandarin and fluent Filipino.

The flight was not full, and many of the passengers were Russians (I saw the passports), perhaps in their 20s and 30s. Maybe they were drawn to the Philippines by the Women's Open match between tennis ace Alex Eala and Russia's Alina Charaeva.

Or maybe they picked the Philippines for leisure travel. I heard the word "Boracay" spoken by some members of the large group. I hoped their stay in our country would be filled with fond memories of leisurely moments.

Chinese nationals used to account for the second largest international arrivals in the Philippines, after the South Koreans. A tour operator who caters to the Chinese market, both inbound and outbound, told me that arrivals have plummeted by over 80 percent in recent years.

The numbers don't necessarily reflect tourist arrivals. Philippine offshore gaming operations brought a lot of Chinese visitors, the tour operator said. But they came here to work in POGOs, although of course some of them also became tourists. Many entered on tourist visas, through one of the corruption schemes involving the Bureau of Immigration.

Arrivals from China began going down as travel resumed post-COVID in 2022, and plunged when POGOs were banned.

The tour operator said Chinese wanting to visit Southeast Asia skip the Philippines and instead pick Vietnam and Thailand. But so do Filipinos with money to spend for leisure travel. Many Pinoys would rather go to those countries than visit popular local destinations, according to the tour operator.

This month the government began offering a non-extendible 14-day visa-free stay to Chinese visitors. The tour operator hopes those who respond to the come-on won't be disappointed.

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While tensions in the West Philippine Sea naturally contribute to the fall in Chinese arrivals, the tour operator points out that there are many other factors that make foreigners skip the Philippines when traveling to Southeast Asia.

One is the cost. The tour operator isn't the only player in our tourism industry who has pointed out that it's cheaper for a Manila resident to visit Phuket in Thailand or Hanoi and Danang in Vietnam than to visit top destinations in the Philippines.

Comparable accommodations as well as airfares are cheaper in neighboring countries, the tour operator told me – echoing what local tourism industry players also bemoaned when I attended a tourism convention in Cebu last year.

Airfares come down cheaper because Thailand, for example, has direct flights to several of its top travel destinations. Plus its international airports serve airlines with direct flights to many tourism markets all year round.

In contrast, the only airline with a direct flight between the Philippines and Europe, Air France, announced last month that it would be suspending its non-stop Paris-Manila service from May 4 to Oct. 12 this year. I took that non-stop flight in June last year when I went to Toulouse, and it's a shame that the service has been reduced to a seasonal operation.

Without direct flights to our tourist spots, it means foreign visitors must go through the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to take a connecting flight to their final destination.

This adds to the travel costs (especially if there's price gouging for airfares to destinations such as Siargao). Equally important, it eats up time allotted for a vacation by travelers.

Arriving at the NAIA 1 from Shanghai at 1 a.m., for example, several passengers had to wait five hours for their connecting flight to their final destination, Cagayan capital Tuguegarao. The flight itself is just a hop of 45 minutes.

NAIA is no Changi International; being stuck at the NAIA for five hours can be torture. Foreign travelers will want to avoid that kind of aggravation.

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While the NAIA has improved a bit under new

management (although it was still chaotic when I arrived from South Korea last November), the airport is no Seoul Incheon International or Shanghai Pudong. Considering the space constraints, there is only so much that the NAIA operator can do.

Another problem: there's no shuttle for transiting domestic passengers at the three NAIA terminals.

The passengers going to Tuguegarao needed to transfer to NAIA-3 from NAIA-1, and had to book a Grab for it. And you book a Grab or take a cab from the NAIA with a prayer to be spared from price gouging by drivers who don't understand the impact on their livelihoods of such inhospitality.

Then there are the prices of souvenirs. Philippine souvenirs are similar to those in much of Southeast Asia – in Thailand, Indonesia's Bali, in Vietnam. But items of comparable quality and design are cheaper in those other countries.

The tour operator told me that she buys souvenirs in Vietnam for giveaways to clients, passing them off as Philippine-made, because the prices in Vietnam are way cheaper. Food is also cheaper without sacrificing taste.

Little wonder then that Vietnam drew an eye-watering 21.2 million international visitors in 2025 – up 20.4 percent from the previous year.

In contrast, we had only 4.7 million foreign visitors last year. Including overseas Filipinos returning for a visit, the total for international arrivals is 5.6 million – but this is still a slip from the 5.9 million in 2024.

I've already written about one of the biggest factors that has spooked prospective visitors from South Korea, our long-time top source of foreign arrivals: peace and order. Personal security is of utmost importance to any traveler.

On top of spotty internet service in many areas, certain popular destinations also suffer from serious power and water supply interruptions. Emergency medical facilities are inaccessible.

We are struggling to return to pre-pandemic levels of international arrivals. Considering all the hurdles, I'm not holding my breath.

### Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan







# W. Visayas women ARBs now happy, grateful landowners

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Two women agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in Western Visayas shared their joy and gratitude for government support and the opportunity to own the farmlands they are tilling, emphasizing the significant impact on their lives.

“Napakalaki po na tulong yong sinasakahan naming na lupa, dahil ito po ay pagmamay-ari na namin, wala na pong makakakuha, at syempre, po makakatulong ng malaki sa araw araw namin na buhay.

(The land we farm is a big help, because we now own this and no one can take it anymore, and of course, it will help a lot in our daily lives,” said Belinda De Leon of Passi City.

“Ang akon area is 11,246 sq. meters kag wala kami balayran sa bangko kag ini nakabulig gid sa akon nga pagpangabuhì halin sang 1992 asta subong nga naangkon namon ini nga libre (My area is 11, 246 sq. meters and we don’t have a bank payment and this has helped my life since 1992 until now that we have acquired it for free), said Judith Tacuyan of the province of Guimaras.

Both women also conveyed their appreciation to President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., and Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Conrado Estrella after receiving their documents during the ceremonial distribution held in Pototan, Iloilo on January 12, 2026.

De Leon received her electronic land title (e-Title), while Tacuyan received her Certificate of Condonation with Release of Mortgage (CoCROM), writing off the P271,145 debt associated with her awarded land.

On that day, Estrella personally led the distribution of 6,472 e-Titles covering 13,500 hectares and benefiting 5,837 ARBs from the provinces of Iloilo, Capiz, Antique, Guimaras, and Aklan under the agency’s Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) project, intended to expedite the granting of individual titles to collective Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) holders.

During the event, 1,762 ARBs, including Tacuyan from the province of Guimaras, were freed from their unpaid land amortization debts amounting to P87,512,448.30 after

Estrella awarded 1,803 CoCROMs covering 2,162 hectares of land awarded under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

The condonation of unpaid amortization covering principal, interests, penalties, and surcharges is a priority program of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. Shortly after assuming office in July 2022, the President proposed the measure, which led to the enactment of Republic Act No. 11953 or the New Agrarian Emancipation Act and signed it into law in July 2023.

In a media interview after the distribution, Estrella said DAR would distribute 500,000 hectares of land this year, to complete all land transfers by 2027.

“Itong taon na ito, pipilitin namin ng 500,000, pipilitin namin na by 2027 lahat ‘yan tapos na (This year, we will try for 500,000, we will try to have it all completed by 2027,” said Estrella.

He said providing the land titles motivates farmers to plant crops and raise livestock, as they now have secure ownership of their land.

As part of owning the land, Estrella said farmer beneficiaries will now pay real taxes, which will help boost the revenue of the local government units. Higher local government revenue means more basic services can be provided to the people.

He further said that the increased motivation to cultivate farmland is expected to support the country’s food security programs, demonstrating the significant impact and benefits of DAR’s initiatives for agrarian reform beneficiaries.

