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Suicide now considered as a mental illness

Archdiocese eases suicide burial rule

JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY- Suicide victims within the Archdiocese of Palo in Leyte could now have their last Mass rites at the Church.

This after the priests in the archdiocese, headed by Archbishop John Du, agreed to 'relax' their rule on no person who died due to suicide would be given a Mass inside the church,

Father Chris Arthur Militante, spokesperson of the archdiocese, said.

Fr. Militante said that this change of position by the archdiocese on the issue was agreed during their

gathering or presbyterium held on April 11.

According to Militante, while those who died could still receive the requiem mass, this is not held inside the church but either in the

house of the suicide victim or at the cemetery.

"But the archdiocese decided to relax this rule and will now afford a Church mass for those who died due to suicide during our presbyterium held last Thursday (April 11). It's because of new studies or see Archdiocese /page 9 ...



MASS RITES. Suicide victims within the Archdiocese of Leyte can be given a Mass rites inside a Church, a deviation from the old tradition of the Catholic Church prohibiting them to be given the last rites. The change of position was disclosed by Father Chris Arthur Militante, communication officer of the archdiocese.

Church asks faithful to observe the death and passion of Jesus Christ Police, DOT issues advisories during the Holy Week

TACLOBAN CITY - The regional offices of the Department of Tourism and see Police /page 7 ...



The Archdiocese of Palo asks the faithful to observe the Holy Week by reflecting on the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Photo shows the faithful having their palm fronds blessed by Fr. Raymund Mazo, parish priest of Saint Jude Parish on Sunday (April 14).



GO, Bong Go! GO, Bong Go! - Senatorial candidate Bong Go warmly applauded by thousands in the streets of Cagayan de Oro.

Senate seat should uplift people's lives - Bong Go

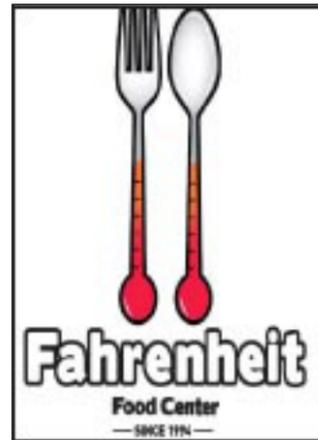
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY - Former Special Assistant to the President and 2019 senatorial candidate Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go on Friday said a Senate seat should be utilized to help uplift the lives of the Filipino people.

The former SAP made the statement after going around the city in a motorcade where he received enthusiastic welcome from the residents. He also vowed to continue the programs and policies of President Rodrigo Duterte. "Ipagpapatuloy ko yung pagbabagong sinimulan niya, kampanya laban sa kriminalidad, kampanya laban sa corruption sa go-byerno, kampanya laban sa ilegal na droga. Susugpuin talaga namin ang ilegal na droga. Kasama ko dito si Pangulong Duterte. Tutulongan ko siya dito sa tatlong yan at salayuning magbigyan ng mas magandang kinabukasan ang mga Pilipino," Go said in an ambush interview.

Go was also mobbed by adoring supporters when he decided to eat in a carinderia at the Cogon Market here after his motorcade around the city. Chants of "Go! Bong Go! Go! Bong Go!" echoed at the market when the customers realized the former SAP was taking his meal at one of the eateries.

"Salamat po sa mainit na pagsalubong sa amin, kasig init ng panahon ngayon. Nakakawala ng pagod

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In Biliran

Women candidates square off for mayoralty post; a first in the history of the town

CAIBIRAN, Biliran—This small and remote town could be setting an election record of sort.

For the first time on its political history, three women are running for the post of mayor, squaring off with a lone man candidate.

The women mayoralty candidates are the incumbent vice mayor, Rhodessa Delante; Yolanda Maderazo, the sister of outgoing mayor Eulalio Maderazo, who is her running-mate; and Judith Go, sister of former vice mayor Naricres Go.

The lone man candidate in the crowded mayoralty race is Eddie Visbal, a retired fire officer.

Wilson Ginagate, assistant elections officer of the town, said that this is the first time that more women are gunning for the top post of Caibiran, a fifth class town (annual income: P102 million) with a voting population of 16,625 registered voters.

"This year's race is very interesting, if not (historical) as there are three women running for mayor and only one man," Ginagate said.

Based on their record, there are 8,206 women in the town who are registered voters, lower by 213 with that of their male counterparts.

According to him, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has been encouraging more wom-

en to run for elective positions as they are also advocating GAD (gender and development) for women equality.

In Eastern Visayas, there are 836 women candidates who are seeking for elective posts up for grabs in the forthcoming May 13 elections.

The number, however, is comparatively small compare to the 2,555 men candidates in the region who are also running for posts for governor, congressman, board members, mayor, vice mayor and councilors.

For Vice Mayor Delante, she is glad that there are more women who are running for the mayor of their town.

She said that the women are now more aware that they could do what men could do, running the affair of a local government.

Delante, 34 and a mother to two young girls, said that she believes that she could get women's votes, an observation shared by Maderazo.

And obviously, the women candidates are banking on the votes of women, saying they have programs intended for them like livelihood so they would not depend so much on their husbands, in particular.

"They knew that if a woman would lead them, they could be assured that they will be in good hands. They are more comfortable to have a woman leader, I guess," Maderazo, a retired planning officer of the provincial government of Bil-

iran, said.

Maderazo, 60, is confident that it will be a woman who will emerge as the winner in the mayoralty race.

"I'm sure of that. (He) is a weak candidate," she said, referring to Visbal.

For Vice Mayor Delante, she is also counting her young age to get the votes of young women of their town.

"I really hope to get their votes as I knew that they want to see a young leader like me who will lead our town to progress," she said.

It was learned that the town has only produced two women mayors: Erlinda Reyes, who served during the remaining years of the Marcos dictatorship, and Floresca Delante, who served from 2007 to 2010.

Incidentally, both women are relatives to Vice Mayor Delante, a former beauty queen. Reyes is an aunt while Floresca is her mother.

For Janet Go, a registered voter, said that she does not really consider the gender of the candidate when she vote.

"It's more on their programs and what they intend to do to help the people of the town," the 30-year old woman said, declining to say who will receive her precious vote among the three women mayoralty candidate.

The other candidates, Go and Visbal, were not available for their comments. **(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

In the aftermath of shooting spree by armed men

Residents of a remote village in Samar town fled out of fear

CATBALOGAN CITY—Several families in a remote village of Gandara town, in Samar, have fled their homes after a group of armed men went into a shooting spree Saturday (April 13) afternoon.

The residents of Barangay San Antonio fled from their houses for fear of their lives after 20 armed men descended to their village at about 4 pm on that day and without any

warning, trained their high-powered guns at various directions.

Village chairman Ramon Corocoto said that the fleeing families, composed of 40 persons, left the village to seek temporary shelter at the town center as they feared for their safety.

Corocoto said that the armed men, upon entering their village, shouted who were among them were 'pula' or red, alluding to the

political color of the Nacionalista Party.

"When they entered the village, they kept on shouting that we are supporters of the red and they will kill us," the village chairman said.

While the police authorities have yet to establish the motive of the armed men, Corocoto believed that the motive of the suspects were politics.

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Hyundai's new car model Reina being unveiled in Tacloban City on April 12. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

Hyundai Tacloban is bullish on 2 brand new car releases

TACLOBAN CITY—Alexander Ray Belleza, branch manager of Hyundai Tacloban, is positive on the upcoming sales of their company's two new model cars Hyundai Accent and Reina.

"Our target is to sell 50 units per month in Tacloban," Belleza said during the unveiling of the two models at the Robinsons Mall in Abucay on Friday (April 12).

"Hyundai Tacloban never ceases to address the necessities of Region 8's motorists to their satisfaction. Hyundai Tacloban effort to strive to be relevant in the automotive industry in the region continues," the manager added.

According to Belleza, Hyundai has proven its constant relevance, given the barriers such as the rise of inflation rates and significant political and economic events faced by the entire automotive industry in 2018.

"Hopefully, the brand would be able to bounce back this year with its new car releases," he said.

He disclosed that the auto industry's performance was reduced by the advance purchases in the latter part of 2017 in preparation for the excise taxes hikes.

"2018's decline comes after eight consecutive growth years for the Philippine automotive industry. While key model introductions managed to uplift the disposition," Belleza said in a speech.

While Belleza said that the 2018 Philippine automotive sales stood high amidst a backdrop of uncertainty with higher excise taxes on fuel and vehicles, Hyundai manages to hang on comfortably to third spot with an 8.8 % market share.

"Sales figures often play a huge role in portraying the current relevance of a branch to its consumers. It is simply a variable that speaks in accordance with its numbers," he said.

In 2018, Hyundai rendered a total of 35,401 units sold which was driven by car the models Kona, Tucson, Grand Starex, H-100, and Accent.

