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Coops in EV give zero billing to 246,000 consumers

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TACLOBAN CITY-Around 246,000 electric consumers from the region are to avail of a one-month nonpayment of their power bills under the 'Pantawid Liwanag' program of the electric cooperatives of the country.

Engr. Allan Laniba, who is the president of the Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives in Eastern Visayas, said that the program is their way of helping the 'lifeline consumers' during this time of coronavirus pandemic.

Laniba said that for a consumer to be able to avail of the 'Pantawid Liwanag', they should have less than 20 kilowatt hours of electric consumption within a billing month period.

The program covers the month of March, April and

May or within the quarantine period. But a consumer can only avail of a 'zero monthly bill' just for one time.

"With the 11 electric cooperatives in the region, more than 246,000 member consumers can avail in this program. We hope to help the vulnerable group (during this time of community quarantine due to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic)," Laniba, who is the general manager of the Leyte III Electric Cooperative (Leyeco III) and

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PANTAWID LIWANAG. Electric cooperatives of the region have joined the nationwide 'Pantawid Liwanag' program during this time of quarantine period wherein more than 246,000 member-consumers are to avail of a zero billing covering one month billing period. Photo shows (from the left), Gregorio Dolina, Sr., president of the board of directors of the Leyeco II Electric Cooperative; Engr. Fernan Paul Tan, general manager of Leyeco II; Allan Laniba, general manager of Dorelco and Leyeco III; Dalmacio Grafil, Leyeco II board of director; and Gregorio Dolina, Jr., MCOO president of Leyeco II. (Leyeco II Photo)

Rep. Noel appeals for national gov't to aid LGUS for the Balik Probinsiya program implementation

TACLOBAN CITY- If the national government would totally enforce the 'Balik Probinsiya' program, it should give appropriate assistance to the local government units in the provinces.

Thus said Rep. Florencio Noel of the An Waray party-list group, reacting on the Balik Probinsiya program being pushed by the administration of Pres. Rodrigo Duterte.

According to the party-list solon, considering of the current situation of economic dislocation caused by coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19), local government units in the provinces are not capable of handling of those



REP. FLORENCIO NOEL

who will be returning to the provinces.

"This is national program so we are calling for our national government also, if possible, to support the local government units to augment their expenses that they will incur," Noel said in an interview.

"Maybe the nation-

al agencies can program programs to help these returnees," the party-list solon added.

Pres. Duterte has earlier signed Executive Order 114 institutionalizing the Balik Probinsiya program which aims to decongest Metro Manila by asking those from the provinces to return home.

The program also encourages businesses to relocate to the provinces to help those who will be returning find jobs.

Meantime, Rep. Noel said that he was informed by several mayors that they are ready to accept those coming from Luzon by putting up their

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Region's COVID-19 cases now 20; latest case still from Tarangan town

PALO, Leyte – The Department of Health (DOH) regional office 8 has reported another new confirmed case of coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) in Eastern Visayas.

The new COVID-19 patient is a 29-year old woman from Tarangan town in Samar, Dr. Minerva Molon, DOH-8 regional director, said in a press statement.

The new case is a close contact of two previous COVID-19 patients of the town. Her swab sample was taken last April 29, 2020.

With this new case,

Eastern Visayas has now 20 confirmed COVID-19 cases of which 15 of them were from Tarangan which makes the fourth-class town as the epicenter of COVID-19 cases in the region.

The town is now under lockdown due to its increasing number of COVID-19 cases.

Dr.Molon disclosed that the new confirmed case was part of the 89 test results for COVID-19 sent by their office to Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center in Cebu City.

She added that out of the 88 negative samples collected, 66 of them were

from Samar; eight from Leyte; six from Tacloban City, five from Southern Leyte and three from Biliran.

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Inflation Rate (IR) in Eastern Visayas increased to 2.5 percent in April 2020

TACLOBAN CITY- This IR is 0.3 percentage point higher compared with the 2.2 percent IR in March 2020.