“Pagkatapos, syempre dahil sa gaganahan silang magtanim, ang mangyayari nyan makakatulong sila sa ating food security program. Yan ang mga malaking benepisyo nyan (Then, of course, because they will be motivated to plant, what will happen is, they will be able to help our food security program. Those are the big benefits of that.),” said Estrella.

DAR Usec. Jesry Palmares joined Estrella and local officials, including 3rd District representative Lorenz Defensor, Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr., and Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque, during the distribution. (AAL/LAF/PIA6-Iloilo)

# DSWD livelihood program develops entrepreneurs, uplifts lives

ILOILO CITY – The Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) implemented by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is assisting indigent individuals and groups to become entrepreneurs, which is instrumental in uplifting their lives.

DSWD Western Visayas Assistant Regional Director for Operations Katherine Joy Lamprea said the projects that are

given to the beneficiaries are sustainable.

“On the part of the government, this is a grant. We are very much happy to know that they are really taking care of the investment of the government,” she said in an interview on Wednesday.

Lamprea said the program prioritizes exiting

members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), poor and vulnerable sector, displaced, at-risk individuals, solo parents, Indigenous Peoples, former rebels and even returning overseas Filipino workers.

DSWD data showed that last year, the program served 26,003 individuals from Western Visayas, including

Negros Occidental, with over PHP396.84 million in grants released to the recipients.

Of the total, 23,663 received seed capital for their chosen business, while 2,340 were given additional support to boost their livelihood projects.

The program provided

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11498-25

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
ACT NO. 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT  
NO. 4118

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS),  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

AGAPITO O. MELLIZA and  
NENITA J. MELLIZA,  
Mortgagor/s.

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## SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for foreclosure and sale under Act No. 3135, as amended filed by the **mortgagee, SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS)**, an institution created pursuant to the provisions of R. A. No. 1161, as amended, with principal office at East Avenue, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines, against **mortgagor/s, AGAPITO O. MELLIZA and NENITA J. MELLIZA**, both of legal age/s, Filipino/s and with postal address at Lot 6, Block 4, Mirasol Subd., Mandurriao, Iloilo City, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **September 30, 2025**, amounts to **TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR and 44/100 Pesos (P2,689,994.44)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and other charges, plus attorney’s fees, publication cost, sheriff’s legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies will sell at public auction on **MARCH 17, 2026 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, New Castle Hotel, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER, for CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK and in Philippine Currency the following real property including buildings and all the improvements found thereon, to wit;

## TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-74652

*IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that a certain land situated in CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, bounded and described as follows:*

*A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6, BLOCK 4, PCS-06-000852) being a cons-subd. of Lots 2-5, block, Lots 1-12, block 2, Lots 1-16, Block 3, Lots 1-5, Block 4, Phase 1, Lots 1-14 block 1, Lots 1-12, Block 2, Lots 1-16, Block 3, Lots 6-14, Block 4; Phase 1, Pcs-06-000781), situated in the District of Mandurricio, City of Iloilo, Island of Panay. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 3039, Agonoa Cadastre; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 7; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Road Lot 3; on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 5, of this cons-subd. of survey..... Containing an area of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (135) SQUARE METER, more or less.*

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

In the event the public auction could not take place on said date and time, it shall be held on **April 7, 2026** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provision of law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, January 8, 2026.

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Filipinos remain most concerned about making ends meet every day and want the government to address this, according to a survey by poll research, and consulting firm OCTA taken between Dec. 3 and 11 last year.

Out of 1,200 adult Filipinos polled, 45 percent cited improving/ increasing the wages or salaries of workers, 41 percent cited controlling the increase in the prices of basic goods and service, and 30 percent want access to affordable food like rice, vegetable, and meat.

The two other concerns people want the government to act on are fighting graft and corruption in government (29 percent) and providing free quality education (28 percent).

Meanwhile, at least having enough to eat every day and having a secure and well-paying job and source of income also ranked among the top five urgent personal concerns of Filipinos, with 44 percent and 39 percent citing them, respectively.

Health and education top this list, with staying healthy and avoiding illness an urgent personal concern of 65 percent of respondents, and finishing schooling or providing schooling for their children cited by 45 percent.

## Still day-to-day economics

## Editorial

Another 38 percent say they want to avoid being a victim of any serious crime.

These numbers tell a compelling story. Despite the noise and muck that seems to pervade government in recent months, Filipinos ultimately just want to live in dignity by having the means to provide for their family's needs.

It also mirrors other polling firms' results that Filipinos are primarily preoccupied with economics especially as it pertains to their daily survival.

Leaders should take heed. Initiatives intended to empower the people to earn well and consistently provide for their loved ones. This is economic security as opposed to occasional doles handed out by politicians seeking to curry favor with the people in the guise of concern.

The numbers also point to other issues that must be taken seriously. Specifically, the fight against graft and corruption has recently become prominent in the wake of the massive – and ongoing – public works scandal. But perhaps the connection between governance and economics

has been muted. In fact, when people's money is managed well and transparently, there will be more funds available for worthy projects. For their part, investors will have the confidence to come here, and stay, to help create sustainable jobs for Filipinos.

Health issues, it could be argued, is an equalizer because diseases could strike anyone whatever their socio-economic bracket. Tragically, our health systems are anything but equitable, and the available reliefs for patients depend largely on their financial means. Everyone, too, deserves to feel secure in their person and their property, and perceptions of gaps in peace and order must be addressed.

Finally, Filipinos would always envision a better, fairer future for their children, and education is the only guaranteed long-term means through which this can be achieved.

These surveys are not just a regularly-released bunch of numbers. Leaders—at least who have it in their hearts to truly serve—should listen and be guided. ([manilastandard.net](http://manilastandard.net))

## Addressing hunger

Results of the recent Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey showed that the number of Filipino families who experienced involuntary hunger—or being hungry and having nothing to eat—slightly decreased during the last quarter of 2025 to 20.1 percent from the 22 percent recorded in the previous quarter.

While the results are a welcome development, a slight easing in national hunger statistics may easily create the impression that the country's situation is improving without considering the broader economic and regional context.

Survey findings revealed that the decline in national hunger statistics was driven by improvements in Metro Manila and Luzon overall, even as conditions worsened for families in Visayas and Mindanao. While this disparity is not new, it remains deeply concerning as it highlights the persistent food security challenges faced by many Filipino families.

Further, the recent survey results revealed that severe hunger or being hungry and having nothing to eat often or always, affected 4.5 percent. This is a reminder that hunger remains a daily crisis for many households even when national averages are improving.

Of course, this is not to discount government efforts to address hunger. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) attributed the improvement in national hunger statistics to sustained social protection programs such as the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), which benefits some 4 million households, and the

Walang Gutom Program, which assists some 600,000 food-poor families. According to the DSWD, it also plans to expand its Walang Gutom Kitchen in Pasay City—a soup kitchen that provides meals to those without access to food—to more areas.

The private sector is also contributing by actively pursuing initiatives to address hunger through corporate social responsibility programs. These include regular feeding programs for students, and community kitchens. Just recently, Meralco through the One Meralco Foundation, partnered with Kawa Pilipinas to provide hot meals to around 3,000 individuals in Manila City, including street dwellers.

All these initiatives are critical in alleviating immediate hunger especially since urgent relief is needed. But while these stop-gaps are vital, there is a need for solutions to advance long-term food security.

Hunger, after all, is not caused by a lack of food or generosity, but by gaps in systems, policies, and long-term planning.