"The uncertainty faced in the automotive industry for the year, Hyundai has proven itself to weather the odds

and exceed expectations. The economic landscape shows to be more optimistic, you can expect more from us in 2019," said Belleza, quoting Ma. Fe Perez-Agudo, the Hyundai Asia Resources Inc. (HARI) president and chief executive officer.

A stylish subcompact sedan with practical features, Reina has 1.4-liter petrol engine with class-leading power at 95 PS for quicker maneuverability.

With its sleek and more solid design, the all-new Hyundai Accent has two engine options: the 1.4-liter gas engine making 100 PS and 132 Nm of torque and 1.6-liter CRDI making 128 PS and 260 Nm of torque.

(RONALD O. REYES/ LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that

FELIX PANZO DE LIRA has filed with this Office, *(Complete name of petitioner)*

a Petition for change of first name from **CLETO JR.** to **FELIX** in *(First name to be changed)* *(New first name to be adopted)* the Birth Certificate of **CLETO PANZO DE LIRA JR.** who was born on **MARCH 28, 1959** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **LOURDES A. PANZO** and **CLETO A. DE LIRA.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 29, 2019.**

(Sgd.) IMELDA A. ROA
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: April 16 & 23, 2019

**Part of the campaign to make May 13 polls peaceful
PNP in EV arrested 33 persons
for illegal possession of firearms
and other deadly weapons**

TACLOBAN CITY- A total of 114 banned weapons were confiscated and 33 civilians arrested across the region covering an 11-day operations of the Philippine National Police (PNP) aimed in making the May 13 balloting peaceful and orderly.

The seized weapons were 52 ammunition, 27 bladed weapons, 13 units of firearms which includes 5 units of cal. 45 pistol, 4 units of cal. 38 revolver and 1 unit each for cal. 22 pistol and 5.56 revolver.

Also retrieved at various check points were improvised gun and home-made gun (deholen) and

marbles used for 'holen' gun, four magazines, two units each for cartridge case and sling bag and one empty shell for cal. 45 pistol.

"I am thankful for the continued support we had received from the community. Let us continue helping one another to achieve a safer election this coming May 13," said Police Brigadier Dionardo Carlos, the police regional director.

Of the 33 arrested civilians, 19 were from Leyte; four each from Northern Samar and Samar; two from Eastern Samar; and one each from Biliran, Southern Leyte, Tacloban

and Ormoc.

The cases of the apprehended persons include violations of BP Blg. 6 (An Act Reducing the Penalty for Illegal possession of bladed, pointed or blunt weapons, and for other purposes), RA 10591 (Comprehensive firearms and ammunition regulation act), frustrated murder, alarm and scandal, violation of Sec. 261 of Paragraph Q of Omnibus Election Code (Carrying firearms oA total of 21,010 PNP personnel along with the Philippine Army conducted the operations across the region March 29 to April 8.

(RONALD O. REYES)

**Former Leyte mayor turns Catholic devotee;
builds a shrine where faithful can pray**

ORMOC CITY- Spending money from his own pocket, a former mayor here in Leyte spent millions of pesos just to fulfill his childhood dream to build a shrine intended for Catholic devotees.

Businessman Panfilo Go, 60, a long-time mayor of Hilongos town, said that his plan to construct a shrine started when he had a dream when he was just in Grade 5.

He said that an old lady

appeared on his dream asking him to build a shrine where Catholic devotees could pray.

In 1978, he was able to convince a lot owner to sell his property to him located *see Former /page 6 ...*

**Bong Go maintains strong
showing in survey on
senatorial race**



Former Special Assistant to the President Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go maintains his strong showing in the survey on the senatorial race with barely a month to go before the May 13, 2019 elections.

Despite his strong showing, Go said he would continue to work harder and serve the people the best way he could.

"Tuladpo ng sabi ko, patuloy po akong mag-iikot para tumulong at makapagserbisyo sa tao, kahit sa ang eskinita papasukin ko para lang marinig ang mga hinaing ng ating mga kababayan, mapangiti sila at maibsan ang kanilang kalungkutan, at higit sa lahat at maiparating ang tunay na serbisyong kinakailangan," Go said.

In the survey conducted by Pulse Asia from March 23-27, Go retained his 3rd to 5th, similar to the February 24 to 28 survey of the same polling firm.

However, the awareness rating of Go rose from 96 percent in the February survey to 99 percent in the March survey, as well as those who are voting for him, from 53 percent in

February to 55.7 percent in the last survey result.

"Isa itong patunay namasaya ang mga tao sa administrasyon ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte at patuloy ang suporta nila sa ating Pangulo at sa kanyang mga kaalyado," said Go noting that majority of the candidates identified with the administration dominated the survey as probable winners.

Nagpapasalamat po ako sa ating mga kababayan na kahit saan kami magpunta ay napaka-init ng pagtanggap — kasing init ng panahon po ngayon. Talagang nakakawala po ng pagod," Go said.

Go also thanked his mentor, President Duterte, saying his endorsement is a major factor in his strong performance in the senatorial race surveys.

"Malaking bagay po talaga ang suporta ni Pangulong Duterte," said Go.

It could be recalled that in several campaign sorties, President Duterte had said voters won't go wrong with the former SAP, whom he said is "extremely honest" and a "hard-worker."

Likewise, Go said the survey results revealed that Filipinos are intelligent and not falling for the mudslinging tactics recently directed against administration candidates, President Duterte and his family.

"Matatalino po ang mga Pilipino at hindi nadadala sa black proganda lamang. Alam nila ang totoo," Go stressed.

"Ang serbisyo sa tao at serbisyo sa Diyos. Wala po kaming ibang hangarin ni Pangulong Duterte kundi ang makatulong at makapagserbisyo sa kapwa naming Pilipino. Maraming salamat po," he added. (PR)



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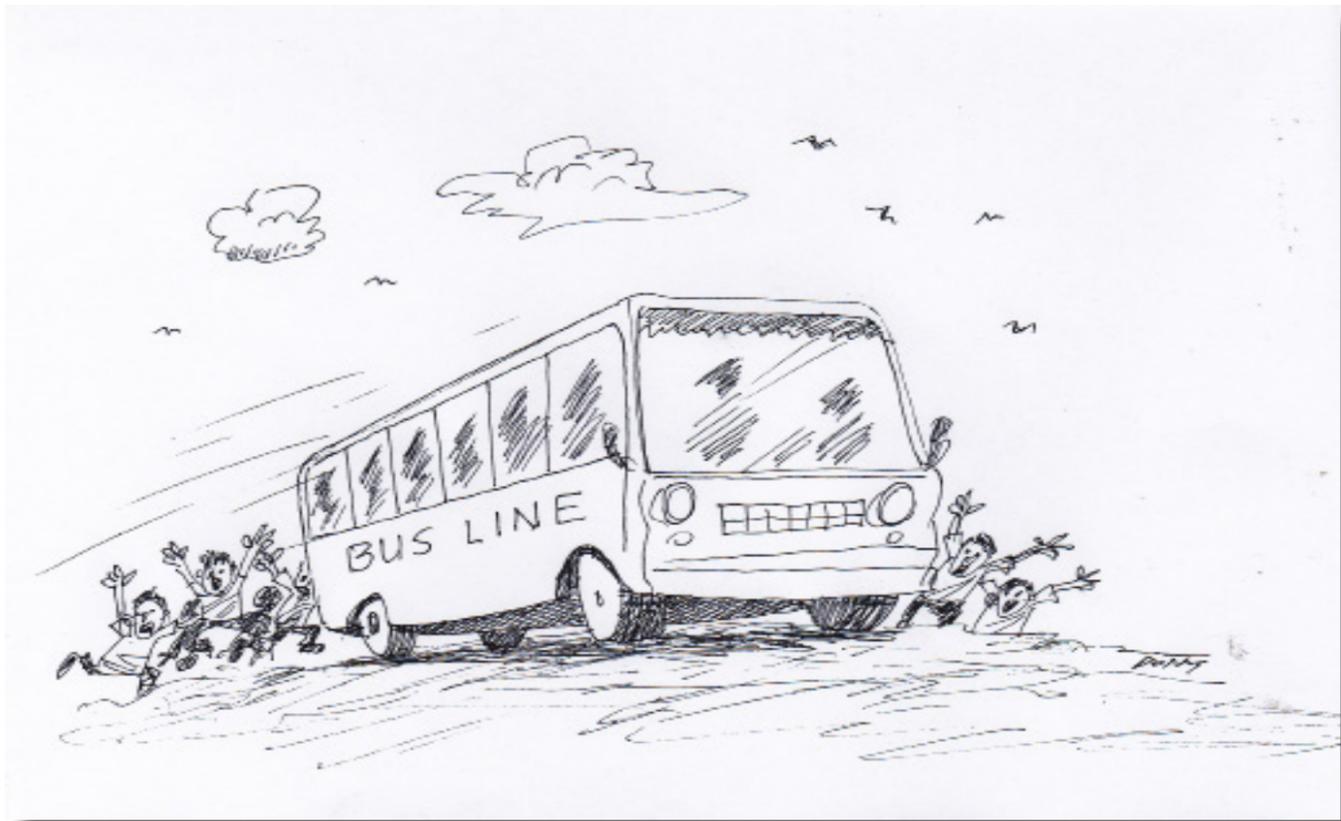
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Passenger season

Ports and terminals throughout the country are now starting to swell with passengers bound to various destinations due to the holy week religious observance of this predominantly Roman Catholic country, hence the luggage-people congestion that results in unpleasant events in these areas sometimes.