This is also 0.5 percentage point higher than the recorded 2.0 percent IR in the same period last year.

The regional IR is 0.3 percentage point higher than the 2.2 percent national average inflation rate in April 2020.

Leyte, Eastern Samar, and Samar registered lower inflation rates in April 2020 compared with their figures in March 2020.

Leyte recorded the highest decline of 0.8 percentage point. It dropped to 0.8 percent IR in April 2020 from 1.6 percent IR in March 2020. This is the lowest IR among the provinces during the month in review.

On the other hand, IR in Northern Samar soared to 9.2 percent in April 2020 from 3.5 percent in March 2020. It accelerated by 5.7 percentage points recording the highest IR among the provinces during the reference month.

Southern Leyte's IR rose to 1.6 percent in April 2020 from 1.4 percent in March 2020. Biliran, meanwhile, retained its previous month's IR at 1.7 percent.

Of the 11 commodity groups in the region, five exhibited lower IRs in April 2020 compared with their rates in March 2020.

These were, however, offset by the higher IRs recorded in other commodity groups; thus, resulting to 0.3 percentage point increase in the overall IR of the region in April 2020.

Transport commodity group registered the biggest decline of 5.2 percentage points. It dropped to 4.3 percent deflation in April 2020 from 0.9 percent IR in March 2020.

Communication commodity group went down by 2.4 percentage points, from 1.3 percent IR in March 2020 to 1.1 percent deflation in April 2020.

The commodity group of furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house eased down by 1.1 percentage points. It dropped to 3.2 percent in April 2020 from 4.3 percent in March 2020.

Compared with the March 2020 level, the IRs for the commodity groups of alcoholic beverages and tobacco (8.8 percent); restaurant and miscellaneous goods and services (4.9 percent); and health (1.1 percent) were lower by 0.3 percentage point and 0.5 percentage point, respectively.

On the other hand, IR of clothing and footwear commodity group registered the biggest increase of 2.0 percentage points. Its IR rose to 4.9 percent in April 2020 from 2.9 percent in March 2020. This increase can be attributed to the higher inflations recorded in both clothing (4.0 percent) and footwear (6.8 percent) indices in April 2020. (PR)

Drug suspect killed in Southern Leyte town in a buy-bust

TACLOBAN CITY- A 30-year old alleged high-value drug suspect was killed on Tuesday (May 12) after a brief gunfight with police during a buy-bust operation in Macrohon, Southern Leyte.

The suspect was identified as Adonis "Dondon" Unat, single, and a resident of the said town.

Operatives said the suspect instantly drew his gun and fired towards the posur buyer after he sensed that he was transacting with an undercover police officer at around 5:15 p.m. at Barangay Upper Ichon, Macrohon.

However, the undercover policeman was able to evade from the shot.

Unat sustained gunshot wound in the different parts of his body that caused his death.

The undercover police officer bought from the suspect four pieces plastic sachets of suspected "shabu" worth P7,000.

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Don Orestes Romualdez Cooperative (Dorelco), said.

It was learned from Laniba that around 13,000 power consumers from Leyeco III are to avail of the program while another 16,000 from Dorelco.

Laniba said that considering of the big number of member-consumers who would be given a zero billing for a given billing month period, power consumers are expected to loss of their potential income.

He said that all the 11 electric cooperatives of the region is projected to loss at least P18.84 million.

Engr. Paul Fernan Tan, general manager of the Leyte II Electric Cooperative (Leyeco II), which is considered to be the biggest electric cooperatives in the region with more than 65,000 member-consumers, said that around 12,400 of its member consumers could avail of the program.

Leyeco II covers the towns of Palo and Babatnagon and this city.

"This is our help to our member-consumers during this time," Tan said.