Long-term hunger is rooted in systemic social issues such as unemployment, low or unstable incomes, climate shocks due to natural disasters that severely impact food supply chains and price volatility, weak agriculture sector, and regional inequality.

All these issues contribute to the recurring problem of hunger for many households. As we have seen in previous years, hunger and poverty indicators often improve

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temporarily only to spike again due to shocks like typhoons or price surges.

What our country needs is sustained, holistic solutions that strengthen our food production and reduce vulnerabilities.

Addressing long-term hunger requires modernizing our agriculture sector to boost food production and strengthen resilience against climate risks. Programs that integrate climate-smart agriculture can help farmers adapt to extreme weather.

Hunger is not just about food supply; it's also about purchasing power. Families with unstable and low incomes risk food poverty and poor nutrition, since they cannot consistently afford sufficient and healthy meals. This is why the government must aggressively address unemployment and underemployment through job creation especially in rural areas and skills training to financially empower more households.

Addressing hunger should be a national priority since it impacts productivity and health. While the government leads the way in closing the hunger gap, we all play a part in ensuring its success.

Beyond providing urgent relief, we should strive for long-term solutions to address the root cause of hunger.



# My Iloilo Visit: Building Partnerships, Celebrating Culture, and Experiencing the Ilonggo Way

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Philippines National President  
Metro Manila Council President



"Nami gid ang Iloilo—matahum ang siyudad kag namit gid ang pagkaon."

That was my first and lasting impression as I arrived in Iloilo

City on January 24, 2026. Iloilo immediately welcomed me with warmth, color, and flavors that spoke of a place deeply proud of its culture and heritage. I arrived in the city early that morning and went straight to the Iloilo Provincial Capitol, where I met with Governor Arthur "Toto" Defensor Jr., of Iloilo Province.

There, we formally signed a Sisterhood Agreement between San Juan City and the Provincial Government of Iloilo. This partnership is anchored on practical and people-centered cooperation. Sisterhood agreements allow local governments to share best practices, open economic and cultural opportunities, and design joint programs that benefit our constituents. Through this agreement, San Juan City and Iloilo Province commit to working together in tourism promotion, cultural exchange, trade, education, and local governance.

As part of this collaboration, San Juan City is offering cross-promotions in tourism, as well as the marketing and promotion of Iloilo's local products. San Juan is home to NCR's number one tourist destination, Greenhills Mall, and the number four tourist destination, the Pinaglabanan Shrine, as recognized by the Department of Tourism—National Capital Region. Both sites enjoy strong foot traffic and vibrant food and retail activity, making them ideal platforms for showcasing Ilonggo products and tourism destinations to residents of San Juan City and Metro Manila, while also strengthening exposure to Iloilo's culture and creativity.

Following the signing, we were treated to a buffet lunch hosted by Governor Toto Defensor, featuring Iloilo's finest cuisine. The meal was delicious and generous—a true reflection of Ilonggo hospitality. Every dish reinforced why Iloilo is recognized by UNESCO as a Creative City of Gastronomy. I was joined during this time by Councilors James Yap and Ervic Vijandre, as well as former Councilor Paul Artadi, who witnessed the signing and shared in the culinary experience.

In the afternoon, we proceeded to the Iloilo Sports

Complex to watch the Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahan 2026, where the different LGUs of Iloilo Province presented vibrant and high-energy performances. The discipline, creativity, and sheer talent of the Ilonggos were impressive, drawing audible admiration from the crowd. I was again joined by Councilors Yap and Vijandre and former councilor Artadi. That evening, I signed another Sisterhood Agreement, this time between San Juan City and Iloilo City, represented by Mayor Raisa Trefias-Chu.

The signing was held at the iconic Tatoy's, further reinforcing Iloilo's reputation as a city of gastronomy. This city-to-city partnership will allow both LGUs to collaborate in tourism, culture, creative industries, education, and governance, bringing concrete benefits to our people. The signing was witnessed by Councilor Ervic Vijandre and former councilor Paul Artadi.

During dinner, Senator Bam Aquino made a brief stop to greet Mayor Raisa and myself. On January 25, I joined provincial and city officials in a 6:00 AM solemn Mass for Señor Sto. Niño de Cebu at the San Jose Placer Parish Church. What deeply impressed me was the devotion of the Ilonggos. The church was filled to capacity, with many faithful already gathered outside.

I learned that many Ilonggos who have since migrated abroad make it a point to return home every year to celebrate the Feast of Sto. Niño de Cebu and the Dinagyang Festival. Even more remarkable was that many of these balikbayans brought along foreign friends, eager to share with them the faith, culture, and energy of Iloilo. This, to me, spoke volumes about how deeply rooted and proudly shared Ilonggo identity is. Elected officials led by Governor Defensor and Mayor Trefias were present, along with respected Iloilo personalities such as former Senator Franklin Drilon, and guests including Senator Aquino.

After the Mass, I joined the crowd at the Freedom Grandstand for the main Dinagyang Festival competition, where seven schools vied for the P1.5-million grand prize. Mayor Trefias drew cheers from the audience when she announced that the winning school would also receive an additional P10 million worth of projects.

I watched the breathtaking performances alongside former councilor Paul Artadi and had the opportunity to meet several ambassadors who were also in attendance. The precision of the choreography, the richness of the costumes, and the ingenuity of the props were truly world-class. Joining us at the grandstand were Governor

Defensor, Mayor Trefias, Senator Aquino, former Senator Drilon, Senator Risa Hontiveros, MMDA General Manager Nicolas Torre, Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque, the Provincial Board members, and City Councilors. Following the program, Mayor Trefias invited me to lunch with festival organizers and sponsors, where once again Iloilo's culinary excellence took center stage.

Later that afternoon, the First Gentleman of Iloilo City Francis Chu, graciously toured me around the city, allowing me to experience Sadsad, the joyful street celebration of Dinagyang, particularly along J.M. Basa Street. Residents warmly approached me for photos and conversations—gestures I gladly welcomed. Along J.M. Basa, I visited Roberto's, met the owners, and spoke with Roberto himself about the secret behind the famous Queen Siopao. I was so impressed that I bought several as pasalubong for my family—it was so large that I could not finish it and had to pack it to take home. I also tried the local hotcake, a simple but beloved Visayas–Mindanao snack of pancake topped with margarine and sugar, paired with a refreshing mango shake from a street vendor—making sure I tasted the food exactly as locals do. My food exploration continued at Kamsukkee, where the owners personally served their best dishes. Once again, I brought home more food for my family.

We then visited the Iloilo Central Public Market, a successful example of a public-private partnership. The modern, clean facility replaced the old market while maintaining the same rental rates for vendors—proof that inclusive development is achievable. I joined vendors who were happily celebrating and gamely joined them in a dance to the tune of Paro Paro G. I also visited some well-known batchoy stalls in the second floor, such as Popoy's. Before flying back to Manila, I capped my Iloilo experience with another dinner at Tatoy's, enjoying baked oysters, sinigang na tangigue, grilled liempo, bangus, pancit bihon, and the famous fried native chicken. I made sure that all my gastronomic experiences were documented. These will be featured in my upcoming vlogs and postings.

My Iloilo visit was deeply heart-warming, especially because I took probably a thousand selfies and photos with the people I came across with while walking around Iloilo City. The generosity of the Ilonggos, the leadership of Governor Toto Defensor and Mayor Raisa Trefias-Chu, the vibrancy of culture, and the sincerity of everyday encounters made this experience truly memorable. It was my first time experiencing Iloilo in this way—and it will certainly not be my last.

## Civil registration laws everyone should know

One significant development in civil registration in our country is the enactment of Republic Act No. 9048, which allows the administrative correction of clerical or typographical errors and the change of first name or nickname in civil registry documents such as the Certificate of Live Birth, Marriage Certificate, and Death Certificate.

