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With 11 deaths and 268 persons affected

DOH declares measles outbreak in E. Visayas

ROEL T. AMAZONA

GOVERNMENT CENTER, PALO, Leyte – With a rising number of deaths due to measles, the regional office of the Department of Health(DOH) now declares a measles outbreak in the region.

As of Monday (Feb.11), the region has about 11 deaths due to measles, the latest to die was a six-month old baby from San Miguel, Leyte on Saturday(Feb.9).

The DOH-8 has monitored that since the start of the year up to Monday, about 268 persons, mostly children, were contacted with the measles.

Areas with the most number of cases of measles are Tacloban City (64),

Palo (20), Burauen (19), Dagami (14), and Ormoc City (8).

The 11 deaths came from Palo (4), Tacloban (3), and with each from the towns of Dagami, Pastrana and San Miguel, all in Leyte, and Gandara, Samar.

Dr. Minerva Molon, regional health director, said that with the measles outbreak, they will visit the areas with high number of

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MEASLES OUTBREAK. Health officials have declared a measles outbreak in the region after it reported of 11 deaths and 268 persons, mostly children, were hit by the ailment sweeping the country. The declaration was made in a press conference on Monday (Feb.11)by DOH Regional Director Minerva Molon(center). Also in photo were Boyd Cerro(2nd from left), head of DOH regional epidemiology and surveillance unit, and Leonido Olobia, coordinator of anti-dengue fever program, among others. (Roel T. Amazona)

Guiuan town tagged as region's lobster capital

TACLOBAN CITY

-- The coastal town of Guiuan, Eastern Samar has been identified by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) as the lobster capital of the Eastern Visayas region.

The town is an ideal site for lobster production because of the high likelihood that the seed settlement of the lobster species, *Panulirus ornatus*, extends north to the east coast of Samar, BFAR 8 (Eastern Visayas) Director Juan Albaladejo said in a phone interview.

"Traditionally, we get most of the lobster gathered from the wild in Guiuan. The town is the main trading place for these high-value aquatic organisms. It is just fitting to start our lobster culture venture by managing the



The town of Guiuan in Eastern Samar was identified by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources as the region's lobster capital due to its ideal location for lobster propagation.

population of highly sought after puerulus (post-larval stage) fry of the species," Albaladejo said.

The fisheries bureau be-

gan training 50 fishermen from eight coastal villages on basic skills on making standardized lobster puerulus collection devices this week.

These collectors, composed of cement bag bowties, gill net panels and improvised bamboo floating frames, will be installed in areas found to be abundant with puerulus. The collectors will be used as instru-

ments to assess the presence of lobster puerulus in selected areas.

It will also help identify the lobster species avail-

able, estimate the puerulus resource in each area, and gather the necessary data to enable sustainable management.

The training is one of the major steps in the implementation of the P10 million program.

The initiative will capture puerulus from the wild that are transported long distance by the ocean current. It is estimated that sea current brings about six million puerulus to Philippine seas every year, looking for suitable habitat.

The collected puerulus will be transferred to nursery cages until they become juvenile lobsters, which will then be used for grow-out culture. Juveniles will be reared by trained fishermen for eight months to a year to

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To help reduce PH fertility rate
Popcom plans to encourage 6 million women as family planning acceptors



Juan Antonio Perez III

TACLOBAN CITY- The government under the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte will be pushing more on the campaign on family planning program.

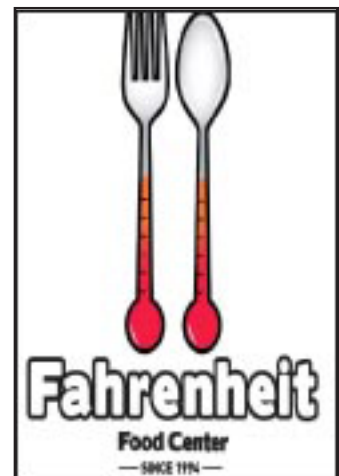
This was disclosed by Juan Antonio Perez III, executive director of the Commission on Population Development(CPD), formerly the Commission on Population, who added that they are targeting at least 5 million mothers to be 'acceptors' of their family planning program.

Perez, in a press confer-

ence on Monday(Feb.11), said that by meeting their target, which is supposed to happen in 2020 the year Pres. Duterte is to step down from Malacañang, they will help reduce the country's fertility rate to just 2.1 percent.

At present, the country's fertility rate stands at 2.7 percent. Fertility rate

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In Eastern Samar

Health staff worries patients may not be getting correct dietary requirements

TACLOBAN CITY- A hospital staff previously assigned at the Eastern Samar Provincial Hospital (ESPH) expressed her worry that the patients of the said provincial government-maintained health facility may not be getting their correct dietary requirements.

Irma Dolot, who was among the health personnel transferred by Governor Ferdinand Marcelo Picardal to other health centers in the province last month on the ground of 'exigency of public service,' disclosed this.

Dolot, who was detailed at the Taft District

Hospital, said that while she obeyed the order of Gov. Picardal, she could not help but express her worry on the impact of her transfer.

She claimed that she is the only registered nutritionist-dietitian of the ESPH as the hospital has no full-time nutritionist-dietitian.

Dolot said that there are only five regular employees and four contractual workers who were tasked to handle the nutrition and diet requirements of the hospital's patients.

"Those running the ESPH dietary kitchen and implementing doctors' orders on the proper balanced diet do not know how to

read the doctors' prescribed food in the diet charts. They also do not know the transitions of diet," she said.

"I am afraid that they are serving the same food for all the patients without considering diet requirements or restrictions for each patient. Isn't this dangerous to the health of patients, not to mention anomalous," Dolot added.

ESPH is a 100-bed capacity being managed by the provincial government.

Dolot also said that the considering that ESPH is a second-level health facility, it is mandated to have a regular nutritionist-dietitian. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

Tacloban gov't to conduct free mass wedding on Feb.28

TACLOBAN CITY- The City Civil Registrar's Office (CCRO) of the Tacloban city government targets to wed 50 couples for its upcoming 'Kasalang Bayan' or mass wedding event on February 28, 2019.

A priority program of Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez, the initiative seeks to legitimize the union of indigent

unwed couples, minimize the number of illegitimate children and establish a strong foundation of couple and family life.

Those who would like to avail of the free mass wedding should be living in for at least five years and has children, and needs to submit the following requirements to the CCRO:

- birth certificate of the

couple

- baptismal certificate
- residence certificate
- baptismal certificate of children
- certificate of no marriage (CENOMAR)
- 2 witnesses

For more information please visit the CCRO at the Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Police nabbed drug suspect in a buy-bust operation in Ormoc City

ORMOC CITY-The police here have arrested a man for selling allegedly shabu to a police-poser buyer outside a cockpit facility located in Barangay Valencia, this city, on Sunday (Feb.10).

Andronico Judilla, 40, was arrested in a buy-bust operation conducted by the elements of the Police Station (PS)2 led by its chief, Inspector Melvin Malate, and City Drug Enforcement Unit headed by Senior Insp. Franklin Romeo Parangan.

Malate said that a police surveillance on Judilla determined his continued involvement in drug peddling since

his surrender in 2016 to Kananga town police prompting them to conduct the operation.

He said that the suspect is a resident of Barangay Montebello, Kananga town but he operates in Valencia, this city.

Judilla was immediately nabbed when the police took hold of a sachet containing suspected shabu in exchange of the P1,000 marked money.

Judilla denied getting involved in drug peddling saying that the confiscated items from his possession during the sting operation does not belong to him.

Aside from the marked money, seized from the suspect were eight sachets of shabu and a P300 cash.

Judilla, who is detained at PS2 detention cell, is facing violation of sections 5 and 11, specifically drug selling and possession, respectively, of Republic Act 9165, known as Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (ELVIE ROMAN ROA)



As a preventive measure, the Department of Public Works and Highways in Biliran province will only allow vehicles with a capacity of 15 ton weight to pass the Biliran Bridge.

DPWH-Biliran DEO to strictly impose a 15-ton weight limit for vehicles passing Biliran Bridge

NAVAL, Biliran-The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) - Biliran District Engineering Office (DEO) informs the travelling public to strictly observe the maximum 15-ton allowable weight limit for vehicles passing Biliran Bridge.

District Engineer David P. Adongay Jr. said that Biliran DEO is conducting a load monitoring checkpoint for all equipment and heavy loading vehicles crossing the bridge for safety precaution.

To prevent deterioration, damage or any danger of collapse of

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bridge, Adongay said that they have deployed maintenance personnel to guard the bridge 24 hours against overloading heavy vehicles.

Meanwhile, Engr. Glenda G. Dagalea, chief maintenance engineer, said that they only allow heavy equipment vehicles to cross Biliran Bridge one at a time to preserve the old structured bridge.

For hauling equipment vehicles, a maximum of 250 bags of cement is allowed to be loaded on a single truck and a maximum of 16 cubic meter for hauling aggregates (sand and gravel).

"More than the allowed capacity, should be unloaded," said Dagalea.

"We need to protect

the bridge but most importantly the lives of the people and the convenience of the travelling public, so I am asking the drivers of heavy vehicles to have discipline and cooperate." Dagalea added.

The Biliran Bridge is the only access by land of the entire island-province of Biliran to the island of Leyte, and practically, of the entire Philippines.

Completed around 1975, this bridge is about 120 meters long at its central span, held in place by an arched steel structure which hovers above a short and narrow channel of water measuring about 100 meters wide at low tide. (PR)

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Church turnovers 263 houses for families displaced by super typhoon ‘Yolanda’

TACLOBAN CITY- The Catholic Church and other donors turned over new housing units to the 263 families whose houses were destroyed after super typhoon ‘Yolanda’ hit Tacloban City in 2013 on Sunday (February 10).

“We’re proud of these housing units because we also helped during its construction. From planning to the buying of housing materials and building the houses, we were part of it,” said housing recipient Yolanda Sembrero.

“These houses are not only durable but also standard in terms of its size,” she added.

The 566 housing units at Pope Francis Village have an up and down floor area of 40 square meters with at least three housing models.

Each unit cost is P300,000, totaling to P169.8 million.

Philip Lumbré, president of the Pope Francis Village Home Owners’ Association, thanked the local, national, and international donors of the housing units.

“Compared to other relocation sites which are very far, the Pope Francis Village is just within the distance from our source of livelihood. We will only spend roughly P18.00 for our fare if we go fishing,”

he said.

In other relocation sites, storm survivors need to spend around P54.00 in order to fish and return to their families.

Joli Torella of Urban Poor Associates said that they are proud of their accomplishment at the Pope Francis Village, calling the housing project as the “model” for Yolanda survivors.

“We followed the participatory-driven approach in its planning and construction. The community-driven approach is quite a challenge, but important in doing rehabilitation works,” Torella said.

The Development and Peace/Caritas Canada had launched a 47-minute documentary entitled “After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village” which chronicled the empowered Yolanda survivors in building their new community.

Canadian delegation headed by Bishop Noel Simard along with church and government officials graced the turnover activity.

Also joining the ceremony were Evelyne Beaudoin, president of the Development and Peace National Council; Sister Georgette Gregory of the Sisters of Saint Joseph; Kelly Di Domenico, communications director of Development

and Peace; Jess Agustin, Development and Peace Philippines programme officer; Jess Agustin; Arthur Neame and Lylah Puerto, the Development and Peace in-country support staff; Ghislain Josef Morin, member of the Development and Peace National Council; Danny Carranza, lead person for advocacy ad campaign of Community of Yolanda Survivors and Partners (CYSP); Palo Archbishop John Du; Tacloban City Vice Mayor Jerry Yaokasin; and former Department of Social Welfare and Development Corazon “Dinky” Soliman, among other guests.

The housing project is constructed through the consortium composed of the Development and Peace/Caritas Canada, National Secretariat for Social Action (NASSA)/Caritas Philippines, Redemptorist Congregation, Urban Poor Associates, Archdiocese of Palo, and some line government agencies.

The post-Yolanda reconstruction effort is supported by Pope Francis for Resilient and Co-Empowered Sustainable Communities (Francesco) which named the permanent resettlement site Pope Francis Village in honor of the pontiff’s solidarity visit in Tacloban City in January 2015.

