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Troop deployment in Samar

PNP, Army officials assure HR respect

JOEY A. GABIETA/JAZMIN BONIFACIO

TACLOBAN CITY-Military and police authorities in the region are preparing for the deployment of additional personnel to Samar in compliance to a directive issued by Malacañang to address the existence of 'lawlessness violence' in the said area.

And amid fear of possible rights violations, officials of both security agencies assured the people of Samar, in particular, that their personnel would not do any acts that could result to violation of their rights.

Senior Supt. Arnel Arceñas, police assistant regional director, said that they are putting a high premium on human rights which will guide them as they carry out their duties.

"Actually, yung human



Major General Raul Farnacio

rights (will)serve as our see PNP/page 6 ...



The Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, more known as the Calbayog Cathedral, is not just a place of worship but is now considered a tourism site in Calbayog City as the National Historical Commission of the Philippines unveiled a marker making it a cultural entity. (Photo Courtesy)

Mayor Cari announces drop of malnutrition rate in Baybay City

PALO, Leyte-There is a continuing drop in the prevalence of malnutrition among 0-71 months old children in Baybay City.

This was learned from Baybay City Mayor Carmen Cari in her State of Nutrition Address (Sona) during the opening day of the 4th Regional Conference of Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) held on October 11-12, 2018 at the Leyte Academic Center here.

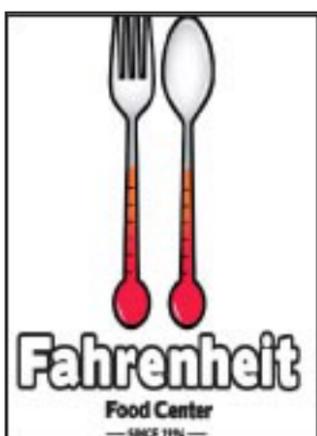
Underweight and severely underweight children were recorded at 17.6% in 2016, then drop to 14% in 2017 and 13% this year.

The drop in the preva-

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Mayor Carmen Cari



Historical marker installed at the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Calbayog City

TACLOBAN CITY - The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) unveiled a marker at the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Calbayog City to celebrate its 105th year founding.

The November 25 unveiling was graced by NHCP chairman Rene Escalante, Calbayog Bishop Isabelo Abarquez, City Mayor Ronaldo Aquino and Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento of Samar's first congressional district.

The church will now be included in the list of the Philippine Registry of

Cultural Property with the installation of the marker.

The marker had erased the separation of the Church and the State which means that the government has now the power and right to help or provide fund in the preservation and protection of the church, Escalante said.

"We see this structure now not just as the house of God but a national treasure; that becomes part of the history. The National Historical Commission is here to help if there are problems encounter in this structure," the NHCP head

added.

Escalante cited the assistance the national government did to the churches in Bohol and Cebu provinces that were damaged by the strong earthquake that hit the two provinces in 2013.

He added that since the church is now included at the Philippine Registry of Cultural Properties, the Department of Tourism will now include it in the list of historical structures that they have to promote.

Bishop Abarquez, in his message, described the installation of the marker as

a significant day for the Diocese of Calbayog.

"This is our contribution to the city's 70th charter anniversary that could help promote the tourism and the development of the city to remind the people that the improvement the city comes from the blessing of God," Bishop Abarquez said.

Bishop Abarquez noted that the Calbayog Cathedral is called as the mother of all dioceses in Eastern Visayas, being the first cathedral to be established in Samar and Leyte. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Woodstock-inspired music, arts festival to be staged in a Leyte town

TACLOBAN CITY—“For the of Leyte” music and arts festival is set to bring “Woodstock-inspired” show in the province on November 30 to December 1, said co-founder and organizer Kay Veloso Palisoc.

Hosted in a sprawling private farm in Barangay Ginsiyaman in San Miguel, about 45-minute drive from Tacloban City, the festival will have two music stages, art grounds, and on-site camping featuring 27 bands that includes international musicians, popular OPM bands, and Waray artists.

“It will be an immersive two-day program of music, arts, and other cultural workshops,” said Palisoc.

The musical lineup includes Ben & Ben, Kiko Bun (U.K), Bullet Dumas, The Itchyworms, Babani Records (Mauritius), Reese Lansangan, Ang Bandang Shirley, Hernandez Brothers, Conscious & The Goodness, La Loba Negra, Free the Robots (U.S.), Irie Sunday, Lunas, Rob Mananquil, Tom’s Story, The 76 Receipts, Kula-Hig, LSR, Aurora, Maroon & Gold, Lady Suzette, Succubus, KRNK, Specs, The Guerillas, Digital Danboi (U.K), Bruder, and Tom Turner, among others.

“The festival is intended not only to showcase the talent and creativity of Leyteños to tourists and attendees but also to inspire and upskill Leyte artisans through learning from and collaborating with social entrepreneurs,” Palisoc told reporters on Nov. 21 in a media conference.

The concert-goers will also get free access to a trade fair and a series of workshops in “Tabo-an han Ginsiyaman.

“All festival attendees are promised of a one-of-a-kind musical experience and a glimpse of Leyte creative talent and the rich stories behind their craft,” said Palisoc.

“For the Love of Leyte” is a movement that will showcase and increase accessibility of local artisans. Intended to be an annual gathering to celebrate and sustain creative talent in the region, it will harness

the strength and resilience of Leyteños through tourism and livelihood opportunities. It aims to kick start long-term initiatives with the festival and for the years to come,” she added.

Tipay Caintic, Tabloban-born award-winning international fashion designer and the creative director of Tabo-an han Ginsiyaman, said they want to highlight the “creative livelihood” of the local artisans while collaborating and improving their craft through workshops during the show.

Aside from Caintic, other artists and exhibitors include Lolo Bobby Handicraft, My Souvenir De Basey, Eva Maries Arts & Craft, Upward Baybay, Kamay Ni Nanay, Mama Roots (Laguna), Mark Tamayo, Wang Yu Sajorda, and Abre Linea.

Workshops and activities during the event are tikog (native reed plant) hand weaving, tuba (coconut wine) painting, pottery, film screening, “sugba (grill)” and “utan (vegetable)” cooking, buri embroidery, open mic sessions, camping and bonfire, sketching, portraiture, and

many more.

“We’re happy to be on board because we want to promote Leyte and Eastern Visayas as an ‘event destination.’ We are celebrating the rebirth of Leyte after the devastation from Super Typhoon Yolanda,” said Patrick Buena of the Department of Tourism regional office.

Buena also lauded the organizers for advocating tourism and sustainable development through the festival.

“We did it in 2015 as a ‘send-off’ event mostly for the Yolanda humanitarian organizations. We want it to be continued for the new batch of travelers. It will be like ‘coming home’ to them,” said Palisoc while assuring the safety, security, and others resources needed for the event through the help of the local government unit of San Miguel.

Over 2,000 attendees are expected to join the event with the local communities supplying all the talent, goods and services behind the festival production. **(RONALD O.REYES with LIZBETH ANN A.ABELLA)**

ALS passers while serving time in jail

MAASIN CITY—This one is for Ripley’s believe it or not.

Many out-of-school youth offenders who have experienced living behind bars literally made good in their stay, then came out victorious when they left, for having passed the alternative learning system (ALS) of education pushed by the Department of Education (DepEd).

“They did not finish elementary or high school when still outside but once inside, some had passed the ALS and so they are already qualified to pursue higher education, if they so desire, when they are out,” said Senior Jail Officer III Marlon Abar.

During the “Kapihan”

interview, Abar was not able to give the number of ALS passers spending time in prison -- once called “boarders,” they are now called persons deprived of liberty (PDL) - but since 2012, when he first joined the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), he has witnessed so many ALS passers.

“The court has granted our requests for these PDL passers to attend the graduation ceremony at the city gym or Barangay Tagnipa gym,” Abar reported, adding that BJMP personnel also attended the rites as chaperone and security.