These corrections can be processed directly by the Local Civil Registrar or the Consul General. The law was further amended by Republic Act No. 10172 to include the correction of the month and day of birth and the change of gender.

As a result, individuals are no longer required to engage the services of a lawyer or file a petition in court and wait for the completion of judicial proceedings. Instead, corrections may now be made administratively by filing a petition directly with the local civil registry office where the record is registered.

Republic Act No. 9048 allows the city or municipal civil registrar or the consul general to correct clerical or typographical errors and to change a person's first name or nickname in the civil register without need of a court order.

On the other hand, Republic Act No. 10172

further allows the correction of clerical or typographical errors in the date of birth (day and month) or sex of a person in the certificate of live birth, also without the need for a judicial order.

Any person of legal age who has a direct and personal interest in the correction of an error or the change of a first name in the civil register may file a petition with the appropriate civil registry office. A person with direct personal interest may include the document owner himself or herself, a spouse, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, a legal guardian, or any other individual duly authorized by the document owner.

Supporting documents must be submitted together with the petition, depending on the nature of the error to be corrected. These may include, but are not limited to, baptismal certificates, voter's affidavits, employment records, GSIS or SSS records, driver's licenses, school transcripts of records, land titles, NBI clearances, and civil registry documents of ascendants or siblings. In certain cases, a certification from a government physician and other relevant documents may also be required.

## CIVIL REGISTRATION DESK

BY ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ  
MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR  
BAROTAC, NUEVO



In addition to the fees and charges that may be imposed by local government units pursuant to their respective ordinances, a filing fee of P1,000.00 is required for the correction of clerical or typographical errors, while a filing fee of P3,000.00 is required for the change of first name or gender. In the latter case, publication in a newspaper of general circulation is mandatory. A duly certified indigent petitioner is exempt from the payment of filing fees. The Local Civil Registrar shall assist the petitioner in the preparation of the petition.

Clients who are currently residing in other locations no longer need to return to the place of registry, as migrant petitions are now allowed. Under this arrangement, the petition may be filed through the local civil registry office of the petitioner's place of residence. To gain a better understanding of this process, individuals are encouraged to visit the nearest civil registry office or Philippine consulate in their area and be familiar with its Citizen's Charter.



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| 14. Market Stall Municipal Gym,<br>Pob. Carles, Iloilo<br>Tel. No.: 09479992216 | 32. Don Victorino Salcedo St.<br>Poblacion Market, Sara, Iloilo<br>Tel. No.: 09479999806  |
| 15. D.B. Onate St. Pob. Concepcion, Iloilo<br>Tel. No.: 09479990675             | 33. Crispin Salazar St., Janiuay, Iloilo<br>Tel No. 09992204460                           |
| 16. Buenafflor St., Dumangas, Iloilo<br>Tel. No.: 09479990714                   | 34. Rizal Poblacion, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo<br>Tel No. 09479999605                         |
| 17. M.H. Del Pilar St. Dumangas, Iloilo<br>Tel. No.: 09479992020                | 35. Cartagena Street Brgy Ilaud Poblacion<br>Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo<br>Tel No. 09479991739 |
| 18. E. Reyes Avenue Pob Zone II,<br>Estancia, Iloilo<br>Tel. No.: 09479990719   |   |

**NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE**

Wish to announce their monthly Auction Sale to be held on Febuary 16, 2026 at 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the office address stated above.

THE MANAGEMENT

Nagapahibalo sang ila bulanan nga subasta nga Pagahiwaton sa Pebrero 16, 2026 alas 9:00 sa aga (9:00 AM) asta alas 12:00 sa ugto (12:00 Noon) sa nahinambitan nga mga opisina.

ANG TAGADUMALAHAN



**UPGRADE.** The boulder fill and slope protection at the causeway and pier of the San Jose de Buenavista fish port in this photo taken on Jan. 14, 2026. Darcy Bungay, San Jose de Buenavista Municipal Economic Enterprise and Development Officer (MEEDO), said in an interview on Wednesday (Jan. 28) that they are expecting the fish port upgrading project to be completed this coming May. *(Photo courtesy of DA-PRDP)*

## Upgrade of Antique town fish port nearing completion

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – The upgrading of the over PHP284 million town fish port in this capital town of Antique is expected to be completed in May this year.

“There is now around 62 percent accomplishment on the construction of a causeway and piling of concrete for the pier,” Darcy Bungay, San Jose de Buenavista Municipal Economic Enterprise and Development Officer (MEEDO), said in an interview on Wednesday.

The fish port upgrading is funded by the Department of Agriculture–Philippine Rural Development Project, with a PHP28 million or 10 percent counterpart from the local government unit (LGU).

“The fish port could accommodate commercial vessels once it is completed,”

Bungay said.

MEEDO resident engineer Rhea Joy Sibugan said there will be roll-on roll-off (RoRo) ramps that would enable commercial vessels to easily transfer their fish catch to the pier.

“The upgraded fish port could also accommodate RoRo vessels because of the increased draft in the berthing area,” she said.

The causeway and pier construction could also serve as protection for the fishing vessels during inclement weather.

Once upgraded, the local government of San Jose de Buenavista will require fishing vessels with two gross tons and above to dock and unload at the port as part of regulating fishing boat operations. (PNA)

## DOST-6 driver receives highest distinction for government workers

ILOILO CITY – An Administrative Aide VI of the Department of Science and Technology – Western Visayas (DOST-6) was conferred the highest

recognition given to government workers during the Pagpupugay 2025: Parangal sa mga Lingkod Bayan at Malacañan Palace on Wednesday.

Cornelio Mabera received his 2025 Gawad Lingkod Bayani Award from Executive Secretary Ralph Recto, representing President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., Civil Service Commission (CSC) Chairperson Marilyn Barua-Yap, CSC Commissioner Ryan Alvin Acosta and CSC Commissioner Luis Meinrado Pañgulayan.

Mabera started his over 35-year stint as a public servant working for DOST-6 as a job order utility staff/ messenger in 1989, and as a driver in 1991 after showing good driving skills.

He enrolled in a one-year night school vocational degree in automotive mechanics and attended training in automotive preventive maintenance and electrical servicing from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

“Because of his skills and knowledge on automotive technology, he supervised

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### ILOILO PIONEER PAWNSHOP, INC.

Arroyo Street, Lapaz, Iloilo City

#### NOTICE

The public is informed that on **FEBRUARY 9, 2026** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed Jewellries & Articles the conditions of which have expired.

#### THE MANAGEMENT

#### PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **PEBRERO 9, 2026** may pagahiwaton nga baligyaanay alas 9:00 sa aga sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

#### ANG TAGDUMALAHAN



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the overall repair and maintenance of DOST vehicles. Most repair and maintenance works were done at the office instead of having these done in repair shops,” the DOST briefer said.

“With his good technical aptitude in welding, mechanical and electrical systems, plumbing, painting, construction work and even gardening, he also assisted in the over-all maintenance of office facilities, appliances, tools and equipment and consistently offered practical solutions to workplace challenges,” it added.

Mabera was promoted to Administrative Aide VI in 2024 and was designated as assistant head of the General Services Section on top of his being a full-time driver.

He received a trophy, a gold-gilded medallion from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, PHP200,000 cash prize and an automatic promotion to the next higher position or its equivalent salary increase.

“DOST Western Visayas extends its warmest congratulations to Mr. Mabera for this well-deserved recognition. His dedication, integrity, and exemplary service continue to inspire his colleagues and reflect the true spirit of public service, bringing pride and honor to the entire DOST family and the region,” the DOST said in a statement. (PNA)

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no duplication of recipients,” Estember said.