In bus terminals, some people seeking to get a ride have to spend days and nights there for being chance passengers, or to line up before the ticketing counters. Some of them end up hungry and drained of their hard-earned cash due to unexpected expenses brought about by trip delays. Those with children and elderly companions suffer the most as the latter are prone to sicknesses amid hunger and the scorching summer heat.

As the crowds flock to these terminals, the sanitation of these places eventually worsens.

Undisciplined folks just throw used plastic bags, bottles, and all everywhere, littering the place even with body wastes such as odorous urine, phlegm extracted from their coughing throats, and spitted saliva. At times, riots even break out, especially when delayed passengers are deprived of equal access to travel opportunities, like latecomers leaving ahead of them due to connections and bribery facilitated by fixers.

Opportunists such as vendors with sky-high prices likewise flock to these passenger-crowded terminals. Pickpockets, snatchers, swindlers, robbers, and thieves penetrate these crowds with their modus at work. As always, the unsuspecting folks are the frequent victims. We hope that the authorities will also field their agents there, not just for visibility, but also for the protection and safety of the commuters via a close monitoring of the latter's valuables and all.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Smiling around

It pays to wear face masks nowadays. That's if you live in big cities, frequenting thoroughfares with heavy traffic as well as untidy places that are flocked by huge crowds like wet markets, bus terminals, outdoor bazaars, open-air concerts, and the like.

Two reasons largely explain it: first, to avoid inhaling the toxic, dark

fumes that vehicles abundantly emit; second, to avoid exposure to the air that is likely contaminated with various airborne illnesses, particularly the deadly measles outbreak in the country that has been claiming numerous lives.

There are but a few drawbacks that wearing a face mask brings to us. For one, it creates an im-

pression to others that you are suffering from a communicable, respiratory disease, hence someone to avoid. If not, you seem unfit to join a crowd for being too high class and are then out of place in, say, elevators or food courts where ordinary people abound.

To make this gesture friendly, or else funny, some manufacturers came out with very creative face masks. They are in fact available in various designs; so much assorted that you can choose the gender, the emotional expression of the face, the mouth formation, the facial color, the looks, and many more, depending on your taste. Once put on, the mask actually changes your face close friends and relatives may not recognize you anymore.

Up close, the mask can be detected with ease—that it's there worn by somebody. Moreover, it simply displays the lower part of the nose, the entire mouth, the chin, and the lower cheeks. But seen from afar, it blends with one's face you will get the quick impression it's really part of the person's face. And you'll have a hard time detecting it. All you could think of is that, it's one's actual face and whatever is its design eventually shows that face.

What's fun is when the design showcases funny looks, like exposed gums or huge teeth as though the wearer is some kind of a beast. It's not just funny; it could be joltingly scary. If the user suddenly appears Smiling/page 5



Observer

ALVIN GZ. ARPON

Washing of the feet

On Holy Thursday the Christian world will observe a very significant religious commemoration on the Last

Supper JESUS CHRIST our Lord and Saviour with HIS APOSTLES before His arrest, painful suffering and death on the cross – to save mankind from eternal damnation because of sin.

There was however a very touching moment before He sat down with His apostles to have their supper when he approached each of them and humbly washed their feet, an act that is only done by slaves.

Slaves in JESUS time were treated as less human. In fact they were “owned” by the rich, the powerful and affluent families in society. Slaves were even for sale being lined up in business centers those who need them.

-oOo-

Why did JESUS act slave-like by humbly washing the feet of his apostles?

He created that situation to provide an eye-opener to people for them to realize and understand that all and every human being brought forth in this world is God's creation. Every human be-

ing is a person who deserves our understanding, respect and love.

-oOo-

In these times there are no more slaves but the rich among us or even just middle-income families have employed house helps also called servants. They are provided basic needs and are given regular salaries.

The humble act of JESUS was also a message to mankind to be humble and generous. Open self-acclamation of goodness or greatness and guiltlessly expressing pride for being good and talented is bragging.

The goodness in each of us should be shown by just sincerely doing well to others – to be generous, especially to those in dire need.

Monsignor Benedicto Crisologo parish priest of VuG explained and intelligently elucidated the meaning of the washing of the feet in his homily last Sunday. I was deeply touched in the way he delivered his homily.

islands occupied by Filipinos an assault on Philippine sovereignty.

The presence of Chinese ships around Pag-Asa is illegal as the Philippines has sovereign rights and jurisdiction over the island. Matters of national sovereignty should remain “non-negotiable”. We must defend our sovereignty and territory as it is enshrined in our Constitution.

The Philippines and China are supposed to be friends but it is only the Philippines that consider China a friend. China is not friendly in terms of its action of occupying the West Philippine Sea.

Smiling...

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pears like in a slightly dark room, it could scare the wits off you all the way to fainting if your heart is weak. So much as wearing masks is getting a necessity, it could also be one of a disturbance. That's if the design is rather offensive.

Perhaps, the best design one should choose is that which beams a sweet smile. That would be attractive to behold since smiles are flowers that adorn the surroundings. It's far from being offen-



Commentary

By Fr. Roy Cimagala

Persevere in prayer

YES, despite whatever—dryness, boredom, lukewarmness, tiredness and a long list of etcetera—let's just persevere in prayer. The effort to pray that may need to be heroic and extraordinary at times will never go unnoticed with God our Father who can never be outdone in generosity. To be sure, he will give us much more than what we give him.

Persevering in prayer will eventually give us new lights, insights and impulses that will leave us amazed at the goodness and kindness of God, his mercy and all-embracing love. It will rekindle or at least fan into a flame our dying fire of love for God and for others.

When we persevere in meditating on the words of God found in the gospel, for example, we would be astonished at how old familiar passages and ideas acquire new meaning and open to us practically a whole new world of insights that can inspire us to action and different initiatives.

Let us remember that the word of God, as the Letter to the Hebrews would put it, “is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges

thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (4,12) As one saint also said, God's word is eternal, always new while it is also old. It will always be relevant and will engage us in a meaningful way at any moment.

In short, meditating on the gospel will help us to have focus and sense of direction in life. It helps us avoid leading a scattered attention, reacting only to the passing things, to the here and now that often are mere fancies and curiosities. Let's have good control on our tendency to get distracted because of the internet, gadgets, multitasking lifestyle, etc.

It will help us to distinguish the voice of God who will always be intervening in our life. More than that, it will facilitate the continuance of our conversation with God who initiates it.

Again to be sure, God will surprise us with some overwhelming gestures from time to time to awaken us from our tendency to sleep spiritually. This happened, for example, during his transfiguration in Mt. Thabor before the three totally bewildered apostles Peter, James and John. (cfr. Mt 17,1-12)

We can expect some similar occurrences. Thus, some saints experi-

enced visions, ecstasies and other extraordinary things because of their perseverance in prayer despite all kinds of obstacles.

But, yes, it cannot be denied that given our human condition we will experience all kinds of things that will make prayer difficult for us. We should just try to comply with what Christ once said to the sleepy apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane. “Watch and pray so that you may not enter into temptation. For the spirit is willing but the body is weak.” (Mt 26,41)

Indeed only in prayer can we manage to deal with temptations effectively. And that's because when we pray, we unite ourselves more and more with Christ and thereby share his powers and his ability to ward off temptations and the devil himself.

When we feel weakening in our prayer, let us take advantage of that condition itself to go closer to God, even if we have to crawl and beg. Let's assume that logic expressed once by St. Paul: “Power is perfected in weakness...for when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor 12,9-10)

Let's always sharpen our dispositions for prayer. We need to make our faith alive, making it more incarnated rather than simply lingering in the abstract sphere. We have to strengthen our spirit of sacrifice and mortification. We cannot persevere in prayer if we remain weak in body and, worse, in will.

Let us always try to look for the appropriate place and time for our meditations.



From A Distance

JOEY E. CLARIN

The West Philippine Sea

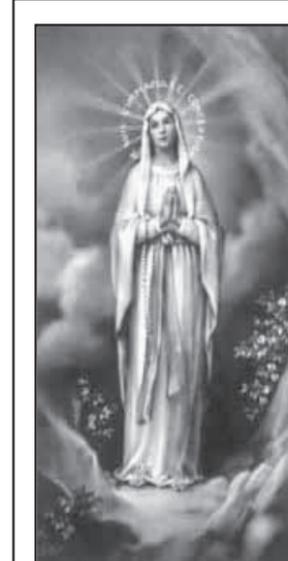
Under the 1987 Constitution in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies, it says “The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy, adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land.”