Abar relayed this inspiring achievement not so much to encourage those outside to go in but



ORMOC CITY. Ormoc Mayor Richard Gomez and his wife Leyte Representative Lucy Torres-Gomez (4th district) welcome Chief Superintendent Dionardo Carlos (center), police regional director, during the opening of the newest shopping mall in the city on Nov. 16. (File photo courtesy of Ormoc City Government)

Leyte solon says he is a ‘working congressman;’ cites his gains as a Congress member

TACLOBAN CITY—Contrary to claim, he visits his congressional district in a regular basis.

Thus said Leyte Rep. Henry Ong parrying allegations that he is seldom seen in any towns in his district.

Ong, who is seeking for a possible second term in next year’s elections for



Rep. Henry Ong

Leyte’s second district, also said that he is a working congressman, particularly citing the recent passage of a measure regulating the operation of Islamic banks in the country.

According to the solon, if House Bill 8281 becomes a law, this will benefit our Muslim brothers, in particular, as more Islamic banks would be put up.

“Mindanao’s economy will reap great harvests because of this bill. Filipino Muslims in the Middle East and Southeast Asia would most likely be able to send more remittances to their families and friends. Businesses

in Mindanao will have more financing options to grow,” Ong, who chairs the committee on banks and financial intermediaries, said.

The country’s first-ever Islamic bank was created in 1972.

The other important bill that was also passed for second reading is House Bill 8301 which will provide a comprehensive financial consumer protection.

According to Ong, the bill seeks to empower consumers and regulatory agencies.

Through this bill, consumers can dissect bundled products and pricing details and are given a cooling off period during which they can cancel or return the contract entered into without penalty, not including the processing fees, Ong said.

“HB 8301 gives the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

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DSWD- 8 Assistant Regional Director Marcelle Benitez Lim awards a check worth P100,000 to Brigida Moscosa, first centenarian in San Policarpo, Eastern Samar. Witnessing the simple event were the children and their respective family of Moscosa.

Multiple raps filed against execs of the Northern Samar DPWH engineering district office

TACLOBAN CITY - The two top officials and three members of the bids and awards committee (BAC) of the Northern Samar Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) First Engineering District office based in Catarman, Northern Samar are facing criminal and administrative charges before the Office of the Ombudsman for the Visayas.

The charges stemmed from a complaint filed against the respondents by Uldarico Formaran, a civil engineer and contractor from San Isidro, also in Northern Samar.

In his 20-page complaint –affidavit dated August 7, 2018, Formaran named the respondents as Maritess Lucenario and Rudelito Coloma, BAC chairperson and vice-chair respectively; and BAC members Edwin Table, Lucas Bacsal and Vicente Galecio.

Cited as criminal offenses were pertinent violations of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, of RA 3019 or the Anti – Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, of RA 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees.

The administrative offenses consisted of gross

misconduct, grave abuse of authority, gross inefficiency, and incompetence in the discharge of their official functions and conduct prejudice to the interest of the service.

Formaran is the president of On Time Buildings, Inc. and the authorized managing officer of Joint Venture (JV) Edison Development Construction/ On Time Builders which was declared the lowest bidder during the opening of the bidding conducted for the widening of the Catarman-Laoang road project in Northern Samar.

In the said bidding, the CDU Construction and FFJJ Construction/C.A. Construction and Supply (the joint venture) were the first and third lowest bidders, respectively.

But the CDU Construction, the declared lowest bidder, was post-disqualified because its bid proposal was higher than the approved budget of P 48,999, 268.26 for the project, complainant Formaran said in his sworn statement.

Formaran claimed the BAC failed to initiate and conduct post-disqualification process on the Joint Venture's bid being the second lowest calculated bidder, adding that he never received any notice from the BAC regarding the conduct of post-disqualification process.

His affidavit disclosed that he only learned that

the BAC held the disqualification process on April 24, 2018 or about three months after, through a letter from respondent Lucenario dated April 18, 2018.

“This is a clear manifestation of a rigged bidding . . . It shows their malicious intent to really disqualify and deny the Joint Venture, “the complaint protested.

Formaran also said he only learned the BAC sent a notice of the process allegedly to Edison Development and Construction at the Joint Venture's address at Notre Dame Village in Cotabato City and not to its business address at Poblacion Norte, San Isidro, Northern Samar as repeatedly indicated in the Joint Venture Agreement.

As this developed, the Ombudsman for the Visayas based in Cebu City issued a joint order dated September 13, 2018 informing all the respondents that it has sufficient basis to proceed with the preliminary investigation and administrative adjudication proceedings accordingly.

The joint order also obliged them to file their respective counter-affidavits and other controverting evidence to the complaint filed by Formaran strictly within 10 from receipt of the order issued by Deputy Ombudsman for the Visayas Paul Elmer M. Clemente.

(ALBERTO E. LESIGUEZ)

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nas (BSP), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the Insurance Commission (IC) the flexibility to set the rules, conduct surveillance, inspection and do market monitoring, as well as enforce the law,” Ong added.

If the Financial Consumer Protection Bill is enacted into law, the public can easily ask help from the BSP, SEC and IC regarding

complaints on any financial products and services, he said.

“The regulators are empowered to issue cease and desist orders without

the necessity of a prior hearing to avoid grave and irreparable injury to the consumer,” Ong informed.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY and to BID

The Plan International, Inc. through the Western Samar Program Area, Northern Samar Program Area and Eastern Samar Program Area is inviting qualified contractors/suppliers to pre-qualify and to bid for the **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY** of various school supplies for Family Day 5C Tokens:

ITEMS FOR BIDDING

DESCRIPTION	WESTERN SAMAR	EASTERN SAMAR	NORTHERN SAMAR
ERASER RUBBER MEDIUM SIZE	7,915 pcs		3,003 pcs
SHARPENER 2 HOLES REGULAR SIZE	7,915 pcs	1,858 pcs	
JUMBO PENCIL MONGOL2	2,575 pcs		
REGULAR PENCIL MONGOL2	9,744 pcs		4,970 pcs
PENCIL MONGOL 3		3,792 pcs	
CRAYON 8'S CRAYOLA	2,692 boxes		
CRAYON 16'S			3,003 boxes
CRAYON 24'S		1,919 boxes	
JUMBO CRAYON CRAYOLA	656 boxes		
COLORING BOOK (ASSORTED) REGULAR SIZE	849 pcs	1,270 pcs	
MANIPULATIVE TOY (UNDER 2YR OLD) ASSORTED WOOD PUZZLE/LEGO	52 pcs		
MANIPULATIVE TOY (DAY CARER) ASSORTED WOOD PUZZLE/LEGO	242 pcs		
MANIPULATIVE TOY (KINDER) ASSORTED WOOD PUZZLE/LEGO	269 pcs		
BALLPEN-HBW MATRIX OG 5 BLACK	2,0673 pcs	5,388 pcs	
BALLPEN-HBW MATRIX OG 5 BLUE	15,692 pcs	5,388 pcs	
PAD PAPER GRADE1 (PREMIUM QUALITY)	5,856 pads	2,484 pads	4,212 pads
PAD PAPER GRADE2 (PREMIUM QUALITY)	3,288 pads	1,364 pads	1,536 pads
PAD PAPER GRADE3 VERTICAL (PREMIUM QUALITY)	2,916 pads	1,006 pads	1,707 pads
PAD PAPER GRADE4 (PREMIUM QUALITY)	3,678 pads	1,070 pads	1,554 pads
PAD PAPER- INTERMEDIATE PREMIUM QUALITY)	28,800 pads	6,936 pads	11,598 pads
YELLOW PAD (PREMIUM QUALITY)	1,240 pads	1,462 pads	524 pads
NOTEBOOK DOUBLELINE 80LEAVES (NATURE COVER PREMIUM QUALITY)	16,288 pcs		
NOTEBOOK-COMPOSITION 80 LEAVES (NATURE COVER PREMIUM QUALITY)	6,130 pcs	7,193 pcs	24,850 pcs
NOTEBOOK-SPRING 80 LEAVES (NATURE COVER PREMIUM QUALITY)	51,760 pcs	35,024 pcs	45,150 pcs
WRITING NOTEBOOK 3LINES		6,734 pcs	
GLUE SMALL 150ML	488 Bottles		
HIGHLIGHTER ASSORTED NEON COLOR BROAD	488 pcs		
STAPLER SMALL SIZE 35	488 pcs		
STAPLER WIRE SIZE 35	488 boxes		
RULER 12 INCHES PALSTIC	7,474 pcs		3,003 pcs
LONG KRAFT BROWN ENVELOPE WITH GARTER	5,225 pcs		
SCISSOR SMALL	1,816 pcs		3,003 pcs
PLASTIC ENVELOPE WITH HANDLE BIG - ADVENTURE		7,258 pcs	7,000 pcs
FABER CASTELL BALLPEN			13,807 pcs