He said the list came from the DSWD Central Office and was chosen from the data that were captured in the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Beneficiaries are provided with PHP3,000 worth of monthly food credits via Electronic Benefit Transfer cards.

They can use the credits to purchase essential food items such as carbohydrates, protein sources, and fiber-rich products from accredited retailers to help ensure adequate and nutritious food intake.

The national project management office approves the application of retailers who want to supply the food items for beneficiaries.

The national office also sets the price per region.

The DSWD will invite the Department of Trade and Industry this year for the monitoring to ensure the products are enough for the PHP3,000 allotment per beneficiary.

To pre-empt overpricing and ensure quality, there is a staff on the ground who conducts the market survey. The result of the survey is forwarded to the retail management officer for approval.

In 2025, the initiative served 42,563 beneficiaries in Western Visayas, including Negros Occidental, Iloilo and Antique. (PNA)

AGENCIA CENTRAL

168 Aldeguer Street, Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **FEBRUARY 15, 2026**, an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 – 10:00 AM for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

The Management

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **PEBRERO 15, 2026** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay mga alas 9:00 – 10:00 sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

Ang Tagdumalahan

GV & A PAWNSHOP, INC.

JM Basa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **FEBRUARY 07, 2026** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 AM for all unredeemed Jewelries & Articles the condition of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **PEBRERO 07, 2026** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

AGENCIA G.B., INC.

C.K. Building Mapa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **FEBRUARY 7, 2026**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **PEBRERO 7, 2026**, pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay mga alas 9:00 sa aga para sa tanan nga mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE  
ON REMATADOS OF  
M. LHUILLIER PAWNSHOPS

Iloilo and Guimaras Branches at

Molo, Avancena, Villa, Guanaco, Rizal, Mandurriao 1, De Leon, Mandurriao 2, Guzman, Ledesma, San Agustin, SM Jewellers, Ilonga, Iznart, Lapaz 1, Lapaz 2, Bo. Obrero, Jaro 1, Jaro 2, Jaro 3, Jaro 4, Jaro 5, Jaro 6, Tagbak, Ungka, Burgos Lapaz, Rotunda, JM Basa.

Commencing **February 16, 2026** at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to August 1-31, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa **Pebrero 16, 2026** alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ucto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala ma gawad asta sa Agosto 1-31, 2025, madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN

Mohon, Oton, San Jose San Miguel, Tigbauan, Guimbal, Tubungan, Igaras, Miag-ao, San Joaquin, Alimodian, Leon, San Miguel, Jibao an, Pavia, Sta Barbara, New Lucena, Cabatuan, Ayaman, Maasin, Arroyo, Leganes, Zarraga, Jalaud, Bolong Oeste.

Commencing **February 17, 2026** at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to August 1-31, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa **Pebrero 17, 2026** alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ucto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala ma gawad asta sa Agosto 1-31, 2025, madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN

Jordan, Jordan Pier, Calingao, Guimaras, Nueva Valencia, San Lorenzo, Sibunag, Cabalagnan, San Miguel Jordan.

Commencing **February 18, 2026** at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon those above mentioned pawnshops will sell on Public Auction Sale on all overdue pledges left in the same up to August 1-31, 2025. Patrons are enjoined to verify their receipts.

MANAGEMENT

Sa **Pebrero 18, 2026** alas 9:00 sa aga asta 12:00 sa ucto ang takna nga iga subasta sa publiko ang tanan nga na remati sa nahinambitan nga opisina sa ibabaw. Ang tanan nga butang nga gin prenda nga wala ma gawad asta sa Agosto 1-31, 2025 madala sa subasta . Gina pahibalo ang tanan nga suki nga pagatan awon ang ila tagsa ka resibo.

TAGDUMALAHAN



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Region  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
& EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF  
New Castle Hotel  
Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City  
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11514-25

For:  
Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real  
Estate Mortgage Under Act No.  
3135 as Amended

Philippine National Bank,  
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

- v e r s u s -

Spouses Gilbert S. Cornal and  
Cheryl Grace M. Cornal,  
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon application for Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act 3135 as amended, filed by **Philippine National Bank** a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at the PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City hereinafter referred to as Mortgagee, against **Spouses Gilbert S. Cornal and Cheryl Grace M. Cornal**, referred to as the Mortgagors, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal address/es at (1) Lot 22, Block 22, Joshua Tree, Parc Regency A, Brgy. Balabag, Municipality of Pavia, Iloilo; (2) Sitio Esperanza, Brgy. Don T. Lutero, West Janiuay, Iloilo, Western Visayas, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **September 30, 2025** in the amount of **TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX PESOS and 98/100 (P 2,618,966.98) inclusive of interest, penalties, and other agreed charges**, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo and/or his duly authorized deputy Sheriff will Sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on **FEBRUARY 26 2026** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, The Castle Hotel, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK and in the Philippine Currency, the real property herein described as follows, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF  
TITLE NO. (090-2013004179)

“A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 22, BLOCK 22, PCS-06-004861, BEING A CONS. SUBD. OF LOT 161-A, PSD-06-010983, LOT 162-G & 162-F, ALL OF BSD-06-001217 (OLT), LOT 160, LOT 163, LOT 182 & LOT 524, ALL OF ILOILO CAD., LOT 525-A, PSD-06-068212 & LOT 176-B-2-B, PSD-06-068040) SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF BALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, xxxxxxxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.”

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **MARCH 26, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice and publication.

Iloilo City, Philippines, December 3, 2025.

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

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

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

NE/February 2, 9 & 16, 2026



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

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

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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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** (complete name of the petitioner) 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** (complete name of document owner) **GUARDAMANO** who was born on **FEBRUARY 10, 1968** (complete date of birth) at **MAASIN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ERNESTO SR. PAGUTAO GUARDAMANO** (name of father) and **TERESITA MOLINA MAGCANAM.** (name of mother)

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

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

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

## ‘Walang Gutom’ expands in 15 LGUs in Panay

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has expanded the implementation of its anti-poverty initiative, the Walang Gutom or Food Stamp Program, with the inclusion of 15 local government units (LGUs) in Antique and Capiz provinces this year.

The expansion covered one island municipality in Antique and 14 in Capiz, while it is being sustained in 35 LGUs in Iloilo.

“Previously, we already have Antique and Iloilo, and we have additional beneficiaries who were already verified. We have 14,340 targets for verification, and 11,353 were already verified,” Therese Fely Legaste, DSWD regional information officer, said in an interview on Wednesday.

The verified beneficiaries included 2,194 from Antique, 6,737 from Iloilo and 2,393 from Capiz.

The expansion covered Roxas City and the municipalities of Dumalag, Dumarao, Jamindan, Maayon, Mambusao, Pilar, Pontevedra, President Roxas, Sapián, Tapaz, Ivisan and Panay.

In Antique, it was expanded to the island municipality of Caluya.

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 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, against **RUBEN B. LAMIGO, Debtor/ Mortgageor**, 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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Households that are enrolled in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program are excluded from the initiative.

DSWD Western Visayas Regional Director Joselito Estember, in a media forum on Tuesday, said that they already started with the redemption last week and is now ongoing in the provinces of Capiz and Antique.

“DSWD has a verification mechanism to ensure that there is



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 ESS** 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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Iloilo City official calls for assessment, repair of quake-hit schools

**ILOILO CITY** – Concerned government agencies are being urged to immediately conduct structural assessments, repair and rehabilitation of public school buildings in Iloilo City that were affected by the earthquake in September last year.