The United Nation's Court ruled invalidating China's claim in the West Philippine Sea. But China's militia vessels have been swarming around Pag-Asa Island in the Kalayaan Group of Islands since January 2019. As Chinese vessels continue to circle Pag-Asa, Panatag and other islands in the West Philippine Sea, the Philippines should file a diplomatic protest against

China.

The Filipinos have the right to know what the government is doing to ensure the safety of residents of the Kalayaan islands. China now controls Panatag Shoul which is just 120 miles from Zambales and Pangasinan. China grabbed it in 2012 after a tense stand-off between the Philippine Navy and the Chinese Coast Guard.

Our diplomatic protest must be made public. There's no reason to keep it away from Filipinos whose lives and livelihood are at stake. The continued presence of Chinese vessels in our islands is an assault on Philippine sovereignty. The Duterte administration should consider Chinese presence near



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)



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

Please be informed that the landholdings described below had been placed under coverage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) per Notice of Coverage as indicated below:

LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. MANUEL PRIMER	JUNE 19, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	P-6880	10291	6.5779	KANANGA, LEYTE	CACAO	MAY 6, 2019
2. TEOFILO SALAS	JUNE 24, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	T-2496	9371	3.7090	KANANGA, LEYTE	MASARAYAO	MAY 8, 2019
3. ASUNCION AUNZO	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	OCT-P-19655	PSU-251866 (1646)	4.7944	PALOMPON, LEYTE	TINUBDAN	MAY 20, 2019
4. PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK	JUNE 17, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	T-8066	1293	16.2794	CAPOOCAN, LEYTE	GAYAD	MAY 21, 2019
5. MAXIMO U. TONELETE	JUNE 26, 2012 / THE PHIL. STAR	TCT-T-2485	1306	7.1677	CAPOOCAN, LEYTE	GAYAD	MAY 22, 2019
6. ANTONIO MACEDA	JUNE 27, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	OCT-O-40	12144	5.5628	BURAUEN, LEYTE	PATAG	MAY 27, 2019
7. MELITON M. IROY	JUNE 24, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	T-1889	1325	5.6348	DAGAMI, LEYTE	CABUNGAAN	MAY 28, 2019
8. REYNALDO E. CHAN	JUNE 7, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	T-20195	5402	8.6508	JARO, LEYTE	MINULHO (HIBUNAWON)	JUNE 10, 2019
9. AGATONA SUPERABLE	JUNE 19, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	OCT-14622	3661	5.2503	JARO, LEYTE	SA. CRUZ	JUNE 11, 2019
10. CLEMENTE GO	JUNE 23, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	T-11392	4303	3.3970	JARO, LEYTE	CANHANDUGAN (MACANIP)	JUNE 13, 2019
11. SEBASTIAN S. NIVERA	JUNE 7, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	OCT-P-17205	1577	3.4919	CAPOOCAN, LEYTE	TOLIBAO	JUNE 17, 2019
12. LUIS TAMPADONG	JUNE 24, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	OCT-P-21683	7783	3.3181	DULAG, LEYTE	SAN JOSE	JUNE 17, 2019
13. LEOPOLDO SUMAYA	JUNE 3, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	T-5813	9378	7.0929	KANANGA, LEYTE	AGUITING	JUNE 18, 2019
14. CRESENCIA K. MAURILLO	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	T-3150	H-142580	7.0672	LA PAZ, LEYTE	COGON	JUNE 18, 2019
13. ARTURO G. SALAS	JUNE 3, 2014 / MANILLA BULLETIN	T-6867	9351-C	2.5950	KANANGA, LEYTE	SAN IGNACIO	JUNE 19, 2019
14. CERILO MAURILLO	SUBSTITUTED	T-3056	1356	6.0027	LA PAZ, LEYTE	COGON	JUNE 19, 2019

In this connection, may we invite you or your authorized representative to participate in the Conduct of Joint Field Investigation as scheduled on the above date at 8:00 in the morning.

Your failure to participate in the Field Investigation shall be a waiver on your part to question the findings thereof.

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

PAULINA S. CANALES
PARPO I / OIC PARPO II

6-1919

World Surgical Foundation to conduct Medical Mission in Tacloban City

TACLOBAN CITY- The World Surgical Foundation (WSF), a charitable organization committed to providing charitable surgical health care to the world's poor and underserved in developing nations will be conducting a Medical Mission this coming June 24-25, 2019 at the Tacloban City Hospital.

WSF targets to perform around 150-200 minor surgery operations and around 40-50 major surgery operations

of which will prioritize pediatric patients.

Dr. Joedina Gumagay, head of the Tacloban City Hospital, said that the SM Foundation will be conducting a pre-screening on June 10-11, 2019 at the Tacloban City Hospital for the surgical mission.

Cases to be screened are as follows: pediatric surgeries will include Hernia (umbilical and inguinal), hirschsprung disease, anal malformations, cleft lip, and palate; adult surgeries will in-

clude hernia, cholecystectomy, thyroidectomy, parotidectomy, cyst, breast mass); and minor surgeries will include mass or cyst at the back arms and legs.

Dr. Gumagay further said, for those with further queries with regard to the medical mission, they can visit the Tacloban City Hospital and look for the OIC-Chief Nurse, Florentina Meneses or contact her through 09175077595. **(RANDY CALIRARA/CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)**

Senate...

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at nakaka-inspire na magserbisyo para sa kapakanan ninyo," Go said.

Go assured that apart from the campaign against illegal drugs, criminality and corruption, he also wants to improve the delivery of health services in the country, particularly through the law that would allow the establishment of Malasakit Center in more provinces and key urban areas of the country.

"Ang serbisyo sa tao ay serbisyo sa Diyos. Wala po kaming ibang hanga-

rin ni Pangulong Duterte kundi magserbisyo para sa ikabubuti ng bawat Pilipino. Maraming salamat po," he said.

Other priority concerns under Go's legislative agenda include programs for agriculture, housing for

the poor, education, long-term sports development, fire protection and prevention, localized peace talks, barangay welfare, creation of a Department of OFW and improved benefits for senior citizens. **(PR)**

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Ma. Merly Achas heir of the late Maria Bula Duchac executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of residential land located at Poblacion, Borongan, Eastern Samar, covered by OCT No. RP-234 (8878) with Survey No. 352, Case 1, Cad. 434-D, containing an area of 255 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MERASOLAA. TIU as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 356, Page No. 75, Book No. X, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA. *LSDE: April 16, 23 & 30, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Eutiquio Peñaranda extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of (Lot No. 1247, Case 5, Cad 497-D, Babatngon Cadastre) situated at Brgy. of Bacong, Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, containing an area of 12,507 square meters, more or less, covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-41601; per Doc. No. 298, Page No. 61, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. *LSDE: April 16, 23 & 30, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Angel Delis extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Poblacion Babatngon, Leyte, covered by Katibayan Ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-43972, containing an area of 5,509 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 1,377 square meters, from the above-described property in favor of ELENA ARNON as vendee for the above-described property together with all the improvements found thereon; per Doc. No. 057, Page No. 13, Book No. 9, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lito Ercilla Odon. *LSDE: April 16, 23 & 30, 2019*



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Avelino Suela, Welehada Suela Bautista and Salvador Bautista extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot 3889, Cad-706-D, containing an area of 23,890.77 square meters covered by OCT No. 27929, under Tax Dec. No. 00027, assessed value of P14,660.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Miranda M. Catarus as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 21940, Page No. 88, Book No. 297, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: April 16, 23 & 30, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Maria C. Caratay extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Sitio Olongan, Brgy. San Pablo, Borongan City, Eastern Samar, covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-6833, Lot No. 10918, Cad 434-D, Case 22, and ARP No. 08-044-00012, containing an area of 3,458 square meters; and parties hereby waive and quitclaim rights and ownership of the above-described properties in favor of CYNTHIA R. CASILLANO; per Doc. No. 117, Page No. 23, Book No. III, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Celestina A. Cabato. *LSDE: April 16, 23 & 30, 2019*

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in Barangay Lunang where he built a small chapel.

April of 2017, Go, who had developed a devotion to Agnus Dei, constructed a shrine with the help of a Good Samaritan.

The shrine could accommodate about 1,000 people.

On March 30 of this year, the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines Most Reverend Gabrielle Giordano Caccia celebrated a Holy Mass at

Residents...

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The shooting spree perpetrated by the suspects resulted to the 'incidental' killing of one of their own, identified as Zosimo Casaljay who was later identified to be a wanted person for murder.

Police authorities in Gandara identified the leader of the armed men as one Edmar Wahingon who fired upon at the houses of the villagers who stayed inside their houses during the

entire incident.