Interested suppliers are required to submit a **Letter of Intent** together with the following valid and/or unexpired pre-qualification documents either **original** or **under-oath certified photocopy**: 1. **Latest Business Permit**, 2. **DTI Registration/SEC Registration**, 3. **Latest Income Tax Return**, 4. **Audited Income Statement – Independent Auditor**, 5. **Certificate of Good Deposit and Good Credit Standing from a reputable bank** and 6. **List of clients with similar projects** delivered to:

The Bidding Committee CHAIRPERSON
Plan International Inc.
Visayas Program Area, Sandy Lane Subdivision Brgy 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City

The Bidding Committee will issue Bidding documents only to bidders declared by the Bidding Committee to be eligible for bidding. All pre-qualified prospective bidders shall be NOTIFIED by the office through telephone and or formal letters to secure all the necessary Bidding Guidelines, Specifications, Designs and other information relative to the bidding.

Deadline for the submission of pre-qualification documents shall be on **November 27, 2018 from 8:00am-5:00pm** at **Plan International Inc Visayas Program Area, Sandy Lane Subdivision Brgy 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City.**

Pre-Bidding Conference shall be on **December 2, 2018 at 10:00am** at **Plan International Inc Visayas Program Area, Sandy Lane Subdivision Brgy 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City.**

Opening of Bids shall be on December 9, 2018 at 2:00pm at **Plan International Inc Visayas Program Area, Sandy Lane Subdivision Brgy 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City** in the presence of bidders' representatives who chose to attend.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount equivalent to **5%** of the total Bid Price in the form of **Cash** or **Manager's check/Cashier's Check** and must be delivered to **Plan International Inc Visayas Program Area, Sandy Lane Subdivision Brgy 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City**, on or before **2:00 pm** on December 3, 2018.

Plan reserves the right to reject any or all bids, declare the bidding a failure or waive any or all informalities or to award the contract to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to Plan International Inc. The decision of the Bidding Committee is final and binding.

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Plant trees now, cut them later

Tree-planting efforts have been going on everywhere in our archipelago, supposedly restoring our forest covers, addressing landslide problems, and providing an antidote for rising waters. Surely, such efforts are immensely commendable, deserving our utmost support for they are meant to save us all from impending troubles.

Much as we appreciate such efforts and try to extend what we can to be of help in this crusade of greening the nation, we also caution the lead agencies and concerned officials to make sure all those efforts are not wasted. It's not just enough that we replace the trees that disappear from the forests; we should also guard against the cause of the trees' disappearance, in short, against the takers.

If untouched in the wild, trees could last for centuries. But once they are abused and cut wantonly and indiscriminately, they disappear in minutes. Man, as we know it, has always been the

number one culprit, cutting down trees for self-serving ends—for firewood, for building houses, for any other reason. So if trees have to be saved, they should be protected from humans, their prime predators.

What's the use of covering bald mountains with trees when, after a few years, they would be cut down by greedy individuals? It's nothing but a waste of time, money, and efforts, though a few individuals would benefit. Tree planting is good, but if those trees just end up at the hands of burglars in a few years, we might as well secure them first.

If we are really sincere in restoring our depleted forests and woodlands, then we should monitor those trees that we plant there, from the time they are planted up to the time they are to be harvested for various ends. Planting alone is not the solution. There should be constant monitoring, assessment, and protection extended to these trees for them to really make our mountains lush and vibrant once again.



My unique, upcoming exhibit

Should my arrangement with an organizer push through, I would be displaying a totally different exhibit at Robinsons North come the first week of December, under the perspective of culture and the arts. And it will be a showcase of indigenous toys and tools.

The idea actually came after a brief meeting with LSDE's very own, Ronald Reyes, at the Leyte Division during the intensive mentoring of 2018 RSPC qualifiers. Both of us were about to deliver our lectures—Ronald on newswriting, me on editorial and feature

writing—when our quick, creative minds hatched the concept.

Ronald was just opening up the possibility for me to display my paintings with this renowned exhibit organizer. I do have a good number of paintings to display, so I readily bought the idea. "I'm very much willing," I assured him, knowing that this must be a chance to let the people see my art works, in a more strategic place flocked by more people from different places, from different walks of life.

I suddenly remembered my previous exhibits this year which, having been held in rather secluded places, didn't attract much attention. This time, with more exposure to public

view, my paintings would come of age the fact that, as a painter, I'm a late bloomer. I've had the gift to paint since childhood, but it's only this year that I became productive, hence my two previous exhibits in just a span of four months—from February to May this year.

But then Ronald explained that this planned exhibit is to be participated in by different artists and cultural workers. He mentioned painters among them. So I quickly devised an additional flavor for my exhibit, and that's the inclusion if not an exclusive display of, again, indigenous toys and games.

But why indigenous? Well, it's because I'm also
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Observer

ALVIN G.Z. ARPON

“Seven Basic Points of communism”

These points are discussed in the book; “What is communism?” Some of these theories may have been revised in the present times but the theories still exist, especially in the early years of communist takeover of a country they conquer.

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels two German philosophers paved the way to introduce and initiate a movement on communism through their pamphlet called The Communist Manifesto in 1848 by attacking the many shortcomings of society in which they live. In later years, countries that embraced communism as philosophized by Karl Marx came up with this:

“7 Basic Points of Communism”.

1. The Favored Class – the Proletariat. Marx divided all societies into classes: the proletariat and bourgeoisie. The proletariat, Marx has identified as the working class- the poor and the bourgeoisie as owners of the means of production and employee of the proletariat. More than that he explained that the bourgeoisie were oppressors and the proletariat as slaves and oppressed. With this point Karl Marx gave direction for his class theories by foretelling that history is moving towards its goal – the rule of the working class. He did not admit any middle ground in society.

2. The Class Struggle.

Marx predicts that the rule of the working class or proletariat is certain because they vastly outnumber the bourgeoisie. He urges all workers to unite in the

struggle for what he foresaw as the ideal society. It should result in having a “classless society” in our land

3. Common Ownership of the means of production.

Karl Marx’s concept of national economy is an attractive promise of a best life for the poor. Everything that is used in producing goods should be owned by the community – not by individuals. Farmers, factories, machinery and mines will be a community endeavor. Common ownership would cause all class in society to disappear – except the proletariat or the working class. This concept believes that the equal distribution of wealth in the “classless society” would be realized and “class struggle” in competition would end.

4. Revolution by force and violence.

There is no such thing as a peaceful EDSA people power revolution when communism takes over system of governance. The concept of governance in the communist system runs counter to that of democracy. The seizure of political power by communism will be led by a compact, disciplined group of professionals as revolutionaries capable of stirring up of mass violence, and the poor working class - the proletariat plays the dangerous front in such upheaval

5. The Dictatorship of the proletariat.

It’s a no choice idea because over the victory of communists in that revolution, the majority of the citizens that helped were the poor and working class. These citizens will compose the majority naturally and not as yet have a complete grasp of government principles and way of life. A dictatorship regime will have to be employed

until the time when the population, especially the proletariat shall have imbibed into their systems the acceptance of Communist ideology in the new governance.