The call was made by Councilor Sedfrey Cabaluna through three resolutions he sponsored during the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council) on Wednesday.

In a resolution, Cabaluna said some schools in the city implement half-day or double-shift in a day to accommodate learners.

“The Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division Office of Iloilo City has identified 14 schools with post-earthquake



**IMMEDIATE ACTION.** Councilor Sedfrey Cabaluna delivers a privilege speech during the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (city council) on Wednesday (Jan. 28, 2026). He authored three resolutions in respond to concerns of public schools affected by an earthquake last year. (PNA photo by Perla Lena)

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. No. 10172**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **SHELLY MAR M. BELONERO** 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 **SHELLY MAR M. BELONERO** who was born on **OCTOBER 5, 1994** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **WILFREDO L. BELONERO** and **ELNIE L. MIRADOR**.

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

(SGD.) ELAINE JOY C. POSA  
Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Feb. 2, 2026 & Feb. 9, 2026


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	HOFILEÑA,NINFA,GARGANERA	310460133061	USD	2,406.67	2,406.67	02/08/08
SAVINGS	HOFILEÑA, NINFA G. OR HOFILEÑA SUSAN OR	310410352801	PHP	2,034,681.51	2,034,681.51	07/07/21
SAVINGS	HOFILEÑA, NINFA G. OR HOFILEÑA 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

NE/Jan. 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2026



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



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

VIRGIE B. SUYA  
Applicant  
X-----X

Case No. **MRO VI 19-082**  
**CPC Renewal**

ORDER

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

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
ISLAND HOPPING AT DUNGCAAN, GUISI BEACH RESORT, MAGIC ISLAND, TANDO, SAN ROQUE, LA PAZ, ALMAN SUR WHARF, TAKLONG, ALL IN NUEVA VALENCIA, GUIMARAS (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	Passage Rates
MBca “Jade 4”	2.13	WOOD	Tourist/ Guest	Per contract basis

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

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

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **13 February 2026 at 2:00 P.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

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

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:  
  
(SGD.) ENGR. BERNARDO A. POLLO  
Regional Director

Copy furnished:  
Applicant, Dungcaan, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amoroso St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila  
Phil.6<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City  
File

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **THEA LIZ R. FU** with business address at Phil-Am Compound, Commission Civil St., Jaro, Iloilo City 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 **FV “AS III” to FV “FRL”**. 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.



PATA HUMBA  
(BRAISED PORK HOCKS)

Slow braised pork hocks in pineapple soy sauce with star anise, salted black beans, banana blossoms, and peanuts, finished with savory seasoning for a tender and glossy dish.



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INGREDIENTS

4.5 LBS PORK HOCKS SLICED INTO SERVING PIECES  
3 TABLESPOONS COOKING OIL  
2 PIECES YELLOW ONIONS MINCED  
8 CLOVES GARLIC MINCED

2 TABLESPOONS SALTED BLACK BEANS RINSED  
4 PIECES STAR ANISE  
3 PIECES DRIED BAY LEAVES  
2 TEASPOONS WHOLE PEPPERCORNS  
1/2 CUP SOY SAUCE  
3 TABLESPOONS VINEGAR  
3 CUPS PINEAPPLE JUICE  
1 CUP WATER  
1/2 CUP BROWN SUGAR  
1/4 CUP DRIED BANANA BLOSSOMS OPTIONAL  
1/4 CUP PEANUTS  
5 GRAMS MAGGI MAGIC SARAP

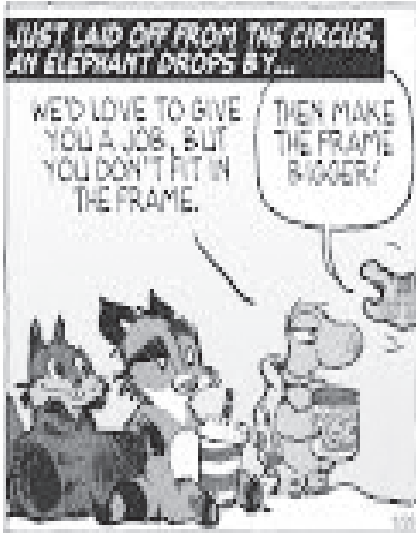
INSTRUCTIONS

Boil the pork hocks for 10 minutes. Rinse thoroughly under cold water to remove impurities. Pat dry with paper towels. 4.5 lbs pork hocks  
Heat the cooking oil in a wok. Fry the pork hocks for 2 minutes per side until golden brown. Remove from the wok and set aside. 3 tablespoons cooking oil, 4.5 lbs pork hocks  
Using the remaining oil, sauté the garlic until it starts to brown and becomes fragrant, about 1-2 minutes. 8 cloves garlic  
Add the onions. Continue sautéing until they soften and become translucent, about 3-4 minutes. 2 pieces yellow onions  
Add the salted black beans. Mash them using your cooking spoon to release their flavor into the oil. 2 tablespoons salted black beans  
Add the star anise, dried bay leaves, and whole peppercorns. Sauté for 30 seconds until fragrant and the spices bloom. 4 pieces star anise, 3 pieces dried bay leaves, 2 teaspoons whole peppercorns  
Pour in the soy sauce, vinegar, pineapple juice, and water. Stir to combine all ingredients. 1/2 cup soy sauce, 3 tablespoons vinegar, 3 cups pineapple juice, 1 cup water  
Add the pork hocks back to the wok. Cover and simmer on low heat until the pork is completely tender and falls off the bone, about 1½ to 2 hours. Add water as needed to prevent burning. 4.5 lbs pork hocks  
Add the brown sugar, banana blossoms (if using), and peanuts. Continue cooking for 10 minutes to allow the sauce to reduce slightly and flavors to meld. 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup dried banana blossoms, 1/4 cup peanuts

Season with Maggi Magic Sarap. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed. 5 grams Maggi Magic Sarap  
Transfer to a serving plate. Serve hot with steamed rice. Spoon the rich sauce over the rice for the best experience.

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



HOROSCOPE

**ARIES**  
March 21 - April 19  
Your neighborhood is a busy place today, Aries. Perhaps a public gathering of some kind is happening, maybe social, political, or humanitarian in nature. A number of your friends should be there. You might drop by with your romantic partner, out of curiosity more than anything else. Stick around for a while. You could learn something and discover a cause that could mean a lot to you.

**TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20  
Financially, things seem to be going great for you right now, Taurus, and therefore you could plan to make an investment in your home. If you already own one, you might decide to remodel or redecorate. If not, then you could just haunt realtors' offices for the next few weeks. This is a good time to turn your energy toward improving your own space. Go for it and have fun!

**GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 21  
At this time, Gemini, most of your focus is on either a group you're affiliated with or an intellectual subject in which you have an intense interest, or perhaps both! The arts, particularly writing and drawing, might be among these subjects. A number of your closest friends could share your interest, particularly a woman who lives nearby, so you can expect some exciting discussions over the next few days. Enjoy!

**CANCER**  
June 22 - July 22  
Today you might decide to spend much of your day alone at home, Cancer, perhaps working on a creative project of some kind. Your intellect and imagination are operating at a high level, and a gathering of friends might have brought inspiration your way. This is actually a good day to make use of your artistic talent. Your insight and vision should give rise to some moving results. Work hard!

**LEO**  
July 23 - August 22  
Expect to be surrounded by genuine love and affection today, Leo. Friends, family members, and a very special romantic partner could pay you far more attention than usual. A group activity or other social event could put both you and your beloved in touch with some interesting people who could become your friends. Much information will be exchanged, including the names and phone numbers of those who might prove to be important business contacts. Have fun!