(RONALD O. REYES)



Tacloban City Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez handed a check worth P 3.8 million as the contribution of the city government to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)-led Tacloban Credit Surety Fund (TCSF). The assistance will benefit the 54 MSMEs currently operating in Tacloban City. **(A.ALAMOS/CIO)**

Mayor Romualdez hands in P3.8 million to Credit Surety Fund

TACLOBAN CITY - Mayor Cristina G. Romualdez handed a check worth P 3.8 million as the contribution of the city government to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)-led Tacloban Credit Surety Fund (TCSF) that would benefit cooperatives and MSMEs in Tacloban City.

The handover ceremony was held recently at the Tacloban City Training Center with TCSF, Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Officials.

The city government decided to put up the amount because it believes that cooperatives and MSMEs help spur economic activity and implement needed liveli-

hood programs.

The program also seeks to help local cooperatives gain access to much-needed capital.

Capital-short cooperatives and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) which has difficulty in obtaining loans from banks due to lack of acceptable collaterals, credit knowledge, and credit track records will benefit from the fund as this will serve as security, in exchange of acceptable collaterals for loans extended by banks to these MSMEs.

To avail of the CSF, a local cooperative and MSME must be registered first with the BSP.

The check was received by TCSFC BOD Chairper-

son Atty. Maria Corazon Montallana and witnessed by CDA Regional Director Armonio Paa, and BSP Manager Eleanor Ramos.

Currently, Tacloban has 54 active cooperatives and a number of MSMEs which are being served by the Tacloban City Cooperatives Development and Livelihood Assistance Office (CCDLAO).

In 2018 CCDLAO was recognized as Hall of Fame Awardee of the CDA National Gawad Parangal after having been named “Best LGU Cooperative Office” in the country for three consecutive years. **(HENRY JAMES ROCA with report from D.ABARQUEZ/CIO)**

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means the number of children who would be born per woman (or per 1,000 women) if she is to pass through the childbearing years.

And as part of this scheme to reach their target, their office through its mother unit, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and the Department of Health, will be issuing a joint memorandum circular outlining how their target could be achieve.

“We have to double our effort on family planning and we plan to include at least one million new acceptors to our family planning program over the next four years. We’ll add four to five million new acceptors,” Perez said.

“We will seek the support of the President to continue to strengthen the

family planning program by putting more resources to the (program),” the population executive director added.

Perez said that they need at least P1.5 billion funding for them to carry out their family planning program, to include in improving the number of family planning acceptors.

Last year, their office was able to convince 1.2 million mothers to join their family planning program of which they were able to identify 250,000 women who have unmet needs.

Unmet need means couples and women who are fecund and sexually active and want to limit or space their children but are not using any modern method of contraception.

According to Perez, the goal of their office now that it is attached to NEDA, the office that shapes the economic policy of the government, is to help the country

become stable or developed economically.

Thus, with a lower fertility rate, the couple, particularly the mother, would become a productive member of the society, contributing to the country’s economic development, the CPD executive director said.

Perez said that they are also seeking support and cooperation from local government units and civil society organizations and even the Church on this campaign.

The population official stressed that the Church will find no reason why it will not support the campaign saying they are not promoting any method that could lead to abortion.

The Catholic Church in the country has been opposing to the government’s family planning program saying it promotes abortion, a claim the government has denied.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Student killed in a buy-bust operation; owner of alleged drug den arrested

TACLOBAN CITY- A 20-year old college student died after he reportedly engaged in a firefight with anti-drug elements on Feb.8 here in the city.

Reports reaching the regional Philippine National Police (PNP) headquarters based in Palo, Leyte, said that the suspect, Von Fheiny Grandiza, was the subject of a buy-bust operation by the elements of the Regional Drug Enforcement Unit (RDEU), led by Senior Inspector Dino Goles, in Barangay 50-B, Youngfield District, this city, at about 8:36 pm when he detected that he was dealing with a police asset.

This prompted the sus-

pect to run and enter the house owned by one Jose Soledad where he reportedly drew his gun against the pursuing policemen.

The suspect, a resident of Brgy.50 in Real Street, also in this city, was hit at the different parts of his body and was brought at the nearby Mother of Mercy Hospital for treatment but was declared dead on arrival by the attending physician.

Senior Supt. Harry Sucayre, head of the RDEU, in a phone interview, said that Grandiza has been engaging in the illegal drug for sometimes now, reason why he was categorized as a high value target.

He also said that the

house where he entered was considered as a drug den reason why its owner, Soledad, and seven others, two of them were students, were arrested.

Eight sachets of shabu were seized from the suspects.

“They are now in our custody and we are readying our complaints against them to be filed in court,” Sucayre said.

Sucayre could not say, as of press time, what were the items confiscated from Grandiza as these are still being processed by the members of the scene of the crime operatives (Soco).

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Measles vaccine

The controversial Dengvaxia vaccine introduced and even enforced by the past administration may have been halted, its victims passing away one at a time, but its scare caused upon the Filipino people continues.

This time, though, it's not the fear of Dengvaxia anymore; it's the dread for anything called vaccine, itself. As a result, families have been refusing to have their children vaccinated against other diseases such as measles that, recently, had been claiming lives in different parts of the country.

Blame it to Dengvaxia scare that measles outbreaks had been recorded in different places. The public cannot be blamed for their

vaccine hesitancy. They just cannot trust in vaccines anymore, or in immunization programs of the government though these measles vaccines are said to be effective.

But said hesitancy doesn't help because, as a consequence, measles outbreaks sprout here and there. Before this deadly disease becomes pandemic, parents should forget about Dengvaxia and have their children vaccinated. After all, the killer vaccine is no longer around. What's the use of trying to avoid it when, in the process, their children will fall victims to measles?

Let the DOH redeem itself from its past failure. Listen to its pleas and let the present outbreaks die down by submitting ourselves to immunization against measles.



Tipa-Manila

As a way celebrating February as Arts Month, I will serialize in this column a story in Waray that I wrote many years ago titled Tipa-Manila. Since its publication in An Lantawan, LNU's school paper, it has been reaping positive feedbacks among readers and literary scholars, making it a classic in Waray short fiction. Here it is:

Pakakarawat gudla ni Man Caloy han surat ni Amado, an iya suhag nga natrabaho ha Manila, kumadto dayon hiya ha balay han iya padi ha may kapatagan bisan kon kulopay na. Kinahanglan nganiya hibaro-an kon ano an siring han surat. Baman an olitawohay nga nagdul-ong hini tikang ha barrio, nag-aapura man paglakat ngan

waray na niya ini kaalayan pagpabasa.

Pareho han iya asawa, diri nakakabasa hi Man Caloy, diri la tungod hin kawaray niya antiyuhos, kundi tungod nga waray gud hiya maka-eskwela bis nala Grade I, han bata pa hiya. Dumako nala hiya, naka-asawa, ngan nalagas paginuma, pero waray gud hiya mahibaro pagbasa. Maupay pa an lima niya nga mga anak kay nagpaka-eskwela-hay gihapon. Waray la manggud may nakatungtong ha kolehiyo kay namag-asawa dayon, manhinlugaring pagpakabuhin. Nahulop ada siring pa niya kay waray man hira panggastos.

Tipagsisirum na han pag-abot niya ngadto ha balay han iya sangkay. Bitbit an sobre, hiya in matawatawa nga gintapo han iya

padi ha may bungsaran han balay.

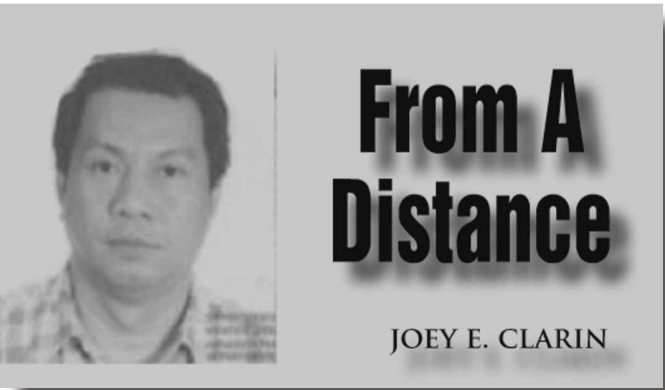
"Oy, ano Padi, mag-iinom kita?" paki-ana han iya padi nga nahipapausa han iya pagbisita.

Iya iginsumat an iya tuyo. Didto ha sulod han balay, nag-atubang hira ha lamesa, ha ira butnga nakada an mapawa nga lampara. "Ano an siring Padi?" naiikag nga pakiana niya.

Ginsiwakan han iya padi hin maupay an surat, бага kinukuri-an ini pagbasa. Nagpipipiyong ngan nagpapanluha an mga mata samtang nabulang han kanan lampara pawa.

"Ginpapakadto kamo ha Manila ni Amado, Padi, kamo nga duha ngan hi Madi. Disyembre onse kuno; tatapu-on nala kamo

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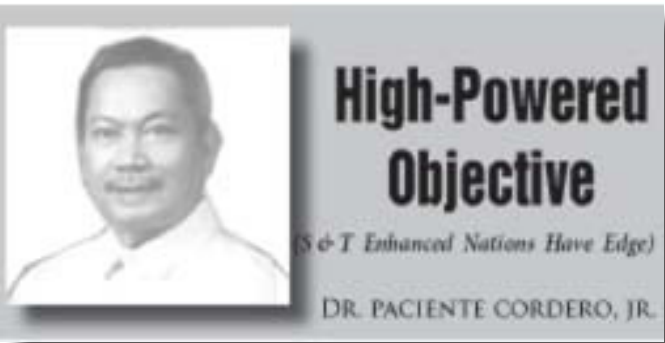


Measles Outbreak

We are alarmed over the measles outbreak across the Philippines. Reports from the Department of Health (DOH) showed there were more than 20,000 measles cases in the country as of December 2018, a 500% increase from 2017.

Measles is a serious and highly contagious disease. Unfortunately, coverage for routine immunizations in the Philippines is only 55%. If not prevented, measles can cause serious complications including infection of the brain, severe diarrhea and dehydration, pneumonia and even death. Measles survivors are often left with life-long disabilities such as blindness, deafness and brain damage.

Vaccinations to prevent measles is available free of cost in government health centers. The measles vaccine is safe and effective and had been successfully used in the Philippines for more than 40 years now. But people are already afraid of vaccination because of the Dengvaxia fiasco. The Dengvaxia vaccine led to a decline in public confidence in vaccines and caused a rise in the cases of measles and other vaccine – preventable diseases.



Green investments, everheard?

This “new” investment scheme is an offshoot from the 2015 Paris Agreement which paved the way to the million dollar Green Climate Fund.

A media-oriented turned politician, Senator Loren Legarda, chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Climate Change, and who has represented the Philippines in Climate Change International fora, has pushed for more green investments in the country.

Her strong support for Green Investments (GIs) in the Philippines was aired in her keynote speech at “Green Breakthroughs 2017”, organized by the International Finance Corporation (IFC). She believes that more

Green Investments is crucial in making the country climate-resilient. Also, Green Investments is key to attracting “domestic and foreign low carbon investments, and to scale up green financing for adaptation and mitigating measures that will help protect the environment and livelihoods of the people.

She recognizes the Philippine government’s efforts to start “greening” the industries/factories in various sectors, but thinks that “financial institutions and private banks could further escalate this green growth to a higher level”.

Further, she suggests that “a natural loss and damaged registry and vulnerability assessment could help the banks assess the

President Duterte must take a direct hand in the information campaign for vaccination to restore the public’s confidence in the government’s immunization program. Several illnesses like measles and pneumonia could have been avoided if people were given vaccines. The country’s immunization rate plunged to 40% from an average of 70% because of the Dengvaxia controversy which erupted after it was disclosed that the vaccine may have placed recipients who never had dengue fever at risk of contracting more severe diseases.

Parents should bring their children to the nearest health center to have their children vaccinated and ensure that they receive at least 2 doses of vaccine.