The City Management Information System Office conducted an orientation with Tacloban City Health Office personnel on the registration process of Balik Tacloban Project. The Balik Tacloban Project is a program of the local government to assist returning residents. The process includes the registration of returning residents, assessment and validation of the documents attached, visitation of indicated residence of the returning residents and issuance of travel clearance.(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

17 'most wanted,' 938 other offenders arrested in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY- A total of 17 most wanted persons and 938 other offenders were arrested in an 18-day continuous police operations across Eastern Visayas from April 10-27, 2020, according to Police Regional Office (PRO)-8 on Wednesday (May 13).

"I humbly ask for the support and cooperation of the public in our goal towards a peaceful and safe place to live in. As we face this (coronavirus disease) pandemic, let us be united and follow the mandate of our government, stay home, save lives, and have a crime-free environment," said Brigadier General Bernabe Balba, police regional director.

The arrested persons also included 32 illegal drug personalities; 187 illegal fishers; 311 illegal gamblers; and 30 illegal loggers, among others.

Leyte Provincial Police Office (LPPO), under provincial director Colonel Rodelio Samsom, police nabbed five most wanted persons for the crimes of rape and murder, and 82 other wanted persons for various crimes.

In Southern Leyte, police provincial director Colonel Nelson Eucogco led in the arrest of one most wanted person for the crime of qualified trespass to dwelling and 53 other wanted persons for other crimes.

Eight most wanted persons and 22 other wanted persons were also arrested in Samar under provincial director Colonel Andre Dizon.

Colonel Reynaldo Dela Cruz, director of Northern Samar Provincial Police Office (NSPPO) led in the arrest of one most wanted person who is facing a crime of frustrated murder and 35 other wanted persons.

In Eastern Samar Provincial Police Office (ESPPO), under police director Colonel Carlito Abriz, one most wanted person and 56 other wanted persons were arrested.

Biliran Police Provincial Office (BPPO), headed by Colonel Julius Coyne, nabbed 66 other wanted persons for the crimes of murder, alarm and scandal, and other crimes.

In Tacloban City Police Office (TCPO), city director Colonel Michael David, led in the arrest of one most wanted person for the violation of Republic Act (RA) 9165 or Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, and 29 other wanted persons.

Colonel Armel Gongona, director of Ormoc City Police Office (OCPO), also led in the arrest of 35 other wanted persons for the crimes of estafa; resistance and disobedience to an agent of person in authority; and other crimes.

The police operations also resulted to the confiscation of 89 pieces heat-sealed plastic sachets suspected as shabu; 38 pieces heat-sealed plastic sachets suspected as marijuana; and P16, 000 used as marked money; P4, 083,460 worth of assorted fish and fishing paraphernalia; P41,608 worth of bet money; and P3.16 million worth of lumber of different dimensions.

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Thousands dislocated after typhoon 'Ambo' slams Samar provinces

TACLOBAN CITY—Over 7,000 people have been evacuated in Northern Samar and Eastern Samar typhoon 'Ambo' (Vongfong), with maximum sustained winds of 150 kilometers per hour and gusts of up to kilometers per hour, barreled across the two provinces on Thursday afternoon, May 14.

As of 6:00 p.m. Thursday, the number of evacuation centers established in Samar Island has reached to 254, while the total number of evacuated individuals is 7,257, mostly from Northern Samar.

At least one person was injured Can-avid in Eastern Samar, Governor Ben Evardone said.

In Allen port, Northern Samar, at least 232

people were stranded and 110 vehicles remained trap at the port area.

A municipal gymnasium also collapsed in Maslog town of Eastern Samar.

Roads from Barangay Buray, Paranas, Samar to Taft, Eastern Samar were rendered not passable.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) closed the said roads as they are prone to landslide.

The Police Regional Office (PRO)-Eastern Visayas deployed 149 search and rescue personnel, with 110 from Northern Samar Provincial Police Office (NSPPO), 23 from Samar Provincial Police Office (SPPO), and 16 from Eastern Samar Provincial Police Office.