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22  
Idealistic love could come your way today, Virgo. This might involve a colleague or possibly someone in a group with which you're affiliated. It might even be someone you've never before considered as more than a friend. Whoever it is may seem to be too perfect to be true. Bear in mind that this is the first rush of infatuation, and that for romance to be successful you have to love a person's flaws as well.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22  
Travel by air, perhaps in the company of some friends, could well be in the works for you, Libra. A group with which you're affiliated might want to take a trip together, perhaps to a place associated with artistic or spiritual traditions. Your romantic partner could accompany you as well, making it as much a romantic getaway as an adventure. Take plenty of money with you! Your friends will want to go to nice places.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
A lucky break could put you into a higher financial bracket than you were two days ago, Scorpio. Career matters, perhaps those concerning the arts, could be involved in some way. You and your romantic partner will probably want to go out and celebrate your good fortune; however, make sure you don't overindulge. You'll want to feel absolutely fabulous tomorrow so you can continue to enjoy your success.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21  
Are you falling for someone you know on the job, Capricorn? If so, you might find out that your feelings are reciprocated. Your friend could telephone or email and invite you out, away from work. Some other people might be present, but this won't stop you from getting better acquainted and realizing that this relationship shows promise. The only problem is that you may have to keep it under your hat for a while, at least at work.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19  
Are you falling for someone you know on the job, Capricorn? If so, you might find out that your feelings are reciprocated. Your friend could telephone or email and invite you out, away from work. Some other people might be present, but this won't stop you from getting better acquainted and realizing that this relationship shows promise. The only problem is that you may have to keep it under your hat for a while, at least at work.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  
Love and romance are first and foremost on your agenda for today, Aquarius. You and your romantic partner may leave a gathering of friends to be alone together and talk. You communicate well, and the intense feelings between you could be obvious to both of you, and embarrassingly, to everyone who knows you. If you've been together for a while, talk of commitment or a wedding could come up. Enjoy your day.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19 - March 20  
A festive event takes place in your home today, Pisces. Is it a family member's birthday? A lot of lighthearted banter takes place alongside intense discussions of deep subjects and stories of strange events occurring around the world. You might make plans for another such gathering at someone else's house. Love can blossom. Something about the evening has brought you and another closer together. Enjoy!

WORD SEARCH



WORD LIST:

UR MINE  
HUG ME  
ANGEL  
LOVE BUG  
YOU ROCK  
TEXT ME  
BEST DAY

PUPPY LOVE  
SOUL MATE  
BE MINE  
UR MINE  
HUG ME  
ANGEL

LOVE BUG  
YOU ROCK  
TEXT ME  
PUPPY LOVE  
SOUL MATE  
BE MINE

FIRST KISS  
MY LOVE  
DATE ME  
KISS ME  
YOU SHINE  
DREAM BIG  
SUGAR PIE  
FOREVER

sudoku

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

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

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

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DANIEL JOSE C. COCJIN** known as a parcel of land **Lot 1 Block 1, Plan No. PSD-06-064183**, Portion of Lot 9035-A-3, PSD-06-033218 situated in Brgy. Mambuyo, Santa Barbara, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2018006211** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIVE SQUARE METERS (105), MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to heirs **CELSA C. COCJIN, JASON C. COCJIN, MICHAEL C. COCJIN and GARY C. COCJIN**. That the heirs sold, ceded, transferred and conveyed by way of Sale the above-said property unto **LUDYLIE S. BUENDIA** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. THERESA MALONES-SANCHEZ** per Doc. No. 461, Page No. 94, Book No. III, Series of 2026.

NE/February 2, 9 & 16, 2026

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **CONCEPCION MARIN-DEFENSOR** known as parcels of land, (**Lot No. 1905** of the Cadastral Survey of Pototan), with all buildings and improvements, except those herein expressly noted as belonging to other persons located in Pototan, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 126,353** with an area of **ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY TWO SQUARE METERS (1,972) , more or less** and (**Lot 9865-A**, PSD-06-071796, being a portion of Lot 9865, Pototan Cad. 222), situated in Brgy. Bangac, Mina, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2010007344** with an area of **EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT (18,168) Square Meters, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **MARIDE DEFENSOR-PEREZ, EMOLYN DEFENSOR-HUSSAINI, JOSETTE DEFENSOR-MAUSISA and ARACELI DEFENSOR** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. JERIC DAVE S. GALLARDO** per Doc. No. 490, Page No. 97, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/February 2, 9 & 16, 2026

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF SHARES AND SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **THELMA M. FLORES** known as a bank deposit with **Philippine National Bank (PNB)** under **Account No. 310470000809** is adjudicated to heirs **VICTORIO T. FLORES, JR., VICTORIO M. FLORES III, and KATHLEEN FLORES DAHMS**. That, **VICTORIO M. FLORES III and KATHLEEN FLORES DAHMS** VOLUNTARILY, IRREVOCABLY and UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVED, RENOUNCED, and TRANSFERRED all their respective rights, interests and participations in the above estate in favor of their father **VICTORIO T. FLORES, JR.** Further, the heirs make, constitute, and appoint **ATTY. FITZGERALD PERANDO MACALALAG** as their lawful attorney-in-fact. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. ROSIE G. GARCIA** per Doc. No. 26, Page No. 7, Book No. IV, Series of 2026.

NE/February 2, 9 & 16, 2026

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SYLVIA OVERIO LANDIZA** known as parcels of land, (**1) Lot 4 Block 5** situated in Poblacion, Maasin, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-130711) 090-2017008749** and all the improvements therein with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED NINETEEN (519) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; (2) Lot 5 Block 5** situated in Poblacion, Maasin, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-130712) 090-2017008748** and all the improvements therein with an area of **TWO HUNDRED NINETY (290) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS; (3) Lot 6 Block 5** situated in Poblacion, Maasin, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-130713) 090-2017008750** and all the improvements therein with an area of **TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE (291) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** are adjudicated to heirs **ARTURO T. LANDIZA and FRANCIS O. LANDIZA**. That, **ARTURO T. LANDIZA** transferred and conveyed by way of Donation all his shares, interests and participations from the above estate in favor of **FRANCIS O. LANDIZA**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. THERESA MALONES-SANCHEZ** per Doc. No. 462, Page No. 94, Book No. III, Series of 2026.

NE/February 2, 9 & 16, 2026

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

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

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

NE/January 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2026

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

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION  
CASE NO:  
**RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0149**

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.

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

NE/Jan. 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2026

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



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.

NE/Jan. 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2026

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

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MADOLYN P. PADA** known as two parcels of land: **Lot 8 Block 1-A, CCS-06-000158** being a consolidation of subdivision of lots 1 & 3 of Proclamation No. 251, under **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2018-009191** located in Barrio Obrero, Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SEVENTEEN (217) square meters, more or less** and **Lot 61720-J, Plan No. PSD-06-081568**, Portion of Lot 6172, CAD. 7, Sta. Barbara Cadastre under **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-20150011305** located in Brgy. Cadagmayan Norte, Santa, Barbara, Iloilo with an area of **One Thousand Square Meters (1,000) more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **DARMA PADA-SUSI, NOAH PANES PADA and NIKOS PADA**. That, **NOAH PADA and NIKOS PADA** waived their rights and interests over the said parcels of land including the residential building and other improvements thereof in favor of their sister **DARMA PADA-SUSI** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. JESSICA B. CUELLO** per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 22, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/February 2, 9 & 16, 2025



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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
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Branch 26  
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SPL. PROC. NO. 25-16157

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES  
IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH  
OF NINFA G. PORRAS-JIMENA,  
  
NINFA G. PORRAS-JIMENA,  
Petitioner,  
  
-versus-  
  
THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF  
ILOILO CITY, ILOILO,  
Respondents.  
X-----X  
  
AMENDED ORDER

In a verified Petition dated November 6, 2025, petitioner Ninfa G. Porras-Jimena through counsel prays to the Honorable Court that after due notice, publication and hearing, an Order be issued directing the respondent Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City, to correct the date of birth of the petitioner as appearing in her Certificate of Live Birth from October 7, 1962 to "October 17, 1960", after payment of the corresponding legal fees.