6. The necessity of Communists Expansion.

It’s a normal concept of communism. Their ultimate dreams is to transform the world into communism.

7. The Soviet Union as Headquarters of world communism.

This is no longer true in this generation. China today plays the head role especially in Asia.

This point of Communism dreams to expand its influence all over the world. Russia the first leader of the Communism world movements who had the control for many years in the past of countries they conquered but not anymore today.



From A Distance

JOEY E. CLARIN

The ROTC

President Duterte expressed his desire to revive the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) as part of the curriculum in the schools nationwide. This is a laudable move as this will promote the prime duty of the government to serve and protect the people as well as instill discipline and patriotism to the youth. This will orient the youth on the values of discipline, camaraderie, respect for others and deep sense

of nationalism and love of country.

In my time, ROTC was compulsory for college students, particularly in the 1st and 2nd years. But in the new K-12 curriculum, this can now be taken in Grades 11 and 12 in public and private schools. Generally, the ROTC will introduce basic military training for students for civil-military purpose. The rationale of this is for Filipino citizens to defend the State at all cost.

Under the 1987 Constitution “the government may call upon the people to defend the State and all citizens may be required to render personal, military or civil service. Also, the State recognized the vital rule of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism and encourage their involvement in public and civil affairs”.

The ROTC will have the potential to produce an entire generation of young Filipinos ready to give the entirety of their being to serve their countrymen and this is a deterrent to drug abuse and other vices that the young generation indulge nowadays.

Congress should enact a law making ROTC mandatory in all public and private schools nationwide.



Commentary

By Fr. Roy Cimagala

State of the art

PEOPLE nowadays are fascinated, and even obsessed, with getting the latest version of their gadgets. They look forward to having the so-called state of the art. To a certain extent, it’s a fascination that is legitimate as long as it does not deteriorate into an obsession which is already an anomaly and also as long as their intention is pure.

That might be a quixotic condition, given the way many people are nowadays. While reasons for greater convenience and practicality are okay in having the state of the art, such reasons many times get diluted with traces of pride, vanity, envy and the like. And that is not okay.

Besides, while this state of the art offers many more conveniences and advantages, it also brings with it new dangers. That is why we have to understand that the state of the art in our technologies should also be matched

with the state of the art in our spirituality and morality. We should not have the former without the latter.

Remember Christ saying that new wine should be poured into new wineskin and not the old one. (cfr. Mt 9,14-17) We have to update the state of our spirituality and morality to flow with the new developments of the state of the art.

To exaggerate a little, we can say that we cannot apply the medieval ways of spirituality and morality to the way things are nowadays. While there are permanent and essential things in our spiritual and moral lives that should not change, we should not forget that there are also many other elements that can and should change.

We have to remember that God, whose life we share and reflect in ours, is both eternally old and new. With God, nothing is new under the sun. (cfr. Ecclesiastes 1,9) But with

him, everything is also made new. (cfr. Rev 21,5)

We need to see to it that the new state of the art in the technologies should enhance, not undermine, our prayer, our spirit of sacrifice, our apostolic concern, our defenses against our weaknesses, temptations and sin, etc.

The new state of the art should make us get closer to God, enable us to give greater glory to him. It should help us get a more intimate knowledge of God’s will and ways in a more abiding way. It should make our heart stand still at the greatness of God and his overflowing love for us.

It should make us more fruitful and productive in our pursuit for holiness and apostolate. It should

not just give us some material and temporal advantages, but rather more spiritual, supernatural and apostolic fruits. It should trigger further development of the virtues.

Also, it should sharpen our skills in waging the indispensable spiritual warfare in our life. Our ability to detect potential moral dangers should improve. Nowadays, with our much improved capacity to access things, we have to be wary of the subtle tricks of the devil whose business is none other than to lead us to sin.

Today, for example, it’s a given that a great majority of the people, especially the young ones, are

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

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)

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guide in the implementation and enforcement of our laws. We don't oppose in (respecting) human rights," Arcenas said during a press conference on Monday (Nov.26).

And in a press statement, Major General Raul Farnacio, commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division based in Catbalogan City, also made a similar remark.

"To the general public, rest assured that your Army will strictly adhere to the rules and procedures set forth by higher headquarters in the conduct of internal security operations in Eastern Visayas," he said.

Farnacio said that the additional troops is needed to ensure deterrence of the armed groups involving members of New People's Army and private armed men.

"Malaki ang problema sa first district of Samar, dahil sa hindi ma contain yung PAGs at may mga intelligence reports kami na madami ang arrivals of PAGs ngayon sa Samar galing sa Misamis," the commanding general of the 8th ID said.

To recall, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Memorandum Order 32 through Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea on Nov.22 calling for deployment of soldiers and police in Samar as well as Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental and the Bicol Region for the existence of lawlessness violence in these areas.

Arcenas said that they have not yet received a clear directive as to where they would get the additional police force to be deployed in Samar.

"It could be from the national headquarter or from the Regional Mobile Force," he said, adding that at least 100 policemen could be deployed in Samar.

He also said that there could be a basis of the President's declaration on the existence of lawlessness violence in Samar.

Arcenas said that these information were validated and reported not just by PNP or Army but by other security agencies of the government like the (National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (Nica).

The police official also downplayed the deployment saying it is part of

their organization routine to augment forces in the ground to 'strengthen their campaign on peace and order.'

Captain Francis Agno, spokesperson of the 8th ID, said that as part of the augmentation, two Army battalions of the division earlier deployed to Mindanao would return to the region.

These are the 34th IB and the 19th IB which were assigned to Midsayap and Arakan, both in North Cotabato to help fight against terror groups.

But Agno said that they have no schedule on the return of the two Army battalions to the region.

But this early, human rights groups have expressed their fears that the additional forces in Samar, where there are still members of the New People's Army and private armed groups operating, could result to human rights abuses and fear among the people.

The Promotion of Church People's Response (PCPR), a Church-based organization, said that the move could only 'sow fear' among the people.

"The militaristic approach has proven to be a deadly approach and has never delivered genuine welfare for the people. It could sow fear and reap more unrest," Rev. Irma Balaba of said group said in a statement.

Katungod-Sinirangan Bisayas, a human rights group, also said that this could also result to harassment, displacement of people, and 'red tagging.'

"It will only lead to more community encampments, extrajudicial killings, bombings, red-tagging, harassments and other human rights violations. President Duterte's declaration of state of lawlessness in Eastern Visayas is of no objective basis, but is only driven by his greed for power and his armed troops thirst for blood," the group said.

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lence of malnutrition is also true with cases of stunting and severely stunting, as well as wasting and severely wasting children under 0-71 months old.

Stunted and severely stunted cases saw a decrease from 28.7% in 2016, 26.4% in 2017 and only 7.2% this year.

NNC-8 Nutrition Officer Novida Rico explained that stunting re-



Tacloban city gov't under Mayor Romualdez reaps awards in 2018

TACLOBAN CITY- The year 2018 is turning out to be a fruitful year for the city of Tacloban.

Thus said City Mayor Cristina Romualdez, citing several awards and citations garnered by the city government.

"I thank the Lord for the many blessings we got and the trials we went through. Despite the many challenges Tacloban City went through the years, the local government of Tacloban garnered various awards and recognitions as the only highly urbanized city in region 8," she said.

Under Mayor Romualdez leadership, the city of Tacloban has received various recognitions from agencies as partner to urban development, to mention some: Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)- Gawad Parangal 2018 "Hall of Fame Award", as the champion in cooperative best practices; garnered 1st place award for three successive years as the best performing LGU Cooperative Development Office (in recognition for

the increasing support in building a cooperative community & empowering coops through development programs).

And three other CDA awards as national nominee to the CDA Parangal Award; 1st place as best performing LGU Cooperative Office HUC Category and Gawad Parangal special citation award given to Mayor Romualdez as the LGU Cooperative Development Champion all awarded during the CDA Gawad Parangal Awarding Ceremony 2018 held October at Novotel, Manila.