Number of search

and rescue personnel on standby is 1, 264.

At least 68 municipalities were left without electricity, with 22 in Eastern Samar, 24 in Northern Samar, 21 in Samar and one in Biliran.

Lieutenant Colonel Ma. Bella Rentuaya, police regional spokesperson, said they have deployed 21 personnel in evacuation areas, 55 in vacated areas, and another six patrolling in evacuated communities.

However, no looting incidents were reported.

Ambo, which was classified as "potentially life-threatening," is the first typhoon to hit the country this year amid the deadly coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Eastern Visayas ARBOs gross P22.93-M in sales during quarantine

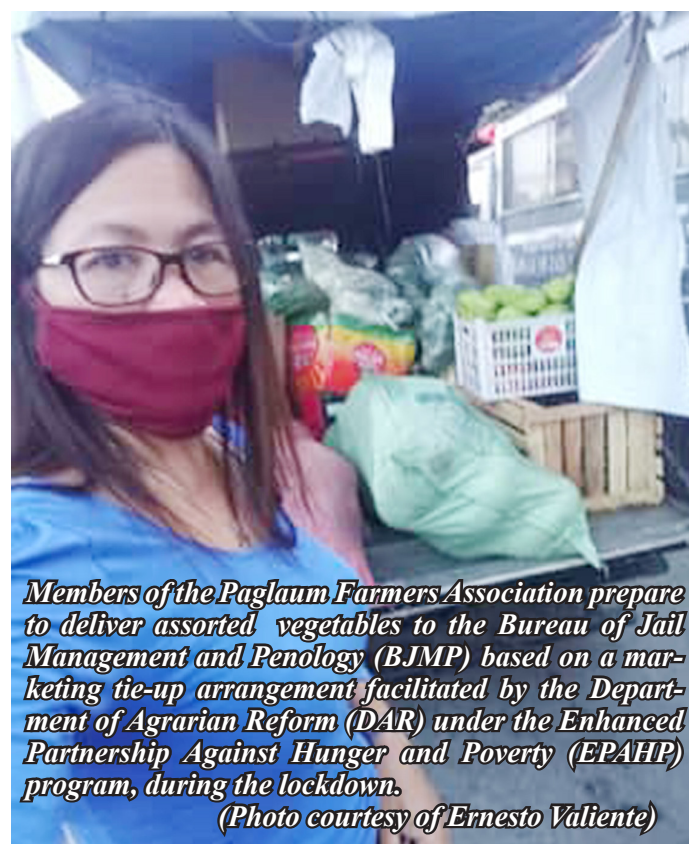
TACLOBAN CITY — One hundred four (104) agrarian reform beneficiaries' organizations (ARBOs) in Eastern Visayas grossed P22.93 million in just a month of selling their produce in the novel coronavirus-critically affected areas in the region.

Stephen Leonidas, regional director of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) for Eastern Visayas, said the ARBOs started selling their harvest in the last week of March, braving the dreaded COVID (Coronavirus disease) 19. Their efforts paid off handsomely four weeks later, with a total gross sale of P22,928,460.

For a job well done, he gave the 104 ARBOs a pat on the shoulder, 33 of them are from Leyte; 21 from Eastern Samar; 20 from Samar; 15 from Northern Samar; eight from Southern Leyte; and seven from Biliran.

"Allowing individual and organized farmer-beneficiaries to market their harvest during this crisis enables them to fend for themselves, make them less of a burden to the government, continue farming and keep food flowing,"

DAR Secretary John R. Castricones described the farmer-beneficia-



Members of the Paglaum Farmers Association prepare to deliver assorted vegetables to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) based on a marketing tie-up arrangement facilitated by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) under the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) program, during the lockdown.

(Photo courtesy of Ernesto Valiente)

ries delivering goods to COVID-19-critically affected areas as "frontliners, whose movements should be left unhampered."