There is an urgent need to end the general feeling of distrust among parents toward the government’s mandatory immunization program.

need of a proponent in a particular area for a certain project and realize the urgency of lending funds to finance it.”

The Philippines could have lost the chance to benefit from the multi-billion Green Climate Fund since President Rodrigo R. Duterte have not made a 360-degree turn-around from his earlier statements of not honouring the previous administration’s commitment to Climate Change signed in 2015.

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Next Topic: “Three Metro Manila Cities to Pilot Reduced Carbon Emission Projects”

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Order and focus favor flexibility

IT is often said that when one is very orderly and focused on things, he most likely will fail to consider other things that may be more important. He becomes a rigid, one-track-minded person.

Of course, there is some truth to that observation, especially when the persons concerned precisely are too orderly and too focused that they become compulsively controlling of things and therefore end up blind to other considerations that may objectively be more important than what they are handling at the moment.

Sad to say, we have many cases like this nowadays. This may be due to the increasing complexity and complications of our life and the growing clutter not only of material things but also and especially of moral issues and concerns. As a consequence, many people react in that way as their means to cope with the situation.

But if order and focus are lived properly, they actually favor flexibility and creativity, and they can lead one to be more broad-minded, more objective and more able to tackle what is truly important to us. And the proper way to develop

and live order and focus is to inspire them with love for God and others.

Without that love and with us simply relying on our own idea of what is good and advantageous to us, our way of developing and living order and focus would be greatly limited. And that’s because our own ideas of these virtues would only be self-serving and would simply depend on our own powers. We would be easy prey to the mysterious twists and turns of our life.

A self-serving motive and a self-empowerment can only do so much. They cannot go the distance. Their objectivity is hampered by a heavily subjective approach to the challenges in life. They practically cannot overcome and go beyond what their current conditions and circumstances give them. They are like being fenced in.

But when the sense of order and focus is motivated by love of God and others, and empowered by God’s grace, then it can be developed and lived calmly and with greater sensitivity to the objective reality of things in their proper hierarchy as willed by God who knows everything and sets the ultimate standard of things.

We should try our best

to live always in the presence of God that would also bring about the presence of everybody else. That’s because if our presence of God and love for him is real, then we would also have a vivid sense of the presence of the others and an abiding love for them.

It would be good and helpful that in developing this proper sense of order and focus, we bring things first into our prayer so we can see them more clearly under the light of God’s will, and not just under our own interests and purposes. In that way, we can easily establish the priorities proper to each of the things that come our way.


There will be a good sense of purpose and direction, and any unexpected thing or surprise that can come our way can be handled better without getting confused or lost.

Besides, with this good sense of order and focus and a good sense of purpose and direction, we can easily discover and discern other possibilities that are relevant to our plans.

A well-thought-out daily strategy attracts more relevant ideas. The promptings of the Holy Spirit are more easily discerned. We become more discriminating of things, and we would know what to get and give attention to and what to ignore and discard.

In other words, we would become more prudent, our power to judge things and events properly gets sharpened, and our ability to be flexible, adaptive to the demands of the moment as well as creative is facilitated.

Commentaries from readers whose identities they prefer to remain anonymous can be accommodated as “blind items”. It will be our editorial prerogative, however, to verify the veracity of such commentaries before publication.



Prayer for the Nation and for Those who Serve in Public Office

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)

Pray the Holy Rosary daily for world peace and conversion of sinners (The family that prays together stays together)

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| Republic of the Philippines Province of Eastern Samar Municipality of Jipapad -oOo- Office of the Sangguniang Bayan | | | 4. Franchise | | | pits shall be constructed and operated within the appropriate areas as prescribed in the Zoning Law or ordinance. In the absence of such law or ordinance, the Municipa Mayor shall see to it that no cockpits are constructed within a radius of two hundred (200) lineal meters from any existing residential or commercial areas, hospitals, school building, public plazas, athletic stadia, chapels, churches or other public building. However. This shall not apply to already existing and/or duly licensed cockpit which are now in existence and do not conform to this requirements are required to comply with these provision within a period to be specified by the Municipal Mayor. | | |
| EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS OF JIPAPAD, EASTERN SAMAR ON MARCH 05, 2018 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BLDG., JIPAPAD, EASTERN SAMAR. | | | 5. Derby - means a cockfight promotion with entry fees. It is an invitational cockfight participated in by gamecocks or cockfighting “afficionados” of the Philippine with “pot money” awarded to the proclaimed winning entity. | | | Approval or issuance of building permits for the construction of cockpits shall be made by the Municipal Engineer in accordance with existing National Building Code, Ordinance, Laws and practices. | | |
| MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02 SERIES OF 2018 | | | 6. Regular Cockfight - means a cockfight held on Sundays, legal and special holidays without entry fees. | | | In addition, the applicant must submit and comply with the following requirements before the issuance of license, to wit: | | |
| AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COCKPITS, COCKFIGHTING AND IMPOSING FEES THEREOF, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JIPAPAD, EASTERN SAMAR | | | 7. Special Cockfight - means a cockfight held on days other than Sundays, legal and special holidays and local fiestas for special purposes, requiring a special permit. | | | 1. New License - For new license to establish, operate or maintain a cockpit, every applicant shall submit and comply the following requirements to the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Games and Amusements for approval: | | |
| WHEREAS, section 458, paragraph (a), subparagraph (3) (v) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the municipalities through the Sangguniang Bayan to enact ordinance granting franchise and authorizes the issuance of permits or license on the establishment, operation, and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks; | | | 8. Special Cockfighting Permit - refers to permit issued by the Municipal Mayor for the holding of a cockfight in a place, other in licensed cockpit for limited duration and for occasion only and on days other than Sundays, legal and special holidays and loca fiestas. | | | 1. Locational clearance from the MPDC. | | |
| WHEREAS, cockfighting has been, and still is, a popular, traditional customary form of creation and entertainment among Filipino customs and traditions, it should neither be exploited as an object of commercialism or business enterprise nor made as a tool of gambling but more as a vehicle for a preservation and perpetuation of native heritage, thereby enhancing the town’s national identity; | | | 9. Pit Manager - a persons who professionally, regularly and habitually manages a cockpit and cockfight therein. He may or may not be the cockpit himself. | | | 2. The cockpit building plan/design as approved by the Municipal Engineer to the effect that such cockpit is free from material, structural or other physical hazards. | | |
| WHEREAS, the municipality needs additional sources of revenues to finance its multifarious projects and to provide basic services to the people. | | | 10. Referee (Sentenciador) - refers to a person who watches and oversees the proper gaffing of fighting cocks; determines the physical conditions of gamecocks while cockfighting is in progress, the injuries sustained by the cocks and their capability to continue fighting, and decides and makes known his decision either by word or gestures the result of the cockfighting by announcing the winner or deciding a tie in a contest game. | | | 3. An application starting therein the names of the cockpit, the name of the owner/owners, the name of the operator/manager, the name of the license and the mailing address of the above mentioned person. | | |
| NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the forgoing premises, on motion of Honorable SB Member Jupiter A. Ver duly seconded by Honorable Alvin M Tiu, BE IT RESOLVES AS IT IS RESOLVED to enact the Municipal Ordinance, as follows: | | | 11. Bet Manager (Kasador) - a persons who calls and takes care of bets from owner or both gamecocks and those of other, better before the commencement of the cockfighting and thereafter distributes winning bets to the winners after deducting a certain commission. | | | SECTION VI - COCKFIGHTING OFFICIALS - The following cockfighting officials are required to secure a license Fee from municipality of Jipapad, Eastern Samar. | | |
| BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF JIPAPAD, EASTERN SAMAR ON ITS REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT | | | 12. Bet Taker (Kristo) - a persons who participates in cockfighting and with the use of money or other things of value, bets with bettors or through other bets takers and wins or loses his bets depending upon the result of cockfight as announced by the referee or sentenciador. | | | 1. Promoters/Operators/General Managers/Hosts P500.00 | | |
| ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS | | | 13. Gaffer (Paragtadi) - a persons knowledgeable in the art of arming fighting cocks with the graft on either or both legs. | | | 2. Pit Manager P500.00 | | |
| SECTION I - TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COCKPITS, COCKFIGHTING AND IMPOSING FEES THEREOF, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JIPAPAD, EASTERN SAMAR”; | | | 14. Handler Or Starter (Soltador) - a person who personally takes physical custody and control inside the arena of a pitted game cock and who actually release the same for actual fight and combat in game fighting. | | | 3. Referee (Sentenciador) P500.00 | | |
| SECTION II - SCOPE - This ordinance shall govern the regulation of the establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits and cockfighting in the Municipality of the Jipapad, Eastern Samar; | | | 15. Promoter - a persons engaged in the convening, meeting, holding and celebration of specially programmed and arranged cockfighting like local derbies or competitions, special mains or matches set to or encounters, pintakasi and ordinary cockfighting and hackfights. | | | 4. Bet Taker/”Kristo”/”Llamador P500.00 | | |
| III - PURPOSE - | | | 16. Gamecock - refers to domesticated fowls, specially bred, trained and conditioned for actual cockfighting. | | | 5. Bet Manager/”Maciador”/”Kasador” P500.00 | | |
| a. To effectively control and regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks; | | | 17. Cocker (Aficianado) - a person who participates and bets in cockfighting as a sport, amusement, recreation or form of relaxation. | | | 6. Local and official Gaffer P500.00 | | |
| b. To provide wholesome recreation and amusement to our people. | | | 18. Bettor - refers to a person who participates in cockfights with the use of money bets with other bettors or through the bet taker or promoter and wins or losses his bet depending upon the cockfight as announced by the referee or sentenciador. He may be the owner of fighting cock. | | | 7. Cashiers P500.00 | | |
| c. To preserve cockfighting as a traditional and customary form of recreation and entertainment among Filipinos; and | | | 19. Cockpit Operator’s Permit (COP) - refers to documents issued to a qualified persons granting him license to operate, establish and maintain a cockpit in the place specified therein. | | | 8. Derby Matchmaker P500.00 | | |
| d. To provide additional revenues for the municipality. | | | SECTION II - OWNERSHIP OF COCKPIT - The following persons or entities may own, operate or manage a cockpit: | | | 9. Handler or Starter (Soltador) P500.00 | | |
| ARTICLE II PERMIT FEE COCKPIT OWNER/OPERATORS/LICENSES PROMOTERS AND COCKPIT PERSONNEL | | | 1. Filipino Citizens not otherwise inhibited by law; | | | TIME AND MANNER OF PAYMENT: | | |
| SECTION I - DEFINITION OF TERMS - as used herein, the following terms shall be understood, applied and construed as follows: | | | 2. Corporations, groups of individuals, the capitalization of which is at least sixty percent (60%) Filipino-owned and formed or organized or established and licensed for such purposes; | | | (a) The license fee of a cockpit personnel shall be paid before they participates and act in any cockpit or in any cockfights and shall paid annually upon renewal of the permit in the birth months of the permittee. | | |
| 1. Cockpit (Sabungan) - includes any place, compound, building or portion thereof, where cockfights are held, whether or not money bets are made on the results such cockfights; | | | 3. Cooperatives. | | | (b) The aforementioned cockfighting officials shall not act as such any cockpits or in any cockfights with Special Cockfighting Permit (SCP) in the municipality without first securing a license duly issued by the Municipal Mayor of this municipality. Only gaffer, referees, bet taker, or promoters licensed by the municipal officiate in all kinds of cockfighting authorized herein. | | |
| 2. Cockfighting (Sabong) is the sport of pitting or evenly matching gamecocks to engage in an actual fight where bets on either side are laid. Cockfighting may also be formed as “cockfighting derby; pintakasi or tupad”, hackfight (refers to fights which are not pre-matched); or its equivalent terms in different localities, including cockfighting done outside licensed cockpits when issued a SPECIAL COCKFIGHTING PERMIT (SCP). | | | SECTION III - ESTABLISHMENT OF COCKPIT- | | | (c) No license shall be issued to any cockfighting officials mentioned above, unless he is at least 21 years old, of good moral character, of unquestioned integrity and shall be well versed in the rules, customs and usage of the game. | | |
| 3. Cockfight (Soltada) - the actual fight of physical combat of two (2) pitted or evenly - matched game cocks. Where bets on either side are laid. A “carambola”, wherein the actual fight or physical combat is of more than two (2) pitted gamecocks, shall be considered a cockfight. | | | a. Cockpit shall be established, maintained and operated only in specific areas or places where they are not existing and in such other places as the Sangguniang Bayan may designate by means of resolution upon application filed by qualified persons thereat. To forestall he proliferation of cockpits in the municipality, the establishment, maintenance and operation thereof shall be regulated at the ratio of one (1) cockpit to every 100,000 population or a franc-tion thereof. | | | SECTION VII - PERMIT FEE FOR SPECIAL COCKFIGHT/HACK-FIGHT - There shall be collected a permit fee for the holding of a special Cockfight/hackfight: | | |
| SECTION IV - SITE AND CONSTRUCTION OF COCKPITS - Cock- | | | b. No two cockpits shall be established, maintained or operated between a distances of less than one thousand (1,000) lineal meters from each other. | | | Kinds of cockfighting Events Amount of Fee | | |
| | | | | | | (a) Three (3) days pintakasi with sponsor without derby - 1,000.00 | | |
| | | | | | | (b) Three (3) days pintakasi with derby and sponsor - 1,000.00 | | |
| | | | | | | (c) Promotional derby, one day only | | |
| | | | | | | 2 cock derby - 1,000.00 | | |
| | | | | | | 3 cock derby - 1,500.00 | | |
| | | | | | | 4 and 5 cock derby - 2,000.00 | | |
| | | | | | | 6 to 9 cock derby - 2,500.00 | | |
| | | | | | | (d) Jipapad Fiesta, three days pintakasi without derby and sponsor - 1,500.00 | | |
| | | | | | | (e) Jipapad Fiesta, three days pintakasi with derby - 2,000.00 | | |