Also judged twice for two consecutive years as the best dressed booth during the 28th and 29th Philippine Travel Mart (PHILTOA) held at SMX Convention Center, Manila Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City. The booth was designed and created by the Guarino brothers.

Tacloban City likewise bagged the 1st place to this year's 20th Regional Gawad Kalasag Best Government Emergency Response Management Urban Category held July

31, 2018 at the Summit Hotel, as part of the disaster awareness month and in recognition to the outstanding contributions rendered in disaster risk reduction and humanitarian assistance.

Last October, Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) approved the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2017 to 2025.

Tacloban city government was one among the region's 2017 eligible city on child friendly local governance best practices and lessons learned on children's rights.

The city government under Mayor Romualdez established its Sto. Niño City Hall Satellite Office extending basic services to dwellers of the northern barangays of the city aside from the main City hall Offices and the Supermarket MASA offices.

Fish ports were upgraded as newly- installed supermarket building located along Quezon Boulevard provides stalls for fish and vegetable/fruit vendors.

mother-participants); and assessment and treatment of outpatient and severely acute malnourished children was conducted early this year.

Also, there is now a nutrition office at the City Health office with Corresponding staff; the city celebrates the annual Nutrition month every July of the year; facilitated in the processing of BNS survivorship assistance; a new set of height boards for the 92 barangays will

And a 'Triple A' slaughterhouse at Brgy. Salvacion will replace the old slaughter house of the city soon.

Out of the 14,000 units needed for socialized housing, 80% of the houses were awarded to survivors of Yolanda by the National Housing Authority. Biddings likewise are underway to put a water supply system for Yolanda Resettlement sites and pipeline rehab replacement in some parts of the City with the present administration support.

According to Mayor Romualdez, the solid waste management program, once implemented in the barangay level, will give a potential source of income for them. Every barangay of the city will now focus more on materials recovery and recycling.

Recently the city has awarded 52 garbage collector pedicabs to pilot barangays in the collection of segregated waste materials. Pilot barangays initially are tasked to collect and segregate garbage disposals to its materials recovery facilities (MRFs).

(GAY B. GASPAY-TISAT/KANHURAW MEDIA CENTER)



(ALBERTO LESIGUEZ)

Widening of major road in Southern Leyte nears completion

MAASIN CITY – Expect a faster, safer and more convenient travel along Southern Leyte’s major highway with the near completion of P235.79 million road widening project.

This road expansion project covers about seven kilometers of the national highway located in Otikon-Mayuga road section in Libagon town.

DPWH Southern Leyte district engineering office chief Ma. Margarita Junia said the widening of this existing road network is now 90 percent done. It is up for completion in the first week of January 2019.

Otikon-Mayuga road forms part of the national

highway in Libagon town connecting to commercial district in Sogod and Liloan towns. This primary road section also provides a significant link to motorists travelling from Luzon to Mindanao.

“We are speeding up the construction and conversion of the two-lane road into a four-lane highway to accommodate the increasing number of vehicles passing through this major thoroughfare,” Junia said.

This project adds 3.35 meters to both side of the highway. The existing width is 6.7 meters.

Along with the highway capacity expansion is the construction of slope protection and loading and

unloading bay area, application of thermoplastic pavement markings, and installation of concrete hollow block lined canal and safety devices such as chevron, guardrails, and warning signs.

“Once we complete our road widening projects in Libagon section, we will continue building a four-lane highway leading to Liloan,” Junia said.

Upgrading roads and pursuing new highway projects are in line with the department’s goal to sustain its proficiency on the Performance Governance System (PGS) and to contribute in achieving a sustainable development in the country. (PR/FMMT)



The road widening project in Libagon town has now attained a 90 percent physical accomplishment.

Village-based groups receive poultry packages from Leyte provincial government

PALO, Leyte – The provincial government of Leyte has extended poultry package assistance to associations in two barangays of this town worth P2.8 million.

The poultry packages extended to the two associations were composed of 2,880 egg laying-ready hens plus 300 bags of feeds.

Governor Leopoldo

Dominico Petilla provided the assistance to the pedicab farmers association in sitio Caloogan, Barangay San Jose and the Canossa Ville Integrated Home-based Workers Association in Brgy. Canossa Ville.

With the donated poultry packages, the associations’ members could harvest at least 100 dozens of eggs daily which could help augment their in-

come and even for their daily consumptions, the governor said.

Other personalities present during the turnover of the two projects were Palo Mayor Remedios ‘Matin’ Petilla, Councilor Gregorio Dolina, Jr., former Leyte Governor and DOE Secretary Carlos Jericho ‘Icot’ Petilla and his wife Ann. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Calbayog councilor accused of mauling a gov’t employee

TACLOBAN CITY- A councilor in Calbayog City is in hot waters after he allegedly mauled a city government employee.

Based on his complaint he lodged at the Calbayog City Police Station, Dexter Mancol, an administrative officer of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, claimed that Councilor Ray James Uy, grabbed him at his neck and hit him four times at his face.

Both Uy and Mancol were attending a birthday party of former city engineer Ernesto Abasolo at his residence in Barangay West Awang of said city on November 18 when the alleged incident took place at about 11:30 pm.

Mancol said that he sustained injuries on his face, nose, and lips after he was allegedly manhandled by the suspect whom he claimed to be under the influence of alcohol.

The victim also said that Uy, son of the late former city mayor and congressman Reynaldo Uy, said that before the alleged mauling incident, called his attention and asked him to sit beside him.

And without provocation, the city official grabbed him and reportedly started punching him. Mancol said that Uy challenged him to a fist-

fight but he refused saying that the suspect was his brother-in-law.

He instead ran inside the house of Abasolo to ask for him but no one assisted him so he decided to go straight to the city police office to report the alleged mauling incident.

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fence due to a lingering issue with a private land owner.

Yet, despite the high number of detainees to be managed by 23 BJMP personnel only, the city jail as it now stands was a Red Orchid Hall of Fame awardee of the Department of Health, the first in Region 8, for having maintained the no smoking policy for three consecutive years.

Also during surprised or random drug testing moments, the result has always been negative, thus the facility was declared drug-free by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), said Jail Officer II Sergio Maglines, community relations head.

Likewise, Oplan Galugad initiated by BJMP anytime, acting

Councilor Uy, when asked to comment on the issue through his office staff, declined to grant for an interview.

It was not cleared what could have triggered Councilor Uy to hit Mancol. (JOEY A. GABIETA/HENRY PUYAT)

alone or in coordination with other stakeholders like PDEA, PNP, and barangay tanods, the result was also routinely negative, Maglines added.

So how are the legal status of the PDLs at the city jail?

“Many of them are still undergoing trial. Those who were sentenced for three years and above were sent to jails administered by the Department of Justice (DOJ), like the one in Abuyog,” Abar informed. “And those sentenced three years and below remain at the city jail,” he added.

ALS passers, hopefully, belong to the latter category, so they can start their life all over again, regain freedom back to the mainstream of society, this time with the elusive ALS diploma, and not a level-up jail term. (LDL/MMP/PIA8-Southern Leyte)

DPWH-BDEO road projects to benefit 2 villages in Naval town

NAVAL, Biliran – The Department of Public Works and Highways– Biliran District Engineering Office (DPWH-BDEO) completes the first phase of the construction and improvement of access road from national road junction (NRJ) of Barangay Villa Consuelo connecting Brgy. Libtong Road in Naval, this province.

David Adongay Jr., DPWH-BDEO district engineer, told Leyte Samar Daily Express in an interview that the phase I of the road project involves the construction and concreting of two lanes road with a length of 1.20 kilometer and a width of 6.70 meter with construction of drainage costing P30 million.

Engr.Adongay clarified that the whole road project involves reconstruction of 7.0 kilometer road and 30-linear meter bridge to be implemented on a multi-year basis up to year 2020.

In another interview with Engr. Alfredo Bollido, DPWH-BDEO assistant district engineer, said that the completion of the project will provide a better and faster transport of the agribusiness: food and resource-based processing in the villages of Villa Consuelo and Libtong.