More than 20 fired cartridges of different calibers and live ammunitions were recovered by the police authorities in the village.

The dead body of Casaljay, who bore a bullet wound at his head, was left behind by the armed group when they left the village.

His remains were brought at the Gandara District Hospital for post mortem examination.

Gandara is among areas in Samar considered to have a volatile peace and order situation during elections. **(ROMMEL RUTOR)**

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Christelyn Cano Orlanda heir of the late Lolita Orlanda executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. 10, Catbalogan City, Samar (Lot 20, Block 5) Pcs-5206, situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of Catbalogan, Province fo Samar, containing an area of 85 square meters, covered by TCT No. T-6033; per Doc. No. 2919, Page No. 17, Book No. XVI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid. *LSDE: April 16, 23 & 30, 2019*

the shrine attended by 3,000 devotees and 20 priests from the Diocese of Maasin.

Inside the 6,000 square meters compound where the modern church was built, a two-story convent was also constructed with the papal nuncio leading its inauguration.

A huge gymnasium was also built with the public can use for free, Go said.

Fr. Chris Estreber, the church priest said, its feast is celebrated every 10th of October and churchgoers

from various places come to celebrate.

Belonging to a fanatic religious family, Go said he does count on the money he will be spending for the church and in helping others who are in need.

"Political life is over for me. Three terms as mayor and one (term) as vice mayor are already enough. I have done what the Lord prepared for me in politics and this is my way of extending help to people," he said. **(ELVIE ROMAN ROA)**

Police...

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the Philippine National Police issued safety tips to Eastern Visayas residents this coming observance of Holy Week and summer vacation.

In the safety tips issued by the Police Regional Office (PRO) 8, Eastern Visayas residents who are leaving their homes are reminded to always lock all doors and windows and ensure that all possible entrances are blocked.

If possible, install a burglar alarm to alert the neighbors if someone breaks in and do not leave notes outside the house indicating you will be away, the police advisory added.

Owners are also encouraged to ask a trusted neighbor to keep watch over their houses while they are away.

The police advisory also said that house owners should ensure that no candle, gas stove, leaking faucet or plugged appliance are left unattended then secure all items outside the house, such as clothes being hung out to dry and bicycles or vehicles.

For those with vehicle and traveling drivers are advised to ensure the road-worthy of their car and follow the "BLOWBAG" rule: B - Battery, L - Light, O - Oil, W - Water, B - Brakes, A - Air, and G - Gas.

Drivers must always bring the pertinent documents for the vehicle, including driver's license, vehicle registration and Insurance Certificate.

They must always make sure that car doors are locked and the windows

closed especially if children are on board and must ensure control of the vehicle at all times.

The PNP also advices drivers to avoid one-handed driving or using a mobile phone; avoid driving while drunk or sleepy.

For night driving, drivers must always use headlights and signal lights and avoid driving when they have poor eyesight.

For those who will use public transport and going to church, beaches and resort, the public are advised not to wear expensive jewelry or bring large amounts of money and always keep watch over their mobile phone.

Do not bring too many items and always be early at airports and seaports especially in the case of women, children and senior citizens.

If there are suspicious package or someone acting suspiciously immediately notify authorities and always be wary of snatchers and petty thieves, and report incidents to the nearest Police Assistance Post.

With the influx of people taking advantage of the long holiday this Holy Week and the start of summer vacation, the tourism department also issued their safety tips to vacationists and travelers in Eastern Visayas tourist destinations.

"As part of our measures to prepare for the upcoming Lenten and summer season, we would like to remind you to ensure the safety of our domestic, local and foreign tourists during the season," Karina Rosa Tiopes, regional director of the Department of Tourism (DOT), said in the travel advisory.

The tourism official also reminded tourists and visitors to always practice sustainable and responsible tourism by minimizing the use of plastic, strictly following the carrying capacity and imposition of do's and don'ts particularly in tourism site like protected areas, water and power conservations.

In the travel advisory, tourists and visitors were urged to do their research prior to visiting their chosen destination; ensure to pack important things like first aid kits, dry bag, hygiene kits, sunscreen, and flashlight; follow the warning signs for safety; and constantly drink water or juice to avoid heatstroke.

The don'ts for tourists includes traveling without life jacket when crossing ocean, swim without lifeguard, leaving or disposing trash anywhere and avoiding wasting of resources like water and power.

The DOT and PRO8 also encourages tourist and residents to save important numbers in their phones like police hotlines and tourism office hotlines for them to immediately have access to authorities if they have concern.

Meantime, Father Chris Militante, spokesperson of the Archdiocese of Palo, said that while the observance of Holy Week should not be considered as a vacation time for the Catholics.

He asked them to do some reflections and take time in commemorating the holiest time in the Catholic calendar by recalling the passion and death of Jesus Christ.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

**Despite its many natural wonders
Tourism industry of Eastern Samar not picking up, says official**

TACLOBAN CITY- The tourism sector in Eastern Samar is not picking up compare to other provinces in the region.

In fact, the tourism arrivals and its receipts of the province is at the bottom, a depressing situation considering that Eastern Samar possesses natural wonders whose beauties are comparable to other major draws in the country like the Boracay and Siargao, Surigao del Sur, Mayor Mark Biong of Giporlos town, said.

Biong said that if he gets elected as a board member of the province, he want to get the chairmanship of the committee on tourism so he could help promote the tourism industry of the province.

"We have so much to offer to tourists and yet Eastern Samar's share on tourist arrivals and receipts only account five percent of the entire region," Biong said.

"It's high time to have a share equal to what we have in the province. Our islands are so pristine and clean. We have destinations comparable to popular sites in the Philippines," he added.

In 2017, for example he said, tourist receipts of the province only reached P684 million sourced from the expenses incurred by the more than 179,000 tourists who visited the different tourist spots of the province. And this figure slipped further to 4.4 percent by 2018, Biong added.

The outgoing mayor of Giporlos said that if he becomes a board member, he would craft legislative measures that would help enhance and promote the tourism sector of the province.

"I plan to have a massive marketing strategy (to help promote our tourism industry)," he said.

Among the tourism

destinations that Biong mentioned that could help attract tourists in the province are Calicoan Island in Guiuan town, Yolanda Beach in Salcedo, Aman-daraga Falls in Lawaan, Dangkalan Pacific Beach in Taft, nature parks in Hernani and Balangkayan towns, and the historic Balangiga Bells.

Biong said that what he envisions is for the tourism sector in the province be sustainable and pro-people.

Admitting on the shortcomings on accommodations, Biong said that he would encourage investors to build hotels and lodging inns.

He also said that tourists in the province can be assured of their safety saying that Eastern Samar is peaceful, contrary to public perceptions.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA, JOEY A. GABIETA)

Imee Marcos complaints high cost of political ads

TACLOBAN CITY- Senatorial aspirant and Ilocos Norte Governor Imee Marcos 'pleaded' with the media entities not to demand what she called 'outrageous' advertisement ads.

According to Marcos, who was in the city on Friday(April 12) to woo Waray voters, said that al-

most 80 percent of candidates campaign funds goes to political advertisements.

And this high cost to place a political ads in the media placed at the disadvantage candidates like her who does not have much to shell out.

"Otsenta porsenyento ang gastos namin nasa inyo, media. Bakit kayo naninngil ng ganyan?Dapat shared public affairs;dapat may information," she said during a media interview.

She asked the media not to get mad at her with her statement on this issue saying its really 'true'.

"Mas mayaman ka, kahit papano, nakakagbayad ka," she said.

It was learned that for a candidate to have a television ad, for example, he or she has to shell out P800,000 per 30 seconds if shown in prime time while a 15-second ad will cost P500,000.

Based on the study of Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ), Marcos has spent P413 million covering the period of January, 2018 to January, 2019.

Former presidential aide, Christopher 'Bong' Go was said to have topped the list at P422 million expenditure.

Both Marcos and Go belong to the administra-

tion-backed Hugpong ng Pagbabago(HnP).

While Marcos appear to lament on the high cost of media advertisement, she admitted that media exposure remain to be a factor for a candidate, especially those seeking national positions like her.

She said that a 90-day campaign period is not enough to cover the entire Philippines and get the voters nod.

"It's all about media exposure. Hindi mo maiikot ang buong Pilipinas," she said.

She added that while she uses the social media as another campaign tool which she said is considerably cheaper compare to the main stream media, 'even a fan page is being tear down,' she said.

Marcos could be alluding to the case of presidential daughter and Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte, HnP campaign manager, whose Facebook account was shut down.

The senatorial aspirant then hope for an electoral reform should be done on campaign spending like having the government share the election expenses of candidates, especially the less financial privileged.

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Phil Army...

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For bagging the title, Phil. Army got P10,000 and the championship trophy, while the 2nd placers received P7,000 plus trophy.