The fees herein imposed shall be payable to the municipal Treasurer before the special cockfight and derby can be lawfully held.

SECTION VIII - PLACE AND TIME OF HOLDING COCKFIGHTS. Cockfight may be held only in a licensed cockpit and/or other areas designated by the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Games and Amusement for special cockfights.

a. **For Regular Cockfight** - cockfight shall be allowed in this municipality only in licensed cockpits during Sundays, a legal and special holidays and loca fiestas.

No cockfighting shall be held on December 30 (Rizal Day), June 12 (Philippine Independence Day), November 30 (National Heroes Day), Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Election or Referendum day and during Registration Day for election or referendum and on such other dates which may be prohibited by law.

b. **For Special Cockfights, other than Sundays, legal and Special Holidays**

The Municipal Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Sangguniang Bayan shall issue a Special Permit and upon payment of special permit fees for the holding cockfighting events on days other than Sundays, legal and special holidays, or herein prescribe in Section 8, paragraph (a), for the support of local fund raising campaign and other local developmental purposes, provide that the period covered by the special permit shall not exceed three (3) consecutive days, and the event shall be conducted within the duly licensed cockpit.

Special cockfight shall be allowed during agricultural, commercial, or industrial fairs, carnival or exposition for a similar period of three (3) days upon resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan. No cockfighting on the occasion of such affair, carnival or exposition shall be allowed within the month if a local fiesta or for more than two occasions a year.

Cockfighting for entertainment of tourists or for charitable purposes - Subject to the preceding subsection hereof, the holding of cockfights may also be allowed for the entertainment of foreign dignitaries or for tourists, or for returning Filipinos, commonly known “Balikbayans”, for the support of local fund raising campaign for charitable purposes and other local developmental purposes as may be authorized upon resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan, in licensed cockpit or on playgrounds or parks. This privilege shall be extended for only one (1) time, for a period not exceeding three (3) consecutive days, within a year.

For the purpose, the licensed cockfighting operator is mandated to accommodate and allow the use of the licensed cockpit arena upon the request of legitimate organization, barangays, and other individuals, for the purpose of holding cockfighting as a means of fund raising campaign for charitable purposes and other local developmental purposes and to finance their legitimate programs and activities, entertainment, and other legitimate purposes, subject to terms and condition that the licensed operator may impose thereon.

c. **For Special Hack Fight** - cockfighting shall be held in barangays to coincide with their fiesta celebrations for a period of three (3) consecutive days only, provided such are requested through a barangay resolution and provided further, that provisions of Section 8 - shall apply, provided furthermore that safety measures be adopted particularly the cockpit areas measuring 5 ms. x 5 ms of perimeter railing with height of 4 ft.

In the holding of special hack fight in the Barangays, the following requirements shall be complied with before the issuance of the Special Cockfighting Permit (SCP) by the Municipal Mayor:

barangay council’s resolution requesting for the holding of hack fight in the Barangay shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan fifteen (15) days before the Barangay fiesta is held, with the corresponding official receipt of the Special Permit Fee, and

1. A Sangguniang Bayan resolution approving the request by the barangay council and authorizing the Municipal Mayor to issue the Special Cockfighting Permit (SCP).

Cockfighting for Special hack fight shall be permitted to be held in the barangay expect Poblacion Barangays, which they shall be permitted only to hold their Special Hack fights in the existing duly licensed cockpit located at barangay_____, Jipapad, Eastern Samar.

SECTION IX - FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF PROCEEDS FROM COCKFIGHT FOR CHARITABLE AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL PURPOSES -

In the Cockfights for the support of local fund raising campaign for charitable and other local developmental purposes, the owner, operator or license shall enter in a daily financial report.

- a. Name of the beneficiary
- b. The receipt from gate or entrance and ringside tickets, and a total commission (Plazada) for the day;

c. Net proceeds accruing to the fund raising beneficiary.

At the close of each derby and/or pintakasi for such above mentioned purposes, the owner/operator or license of the cockpit shall then turnover to the beneficiary the amount previously agreed upon. In case of disagreement or in the absence of a sharing arrangement on the proceed of the derby or pintakasi, the matter shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Games and Amusement for arbitration, whose decision shall be final.

The owner, operator, or licensee of the cockpits shall submit within seven (7) days after the holding of special hack fight to the Municipal Treasurer and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer copies of the daily financial report and the financial summary thereof.

SECTION X. All persons maintaining, operating or concluding any cockpit, any person directly or indirectly participating in the cockfights shall abide by, and obey the following rules and regulation of cockfighting as herein below enumerated, to wit:

Rule 1. It is prohibited for any person to accept any bet without the corresponding money at his disposal to respond to the bet in case he loses. No check will be accepted in bets or payments of bets.

Rule 2. No person shall talk to interfere with, or in any way obstruct the acts of the starter while releasing their respective cock: neither shall any person talk to interfere with, or in any way hamper, the referee while a cockfight is in progress, especially when the referee is in the act of rendering his decision on any match.

Rule 3. Any violation of the provisions of the two preceding rules shall give the management of the cockpit the right to eject the person or persons responsible therefore. And addition to file such criminal action the management may set fit.

Rule 4. There shall be a referee (Sentenciador) appointed by the management of the cockpit, who shall have the following duties to wit:

a. To direct and supervise the fight of game cocks in the ring and enforce all the rules on cockfight as herein prescribed.

b. To see it before the cocks are ordered released to fight, that their gaffs are genuine, placed in the correct position, and in right angle, and properly stringed.

c. To see to it that the contending cocks are in good physical condition - holding the cocks one after another at a reasonable height from the ground and releasing cocks has been fixed (tipped), poisoned, injured, wounded or in unable to continue in fight due to any physical defects internationally inflicted upon it, in case any of the cocks suffers from any of his defects, the match shall be nullified.

d. To keep the two cock in constant fight until one is outfought in the encounter or the two cock are dead or refuse the fight any longer. And,

e. The referee has the authority to declare a draw to a match when in his position the match is fixed.

f. To decide each fight immediately and publicly and his decision is FINAL.

Rule 5. There shall be an assistant referee possessing the same qualification as the referee, or discharge such duties as may be assigned to him be the referee.

Rule 6. In case the referee needs assistance in carrying out any of the rules herein prescribed as in the act of performing the confrontation, and in the removal of the cock to the center of the ring, he shall ask the assistant referee to render to him the necessary aid.

Rule 7. The contending sides may in a particular match, agree to appoint a third party to act as referee who shall, however be subject to all the rules herein prescribed.

Rule 8. The referee and assistant referee, including members of their immediate families are absolutely prohibited to have game cocks of their own in the cockpit where they are the referee and assistant referee, neither, shall both be allowed to place a bet or side bet during matches (soltadas). Any violation of this rules shall disqualify permanently the referee or the assistant referee. As the case may be, from acting as such in cockpit.

Rule 9. There shall be two starter (soltaderos) in each fight whose duties shall be to release the contending cocks have met and in actual fight. They shall not leave these places, except when their persons are endangered by the fighting cocks remaining, however, always part.

The management shall provide places where the starte shall be located after releasing their respective cock, which places shall be adjacent to the ring with free access thereto.

Rule 10. The starte shall not take back their respective cock after releasing them to fight, except when so ordered by the referee

or when their respective cocks peck on the ground or are out of position.

Rule 11. The starter shall not interfere with the referee by eight preventing the latter from taking the two cocks to perform the necessary confrontation (careo) or from rendering this rule shall lose the matched-money delivered by him or by the owner of the cock released by him to the bet fixe: provider, however, that the betting of the general public shall be decided in accordance with the result of the fight. The said starter shall furthermore be disqualified permanently from releasing any cock in the ring of any cockpit.

Rule 12. There shall be a bet fixer (casador) appointed by the management to the cockpit whose duty shall be to take possession of the match money from the starter or owners of the two contending cocks before the fight delivering the money to the corresponding winners after the fight. And after deducting cocks before the fight which the management and the onwer agree when the fight is declaging a draw.

Rule 13. The bet fixer shall place the matched money befor fight on a table located within the premises of any cockpit and shall advice the referee before the latter orders the release of the game cocks, that all arrangement with respect to betting have been completed.

Rule 14. Persons wagging a bet may at their opotion change their bet of withdraw their match money before any fight begins: but once the fight has started, no such change or withdrawal shall be permitted. Any discrepancy or shortage in the amount of bets delivered to the bet fixer shall be paid by the management.

Rule 15. The management of cockpits has the right and power to oust with the assistance of peace officer to bar any person who is causing nuisance or disturbance in the cockpit premises cockfights.

Rule 16. The ring of any cockpit shall be at least seven (7) meters wide, which shall be maintained clean at all times.

Rule 17. Two lines parallel with each other shall be drawn in the middle of the ring with a distance of forty (40) centimeters between them.

Rule 18. The game cocks shall each have a gaff of such form and lenght, and places in such manners as may be agreed upon between the opposing sides. The gaffs shall be smooth, clean, pointed at the end and sharpened at one side. During the fight the position of such gaffs shall not be change nor down or is loosened from leg.

Rule 19. The referee may, however, interfere in any match for the purpose allowing the contending cocks to continue to fight.

a. When the gaff of any fight cock gets entangled with one another thereby preventing the continuance of the fight.

b. When the gaff of any fighting cock gets entangled with the railing of the ring, or of any object, and its adversary does not take the initiative to attack.

c. When the gaff is embarked in any of the cocks, the same may be removed when the cocks have stopped pecking or shuffling.

Rule 20. Only four (4) persons shall remain in the ring when the contending cock are released to fight, the referee. The two starter, and the other employees, not exceeding four provided, that if it is necessary to maintain peace and order, any peace officer may enter or stay in the said premises.

Rule 21. After arrangement have been made with regard to bets waged on each fighting cock and after having complied with the requirements of the preceding rule, the starter upon direction of the referee shall cause their respective cocks to peck on each other, remove the sweats of the gaffs. And worthwhile release the contending cock.

Rule 22. Any match shall be deemed terminated -

a. When one or both cocks are killed in the fight and.

b. When any one of them flees or runs away as sign of giving-up the fight.

The referee shall render his decision by raising the winning cock in his hand and delivering the same to the corresponding starter.

Rule 23. If in encounter a cock flees or runs away but not quickly or give sign that it give-up the fight it should be left undisturbed until it quickly and shown signs that it refuses to fight any longer.