The road project is projected to benefit over 1,000

road users.

Bollido said that Brgys. Villa Consuelo and Libtong are known for their coco sugar products and potential for ginger powder processing, turmeric, banana chips, cacao and coffee among others, reason why the project was prioritized under 2018 implementation.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Leyte’s day care workers receive cash incentive from Gov. Petilla

PALO, Leyte – More than 1,700 day care center workers received cash incentive from the provincial government.

Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla personally handed the cash incentive to the 1,472 day care center workers during the recently-held culmination program on the observance

of the Children’s Month celebration.

Day care workers who have been in the service for six months to nine years received P1,100 while those who have served 10 to 19 years received P1,500; 25 years to 29 years, P4,000 while those

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indigenous—joke! (he-hehe).

Seriously, it's because of some reasons. First, hi-tech, modern-day toys and tools are already flooding the market. Secondly, these are mementos of culture and the arts that we ought to treasure. Thirdly, they hardly exist nowadays anymore, and I want to re-introduce these to our children and younger generation whose playing times now are spent more on gadgetry. Lastly, I want the older folks to recall their former toys and tools and perhaps allow them to collect such items for display in their respective homes.

Space may not warrant here for me to enumerate and describe all of those, nor do I have the time to explain how to use and play them. However, should that exhibit push through, I would be demonstrating to onlookers what those items are and how to play with them. Parents can bring their kids to the area so that these youngsters would have the chance to glimpse the past and try out the ancient toys.

Kadang, kasing, satom, badlot, balugsay, musil-pusil, hiringga, talutang, paku-yugon, palabtik, to mention a few, are just some of the things that visitors can see in my exhibit. Marisyu ini kay aton gud ini. Pasyada naman kamo ha? Suportahi ak niyo kay aton ini kultura. See you there.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Rodolfo S. Perez Jr. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land, situated in Brgy. 003, Poblacion, Catbalogan City, Samar containing an area of 104 square meters, Lot No. 89-A-3, under T.C.T. No. 118-2017001415. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Heidi Magallon-Mendoza as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 253, Page No. 51, Book No. VI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Alexander P. Bolok. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Raul Verdefflor extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot 24, Block 14, Psd-5296, Record No. 1378, covered by T.C.T. No. 6885, containing an area of 125 square meters; per Doc. No. 1056, Page No. 206, Book No. 1, Series of 2010 of Notary Public Atty. Alma Uy Lampasa. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Doroteo B. Tapia extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 2280, with improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Jiabong, Municipality of Catbalogan City, containing an area of 84,825 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. 131 under Tax Dec. ARP No. 08008-00094, PIN 036-08-008-02003; per Doc. No. 1546, Page No. 101, Book No. XIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

NOTICE is hereby given that Ma. Visitacion L. Laohoo executed an affidavit of Loss of Stock Certificates of China Bank as follows: Certificate No. 38981V issued on June 17, 1997 with 128 shares & Certificate No. 39045V issued on July 22, 1997 with 313 shares; per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 065, Book No. 004, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Demetrio Medino J. Acuba. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

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in the service for 30 years and above, P5,000.

And those who were elected as association officers received an additional P1,200 each.

The provincial government released P2.14 million for this cash incentive giving to day care workers. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



The public is hereby notified that **MS. MARIA JONNA OLAYA NALDA** whose picture appears above is no longer connected with **Toyota Tacloban, Leyte, Inc.** as Field Marketing Professional (FMP).

Any representation or transaction made by her in behalf of the company will no longer be honored. Please report to us immediately for any unauthorized activity she may enter into thru our trunk line (053) 325-2222 / 832-8854.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Arsenio L. Velasco extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one-fourth (1/4) share of a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 1437, Case 3, Cad. 1017-D, situated in Brgy. San Roque, Municipality of Mayorga, Leyte, and this parcel containing whole area of 28,328 square meters, registered under Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-95719 under Kalobob na Patente Blg. 083735-39851; per Doc. No. 364, Page No. 74, Book No. 5, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Pen. *LSDE: Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Agapito Diaz and Francisco Galado, designated as Lot No. 8723 of the Cad. Survey of Baybay, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Brgy. San Isidro, Baybay Leyte, with an area of 8559 square meters, more or less, under Decree No. 470063. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Raynaldo P. Diaz and Maria D. Diaz as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 136, Page No. 28, Book No. XXXVI, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. *LSDE: Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Manuel Cuenco extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of commercial land, identified as Cad. Lot No. 813 located at Brgy. Poblacion, Inopacan, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 0816001-00206 containing an area of 351 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Mirasol T. Hao Cuenco and Ruel B. Hao Cuenco as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 186, Page No. 38, Book No. L, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Rosario Peteros Phua. *LSDE: Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 2018*

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addicted to pornography and many other vices. The new state of the art in our technologies should help us avoid these things by installing the appropriate warning, filtering and purifying apps and devices.

There should be some features in whatever state of the art is developed that would help us maintain presence of God while immersed in our temporal and earthly affairs. Some appropriate reminders in this regard should be made. They should help us maintain our spiritual and supernatural bearing.

A state of the art that ignores the presence of God is, simply said, never a sign of progress but rather of retrogression.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Neil Lipayan Benzon heir of late Bren Benzon and Cherwin Benzon Lacandazo executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, designated as Cad. Lot No. 6357-part, containing an area of 400 square meters, more or less, under Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0027-00587 R13; per Doc. No. 127, Page No. 26, Book No. LI, Series of 2016 of Notary Public Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Florita Mondala Silvano executed an affidavit of claim of a Savings Accounts deposit with the Philippine Veterans Bank - Tacloban Branch under Savings Account No. 0025-339979-100 with a balance of P152,087.23 and heirs hereby request to release the balance of the said deposit account in favor of Rodolfo M. Silvano, having waived their rights over the said deposit in favor of co-heir Rodolfo M. Silvano; per Doc. No. 290, Page No. 59, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Joy Estolano-Cerro, CPA. *LSDE: Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 2018*