Danao B brought home P5,000 for placing third, and Sogod received P3,000.

Lanuza was adjudged as the tournament's Best Spiker, Francisco as Best Tekong and Ypil as Best Setter.

Other teams that competed in the two-day games were Danao City A, Mandaue City, Catbalogan A, Catbalogan B, Maasin City, Masbate, McArthur, Javier, Sta. Margarita, Balangiga, Alangalang A & B, Eastern Visayas State University and Leyte Normal University.

Lending support to the competitions were Alpha Phi Kappa, City Government of Tacloban, Mega Tuna, Tanduary, EVSU, LNU and Asian Development Foundation College.

The San Juanico de Tacloban Sepak Takraw Club Inc, headed by Dr. Senen Jude Ruedas organized and officiated the contests, with Coco Albasa as the tournament director.

Sepak takraw is a sport where players use their feet, knees, chest and head to control the ball. "Sepak" means to smash or kick, while "takraw" means the rattan ball used in the game.

The competition is played by two teams (known as Regu). Each Regu has three players on the court and two substitutes.

(KEVIN SIOSANA)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII
G/F Uytngkoc Building
Senator Enage St., Tacloban City

RE: Application for Approval/ Confirmation of Sale, Transfer and Conveyance of Ship pursuant to R.A. No. 9295 and its IRR of 2014

CASE NO. **MRO8 19-019**

RONIE A. ISANAN,
Applicant
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ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on **10 April 2019** to wit:

NAME OF SHIP	TYPE OF SERVICE/ OPERATION	VENDOR	APPLICANT-VENDEE
MBca "KRISTINA"	Passenger/ Cargo Liner		RONIE A. ISANAN

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional,

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Patricia Bayog extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Cad. Lot No. 3567 situated at Brgy. San Joaquin, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, containing an area of 13,341 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 99-03013-01236, assessed value of P12,690.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Adela L. Garcia as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 343, Page No. 69, Book No. XXX, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Alex C. Gelera.
LSDE: April 2, 9 & 16, 2019

qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **23 April 2019, Tuesday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at this Office, G/F Uytngkoc Bldg., Senator Enage Street, Tacloban City.

The applicant shall publish this Order once in any newspaper of general or regional circulation in the Philippines at least **five (5) days** before the hearing.

The applicant shall submit a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE) during the hearing or **five (5) days** thereafter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Administrator, this **11th day of April 2019** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) ENGR. RODULFO P. PANER
OIC-Regional Director

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Applicant-Vendee, Ronnie A. Isanan, Brgy. San Isidro, Zumarraga, Samar
Vendor, Michelle M. Iso, Brgy. Tinaogan, Zumarraga, Samar
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amoroso St., Legaspi Vill., Makati, MM File
JTB/MMC
SFSU Issuance No. NOH-2019 _____
Reference No. TMRO 19-025

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Elsa M. Perez extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land, both situated at Municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar described as: 1) Parcel of land, Lot 2, Block 26, Pcs-5296, containing an area of 119 square meters, covered by T.C.T. No. T-11702; 2) Parcel of land Lot 1, Block 26, Pcs 5296, covered by T.C.T. No. T-11702, containing an area of 120 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Elena S. Tingzon as vendee for Lot 2 Block 26, covered by TCT No. T-7622 and Nenita S. Tingzon as vendee for Lot 1 Block 26, covered by TCT No. T-11702 from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 503, Page No. 61, Book No. 1, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Alexander P. Bolok. *LSDE: April 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Pedro L. Cosmod and Enrica S. Sarmiento extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of land, Lot No. 1506, with improvements thereon, situated in the Bo. of Silanga, Catbalogan, Samar, containing an area of 64,932 square meters, more or less, covered by T.C.T. No. 222; 2) Parcel of land located at Brgy. New Mahayag, Catbalogan, Samar, containing an area of 38,077 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 01-0040-00014; 3) A parcel of land, located at Brgy. San Pablo, Catbalogan Samar designated as Lot No. 1760 Part, Cad. 255, containing an area of 167 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 01-0056-00008; 4) Parcel of land located at Brgy. Silanga, Catbalogan Samar, designated as Lot No. 1452, with improvements thereon, containing an area of 57,134 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-389; per Doc. No. 6377, Page No. 26, Book No. XIX, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid. *LSDE: April 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Froilan M. Dela Cruz extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over two (2) parcels of land Lot No. 5239, with an area of 19 square meters and Lot 5627 with an area of 349 square meters, more or less, situated at corner P. Burgos and Sto. Niño Sts., Tacloban City, covered by T.C.T. No. T-33514, with a residential building as an improvement found therein (covered by Tax Dec. No. 2012-02-0023-01561). A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Leoncio T. Uyping as vendee for the above described properties; per Doc. No. 94, Page No. 19, Book No. X, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Edson G. Piczon. *LSDE: April 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Juan F. Capoquian extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located at Brgy. Polangi, Calbiga, Samar, under T.C.T. no. CLOA-267, measuring an area of 22,839 square meters; per Doc. No. 501, Page No. 115, Book No. III, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Claire C. Sablan-Agbon. *LSDE: April 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Francisco Bonayog and Candelaria Suico Bonayog extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Joaquin, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, designated as Lot No. 3386, covered by OCT No. 2836, containing an area of 2,453 square meters, more or less, under Tax Dec. No. 99-03013-01240. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ALAN GILES MARY S. SARMIENTO as vendee for a portion of 1,000 square meters, more or less from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 493, Page No. 89, Book No. XXX, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Alex R. Geler. *LSDE: April 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Jacinto Rosales Bohol and Estefa Daza Bohol and heirs of the late Liberty D. Bohol extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land to **Rizal, Plaridel and Daniel** all surnamed **Bohol**, one-third (1/3) undivided share of the described properties: 1) Catbalogan - Lot No. 357, OCT 400, area of 951 square meters; 2) Catbalogan - Lot No. 1872, OCT 742, area of 41 square meters; 3) Catbalogan - Lot No. 157, portion between Lot Nos. 357 and 1872 and Lot Nos. 356 and 1873; 4) Parcel of land, Lot No. 3094, situated in Catbalogan, Samar containing an area of 430 square meters and assessed by P2,260 per Tax Dec. No. 25927 and OCT No. 2586; 5) Lot No. 3094, situated in Catbalogan Samar, containing an area of 21 square meters, assessed at P900.00, under OCT No. 2596, Tax Dec. No. 21887; 6) Lot No. 388, situated in Catbalogan Samar, with an area of 45 square meters, assessed at P340.00, Tax Dec. No. 24525; 7) Land situated at Bo. Samoyao, Gandara Samar, containing an area of 70,000 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 25227; 8) Land, situated at Sitio Tag-anuran, Gandara Samar, containing an area of 66,975 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 20224; 9) Land, situated at Sitio Napawod, Brgy. Jazminez, Gandara Samar, containing an area of 104,500 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 24956, superceded by Tax Dec. No. 29030, assessed at P1,360.00; 10) Land, situated at Sitio Napawod, Bo. Jazminez, Gandara Samar, containing an area of 49,000 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 29030; 11) Land, situated at Sitio Panlawigan, Bo. Jazminez, Gandara, Samar, containing an area of 248,063 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 20223 to be superceded by Tax Dec. No. 29031; **To Erna D. Bohol-Monakil, Felicidad D. Bohol-Santos and Christy D. Bohol-Plamenco**, one-third (1/3) undivided share each of the following real properties: 1) Concepcion, Wright, Lot No. 1635, OCT 11579, area of 55,141 square meters; 2) The house and lot situated at Scouter Ojeda, Quezon City, Metro Manila, particularly the first door or Apt. No. 3; 3) Lot No. 248-A, situated in Catbalogan, Samar, assessed at P1,630.00 with an area of 272.70 square meters under Tax Dec. No. 24937 or 22005 and TCT No. T-837; 4) Lot No. 1634, situated at Concepcion, Wright, Samar, under OCT No. 8417, with an area of 37,964 square meters, under OCT No. 8417, Tax Dec. No. 19637; 5) Lot No. 1644, under OCT No. 10324-part, situated at Concepcion Wright, Samar, with an area of 10-02068 square meters, Tax Dec No. 20243; 6) Land, situated at Bo. Concepcion, Wright, Samar, area of 55,141 square meters and assessed at P1,380.00, under Tax Dec. No. 21049; 7) Lot 2706, situated at Bo. Concepcion, Wright, Samar, under OCT No. 8415, area of 18,723 square meters, assessed at P110.00 per Tax Dec. No. 19636; 8) Lot No. 1635, situated at Bo. Concepcion, Wright, Samar, under OCT No. 11579, area of 55,141 square meters, Tax Dec. No. 21049; 9) Land, situated at Bo. Pagsulhogon, Babatngon, Leyte, containing an area of 156,565 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 1098; 10) Residential, situated at Bo. Pagsulhogon, Babatngon, Leyte, containing an area of 1,051 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 1099; **To: Jacinto D. Boho, Jr., Leonidas D. Bohol and Romeo D. Bohol**, one-third (1/3) undivided shares each of the following described properties: 1) Catbalogan - Lot No. 19, TCT-1135, area of 201 square meters; 2) Catbalogan - Lot No. 658; 3) Catbalogan - Lot No. 2897, OCT 531, area of 41 square and also part of Lot 19 with an area of 801 square meters; 4) Catbalogan - Lot No. 299, OCT 2622, area of 437 square meters; 5) Catbalogan - Lot No. 344, OCT No. 640, area of 118 square meters; 6) Catbalogan - Lot No. 2873, OCT No. 705, area of 33 square meters; 7) Barrio Nabura, Sta. Margarita - Lot No. 1154, OCT No. 11580, area of 18,506 square meters; 8) Residential, situated at Poblacion Sta. Margarita, Samar, area of 420 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 10519, now Tax Dec. 15353; 9) Land - situated at Mombon, Poblacion Sta. Margarita Samar, under Tax Dec. No. 15149 with an area of 230.25 square meters; 10) Lot No. 1154, situated at Bo. Nabora, Sta. Margarita Samar, under OCT No. 11580, area of 18,506 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 17650; per Doc. No. 1109, Page No. 67, Book No. 92, Series of 1999 of Notary Public Atty. Benjamin B. Gagni. *LSDE: April 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **MERIAM F. FLORES** has filed with this office a petition for change of first name in the certificate of live birth of **SHEKINAH KEN F. FLORES** from **"SHEKI ANAH to "SHEKINAH KEN"**, she was born on May 15, 2003 in Catarman, Northern Samar and whose parents are **JOSUE M. FLORES & MERIAM F. FLORES**