The match shall be deemed terminated and considered a draw whenever any of the game cocks at the start without being attacked by its adversary, flees or runs away, and refuse to fight.

Rule 25. In no case shall a cockfight be allowed to last more than ten (10) minutes from the start of the fight. After ten (10) minutes, the referee shall declare the said match DRAW (Tabla). However the referee must count ten (10) seconds from termination of the ten (10) minutes from the star of the fight. The count must be made public. For this purpose, the management shall

provided a time piece situated at a conspicuous place for the general public to see.

Rule 26. Confrontation shall be affected by the referee IN THE FOLLOWING CASES;

a) When neither of the contending cocks does not initiate a fight or purpose its adversary.

b) When the cock that pursues its adversary in the ring stop in its pursuit or departs from its course and fight is not resumed when seen by its adversary.

c) When the cocks seriously wounded after an encounter and cannot attack each other.

d) When one of the cock or both of them appear to be dead.

e) When one of the fighting cocks attacks the other and cannot be pull off its gaff from adversary and

f) When on of the cocks falls on top of the other and remains in this position or in any case when two cocks are close to each other that each is unable to make any movements to attack each other.

g) When one of the cocks does not fight back after receiving a blow from its adversary and it is not certain that is refuses to fight any longer.

Rule 27. Whenever a contending cock abandons its position after confrontation and takes to fights with its feathers near its head raised as an indication on giving upon the fight the said cock shall be deemed to have lost although it walks slowly in leaving such position.

Rule 28. And during the encounter one of the contending cocks falls on the ground and then flees, leaving behind its adversary, the match shall not be deemed terminated whenever the fleeing cock stop and shows signs to fight in which case confrontation shall be affected. If it retreats or refuses the match shall be declare in favour of the adversary.

Rule 29. If the cock has pecked its adversary twice clearly if an adversary refuses to do so its declared a win. If the cock makes a shuffle it will also be declared a win. If both cock makes only one peck then it will declared a draw.

Rule 30. When both cocks are seriously, and after confronting with each other are no longer in a fighting mood, the referee shall observe closely which of them show signs of dying such as twisting the head or pecking on the ground. When one or both cocks show such signs that they should be confronted and place face to face on the ground for them to peck or shuffle at each other. Victory is decided by two pecks or one shuffle or one peck and one shuffle, considering the opponent does not respond. The decision of the referee is final and unappeasable.

Rule 31. When one of the contending cocks, without being attacked by its adversary, walks away from its position and there is doubt as to it desire to fight, the referee shall effect the necessary confrontation. If in the act or performing the confrontation the cock referred to instantly dies at hands of the referee, it shall be considered the loser after it pecked twice by its opponent. Should the other cock die instead confrontation shall effected just the same and its adversary refuses to fight, it shall be considered a draw.

Rule 32. In the event the cocks referred to in the preceding rule which walks away from its position shows sign of dying in the same manner as its adversary, the referee shall immediately lift and hold it in his hand and place it in front of the other which might be lying on the ground or standing still to determine which of them shall be declared the loser in accordance with Rule 28, hereof.

Rule 33. A cock which is seriously wounded shall not be considered the lose although it sticks it break on the ground.
a) When it continues to stand on its legs or
b) When it sticks its beak on the ground as a result of its attempt to rise due to an injured leg or broken wing or any wound or,
c) When it does so because of its having been pecked by its adversary.

Rule 34. When one of the cocks pierces itself with its own gaff and remains lying on the ground, the referee shall not disturb the cock until he satisfied that the wounded cock is already dead, in which case he shall pull out the gaff of the dead cock and shall nold it adversary in his hand. The dead cock shall be considered the loser, if on the other hand, it is found the wounded cock is alive the referee shall cause them to resume the fight.

Rule 35. If the cock which was not wounded by its own gaff dies the referee shall proceed to the confrontation shall be effected by the referee after pulling out the gaff of the wounded

cock.

Rule 36. If the cock which was not wounded by its own gaff dies the referee shall proceed to the confrontation and should its adversary peck of attack, the latter shall be declare the winner. But should it quackle and refuse to fight, the match shall be declare a draw.

The match shall likelise be declare a draw if after pulling out the guff which stuck into a cock the same dies thereafter and its adversary does not peck it.

Rule 37. In addition to the case mentioned in the preceding rule a match shall likewise be declare a draw.
a. When both cock die simultaneously.
b. When one of the cocks flees from the other which is in the act of dying and no longer pecks shuffles.
c. When both cocks show signs of dying and neither pecks nor attack the other, in this case the referee shall not held either of them.
d. When one of the cock jumps out the rallings of the ring after the first attack of its adversary and is not wounded.
e. When both cocks refuse to peck each other before the start of any fight in the absence of mutual agreement to the effect.

Rule 38. Confrontation shall be effected by the referee and the assistant referee without the intervention of the starters or other persons and shall be done precisely at the place where the cock are found without the necessity of taking them to the middle of the ring. Confrontation between the live cock and the dead one shall be effected in the same place where they are found. Loser not only loses high places be but also his cock dead or alive.

Rule 39. Questions arising from any condition not covered by these rules be decided in accordance with practices, customs and usages generally established and observe in the locality.

SECTION XI. Commercial Breeders of Fighting Cocks shall secure a license and pay an annual fee of P1,000.00 to the Municipal Treasurer, whcih shall be paid within the month of January, otherwise he shall be subject to a surcharge of 25% thereof, and to an interest of 2% per month of the unpaid fee, including the surcharge until such amount is fully paid, but in no case shall the total interest on the unpaid amount or portion thereof exceeds thirty-six months.

For purposes of this section COMMERCIAL BREEDER OF FIGHTING COCKS, shall mean an annual sale of more than five (5) fighting cock duly registered breeders.

ARTICLE III
FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION I - PROHIBITED ACTS - the following acts shall be considered a violation of this ordinance and violator thereof shall be liable to the penalty provider for in the next following section, to wit:

a) The admission of minor (17 years old and below) to a license cockpit arena to engage or participate in cockfighting activity;

b) Possession of deadly weapon, whether license or not, inside and within the vicinity of the cockpit arena;

c) Any person conducting, engaging, or participating in a cockfight held outside a licensed cockpit.

d) Any person conducting, engaging or holding a cockfight in a licensed cockpit without a valid Cockpit Operator’s Permit (COP), or a Special Cockfighting Permit (SCP);

e) Any person conducting, engaging or holding a cockfight on a day which is not authorized or allowed herein;

f) Any person who acts as referee, gaffer, bet taker or prmoters, starter in any cockfight without first securing and paying the current license fee;

g) Owners, operators manager of cockpit who hire, employ, utilize person as referee, gaffer, Bet Taker or promoters, starters, in cockfighting, if those persons do not have the required license to act as such;

h) Any person who allows promoters or participate in any arrangement, combination scheme or agreement by which the result of any cockfight shall be predicted and/or unknown other than on the result of the fighting ability of the contending fighting cocks, such as but not limited to its poisoning, injuring or wounding.

i) If the person found guilty hereon is cockfighting official, aside from suffering the penalty provided for under section II hereof, he shall also be perpetually disqualified from acting as cockfighting official in any cockpit or cockfight.

j) Only duly registered and licensed promoters, referees, cashiers, bet managers, pit referees, bet takers, or gaffers shall take part in all kinds of cockfight held in this Municipality. No operator or owner of a cockpit shall employ or allow to participate in a cock-

fight any of the above-mentioned personnel unless he has registered and paid the fee herein required.

k) No gambling of any kind shall be permitted on the premises of the cockpit or within a radius of 50 meter from the place of cockfighting during cockfights. The owner, manager or lessee of such cockpit or the permittee of the SPECIAL COCKFIGHTING PERMIT and the violators shall be criminally liable under section II hereof.

SECTION II - PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE

Any person or persons who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance or the rules or regulations promulgate by authority of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00), or imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment; or cancellation of business permit and/or license; at the discretion of the court.

If the violation is committed by any juridical entity, the President, General Manager, or the individual entrusted with the administration thereof at the same time of the commission of the violation shall be held responsible or liable therefore.

Punishment by a fine or imprisonment as herein provided for shall not relieve the offender to the payment of the tax, fee or charge imposed under this ordinance.

SECTION III - APPLICABILITY CLAUSE - The provision of PD 449, otherwise known as the Cockfight Law of 1974, PD 1802 (Creating the Philippine Game Fowl Commission), and such other pertinent laws shall apply to all matters regarding the operation of cockpits and the holding of cockfights in this Municipality.


SECTION IV - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If four any reason, any section or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by competent authority, such judgment or action shall not affect or impair the other section or provision thereof.

SECTION V - REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinance, rules and regulations, or part thereof, inconsistent with or in conflict with the provision of this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION VI - EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect after a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of posting in at least four (4) conspicuous places in the municipality, or after a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of posting in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED this 5th day of March 2018 at Jipapad Eastern Samar.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance duly approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jipapad Eastern Samar on March 05, 2018 Regular Session.



HON. OSCAR R. AMIGO
Officer/Municipal Vice Mayor



HON. NEIL P. NOROMBABA
SB Member



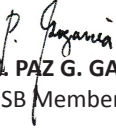
HON. ALVIN M. TIU
SB Member



HON. LAMIE P. NORCIO
SB Member




HON. RODRIGO R. NUGUIT
SB Member




HON. PAZ G. GARCIA
SB Member




HON. JUPITER A. VER
SB Member




HON. CATALINA R. NORCIO
SB Member



HON. ABDULIA M. PECAYO
SB Member



HON. RUBEN P. GO
ABC President



MARLON M. ENGO
SB Secretary

APPROVED:



HON. DELIA G. MONLEON
Municipal Mayor

In Northern Samar

Municipal government donates lot to a village for the construction of a P5 million multi-purpose hall



Mayor Reny Celespara (2nd from left) hands over a copy of a deed of donation to Sta. Clara barangay chairman Gerino Irinco involving a 900 square meters lot where the village will construct its multi-purpose facility. Acting as witnesses were Engr. Fred Tagros, ABC president, Dancalan village chair Clara Celespara-Gremio and legal consultant Fred Nuguit. (PETER D. PAREDES)

BOBON, Northern Samar- Mayor Reny Celespara personally handed over to the village officials of Sta. Clara of a deed of donation where the village is to construct a multi-purpose hall.

Under the agreement, signed on January 30, the municipal government under Mayor Celespara, donated a 900 square meter lot in Brgy. Sta. Clara where a P5 million worth multi-purpose hall is to be constructed.

Gerino Irinco, village chair, said that they are thankful to Mayor Celespara for donating the

lot to the village which is home to more than 4,000 people.

Irinco also expressed his gratitude to the town councilors for approving their resolution asking for a lot be donated to them by the municipal government, and to Governor Jose Ong for all his support of their endeavors.

Irinco said that their proposed multi-purpose hall will be funded by the Department of Interior and Local Government.

He said that their soon-to-rise multi-purpose hall is a 'dream come true,' saying that they could not afford to build

such a facility considering of their limited budget.

The village has only about P3.6 million fund, mostly sourced from its internal revenue allotment share.

But still, they were able to repair their bridge, Mama Maria, at P300,000; concreted their village road at P300,000; and improve their drainage at P310,000.

Also present during the signing were Engr. Fred Tagros, ABC president, Dancalan village chair Clara Celespara-Gremio and legal consultant Fred Nuguit.

(PETER D. PAREDES)

Farmers get livestock, crop production inputs under SAAD

SOUTHERN LEYTE- More than a thousand farmers from various places in this province received material support from the Department of Agriculture (DA) under its special area for agricultural development (SAAD) project.

According to Jocelyn Cabanas, SAAD provincial coordinator, the packaged assistance was given in the form of starter kits, such as piglets for swine fattening and production, and quality seeds for rice and corn, as well as stalks for cassava plantation.

At the 'Kapihan sa PIA' live Friday, Cabanas said SAAD was a priority thrust under DA Secretary

Manny Piñol that was first implemented in 2017.