Earlier, the Inter-Agency Task Force granted the request of DAR Secretary Castricones to allow individual and organized agrarian reform beneficiaries to market their farm produce to COVID-19-afflicted areas.

Leonidas disclosed that 119 ARBOs in Eastern Visayas were given quarantine

accreditation passes to enable them to gain access and deliver their goods to areas that have been placed under total lockdown.

Among them were the Maalsada Fisco, which is based in Alangalang town, and the Paglaum Farmers Association in this city.

"This is our way, in the DAR, of helping our farmer-beneficiaries cope up with the current situation, and their small contributions to the government's all see Eastern /page 7 ...



EDC to Leyte during this COVID-19 pandemic: Dili mo namo pasagdan

In late 2013 until 2014, Lopez-led geothermal leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) was all hands on deck as it helped Ormoc and the Municipality of Kananga rise up after it was devastated by Super Typhoon Yolanda, said to be the strongest one to ever hit the country.

This, the company was doing as it was also building back a better Leyte geothermal facility that was also the worst hit among all EDC projects. It was able to build a typhoon-resilient facility in Leyte, which happens to be its biggest and the world's largest wet steam field. It was also able to do the same for its other power plants to ensure that it will be able to provide uninterrupted clean power even during calamities.

Today, most of the Philippines and almost all countries around the world are plagued by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), an unseen enemy with still no known cure, and though Ormoc and the Municipality of Kananga still have no confirmed cases, both areas have become COVID-19 ready with the help of various organizations like EDC.

The company has lent two 40-foot air conditioned container vans each to Kananga and Ormoc City that they can use as isolation centers or temporary shelter for their medical frontliners.

Kananga Mayor Matt Torres thanked EDC and has personally inspected

the vans immediately after they were turned over to him and his team this week. He also thanked the company for the 310 sacks of rice that it has donated for the residents of Kananga. Mayor Torres has said that this donation will help them ensure food security for their municipality during the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).

Ormoc City led by Mayor Richard Gomez has likewise expressed their gratitude to EDC for providing cash assistance amounting to P500,000.00 along with 100 pieces of N95 masks, 2,000 surgical gloves, and 100 Tyvek cover-all suits and 400 pcs of washable mask through the Ormoc Chamber of Commerce. The latter was produced by an EDC-sponsored co-operative named Lim-ao Integrated Farmers for Empowerment (LIFE) that has temporarily shifted from farming and bags making to sewing washable cloth masks and PPEs for the medical frontliners in the area.

"These trying times call for all of us to pool together our resources to help those in need. While we, in EDC, are taking all the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and our families from this virus, we are likewise doing our best to help our partner communities in any way we can, especially the vulnerable who are currently out of work due to the Community Quarantine," said Erwin B. Magallanes, EDC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) head

in Leyte.

For this reason, EDC's Leyte employees are also pooling together their personal resources to raise funds to supplement the needs of their daily contractors (security guards, office cleaners, drivers, etc.) particularly on their PPEs. The Leyte Ladies club lead the production of face shields for their added protection. The Leyte CSR also provided 350 facemasks to the frontliners of the host barangays.

Assorted goods, masks, gloves, and alcohol were also provided by Magallanes' team to those who are manning checkpoints in Kananga and Ormoc City.

In response to both Kananga and Ormoc City's call for every one to do their part in this fight against COVID-19, EDC's battle cry is "tin-dog Leyte, dili mo namo pasagdan" (rise Leyte, we will not let you down) as it commits to continue providing uninterrupted supply of clean, renewable power to its customers as it augments the needs of its partner communities to the best of its ability.