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Samuel Martinez Dumaguang only child of the late Rosario Martinez executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 4066, situated in Brgy. Candadam, Municipality of Baybay, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 6,182 square meters, more or less with Tax Dec. No. 07-0037-01234 R13; per Doc. No. 291, Page No. 21, Book No. XI, Series of 2018 of Atty. Vivian C. Enario-Vidallon. *LSDE: Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 2018*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Paulina Quintanilla Navarro & Leon Selmar Navarro extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, located at Brgy. Bantigue, Isabel, Leyte, designated as Lot No. 8046, covered by Tax Dec. No. 4692, with total area of 18,510 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Chuana Lao Pagador & Romeo Urban Pagador as vendees for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 36, Page No. 8, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2014 of Notary Public Atty. Melinda C. Domael. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Gregorio Callera extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, situated at Brgy. Taotaon, Inopacan, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 08-16019-00105, designated as Cad. Lot No. 61 GSS, with an area of 2.1180 has., assessed value of P16,716 market value of P41,790 and subdivided into 9 equal parts; per Doc. No. 73, Page No. 15, Book No. II, Series of 2009 of Notary Public Atty. Isabelo B. De los Santos. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Romeo C. Cabillan and Celedonia G. Cabillan executed a Deed of Absolute Sale over a parcel of agricultural land, designated as Cad. Lot 3870, covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-50101 with Tax Dec. No. 2008-04026-00024 with an area of 35,237 square meters, located at Brgy. Villa, Magsaysay, Babatngon, Leyte in favor of Sps. Edward A. Salvatierra and Angeli Fe Mary A. Salvatierra represented by Susana A. Salvatierra as vendee; per Doc. No. 165, Page No. 26, Book No. 9, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lito Ercilla Odon. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Godofredo Potot extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land located at Brgy. Inalad Calubian, Leyte under ARP No. 08-09-0027-00276, with a total area of 228 square meters; per Doc. No. 3068, Page No. 248, Book No. II, Series of 2018. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Demetrio Sanaco Sr. and Fausta Cejas extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over two (2) parcels of agricultural land both situated at Canquiazon, Villaba, Leyte, described as: 1) A parcel of agricultural land, containing an area of 1,9962.55 has. more or less, Tax Dec. No. 08-41013-00131; 2) Parcel of land, containing an area of 1,0830.60 ha., more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-41013-00152; per Doc. No. 110, Page No. 24, Book No. V, Series of 2010 of Notary Public Alejandro R. Diongzon. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that sole heir of late Paterno Delgado extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31046-00773-R13, located in Tabunok, Palompon, Leyte, designated as Lot No. 7538, containing an area of 4054 hectares, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 300 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Sps. Pablo Dumagay and Paulita Andales as vendee; per Doc. No. 390, Page No. 78, Book No. 20, Series of 2016 of Notary Public Atty. Dante Luz N. Viacrusis. *LSDE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Jose B. Hidalgo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of land, designated as Lot 1, Pcs-08-000597-D, situated in the Brgy. of Anibong, City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 200 square meters, covered by TCT No. T-6484; 2) Parcel of land, Lot No. 2, Pcs-08-000597-D, situated in Brgy. Anibong, Tacloban City, containing an area of 200 square meters, covered by O.C.T. No. 6511; 3) Parcel of land, Lot No. 5-A, Psd-08-014413-D, situated in Brgy. Anibong, Tacloban City, Leyte, containing an area of 140 square meters, more or less and covered by TCT No. T-6755; per Doc. No. 416, Page No. 83, Book No. 28, Series of 2014 of Notary Public Atty. Edwin Y. Chua. *LSDE: Nov. 13, 20 & 27, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Faustino Salentes and Maria Solvera extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot 4-B, Pad 382073, situated in the Barrio of Sagkahan, City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte under T.C.T. No. T-64236, Tax Dec. No. 2012-02-0028-04186, containing an area of 83 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ALVIN T. PACIENCIA married to Fritzie A. Paciencia as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 498, Page No. 101, Book No. II, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Carly Jane P. Villanoza. *LSDE: Nov. 13, 20 & 27, 2018*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that Asteria A. Ferrer and Juanita Ferrer Hild are heirs of the late Maria Erlinda Ferrer extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an assets or bank deposit with the Philippine National Bank Manila-Escotala Branch described as: Account No. 160710016594 Balance of PHP 143,183.42; Account No.: 160760016601, USD 1,170.82; per Doc. No. 812, Page No. 163, Book No. 12, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Abigail Azcarraga Portugal. *LSDE: Nov. 13, 20 & 27, 2018*

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR LONG-TERM LEASE OF THE VACANT LOT OF SAN JUAN, SOUTHERN LEYTE

The Municipal Government of San Juan, Southern Leyte is leasing out a vacant lot located at the corner of the national highway and Escaño Street, San Juan, Southern Leyte, subject to the following:

I. THE LEASED PROPERTY

The scope of the bid is the lease of the vacant lot (hereinafter "Leased Property"), described as follows: One thousand seven hundred sixty two point eight square meters (1,762.08m²), being a portion of the lot covered by Tax Declaration (TD) No. 07-14-0002-00228, with an area of two thousand five hundred square meters (2,500 m²).

II. THE CONTRACT

The Contract covers the Long Term Lease Agreement to be executed between the Municipality of San Juan, Southern Leyte (hereinafter "Lessor") and the Winning Bidder, containing the terms and conditions of the lease.

III. DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS

The Winning Bidder shall abide by the zoning and land use regulation of the Municipality and other government agencies. The design and specifications of the commercial building to be constructed on the Leased Property shall comply with the minimum design and environmental standards prescribed by the Lessor.

Within thirty (30) days from Notice to Proceed, the Winning Bidder shall commence the construction of the commercial building and the same should be completed within six (6) months.

IV. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Publication of invitation	November 13, 20 and 27, 2018
Issuance of bid documents	Starting November 15, 2018
Submission and opening of bids	December 10, 2018 at 10:00 am
	Sangguniang Bayan Hall
	Municipal Hall
	San Juan, Southern Leyte
	December 12, 2018

V. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Lease period is twenty-five (25) years.
2. Minimum lease rental per square meters is twelve pesos (PhP12.00).
3. Annual escalation rate is five percent (5%), with a grace period of thirty (30) months from execution of the contract.
4. Lessee must have a minimum paid up capital of Ten Million Pesos (Php10,000,000.00) and track record of at least five (5) years for projects of similar scope and nature. Lessee should have a credit line certificate for the project from a commercial or universal bank in an amount not less than Twenty Million Pesos (PhP20,000,000.00).
5. All buildings and permanent improvements shall be turned over in full ownership to the Lessor upon expiration of the lease period.

VI. BIDDING PROCEDURE

The rules and procedure that govern are the provisions of Executive Order No. 301, series of 1987. The Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 6975, as amended by RA 7718, and RA 9184 are applied suppletorily.

Only bids from qualified bidders that are equal to or higher than the unit base price with the corresponding correct amount of bid security, including the projected cost of the proposed improvement on the Leased Property, shall be entertained.

A. Bid Forms

Interested bidders shall secure bid documents from the Municipal Engineer's Office, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00).

B. Bid Security

A bid security in an amount equivalent to three (3) months rent, exclusive of 12% VAT should accompany the bid. The bid security shall serve as a guarantee that the Winning Bidder shall, within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of the Notice of Award, make good his/its bid by entering into a contract with the Lessor and make the required payment/s within the prescribed period.

The bid security must be in cash, cashier's or manager's check drawn from any universal bank payable to the Municipality of San Juan.

C. Criteria for Evaluation

The lease contract shall be awarded to the eligible bidder that offers the highest lease rental for the Leased Property and whose bid complies with all the requirements and limitations thereof.

(Sgd.) JAIME MERQUITA, JR.
Head, Assets Disposition Committee

Gov. Petilla graces confab of barangay nutrition scholars from Leyte and Samar

PALO, Leyte- About 3,000 barangay nutrition scholars (BNS) from Leyte and Samar provinces attended a two-day regional conference held on October 11-12, 2018 at the Leyte Academic Center here with Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla as guest of honor and speaker.

The Conference had for its theme "BNS: Bida ng Nutrition, Noon, Ngayon, at Bukas!"

Members of the Harmonized Initiative for the Spread of Good Nutrition in Region Eight (HIM-SOG-8) also graced the event.

The group is composed of active tri-media practitioners in the region and the media components

of the National Nutrition Council-8 as its media arm in the dissemination and promotion of the good and the best nutrition practices.

Regional federation president Lydia Nuñez welcomed the participants and the public during the opening program which was also attended by NNC-8 officials headed by Dr. Catalino P. Dotollo Jr., regional nutrition program coordinator and nutrition officer Niño Archie S. Labordo, among others.

In his message, Gov. Petilla related that when he first assumed office as governor in June 2013, he attended a well-conducted project called the Visayas Nutrition Forum that tackled the prevalence of schistosomiasis and malnutri-

tion cases in Leyte.

Gov. Petilla summed up the healing and caring experience saying that through proper nutrition feeding and deworming assistance, 85% of the affected population returned to their normal weights after six months of intensive case follows-ups.

The Visayas Nutrition Forum, he recalled, paved the way for the coming to Leyte of other volunteer-missions under the auspices of the United Nation (UN).

"I congratulate and thank the BNS Volunteer to a job well done. For their dedication and humanitarian concern; for the sick who are obviously poverty-stricken, and for their love for Region 8," Petilla said. **(ALBERTO E. LESIGUEZ)**



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla lead in the ribbon cutting of five jetmatic pumps worth P25,000 to five zones in Barangay San Antonio, Tunga town on Nov. 16, 2018. Assisting the governor were Tunga Mayor Catalina Agda, barangay chairman Fideleo Baac, Raissa Villasin representing board member Niccolo Villasin of the 2nd district and Karen T. Javier as special guests to the said activity. **(Gina P. Gerez)**

Samar mayor says her town remains peaceful; dismisses speculation on slay try of a political foe

TACLOBAN CITY- Contrary to perception, the town of Matuguinao in Samar is a peaceful place.