"The initial set of 10 beneficiary provinces in 2017 did not include Southern Leyte, but the next set of another 10 provinces in 2018 the province was already included," Cabanas disclosed.

She added that the amount of P37 million SAAD funds was released as early as January last year covering the whole year, to immediately start work on SAAD for the qualified farmers living in selected barangays chosen from nine municipalities that covered Malitbog, Tomas Oppus, Bontoc, Sogod, Libagon, Liloan, St. Bernard, San Francisco, and Pintuy-

an.

The biggest share of the funds, or P29.8 million, went to the provision of material inputs given to beneficiaries, while P3.9 million were spent for social preparation like orientation and training, and P3.2 million for project management activities, such as the conduct of meetings, assessment, and monitoring, Cabanas reported.

She explained that beneficiaries were identified with the help of DSWD, mostly from the poorest of the poor, the 4Ps, and other marginalized sectors who were not yet recipient of any interventions before from the DA.

SAAD was meant to last

Humbly dreaming for a much improved Buracan Elementary School in the ensuing years...

By: VOLTER L. GAVIOLA

Buracan ES, some 5 kilometers away from the p[oblacion of La Paz, Leyte (accessible by any mode of land transportation), is a complete elementary school staffed with (7) teachers and a principal.

The enrolment is manageable at 146. For the last three (3) years, the same has significantly decreased owing to the declining number of children of school age, the opening of classes in nearby schools and justifications, like transfer of residence of certain families to Metro Manila/ Tacloban City for job opportunities.

I seem pleased with a very negligible drop- out rate of roughly 1%. The school has already taken steps to address the said issue. But, based on the recent oral reading result, about nine (9) out of (146) learners are considered frustration readers across grade levels, that is to say, they can recognize words but could hardly answer even the most basic questions about what they read.

With such result, certain interventions are being made by the concerned school head, like providing technical assistance to teachers via mentoring on certain techniques on teaching remedial reading, facilitating the implementation of the TIED and SRT programs, peer tutoring, among others.

In order to determine how much progress is being made by the struggling readers, the concerned school head has until 2022, after which the recipients shall have been expected to continue to be productive on their own, Cabanas also said.

Asked if other municipalities in the province can be enlisted this year, 2019, Cabanas cannot yet tell, but she was optimistic that those towns with indigent peoples or communities may be considered, saying these are priority groups up for government assistance by President Duterte. (LDL/MMP/PIA-8 Southern Leyte)

been facilitating the administration of oral reading tests/assessment because if such issue would just be ignored, the performance of the learners in the different subjects would be affected. Further, he has encouraged teachers to print/reproduce reading passages and relevant materials suitable to the reading level of the learners.

In support of this, the school management has even provided every teacher with a printer to facilitate the reproduction/ printing of instructional materials. The school management has likewise, secured the support of the parents and stakeholders for the successful implementation of the School-initiated Free Lunch Program for the Disadvantaged Learners, the GULAYAN SA PAARALAN Program and other equally important DEPED programs and projects which have significant impact on the performance of the learners, not just on the identified struggling readers.

Certain stakeholders have shown their support by sponsoring a meal. For example, SB member Arvin G. Terado, wife of our Grade IV teacher (Mildred C. Terado) has sponsored meals for (1) week for the identified struggling readers. All of the seven (7) teachers, led by their school head, each sponsored a meal just to sustain the said school initiated program.

As regards the nutritional status of all the learners, the school management hopes that all the learners would become normal (without cases anymore of nutritionally wasted pupils in the ensuing years) because in the

last semester, the school has recorded (2) nutritionally wasted pupils, but this is still negligible compared to the previous year with twenty-five (25) pupils considered nutritionally wasted. This issue has already been addressed by the continued implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) funded by our agency.

The school management has started securing the school facilities by completing the repair of the concrete perimeter fence and has started repairing the concrete pavement connecting to the different rooms.

The school management is planning to demolish the old Multi-purpose buildings situated near the H.E. room because based on the initial report of the Municipal Engineer of La Paz, Leyte, the said structure is already beyond repair and the same continues to pose hazard to the stakeholders.

Hon. Noel Sia, Municipal ABC president, in his message during the oath-taking/induction of new GPTA officers at Buracan ES grounds, has advised the concerned Brgy. Chairman to prepare and pass a resolution to facilitate the grant and construction of a multi-purpose building which will serve as a multi-purpose hall and evacuation center in the event of adverse weather conditions. Mr. Volter L. Gaviola, in his stint as school head, is confident that his humble dream for the aforementioned school would be smoothly realized with the commitment of all stakeholders.

The author is the School Head of Buracan Elementary School, La Paz District

The significant presence of our Alumni guests & visitors makes this Founding Anniversary - a memorable one--
Happy Anniversary!
Mr. Renato Martija
Director
Quality Assurance and Management
EVSU - Main Campus
Tacloban City
and family

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Erlinda Recuerdo heir of the late Teofilo Recuerdo and Rosita P. Recuerdo executed a Deed of Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land situated in Brgy. Capiñahan, Naval, Biliran, Survey No. 2471, Lot No. 05, under Tax Dec. No. 00369 with an area of 0.2578 hectares, assessed value of P7,420.00. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 1,188 square meters from the above-described property in favor of JORJAH CARIL as vendee; per Doc. No. 473, Page No. 93, Book No. 55, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Rufo R. Valenzona heir of the late Sps. Romeo F. Valenzona and Florencia R. Valenzona, executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, Lot No. 5110, with improvements thereon, situated in the Bo. of Hibunawan, Baybay City, Leyte, containing an area of 7,409 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 1,000 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Sps. Charlie C. Llanos and Citadel P. Llanos as vendee; per Doc. No. 124, Page No. 25, Book No. LVIII, Series of 2014 of Notary Public Atty. Carmel M. Palawan. *LSDE: January 29, Feb. 5 & 12, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Renato A. Ang extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal property situated in Brgy. Ipil I, Palompon, Leyte, Lot No. 269-B, containing an area of 91 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31006-0008R13. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Ruel D. Abendan as vendee for the entire parcel of land above-described; per Doc. No. 2033, Page No. 96, Book No. IX, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Dante Luz N. Viacrusis. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Miguel N. Agner who died on April 4, 2008 in Metro Manila extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land which is more particularly described as follows: A parcel of Agricultural land designated as Cad. Lot 1121 of the Palo Cadastre, situated in Barangay Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte and covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0023-00069, containing an area of 6,072 square meters, more or less. That further I, Isabel V. Agner, hereby WAIVE all my rights, interest and participation in the above-described parcel of land, in favor of my children are herein my co-heirs. That I am not forced, threatened nor coerced by them or by any other person in signing this Affidavit with waiver as I am executing this freely and voluntarily; per Doc. No. 147, Page No. 30, Book No. VI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lemuel R. Montes. *LSDE: Feb. 12, 19 & 26, 2019*

ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that NILDA CADION-MAGBANUA heir of the late Ponciano Cadion executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land (cogon) situated at Brgy. Lucso-on, Naval, Biliran, under Tax Dec./ARP No. 00124R11, Cad. Lot No. 3944-P, with a total area of 0.150496 ha. and hereby adjudicated the 1/3 portion of said parcel of land or 501.65 square meters, more or less including all the existing improvements. A Deed of Sale was executed the 1/3 portion with an area of 449.20 square meters in favor of Sps. Ariane and Jose Raymie R. Mission as vendee; per Doc. No. 33, Page No. 7, Book No. 1, Series of 2019 of Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Epifanio Leonido extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, with all the improvements thereon, designated as Lot No. 5223, Case 16, Cad 505 and covered under OCT No. P57118, situated in Brgy. Cabalagnan, Tanauan, Leyte containing an area of 13,888 square meters, more or less. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of HERLINDO CORNEJO as vendee for the above-described property, per Doc., No. 316, Page No. 64, Book No. 34, Series of 2017 of Notary Public CLARO ROBERT P. MORANTEE *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Northern Samar
Municipality of Catarman

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172). Notice is hereby served to the public that **MAY B. TIMAN** has filed with this office, a petition for correction of entry in the date of birth from **“APRIL 9, 1982”** to **“APRIL 4, 1982”** in the certificate of live birth of **RENSIS L. TIMAN** and whose parents are **GIL T. TIMAN & EVANGELINE P. LUCERO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than (10) days after publication.

(Sgd.) **DARWIN BEROS**
OIC Municipal Civil Registrar
Catarman, Northern Samar

LSDE: Feb.5 & 12, 2019

Publication Notice
R.A. 10172

Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE
Balangkayan, Eastern Samar

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **MARIDEL BAJADO MARTA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of **Child’s SEX** from **“MALE”** to **“FEMALE”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIDEL BAJADO MARTA** at Balangkayn, Eastern Samar and whose parents are **HECTOR BIANES MARTA and DELNA EJADA CONTADO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than February 21, 2019.

(Sgd.) **CARLOS G. MONTES**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 12 & 19, 2019

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of NORTHERN SAMAR
Municipality of Lavezares

Publication Notice
R.A. 10172

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-4-2019 RA 10172 Date: January 21, 2019

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that Ria Puaso Pineda has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the gender of the child from **“FEMALE”** to **“MALE”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of Jian Puaso Pineda at Lavezares, Northern Samar and whose parents are Abner Pineda and Ria Puaso.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than February 18, 2019.

Engr. **MARCO MOISES C. ADRIATICO**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 5 & 12, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Margarita Jundis extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Lunang, Hilongos, Leyte, under Tax Dec No. 08-140024-00537 with Cad Lot No. 12525, containing an area of 1.2056 has., covered by O.C.T No. P-32454. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 78 square meters from the above described property in favor of Sps. Anselmo and Marivic L. Acasio as vendee; per Doc. No. 79, Page no. 16, Book No. 45, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHT/QUITCLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ALUIN VARONA BADIL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a motor vehicle described as: Make: NISSAN; Engine No.:TD2794075, Chassis No.:TVP4LEFE24A51204; Plate No.: 900801; Denomination: UTILITY VEHICLE; Body Type; VAN; CR No. 198198840, Date: 07/17/2014/ OR No. 1145759952, Date; 01/25/2018 MV File No. 0716-00000549805 and hereby agreed to transfer the ownership and quitclaim their right over over the above-described motor vehicle in favor of their mother, SOLITA P. BADIL; Per Doc. No. 225, PAge No. 45, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Sixto G. Azcarraga. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Juan Bornillo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 parcels of land, more described as: 1) Residential Bldg. under Tax Dec. No. 00305, situated at Brgy. Caraycaray, Naval, Biliran, wiith an area of 98 square meters, with market value of P85,848.00; 2) Parcel of land under Tax Dec. No. 00304, situated at Brgy. Caraycaray, Naval, Biliran, Survey No. 4299-P & 4292-P, with an area of 1,0003.64 square meters, with market value of P794,882.88; 3) Residential building under Tax Dec. No. 00023, situated in Brgy. San Pablo, Naval, Biliran, with an area of 3.2419 square meters, with market value of P16,209.50 and assessed value of P8,650.00; per Doc. No. 347, Page No. 70, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinno R. Opeña. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Honorio Cardenas extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located in San Juan, Palompon, Leyte, containing an area of 1.606 square meters, more or less and this land is only a portion of the entire land covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31039-01094R13 and subdivided into 5 five (5) equare share. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Pablo M. Obales and Perla M. Obales as vendee, for the two (2) parcels of land described above, the two of equal shares; per Doc. No. 561, Page No. 113, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eusebio I. Otadoy, Jr. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Iluminado Batula extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Campetic, Palo, Leyte, containing an area of 7,473 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00482 and subdivided into 5 lots; per Doc. No. 09, Page No. 02, Book No. I, Series of 2011 of Notary Public Atty. Tarcelo Sabarre. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Paz S. Asis, heir of the late Cresencio Asis executed an affidavit of adjudication over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Lomonon, Palompon, Leyte, Lot 3882, containing an area of 366 square meters, more or less, covered under O.C.T. No. P-92557. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of EVELYN S. ASIS as vendee for the above-described property; per Document Notarized by Atty. Eusebio Otadoy. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE PARCEL OF LAND OF THE LATE AMBROCIA B. CAUBALEJO