EDC's Leyte geothermal facility that straddles between Ormoc City and the Municipality of Kananga currently supplies more than 30% of the country's installed geothermal capacity. It is also responsible for putting EDC and the Philippines on the map as the world's 3rd largest geothermal producer. (PR)

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From GCQ to MGCQ

The news reports aired last May 12 announcing the removal of community quarantines among selected provinces in the country, including Eastern Visayas, were kind of withdrawn the next day by the country's authorities as said graduation is deemed inappropriate since the virus is still around in those areas, albeit in a manageable manner.

Instead of community quarantine removal, a Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) will be imposed in these areas, again to include Region 8, starting May 16. Under this, basic restrictions are still in effect, not totally removed. This is to ensure that people stay in fighting mood against the pandemic and are not lowering their defenses. And this includes the prohibition of mass gatherings such as parties, concerts, etc.

Still under MGCQ, the basic safety protocols have to be continually observed such as the wearing of masks when going elsewhere outside the house, the physical distancing when with other

people in public places, the frequent washing of hands or disinfection of the same with sanitizers, possession of quarantine passes, strict personal hygiene, etc. In the general sense, other schemes should stay in place, like contact-tracing, home quarantine of new arrivals from other places, avoidance of leisurely strolls, and many others.

To recall, the report on community quarantine removal from places like Eastern Visayas had drawn varying reactions. There were those who welcomed it with glee, greeting it with street revelry, but there were also many who greeted it anxiously, preferring to have extended community quarantines instead, their reason being that the virus is still spreading and no vaccine has been made available.

As it appears, government authorities, anxious over the ongoing pandemic themselves, seem to have changed their minds and discarded the idea of totally lifting community quarantines. They want it done gradually, making sure the battle is won before finally removing quarantine and lockdown schemes. This must be the most ideal action to do for us not to end up in far worst scenarios.



Things To Mind

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Joke only

It seems that President Duterte has had followers in terms of making harsh jokes in public for, recently, two daring guys came out with social media posts declaring millions as bounty they are willing enough to give to anyone

who could slay him. They have been arrested as a result and are now behind bars, faced with a number of charges.

There are, however, big differences between the president's jokes and theirs. First, the president

holds a lofty position, the highest in the land; they are just ordinary citizens. Sure enough, when you are on top, you can be at liberty to do and say anything you want. In fact, this has been practiced by those in power, albeit clandestinely—President Duterte being just the most vocal and outspoken of them all, hence his being singled out as foul-mouthed. You can't enjoy such joking "privilege" as an ordinary member of society, especially in totalitarian states.

Secondly, the president's harsh jokes, though criminal if committed—raping someone, slapping one's face, etc.—were mostly non-life threat-

ening (his threats to kill drug lords and addicts sounded serious, not jokes); but the jokes of said two guys were a matter of death. Wishing the president dead, and emphasizing their support for it that, amid all impossibilities, they are willing to pay multi-million pesos as bounty for a likely assassin, are grave and serious jokes directed at a chief executive. They doubtless provoke serious consequences, even in the most democratic society.

You will notice, furthermore, that when the president cracks jokes, he is in joking mood: his eyes narrowing with

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What's New
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Balik Probinsya &
Balik Tacloban

Just a few days after President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Senator Christopher Bong Go's pet project "Balik Probinsya, Balik Pag-Asa" that aims to decongest Metro Manila, our super active Tacloban City Alfred S. Romualdez immediately came up with his own "Balik Tacloban", in order to bring back former Tacloban residents who may want to come home and be with his fellow Taclobanons once again.

Many residents of the City exclaimed aloud – "What a terrific and fast move of our Tacloban City Mayor!

Tacloban's "think-tank" immediately met with the City Mayor's office and came up with the City Mayor's "Balik Tacloban Project" – *para ini ha taga Tacloban nga mauli tikang ha Metro Manila, ticang ha iba nga lugar o' probinsya.*)

They immediately came up with the following GUIDELINES FOR BALIK TACLOBAN PROGRAM –

Section 1. Coverage. The Balik-Tacloban project of the City Government of Tacloban shall be exclusive for (former) Residents of Tacloban City only, who intend to return to their respective homes in Tacloban.