But its tranquility is being 'disturbed' by some groups in the town as they are sowing fear among her people, Mayor Melissa de la Cruz said in an interview.

de la Cruz, who is running for vice mayor in next year's elections, thus appeal these groups not to stalk fear among her people.

"Matuguinao is a very peaceful place but there are really individuals who want to disturb our peace and order situation. They are sowing fear among my people," the third-term mayor said.

The situation in Matuguinao was highlighted after former mayor Aran Boller, who is running for the same post in next year's election, was reportedly ambushed in Catbalogan City by still unidentified armed men on November 18.

Boller, who is a relative of Mayor de la Cruz, was hit at his right hand.

The lady mayor, however, downplayed the incident involving her political rival.

She said that she find it ridiculous that Boller was only hit at his right hand



Mayor Melissa de la Cruz of Matuguinao, Samar says some individuals are out to sow fear among her people. She asks security agencies of the government to help maintain their peace and order situation. (Photo Courtesy)

by the perpetrator.

"If the suspect is bent on killing him, he could have been shot that would ensure his death," she said.

Mayor de la Cruz also dismissed allegations that she could be behind on the incident.

"Why will I do that? I don't have any capacity to do that. We don't have any private armed group contrary to what my opponent is falsely spreading," she said.

According to de la Cruz, there is no reason for her to resort to violence as she believes that majority of the

people of Matuguinao supports their family.

The outgoing town mayor also issued an appeal to officials of both the Philippine National Police and the Army in the region to give focus on her town saying 'several' killing incidents in their town remain unsolved and for them to stop the presence of private armed group there.

Boller was defeated by de la Cruz for mayor in 2010 and 2013 elections.

For next year's elections, de la Cruz sister, Carmel, who is the incumbent vice mayor, will face Boller for the mayoralty post.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Bikers'...

...from Page 10 there is always this sense of being safe when you are a cyclist. There is always this right of the motorist to think that the road belongs to them," Yeo said.

During the Salubungan at the San Juanico Bridge, the lights of the bridge were turned off as the bikers crossed the iconic bridge that connects the islands of Samar and Leyte.

Like fireflies in the night, the blinkers of the bikes guided the bikers on their way from the Samar side of the bridge to the Leyte side. Organizers of the Sa-

Personnel of Leyte's 1st engineering district joined quake, tsunami drill

PALO, Leyte- The Leyte 1st District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways participated in the country's 4th Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill

lubungan explained that they want the bikers to appreciate biking at night reason why they asked the Department of Public Works and Highway to turn off the lights of the San Juanico while they crossed the bridge.

After Tacloban, the bikers headed to Liloan Port in Southern Leyte and cross Surigao Strait to reach Mindanao with the Davao City as their destination.

In Davao, the bikers will be meet by organizers in the city who will bike with them until they reach the Philippine Eagle Sanctuary in Davao City. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

(NSED) and Observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day on November 07, 2018.

There were teams assigned to guide the people in the entire course of the drill such as the brigade supervisors, evacuation teams, exit teams, traffic and security team and firefighting team and the search and rescue team.

With a 1-minute sound of an alarm, the participants performed the duck, cover, and hold maneuver and immediately evacuated the building right after the sound of the alarm.

Some employees acted as injured which highlighted the essence and significance of the activity. All regular employees and job orders from each section noticeably participated in the drill.

The National Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) in coordination with The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) aims to educate Filipinos about how they should prepare for earthquakes and other hazards and promotes disaster preparedness and resilience among Filipinos.

The objective of the drill was to test the efficiency and usefulness of the response and recovery plans, systems and policies developed in every localities and offices.

This is also a part of the government's continuing efforts in enhancing public awareness and strengthening the nation's capability in disaster preparedness, management and response in cases of emergency. **(PR)**

Local products, Christmas fashion take center stage in a bazaar

TACLOBAN CITY-Shopaholic Christmas Fashion and Food Bazaar is coming to Tacloban City on December 2 to 8 at Robinsons North in Abucay district featuring the best of the region's home-grown businesses.

Apple Anido Alagon, co-organizer of the event, said they want to share their advocacy to help promote local startups and artisans "to bring the festivities and renewed spirit of the people this holiday season."

"As shopaholic ourselves, we carefully selected the exhibitors for the bazaar to ensure everyone's taste for something different is met and a wide variety of options are available to entice a bigger and eager market," said Alagon of the Happy Lane Events.

Alagon added they are looking for six additional enterprises to complete the lineup.

"We hope to tap new businesses in the city and in the region," said Alagon, who is also the president of Rotary Club of Ormoc Bay.

She said that one of their weekend highlights will be a fashion show from four different local brands on December 8.

These local brands are Lexi & Zabi, twinning outfits of mom and kids or

dad and kids; Lemon Drops, trendy apparel; Sweet Chic Boutique; trendy apparel; and Colors and Shadows, hand painted bayongciagas as accessories.

Coke Young Go, co-organizer and budding entrepreneur/fashion blogger in the city, added that the event is about turning their passion into advocacy and business.

"We're promoting young and vibrant entrepreneurs, local artisans and food industry on a very merry month," said Go while urging the public to support and buy local products.

The group said that Tacloban City being the region's gateway, it is but fitting that they would hold their bazaar in the city on Christmas time.

"We are very happy that organizers from the Happy Lane Events noticed our native products and invited us to join the event. This encourages us to showcase and offer rare to find hand-crafts made of reed grass locally known as tikog," added Ricky Bautista, journalist turned "banig" weaving-entrepreneur in Basey, Samar.

On December 3, weavers and artisans from Bautista's Henry's Banig Souvenir Shop will perform on stage a live demonstration on how the mats and bags are being weaved.

(RONALD O.REYES)



Bikers from Tacloban City pedals for 12 kilometers around Tacloban City before going to San Juanico Bridge for the Salubungan 2018 to welcome bikers from Luzon and provinces of Northern Samar and Samar on Sunday(November 25). (ROEL T.AMAZONA)

Bikers' group uses San Juanico Bridge to raise road safety awareness

TACLOBAN CITY-Pro-moting a safe zone for pedestrian and bicycle users, more than 300 bikers joined the 'Salubungan at the San Juanico Bridge' on November 25 organized by the Firefly Brigade and Wetland International.

Some of the participants from Luzon started their biking journey from Baguio to Metro Manila before heading to Bicol region and crossing the sea to reach Eastern Visayas.

Jack Yabut, Firefly Brigade Philippines president, was among the five-man team from Baguio who

reached the region through biking.

Their team was welcomed in the port of in Allen, Northern Samar by biking enthusiast from the said province who also joined them in their journey to Tacloban City.

"That's the purpose of this ride, why we are doing a trans-Philippine or trans-country na ride connecting all the major island and all the major cities and towns and provinces and regions, kasi we can travel," Yabut said.

"The Philippines is a beautiful country to travel to, whether naka-motor ka,

naka-kotse ka, naka-barko ka or nagbibisikleta. Kahit naglalakad pwedeng maganap but it has to be safe," he added.

Yabut said that the campaign on road safety must not only come from the advocates but also from ordinary citizens and the vehicle owners by becoming responsible road users.

The government, on its part, should properly and strictly enforce the laws and provide infrastructure support to bicycle users like providing bicycle lanes.

But providing bicycle lane is not an easy task espe-

cially in highly developed areas where spaces to expand roads is not enough and where urban planning are designed to cater motor vehicles, Firefly Connections founder Lyndon Yeo said.

Yeo along with his fellow Singaporean national Mervyn Chan, flew all the way from Singapore to Tacloban to join the first Salubungan in Eastern Visayas.

"One of the biggest challenges is what you call a bike lane. In every country especially in big cities,

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