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Ambrocia B. Caubalejo who died in Balire, Tunga, Leyte on July 15, 1998 extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land located at Brgy. Balire Tunga, Leyte, with an area of 6,724 square meters, designated as Lot No. 414 Cad. 667, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. OC-11038, in the name of Ambrocia Beltran Caubalejo; per Doc. No. 344, Page No. 69, Book No. 25, Series of 2014 of Atty. Ismael C. Lloren. *LSDE: Feb. 12, 19 & 26, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Juan Bornillo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 parcels of land, situated at Brgy. Villa Caneja, Naval, Biliran more described: 1) A parcel of land under Tax Dec. No. 00078, with an area of 0.5000 ha.; assessed value of P11,860.00 and market value of P84,727.50; 2) Parcel of land, under Tax Dec. No. 00076, with an area of 2.1809 has., assessed value of P51,740.00 and market value of P369,564.41; 3) Residential Building under Tax Dec. No. 00077, with a area of 1.0266 has., with market value of P173,962.50 and assessed value of P24,350.00 and hereby affirm that they executed this affidavit; per Doc. No. 346, Page No. 70, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinoo R. Opeña. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Sps. Lorenzo F. Adan and Catalina A. Adan extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, situated in Brgy. Binongto-an, Culaba, Biliran, under Tax Dec./ARP No. 00001, Survey No. 2798, Lot 17, with an area of 1.232500 hectares, assessed value of P15,590.00 and subdivided into 4 lots known as Lot No. 2798-A to Lot No. 2798-D. A Deed of Sale was executed by Leonora Adan Moralde as vendor for Lot No. 2798-A in favor of GILBERT A. ADAN as vendee; per Doc. No. 255, Page No. 51, Book No. 57, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Alberto Margallo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 6423, situated at Brgy. Gacao, Palo, Leyte, containing an area of 2,410 embraced and covered by Tax Dec. No. 00088 (R13) and adjudicate among themselves the portion of 563 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 126, Page No. XV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy U. Bendoy and Doc. No. 28, Page No. 6, Book No. III, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ricardo C. Neri. *LSDE: January 29, Feb. 5 & 12, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Cesar J. Alisasis extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal share of a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Di-it, Tacloban City, designated as Lot 2, Bk 3, Pcs-083747-000378-D, containing an area of 401 square meters, more or less and covered by T.C.T. No. T-6028. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of WARREN V. HERMANO as vendee for the parcel of the above-described property including the other conjugal share; per Doc. No. 29, Page No. 7, Book No. 1, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. De Veyra. *LSDE: January 29, Feb. 5 & 12, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heir of the late Epifanio Leonido extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land with all the improvements thereon, designated as Lot No. 5266, Case 16, Cad 505 and covered by under OCT No. P-59064, situated in Brgy. Cabalagnan, Tanauan, Leyte, containing an area of 12,060.00 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of HERLINDO CORNEJO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 321, Page No. 65, Book No. 34, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Claro Robert P. Morante. *LSDE: Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Maria (Corazon) Dacillo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Gacao, Palo, Leyte, designated as Cad. Lot No. 6423, containing an area of 2,410 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00088(R13) and heirs do hereby waive, relinquish and renounces their right a portion of 563 square meters from the above-described property of the land of Alberto Margallo (deceased) designated as Cad. Lot No. 6423; per Doc. No. 306, Page No. 63, Book No. XIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy U. Bendoy. *LSDE: January 29, Feb. 5 & 12, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Marcelo Pesa extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Pedro, Matalom, Leyte, covered by an O.C.T. with Residential Free Patent No. 083734-08694, denominated as Lot No. 205-B, Csd-08-011703, with an area of 97 square meters; per Doc. No. 495, Page No. 99, Book No. LXXIV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Emmanuel G. Golo. *LSDE: January 29, Feb. 5 & 12, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ADJUDICATION
WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Jose T. Tan extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal share of a parcel of land and commercial building located at Brgy. 4, Poblacion, Catbalogan City, containing an area of 247 square meters (residential land) and 284.24 square meters (commercial land) and covered by OCT No. T-7295 and heirs hereby WAIVE and TRANSFER all their rights, interests and participation in favor of the assignee, Book No. 368, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Medino L. Acuba; Dec. No. 605, Page No. 121, Book No. 15, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Abigail Azcarraga Portugal and Doc. No. 15, Page No. 03, Book No. V, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Lemeregin S. Alao. *LSDE: January 29, Feb. 5 & 12, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Zenaida N. Mesa extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 32, Block 29, Pcs-08-000191, situated at Brgy. Caibaan & Marasbaras, City of Tacloban, containing an area of 150 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-59653. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Liezel Laurente Montejo as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 110, Page No. 23, Book No. LXXX, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Edwin B. Jumadiao. *LSDE: January 29, Feb. 5 & 12, 2019*

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Province of EASTERN SAMAR
Municipality of Gen. MacArthur

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **EDGAR SABONG ALDAY** has filed with this Office, a petition for change of first name from **“EDGARDO”** to **“EDGAR”** and correction of entry in the date of birth from **“JULY 1964”** to **“JULY 17, 1964”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **EDGARDO SABONG ALDAY** at **Gen. MacArthur, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **Jose Alday** and **Trinidad Sabong**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than February 18, 2019.

(Sgd.) **LUCIA E. ALTAR**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 5 & 12, 2019

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-0065-2018-RA 10172 Date: 27 DECEMBER 2018

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013 - 1 Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **CELEDONIA L. FLORES** has filed with *(Name of document owner)*

this Office, a petition for correction of entry in sex from **“X 1 MALE”** to **“X 2 FEMALE”** in the certificate of live birth of **MERRY CRIS INFANTE FLORES** at the **Municipality of Laoang, Northern Samar** and whose parents are **CELEDONIA LIPATA INFANTE** and **WILFREDO CERBITO FLORES**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than 20 FEBRUARY, 2019.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL D. ATENCIO**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb.5 & 12, 2019

Volunteers conduct cleanup drives in Borongan, Catbalogan cities

TACLOBAN CITY – Obviously inspired with the Manila Bay cleanup, volunteers from Borongan and Catbalogan cities conducted their own cleanup of their respective major coastal areas.

In Borongan City, the coastal clean-up conducted last Feb.9 was led by the Borongan City Tours Guides Association with the help of the Borongan Tourism Office, joined by around 2,000 volunteers from government offices, non-government organizations, academe, church organizations, youth organizations, and business sector.

The volunteers collected trash along the two kilometer coastline of Baybay beach, a surfing and skim boarding destination in the city.

The volunteers collected six truckloads of garbage mostly plastic and thrown at the dumpsite area of the city while the driftwoods and coconut husks were buried on site,

Cherrie Ann Calcal, president of Borongan City Tour Guides Association, said.

Calcal said that they hope that the cleanup will serve as reminder to the city’s residents to be more aware of their surroundings.

She added that a clean environment would make Borongan City more attractive to tourists that will result for increase of income of tourism-related establishments.

“We are asking for the residents of the city to always clean their surroundings, dispose their trash in proper waste bin to have a clean environment,” Calcal said.

Meanwhile in Catbalogan City, the Philippine Navy together with the Philippine Coast Guard and the 8th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army with support from the city government and barangay officials from three coastal villages.

More than 250 uni-



Cleanup in major bays in the country has become an in thing after the government ordered the cleanup of Manila Bay. Last week, volunteers from the cities of Catbalogan and Borongan cities conducted their own cleanup at their respective major beaches. Photo shows volunteers from different groups in Borongan City doing a cleanup at their beach.(Photo Courtesy: Lotlot Catudio)

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cases to conduct immunization.

“We will focus first on areas with high number of measles victims and those with high number of deaths,” Molon said in a press briefing held at their regional office, here.

Molon added that with the report of a two-months old baby got infected with the measles virus, they will also consider immunizing children below 6-months old to ensure they are safe from the disease.

Roderick Boyd Cerro, chief of the DOH regional epidemiology and surveillance unit, said that those who died are were from 6-months old to 5-years old.

“Majority of those who died did not receive measles vaccine,” Cerro added.

Director Molon said that as early as November, they have been doing their immunization campaign.

“However, due to Christmas season and we focused more on the increasing dengue cases,” Molon added.

caused by a virus and can be transferred from person-to-person by sneezing, coughing, and close personal contact.

Symptoms include cough, runny nose, red eyes, fever, skin rashes that last for more than five days.

Complication includes diarrhea, middle ear infection, pneumonia, encephalitis, malnutrition, blindness which may eventually lead to death.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Alice B. Claridad who died intestate in Tacloban City extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at Brgy. Utap, Tacloban City described as follows: A parcel of residential land in Utap, Tacloban City designated as Lot No. 2511-F-2-H covered by TCT No. T-55027 in the name of Alice Claridad with a lot area of 131 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Redante T. Lesigues, Jr. of legal age, Filipino, single and a resident of Barugohay Norte Carigara, Leyte; per Doc. No. 302, Page No. 61, Book No. 26, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Edgar J. Tonolete. *LSDE: Feb. 12, 19 & 26, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AMBROSIA BELTRAN, who died intestate in Brgy. Balire, Tunga, Leyte, extrajudicially settled, partitioned over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Balire, Tunga, Leyte, more particularly described as follows: A parcel of an agricultural land with an area of 6,704 square meters, situated at Brgy. Balire, Tunga, Leyte, covered under Tax Declaration No. 40-0007-00054, A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Danilo Lamsin for 600 square meters only, likewise of legal age, married and a resident of Brgy. Balire, Tunga, Leyte; per Doc. No. 037, Page No. 08, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ulpiano U. Arpon, Jr. *LSDE: Feb. 12, 19 & 26, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Rosario Consular executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over two (2) parcels of land more particularly described as follows: First Parcel) A parcel of land (Lot No. 1970, Case 6, Cadastral 637-D, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Conalum, Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 4,071 square meters, more or less, covered by OCT No. P-36848; Second Parcel) A parcel of land Lot No. 1742, Case 6, Cadastral 637-D, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Conalum, Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, Cad. 637-D, containing an area of 9,324 square meters, more or less, covered by OCT No. P-36847; per Doc. No. 379, Page No. 76, Book No. XLII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. *LSDE: February 12, 19 & 26, 2019*

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Republic of the Philippine)
Municipality of Cabucgayan) SS Petition No. CFN-01-2019

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME

I **SALITA ANCERO**, of legal age, Filipino and a resident of Brgy. (complete name of petitioner
Bunga, Cabucgayan, Biliran after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby declare that:

1) I am the petitioner seeking the change of first name in:
b) [X] the Certificate of Live Birth of
MARCELLA CHRISTOPHER ANCERO ALIS
(complete name of owner)

2) I/He/She was born on **April 30, 1986** at **Brgy. Bunga, Cabucgayan**
(date of birth)

Leyte **Philippines**
(province) (country)

3) The birth was recorded under registry number **86-241**
1) The first name to be changed is from **MARCELLA** to **MARCELLIUS**
2) The grounds for filing this petition are the following: (*Ground selected should be explained/justified in a separate sheet of paper to be attached to this form*)

a) The first name is extremely difficult to write or pronounce;
b) I have/**he/she** is publicly known in the community with that first name;
3) I submit the following documents to support this petition: (*Use additional sheets, if necessary*)

a) Incorrect photocopy of Birth certificate of the document owner
b) Voter's Certification, & Baptismal Cert. of the Document owner
c) Form 137-E (Elementary and High School and School Diploma
d) NBI Clearance, Police Clearance, and Brgy. Clearance
e) Newspaper clippings and affidavit of Publication
f) Affidavit of None-employment
4) I have not filed any similar petition and that, to the best of my knowledge, no other similar petition is pending with any LCRO, Court of Philippine Consulte.

5) I have no pending criminal, civil or administrative case in any court or any quasi-judicial body.
6) I am filing this petition at the LCRO of Cabucgayan, Biliran in accordance with R.A. No. 9048 and its implementing rules and regulation.