For purposes of this health protocol, all persons covered by this program shall be referred to as RETURNING TACLOBAN RESIDENTS ("RTR" for brevity.)

Section 2. Procedure. ALL RTRs and their respective families shall follow the procedure for registration, home visit, health assessment, rules upon arrival, quarantine/isolation and monitoring, to wit –

Step 1 – Registration
a. All RTRs shall register their intent to return to Tacloban, either through (1) the online website www.tacloban.gov.ph; (2) a downloadable Tacloban

Safe City Mobile Application or (3) through the following hotline numbers – (+63)920-9000-911, (+63)977-808-0911 and (053)888-0911;

b. For this purpose, the Management Information Systems Division (MISD) shall be the sole office responsible for collecting and processing the following data:

- 1) Complete Name
- 2) Contact Details of the RTR
- 3) Contact Person in Tacloban
- 4) Place of Origin
- 5) Address of Destination (with Barangay number)
- 6) Travel History (Abroad or Domestic within the year)
- 7) Estimated date, time & Place of Arrival (Airport, Port or road checkpoint)
- 8) Mode of Transportation and
- 9) Such other relevant information as may be required.

c. All registration forms of the RTRs shall be forwarded by the MISD to the City Health Office (CHO) for assessment and verification within the day with cut-off ever 3:00PM and 7:00AM of the following day.

Step 2 – Home Visit

a. Immediately upon receipt of the registration forms of the RTRs, the CHO shall schedule a Home Visit of the residence provided in the registration forms.

b. The CHO shall then determine whether or not the RTR's home is suitable and conducive for home quarantine/isolation, based on the minimum standards of the DOH.

c. If it is found that the RTR's home is suitable and conducive for home quarantine/isolation, the CHO shall brief all the occupants of the RTR's residence of all health protocols and procedures and

the head of the household shall be required to sign an undertaking.

Step 3 – CHO Health Assessment

a. After the home visit, the CHO shall contact the RTR for purposes of health assessment, assignment of quarantine / isolation facility, and briefing on the quarantine / isolation, and monitoring protocols.

b. The RTR shall submit required documents via email with address at balik-tacloban@gmail.com;

c. Thereafter, the CHO shall submit to the City Mayor's Office (CMO) a report of registered RTRs with a recommendation for the issuance of the Travel Clearance, with the following relevant information

- 1) Complete Name
- 2) Contact details of the RTR
- 3) Contact details of the person who will take charge of the RTR upon arriving in Tacloban City;
- 4) Place of Origin
- 5) Address of approved home or quarantine / isolation facility
- 6) Mode of Transportation and
- 7) Confirmed date, time, and place of arrival

Step 4 – Issuance of Travel Clearance

a. After a thorough review, the CMO shall issue the Travel Clearance to the email address provided by the RTR, from receipt of the report of registered RTRs;

b. The CMO shall notify the RTR once the Travel Clearance has already been issued, with instructions as to the procedure upon arrival;

c. The CMO shall prepare a table showing the expected RTRs with details as to name, contact details, address of approved home or quarantine / isolation facility, mode of transportation, and confirmed date, time, and place of arrival;

d. It shall be the duty of the CMO to assign transport vehicles from the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO) fleet that will fetch the RTRs from the point of arrival, and transfer to the approved home or quarantine / isolation facility.

Step 5 – Arrival

a. Upon arrival of the RTR at the confirmed date, time, and place, the CDRRMO/TACRU/CSWDO shall verify the identities of the RTRs by examining their Travel clearances vis-à-vis government issued IDs;

b. Immediately after identity verification, each



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Wonderful ?