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

(Sgd.) **DARWIN B. BEROS**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: April 9 & 16, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Elena C. Lim extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. F. Borongan City, covered by Tax Dec. No. ARP No. 08-007-00047, with an area of 70 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Fortunato Asio Padro Jr. and Rina Cruz Padro as vendees for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 193, Page No. 39, Book No. 1, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Alexander P. Bolok. *LSDE: April 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

AMENDED EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Bonifacio Chavarria executed an amended extrajudicial settlement with confirmation of sale over a parcel of agricultural (coco) land, designated as Lot No. 1007, C-42, Cad. 519-D, containing an area of 1,237 square meters, more or less, covered under Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. 20144000011, situated at Brgy. San Juan, Palompon, Leyte. That property was sold to Sps. Seigfred Pagobo and Nemanie Pagobo as vendee for the above-described property; and hereby affirm that they executed the sale; per Doc. No. 333, Page No. 67, Book No. LXXI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Donna Villa M. Gaspan-Cerna. *LSDE: April 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that **JUDIT A. GUBALANE** heir of the late Nelson S. Gubalane executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 3 vehicles described as: a) Make/Type: Suzuki/Jitney; Chassis No.: DA7IT-222444; Engine No.: F5A-2561087; Plate No.: HVH 317; O.R. No.: 11311081066; C.R. No.: _____; MV File No.: 0716-000075894A; b) Make/Type: Suzuki/Multicab; Chassis No.: DG41T-110341; Engine No.: F6A-5303321; Plate No.: HVH 667; O.R. No.: 1131080053; C.R. No.: 173038132; MV File No.: 0716-00000191675; c) Make/Type: Suzuki/Jitney; Chassis No.: DA7IT-161531; Engine No.: 2369492; Plate No.: HVJ 684; O.R. No.: 1303630613; C.R. No.: 173038180; MV File No.: 0724-0000083879; per Doc. No. 156, Page No. 32, Book No. XXXV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Ari G. Larrazabal. *LSDE: April 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE (PORTION)

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Salome Duena extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 768-C, located at Bo. Silanga, Catbalogan, Samar, containing an area of 16,247 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion from the above-described property in favor of Sps. Christopher U. Nuñez and Maria Cristina A. Nuñez as vendee; per Doc. No. 210, Page No. 42, Book No. 46, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Edilberto Morales. *LSDE: April 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Alejandro Montejo and Telesfora A. Montejo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 1243-E-1-J, Psd 156856, situated in the City of Tacloban, containing an area of 240 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-8791; 2) A parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 1243-E-1-K, Psd 156856, situated in the City of Tacloban, containing an area of 240 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-8793, and heirs hereby WAIVE, RENOUNCE and QUITCLAIM all rights, interest, shares and participation over the said parcels described above in favor of co-heirs Anita M. Bakunawa and Ernest A. Montejo; per Doc. No. 53, Page No. 12, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Antonio C. Lopez, Jr. *LSDE: April 16, 23 & 30, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the Civil Registrar
Tacloban City

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 RA 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that **VON CHRISTIAN BARBOSA BURRE** has filed with this office a Petition for Correction of Entry in his sex: from **FEMALE** to **MALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) of **VON CHRISTIAN BARBOSA BURRE** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **MA. EDERLINA C. BARBOSA** and **FRANCISCO A. BURRE**.

Any person having knowledge and/or claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: April 16 & 23, 2019

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR
Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ANALISA D. BESINGA** has filed with this Office, *(Complete name of petitioner)*

a Petition for change of first name from **WENNIE** to **DIONESIO** in *(First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)*

the Birth Certificate of **WENNIE DOMAIL BESINGA** who was born on **August 23, 1977** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **Domingo C. Besinga** and **Victoria G. Domail**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 22, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: April 9 & 16, 2019

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



The public is hereby notified that **MR. BRYLLE JOB B. PILAPIL** whose picture appears above is no longer connected with **Toyota Tacloban, Leyte, Inc.** as Field Marketing Professional (FMP).

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

SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Michael Joseph Fuentes Fontanilla heir of the late Pedro Abuan Fontanilla and Sol Fuentes Fontanilla executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, designated as Lot 5329-C-452, Csd-08-006221-D, situated at Brgy. Salvacion, City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 23,281 square meters covered by T.C.T. No. T-0289. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of GATER WORLD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION represented by RODOLFO M. QUIDILLA as vendee for the above-described property including all the improvements found and standing thereon; per Doc. No. 138, Page No. 29, Book No. 1, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Harold S. Mape. *LSDE: April 16, 23 & 30, 2019*

RA No. 9048/10172 Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Eastern Samar
Municipality of Hernani

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **AIDA BANDILLA-BOQUERO** has filed with

(complete name of the petitioner)
this Office for Change of First Name from **NORA** *(First name to be Changed)* to **AIDA** And Date of Birth from **JUNE 30** to **JUNE 4** *(First Name to be Adopted)*

in the birth certificate of **AIDA BANDILLA-BOQUERO** *(Complete Name of Document Owner)* who was born on **JUNE 4, 1965** at **HERNANI, E. SAMAR** and whose parents are **ALBERTO S. BANDILLA** and **ERLINDA G. MONTERO**. *(name of father) (name of mother)*

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **22 April, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **CHARITO ABERIA**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: April 9 & 16, 2019

RA No. 9048/10172 Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Eastern Samar
Municipality of Hernani

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. DELIA ANTOFINA-TERENCIO** has filed with

(complete name of the petitioner)
this Office for Change of First Name from **MARIA DELIA** *(First name to be Changed)* to **MA. DELIA** in the birth certificate *(First Name to be Adopted)*

of **MA. DELIA ANTOFINA-TERENCIO** who was *(Complete Name of Document Owner)* born on **APRIL 11, 1959** at **BO. BATANG, HERNANI, E. SAMAR** and whose parents are **PASCUAL ANTOFINA** and **MERCEDES DIÑO**. *(name of father) (name of mother)*

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **22 April, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **CHARITO ABERIA**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: April 9 & 16, 2019

Sec. Andanar enlists media to dismiss disinformation for clean, fair and honest elections

Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Martin Andanar called on the private media to help protect the integrity of the upcoming elections by joining the government in its intensified Dismiss Disinformation campaign.



Secretary Martin Andanar

In a phone patch interview on DyDM Maasin Radio-Southern Leyte Monday (April 15), the PCOO Chief appealed, "It is our mandate sa PCOO na ipaglaban itong ating kampanya na dismiss disinformation kaya hiling ko sa ating media na sana ay magtulungan tayo para magkaroon din tayo ng clean, fair and honest elections."

He stressed, "Tandaan niyo po sa eleksyon, isang araw lang ang botohan but most of time ito po ay kampanyahan. And in a campaign, 90 percent is basically spent on communications."

Sec. Andanar shared that he won't be joining the Philippine delegation for the second Belt and Road Initiative in Beijing, China so he can focus his efforts more on this campaign against fake news, especially as the elections draw closer.

He noted, "Tayo ay mananatili sa Pilipinas sapagkat maraming atas si Presidente sa atin na kailangan kong gawin. Dire-diretso ang trabaho. Alam mo naman, malapit na ang eleksyon so very focused tayo sa Dismiss Disinformation campaign para labanan ang fake news."