(Sgd.) **SALITA ANCERO**
Signature over printed name of petitioner

VERIFICATION

I, **SALITA ANCERO**, the petitioner, hereby certify that the allegations herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Sgd.) **SALITA ANCERO**
Signature over printed name of petitioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this **7th** day of **Feb. 2019** in the city/municipality of **Cabucgayan, Biliran** petitioner exhibiting her Com Tax Cer No. **04604999** issued at **Cabucgayan, Biliran, Feb. 7, 2019.**

SONIA L. MUCHAMIEL
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 12 & 19, 2019

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Eastern Samar
Municipality of Gen. MacArthur

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **LORNA OPONG PADUA** has filed with this Office, a petition for change of first name from **MARIA LORNA** to **LORNA** in the Birth Certificate of **MARIA LORNA C. OPONG** who was born on **February 7, 1955** at **Gen. MacArthur, Samar** and whose parents are **Concepcion Abarrondo Corre** and **Policarpo Odevilas Opong**.

Any person claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said petition may within ten (10) calendar days file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(Sgd.) **LUCIA E. ALTAR**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 12 & 19, 2019



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico ‘Mic’ Petilla visited four coastal villages covering the town of Capoocan on Feb.9 to bring food packs and candies for the children from the villages of Talairan, Gayad, Potot and Libertad. Among those who joined the governor on his barangay visitations was by Lolita Karen Javier. (Gina P. Gerez)

Tipa-Manila...

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niya ha pier pag-abot hit barko nga iyo sasakyan nga’t ha Manila,” pahayag han iya padi.

“Bale sunod na daw ito nga semana,” siring ni Man Caloy nga nakapan-huna-huna hin hilarum, ginhinapyod an iya ubanon, matarutabako nga bungot.

An sumunod nga mga adlaw, nasagipo an kalag-san nga magti-ayon, hira Man Caloy ngan Mana Bising, ha pagpreparar para han ira paglakat. Nagpinanmurubu-ot hira kon ano an ira ibubukad han ira anak nga hi Amado, nga nakaasawa na didto ha Manila, may balay nga aadto daw ha Tondo.

Daku nga kalipay an ira gin-aabat. Harum-amay manla, makakapan-Manila na gihap hira ha siyahan nga higayon. Sigurado ipapasyada gud hira han ira anak bis la nga-in. Hino man it diri hito maiikag? Salit pa man, bis hino an nakakahapit han ira balay nga nag-uusaan ha ligid han bulod agi-an tipakadto han guba, ira ginsusumatan, iginpaparayaw an makalilipay nga higayon.

“Maupay gad ito kay nagdidinuhaan na manla kamo dinhi,” siring hin usa nga umaragi.

Kahuman hin pira kagab-i nga haros waray karu-katurug nga paginandam, nagkaasya hira nga dad-on nala an busag nga pasi nga iginhatag han ira usa nga anak. Asya nala ini an ira ibubukad kan Amado, an pinaka-maupay nga ira madadara. Malilipay gud siring ni Man Caloy hi Amado kay kahamis ngan

katambok hini nga pasi, matibaksi pa gud, nagpipitik-pitik la nga baga hin bola labis na kon nakikimulay o naparayaw.

Nakakanugon gad hi Man Caloy pagdispatsar hini nga pasi. Pinaura gud nira ini: pirmi pinakaon hin sobra nga mga pagkaon; pirmi kinarigu-an dida han iya tangkal; agsub la nira kuguson ngan paghinapyuron; danay na manla ginhihinguto-an. Baga nala ini nira hin anak, o di ngani, pinaura nga apo, nga ira kinalilipayan.

“Agi, ihatag nala ito kan Amado. Mag-aano man kita kay waray ta man iba nga nadadara,” aghat ni Mana Bising, ngan pagsaway liwat han pag-awil ni Man Caloy hadto nga pasi.

Umabot an adlaw nga ira ginpipinamulat—an ira paglakat. Kaagahon pala, masirum-sirum pa, nagkabuhat na hira para magluto, mangaon, ngan mangarigo. Makakalakat na gihapon hira. Maupay nala kay an tag-iya han tuna kon diin hira nagpapaop, nagpahuram ha ira hin pamasah tipakadto ha Manila ha kondisyon nga kon diri hira makabayad, an ira uma upod an mga tanum hini in babawi-on ha ira.

Baga hira hin ma-attender hin kasal. Hi Man Caloy, naka-long sleeves hin busag, itum an sarwal, an busag nga buhok ngan dangas nga agtang nag-iirringat hin pamada nga three flowers. Hi Mana Bising naman, pinungos an buhok, naka-busag hin bistida nga masuot napilit nala ini han iya mayagpis nga lawas. Dara han kamasuot han iya saya, makuri na maka-pitad an iya maggasa ngan ugaton nga bibtiis. Siyempre, naghaharamot gihap ini dara

han iya ginhaplas nga pahamot.

Usa ka-sako nga mga bado an ira darad-on. May liwat batulang nga puno hin utanon. An pinakaimportante han ngatanan, amo an pasi nga kan Man Caloy la ginhigtan ha tiil kay baman kon paggapuson, bangin magkasasmad pagpinulupuko ngan mahibang o masakit lugod. Kairo man hini nga hayop, pinsar niya, kon masugad.

Pagsidlit han adlaw, ginbabaktas na nira an may unom ka-kilometro nga dalan tipakadto han kalsada kon diin hira masakay hin jeep ngadto ha bungto han Catbalogan. Pas-an ni Man Caloy an sako ngan ini-irok naman an pasi. Hi Mana Bising, baga hin bata nga nagsisunod-sunod ha urhi, ginsasaklay an batulang nga puno hin dirudila-in nga utanon.

Pag-abot ha bungto, mga alas onse na han aga, dumiritso hira ha Pier I sakay hin tricycle para pumalit hin ticket. Hapit na hira maubusan. Damu daw hin duro an tipa-Manila. Maupay nala, siring ni Man Caloy, kay nagt-imprano hira. Kon waray, bangin hira diri makasakay. Mauuga ngahaw hi Amado, siring pa ni Mana Bising, pagpinamulat ha ira didto han dudu-ungan nga pantalan ha Manila.

Ginhinulat pa han mga

sumarakay an barko nga natikang pa ha Tacloban. Ala-una pa daw han kulop an abot. Pag-alasais han kulopay, malarga na ini ngadto ha Manila. Nagpinamuruko la anay hira Man Caloy ha ligid han Kalsada, naiikag pagikasarakay hin barko ha siyahan pa gudla nga higayon. Salit pagdu-ong han barko, didto dayon hira ha printi han nagsusuruot nga mga pasahero, nakikigurok-sukay para la maka-una hin pagsakay.

Nag-iniyak nala an pasi kay nagkakaipit-ipit ini dida han nagpapaduso-duso nga mga sumarakay. Sige an pulos-pugos hini pag-ikaburuhi. Kasabot ada hini nga gubot na an kalibutan, o katapusan na han iya kinabuhi.

Nakasaka dayon hira Man Caloy bisan kon naghuhuruot an mga tawo pero pag-abot nira ha igbaw, waray na bakante nga teheras—puros ini mga ukopado hin pasaheros. Labot nga puno hin tawo, nagtatarambak pa gud an mga kargamento nga haros waray na mga aragi-an paglakat-lakat. Siyempre, waray hira nabubutangan han ira mga dara. Nagpaparaso ha sulod, magkadirudila-in pa gud an mga baho: masiru-sigarilyo, mag-angtod, mag-anghit, mag-angso, ug damu pa nga iba.

PNP-8 intensifies campaign among its personnel on explosive and bomb detections

CAMP RUPERTO KANGLEON, PALO, Leyte – Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team led by Inspector Arnulfo Jacaban, Jr., has intensified their bomb awareness and bomb identification through series of lectures and seminars to police personnel.

Their heighten campaign was in response to a directive of Chief Supt. Dionardo Carlos, police regional director, who directed the team to conduct lectures to all PNP personnel of the region in order for them to be knowledgeable on bomb awareness.

The trained personnel of the explosive ordnance disposal group were distributed to the different police provincial and city offices to effectively and capably respond any explosive-related incident, security engagement and immediate disposal operations and also to conduct seminars and lectures in their designated area of responsibility.

Last year, the EOD team responded to some major activities such as an explosion incident in Barangay Boboloso, Laoang, Northern Samar on November 27, 2018.

Also, the team recovered high explosives in San Jose, and in Brgy. Caibaaan, both in Tacloban City. They also successfully responded to a bomb scare at J & F Building, Borongan City.

“We are aware of bombing incidents in other parts of the country which led to many casualties. It is for this reason that I appeal to the public to be more cautious in your places and be of support to the authorities in reporting any information with regard to bomb threats and the likes. And to all the men in uniform, be extra vigilant in your respective AORs,” Director Carlos said.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

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2 teeners died in a drowning incident in a private beach resort in Tanauan town

TANAUAN, Leyte- Two 15-year old girls died after they drowned in a private beach resort, this town, on Sunday (Feb.10), a tragic ending to a supposed to a happy gathering.

Drowned were Shanley Mae Panzo and Jess Mae de Paz who was first reported to be missing but whose lifeless body was recovered on Monday (Feb.11) morning by the members of a rescue group of this town.

Their companion, Angel Caeyas,8, survived from being drowned and is now recuperating at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) in Tacloban City.

It was learned that the girls were part of a big group from Santa Fe who attended a birthday party of their relative, Sylvia Suyom, at the Caunte Beach Resort in Barangay Bislig, this town.

Tanauan Rescuer Chen Anthony Salva,

said that while the celebration was ongoing, the three decided to go on swimming.

However, big waves swept the girls which resulted for them to be drowned.

Salva said that they received a call around 12:40 pm and immediately went to the beach resort.

He said two of the 5 youngsters were immediately rescued whose identities were not known while they were able to revive Cayas and recovered the body of Panzo.

The body of de Paz was recovered on Monday at about 6:45 am.

The Caunte Beach Resort, just like the other beaches in the town, is facing the Pacific Ocean reason why the seawater in that area is unpredictable.

Mayor Pelagio "Pel" Tecson extended financial support to the two drowning victims.

(ROBERT DEJON)

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Tunga, Leyte- Who would have thought that an electric cooperative from the smallest town in Region 8 will be the first Electric Cooperative in the country to be ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) Certified?

The NQA Philippines and United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) Accreditation, recently granted LEYECO III the ISO certification following an audit it conducted last December 18, 2018 at LEYECO III Main Office, Tunga, Leyte.

LEYECO III is the first Electric Cooperative in the country that secured the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 revised interna-

tional standard that demonstrates the ability of the organization to consistently provide services that meet customer and regulatory requirements.

From the onset of the ISO Certification application up to the final certification by NQA and UKAS, the accreditation and certifying body, it took LEYECO III six months to implement the recording and documentation procedures before undergoing the two-day rigorous audit by NQA and UKAS, explained Louiesa Barretto, Quality Management Representative of LEYECO III.

According to Daphnie Tundo, Document and Records Controller of LEYECO III, a total of 74 processes in



the organization have been audited and certified by NQA and UKAS to be ISO 9001:2015 QMS compliant. NEA Administrator Edgaro Rama Masongsong commended LEYECO III for being the first Electric Cooperative in the country to obtain ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) certification. "Congratulations GM Allan and the men and women of LEYECO III! Keep up the excellent work. Indeed your achievement has further raised the bar of the ECs and MCOs and makes NEA prouder!" Administrator Masongsong said via text message.

The certification body reviewed the processes of the three (3) departments of the Coop, Technical, Financial and Institutional. During the ISO Stage 2 audit, the certifying body found zero non-conformity which

means that LEYECO III, in all its processes has not deviated from the International Standard.

"LEYECO III has been continuously working to improve its systems and processes to ensure that it serves quality service to its Member-Consumer-Owners. While there is no tangible benefit present on gaining an ISO Certification, this ISO Certification represents a seal of LEYECO III's commitment to deliver efficient and reliable electric service to its Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs) till kingdom come," General Manager Allan Laniba said.

The certification will be valid for three years, subject to the results of the semi-annual surveillance audits. Further extensions are subject to compliance with the terms of the certifications. (PR)

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