The Petition states among others:

"Petitioner Ninfa G. Porras-Jimena is of legal age, Filipino, married and resident of Zone 2, Brgy. Tagbac, Jaro, Iloilo City. Respondent is the official in charge of the registration of births, marriages and deaths in the City of Iloilo and is being sued in his/her official capacity as the Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City and may be served with summons and other court processes at the Office of the Iloilo City Civil Registrar, Iloilo City Hall, De La Rama St., Iloilo City. Petitioner's birth is registered under Certificate of Live Birth Local Civil Registry No. 89-2233 of the Local Civil Registrar of Iloilo City.

Under Entry No. 6 under the column "DATE OF BIRTH (Day) x x x (Year)" of the petitioner's abovementioned Certificate of Live Birth her birth was recorded as "October 7, 1962" when in truth and in fact her true and correct date of birth is "October 17, 1960". It was only lately that the petitioner discovered that her date of birth was erroneously recorded as October 7, 1962 when she secured a copy of her Certificate of Live Birth from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

In her official records, like, Certificate of Marriage, Member Data Record (MDR) issued by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, Voter's Certification issued by the Commission of Elections (COMELEC), Voter's ID, National ID and Senior Citizen's ID, her date of birth is recorded as "October 17, 1960" and that the error in her date of birth is purely clerical caused either by inadvertence or mistake.

The present Petition is neither intended to change the nationality or status of the petitioner nor do the same effect any other matter except the correction of the petitioner's erroneously registered date of birth as hereinbefore alleged.

The Court NOTES there is no showing on record that the Office of the Civil Registrar of Iloilo City, the Office of the Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority, and the Office of the Solicitor General were duly furnished copy of the Petition. Petitioner is hereby DIRECTED to furnish copy of the Petition and its annexes to the said government offices and to submit proof of compliance in court.

WHEREFORE, let the initial hearing of this petition be set on **17 February 2026 at 8:30 in the morning**, so that any interested person may appear and show cause, if any, why said petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in **News Express**, a newspaper edited in the City and Province of Iloilo.

Further, let copies of this Order be posted in the bulletin boards of the Iloilo City Hall, Iloilo City, the public market of Jaro, Iloilo City and the Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña, Hall of Justice, Iloilo City.


Furnish copy of this Order the petitioner and her counsel, the Firmeza Law Office, and the Office of the Civil Registrar of Iloilo City.

**SO ORDERED.**


City of Iloilo, 13 January 2026 for **2 December 2025**.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

**LARNIE FLEUR B. PALMA-KIM**  
Presiding Judge



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



SALVACION J.  
GILTENDEZ

CASE NO. MRO VI 26-002

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant requested for Approval of Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named **MBca "JONATHAN - N"** under the name of deceased, **NELLY M. JORDA** and the only surviving heir, **SALVACION J. GILTENDEZ (transferee) adjudicated unto herself the ownership of the said vessel.**

This application will be heard by this Authority on **10 February 2026, 2:00 PM** at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her/their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

At least seven (7) days prior to the date of Hearing, applicant shall publish this notice of hearing once in one daily newspaper of local circulation in the region and served by registered mail or personal delivery copies of the application and of this notice of hearing to all affected parties as appearing in the attached list.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions on or before the date of hearing, furnish a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing, with such evidence as maybe proper in the premises. Failure on the part of any person to file his opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of his right to be heard and this Authority will proceed to hear and decide the application on its merits.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Honorable Sonia B. Malaluan, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.**

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

**ENGR. BERNARDO A. POLLO**  
Regional Director

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Transferee: Heir of Nelly M. Jorda  
Address: Brgy. Lantangan, Carles, Iloilo  
Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati  
FS, Manila  
File*

## ILOILO CITY . . . (from page 11)

Iloilo City National High School, to restore safe and functional learning environments.

The PAGCOR 1 building was declared temporarily unusable and in need of further testing and evaluation by the Office of the Building Official in its report in October last year.

"The building houses 20 classrooms serving 20 classes, each with around 40 to 45 students, or an equivalent of more than 800 students directly displaced," he said.

In another resolution, the city council called on the DepEd to implement measures to address learning gaps caused by the double-shift.

Cabaluna said the double-shift reduced learning time, with students attending classes for only half a day, resulting in rushed lessons, compressed assessments, heavier take-home workloads, and learning gaps that may persist for years.

"It is recommended to implement the Accelerated Learning Program for Numeracy and Literacy to address these gaps, alongside remedial and enrichment classes, targeted reading interventions, and teacher training to close the performance gap," he said.

He also authored a third resolution for the council's committees on education and engineering to jointly investigate the structural and learning challenges of public schools in the city and recommend appropriate solutions.

Cabaluna also received information that the La Paz National High School, Bo. Obrero National High School and Mandurriao National High School are also implementing shifting of classes due lack of classrooms though not directly related to the earthquake incidents last year. (PNA)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
6<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL SHERIFF OF ILOILO  
New Castle Hotel  
Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City  
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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11552-25

FOR: EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT  
NO. 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT NO.  
4118

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,  
Mortgagee,

vs.

SPS. EDGARDO D. SANTILLAN and  
SALVACION T. SANTILLAN, as  
represented by their Atty.-in-Fact,  
CYNTHIA E. PE,  
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for foreclosure and sale under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by the **mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, #12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines, against, **SPS. EDGARDO D. SANTILLAN and SALVACION T. SANTILLAN, as represented by their Atty.-in-Fact, CYNTHIA E. PE**, both of legal ages, Filipinos, with postal address at (1) Lot 26, Blk. 1, Parc Regency Residences 5, Brgy. Ungka, Pavia, Iloilo, and (2) Lot 5, Blk. 6, Parc Regency Residences H, Brgy. Ungka II, Pavia, Iloilo, Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 29, 2025, amounted to **THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN & 67/100 Pesos (P3,674,657.67)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of any penalties and interest but exclusive of other charges, attorney's fees, publication cost, sheriff's legal expenses and other incidental expenses of foreclosure and auction sale, the Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies will sell at public auction on **MARCH 24, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, New Castle Hotel, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the HIGHEST BIDDER for CASH or MANAGERS CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following real property including buildings and all the improvements found hereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
NO. 090-2024001836

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that a certain land bounded and described as follows:  
**LOT NO.: 05 BLOCK NO.: 06 PLAN NO.: PCS-06-005393**  
**PORITION OF: LOTS 139-A, PSD-06-010187; 139-B-4, PSD-06-013944; 139-C-2, PSD-06-013942, PCS-06-005312; 144-H-1, PSD-06-068209, 133, CAD-25, ILOILO CADASTRE & 39 BLOCK 8, PCS-06-005392.**  
**LOCATION: BARANGAY OF UNGKA II, MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY.**  
**AREA: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.**

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-mentioned date and time. In the event the public auction could not take place on said date and time, it shall be held on **April 14, 2026** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provision of law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, January 15, 2026.

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

**(SGD.) ROBERTO D. GARILVA**  
Sheriff-in-Charge

**WARNING:**  
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