"Kapag nananig ang

fake news sa ating bansa eh kawawa naman at maapektuhan din ang ating principles of clean, fair and honest elections. 'Pag naapektuhan 'yan eh it weakens our democracy. Marami tayong mga kandidato na magagaling, qualified, may sinseridad pero matatalo dahil sa fake news. Sayang naman. We are denying ourselves of future good leaders," he added.

Dismiss Disinformation is a media literacy program led by PCOO and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) in coordination with Radyo Pilipinas, People's Television Network (PTV) and Philippine News Agency (PNA). The program was launched in 2018, simultaneously with the establishment of Provincial Communications Officers Network (PCONet) to educate the public in countering the spread of fake news. (PR)

Tacloban City has a new police station building

TACLOBAN CITY- The Philippine National Police, based this city, has its new police station building with the inauguration of Police Station 2 in Barangay Abucay on April 10.

Eastern Visayas Police Director Police Brigadier General Dionardo Carlos led the inauguration, blessing and turnover ceremony of the standard type "B/C" PNP building.

Carlos said he will continue to construct new police station building under the PNP Peace and Order Agenda for Transformation and Upholding of the Rule of Law or PNP

P.A.T.R.O.L PLAN 2030 as long as the local government will also help in acquiring a lot for its building.

"The construction of this standard type 'B/C' PNP building for the city government of Tacloban is a solid representation of the government's desire to provide the communities with adequate, safe and community-friendly PNP buildings and facilities. This is in line with the objectives of the Integrated Transformation Program, P.A.T.R.O.L Plan 2030," said Carlos in a press statement.

The building which cost of P4.87 million has a total land area of 466 square me-

ters and a floor area of 288 sq. meters.

Meanwhile, Carlos called on the remaining 22 local government units in the region to donate a land as their counterpart for the construction of police building.

"Of the 146 police stations, 102 police stations are already occupying the new standard type building, 32 others are still under construction, and 22 remaining units are still using the old standard type building or without the standard type PNP building," the police regional director said earlier.

(RONALD O. REYES)



Heads of different department offices and administrative offices of the Tacloban city government attended a seminar on Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) held last April 11. (CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

City gov't heads, AOs attend reorientation-workshop on SPMS

TACLOBAN CITY- City government department and office heads along with the administrative officers/designate attended the reorientation-workshop on the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) at Patio Victoria, San Jose, on April 11, 2019.

The SPMS of the city government is guided by four policies: 1. It adheres to the principle of performance-based security of tenure. 2. It operates on shared commitments and objective measures of performance results. 3. It enhances productivity by using performance targets

and standards attuned to organizational goals and mandate; and 4. It promotes transparency and provides a mechanism for appeals and resolution of conflicts and/or disagreements.

Participants of the activity were divided into five sectors - development administration sector, social sector, economic sector, infrastructure sector, and environment sector.

Human Resources Management and Development Office (HRMDO) OIC, Ruena Mate led the speakers which included Ma. Rose Jecino of the City Planning and Development Office

and City Treasurer Head, Ma. Zosima Cordaño.

Apart from the Strategic Performance Management System other topics included the concrete linkage of organizational performance with approved plans, and the Agreements and Ways Forward.

Incoming City Mayor Alfred Romualdez graced the event and addressed the gathered city government officials and employees. He appealed to them to work hand in hand in achieving a better and progressive Tacloban. (RANDY CALIPARA/CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Archdiocese...

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outlook that suicide is now considered as a mental illness and at the same time, as part of the (Church's) pastoral concern to its flock," Militante said during the 'Express It At The Park' media conference on Saturday (April 13) held at the Leyte Park Resort, this city.

Archbishop Du is set to issue a circular on this issue, he added.

While there is no actual data on the number of persons who commit suicide in Leyte or the rest

of Eastern Visayas by the police authorities, there is a view that cases of suicide are on the rise.

The police authority does not consider suicide as a crime incident unless there is a view of a foul play.

Fr. Militante said that with this change of position, this will provide relief to the loved ones of those who committed suicide.

"While the Church remain its position that committing suicide is not an option and does not condone it, allowing the victims to be given a

Church service, in the eyes of their loved ones, they will not feel isolated and that the Church does not limit or restrict the rights of their loved ones (committed suicide)," he said.

Militante, 35, said that in his case, he attended two masses involving suicide victims held outside the church of which was a teenager.

He added that a former seminarian from Leyte has committed suicide by jumping in a high-rise building in Manila dues to depression just last month.

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war chest on her senatorial bid, Marcos decline to say though she cited the case of her brother, former senator Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos when he ran for vice president in 2016.

A PCIJ report has indicated that Bongbong spent P42.8 million television ads on that year.

Outgoing senator Francis Escudero spent the highest at P236 million followed by eventual winner Leni Robredo who spent

P225 million.

Meantime, the Ilocos Norte governor said that she hopes that she could get the majority votes of Eastern Visayas, the country's eight vote-rich region with over 3 million registered voters.

On Friday (April 12), she barnstormed the cities of Ormoc in Leyte; Naval town in Biliran; Catbalogan City in Samar and in Tacloban, the region's capital city with more than 100,000 registered voters. (JOEY A. GABIETA)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla pose for posterity with the officers of the Barangay Treasurers' Association headed by their president Felipe Hatalla during the 13th Provincial Congress for barangay treasurers which had a theme "Upholding Barangay Batangas City Treasurer's commitment towards efficient financial management". The congress was held at Oriental Hotel Palo, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)



Heated exchange of spikes between Phil Army and Danao Team C in the Ogie Cup Sepak Takraw Natl Open.



DPWH Leyte 2 kicks off Sportsfest 2019

CARIGARA, Leyte – Anchored on the theme “Kawani sa Pag-unlad ng Bayan, sa Palakasan ay may Kasiyahan,” the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Leyte second

district engineering office kicked off this year’s Sportsfest on April 8, 2019. A motorcade was first held parading the muse, escort and players of each team; Dynamic Builders, Road Masters, and Bridge Wizards. An opening ceremony followed afterwards.

According to Engr. Gerald Pacanan, DPWH Leyte 2 district engineer, sports activities with work colleagues have great benefits to improve team function and organizational productivity.

“Engaging in activities like this is proven to help people become physically and mentally healthy especially to elderly employees,” Pacanan said.

He added that eventually this can impact the efficiency and overall productivity in the district.

Kick off activities include the cheer dance competition, boodle fight, and “Laro ng Lahi.”

For the main sports events, each team will play basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, arts, and chess.

Games are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the afternoon until May 24.

Culmination and awarding ceremony will be on May 27, 2019.

Meanwhile, Pacanan urges employees to act a true sportsman at all times and consider each game as a friendly contest done in the spirit of camaraderie.

“It does not matter who wins or who loses. As long as we enjoy every activity for the improvement of this organization,” Pacanan said. (PR)

Phil Army rules Ogie Cup Sepak Takraw Natl Open

TACLOBAN CITY- Philippine Army leaned on experience and familiarity with each other to dominate the 2nd Ogie Cup Sepak Takraw National Invitational Open Tournament on April 13-14, 2019 at the Robinsons North this city.

The Army men bagged the crown by outlasting Danao City Team C in the finals, 2-1.

The champs had a blazing start, taking the first set, 21-8. However, the Danao club regained their bearings and came back with a vengeance in the second frame, 21-13, to force a deciding set.

It was a fiercely fought third set but the Visayans finally bowed to the more experienced Army crew, 21-17.

Team Army paraded a battle-tested group led

by the brainy high-flying spiker Sgt. Roy Lanuza, who displayed an array of magnificent aerial bombs that wowed the crowd at the venue.

Other members of the team are Corporals Melgie Quintos and Raffy Dagaraga, and PFCs Abraham Francisco and Michael Zumarraga.

Their coach, Staff Sgt. Jayson de Guzman revealed that his team had been playing together for the past ten years, starting in their high school days in Puerto Princesa City until they were enlisted to the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

De Guzman added that his wards are veterans of several Palarong Pambansa stints, as well as tournaments outside the country, and all are former members of the national training pool.

The runners-up from Danao are composed of power-hitter Jonas Ancajas and Jude Batac who are ex-varsity members of the University of Visayas in Cebu, Ian Carl Ypil, Perl Tariao and Zarex Banzon.

In the showdown for third place, Danao City Team B blasted Sogod, 21-18, 21-19.

Before marching into the championships, Phil Army shellacked Danao B, 21-17, 21-17, while Danao C escaped Sogod with a 17-21, 21-19, 21-win in the semis.

Defending champion Tacloban City suffered an early exit as they failed to advance into the quarterfinals in the tourney sponsored mainly by businessman and sports patron Rogie Chu and sanctioned by Pilipinas Sepak Takraw.

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