May 16, 2020 is a wonderful day for most Filipinos as we mark the 60th day since we were placed under enhanced community quarantine (ECQ). It would be recalled that a strict home quarantine was ordered by the president, directing everyone to stay at home. All activities were practically halted, work suspended, transportation stopped and students sent home. It grounded all peoples from their usual daily activities and all gainful economic activities to sustain their daily needs. The bleak scenario of people going hungry unless basic needs of food are provided chiefly by government.

Confronted with the real dangers of the covid19 pandemic, government pooled its resources through what was dubbed as Bayanihan to Heal as One Act that empowered the president to respond to the needs of affected people who were detained in their respective homes. The anxiety of people over their predicament of losing their daily income for

their daily needs were given hope with the assurance that financial assistance will be provided. The hope was short-lived as guideline on the social amelioration was issued by DSWD which practically excluded many people.

It cannot be gainsaid that everybody is affected by the pandemic but only a few were considered in the assistance that could maybe feed families that were locked in homes. Based on the 2010 data of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), every Filipino consumes an average of 0.326 kgs (2-1/5 cups) of rice per day. This means that for a household of 6 persons (father, mother and 4 children), the daily average household rice consumption is about 1.98 kgs or approximately 2 kgs (13-1/2 cups) per day. Such household cooks 4-1/2 cups per meal with its members eating 3 meals per day.

Since we are 60 days in home quarantine, each household would have ideally consumed 120 kgs or 2-1/2 sacks of rice (as-

suming that the average net weight is 48 kgs for a 50 kgs sack). Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 929 which declared the entire country under state of calamity, Local Government Units have utilized their calamity fund for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2020 to purchase rice, sardines and noddles for distribution to households under their jurisdiction.

Some LGUs have given quick relief to households/families under their jurisdiction. There are reportedly some barangays that were able to distribute 3 kgs commercial rice per household; a municipality gave 3 kgs of well-milled rice, sardines and noodles per household; a city gave 2 sacks commercial rice per household and a province gave 12 kgs NFA rice per household. By far, households had received some relief goods that varies from about 18 kgs rice to over 1 sack depending on the political will of the LGU leaders.

People are still alive albeit hungry as they keep their fingers crossed that assistance will be given to all people affected by the pandemic and the extended ECQ that may eventually be lifted only when conditions are safe and secured. We wonder how we survive until after two months. Eventually we realize that God's grace is indeed . . . wonderful?

comments to allemma@yahoo.com

RTR shall wear a patient tag that will be provided by the CHO, which tag shall be removed only by the CHO after completion of the mandatory quarantine/isolation. Unauthorized removal of such tag may be ground for filing of appropriate charges and shall require the transfer of the RTR to a government facility for continuation of the quarantine / isolation;

c. Thereafter, the RTRs shall be allowed to board the assigned transport vehicle that will convey them directly to the approved home or quarantine / isolation facility;

d. Upon arrival, the CHO shall furnish a copy of the registration form of the RTR to the BHERT of the Barangay where the RTR will be undertaking his/her mandatory quar-

antine/isolation. Such registration form shall be considered also as a valid BHERT registration.

e. The CHO shall distribute COVID-19 monitoring kits to RTRs and proceed with the established functional disease surveillance and response system.

Section 3. Handling of

Information. The RTR shall certify as to the truthfulness and veracity of the data given. Any misrepresentation or false information shall a ground for the filing of appropriate cases. All information shall be held and maintained with confidentiality; and only used for the sole and exclusive purpose of this Project.

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

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

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

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



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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and
Communication
**LAND TRANSPORTATION
FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
BOARD**
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

Case No. VIII-2019-0046

Application for **Consolidation with
Extension of Validity** of Cases
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **UV EXPRESS** service

VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee
of **TWO (2)** Certificate of Public
Convenience namely: **Case Nos. VIII-
2014-0983 and 2014-2450** to operate a **UV
EXPRESS** service for the transportation
of passengers and freight on the route:
**TACLOBAN CITY-ST. BERNARD
VIA SILAGO & VICE VERSA** with
the use of **ELEVEN (11)** unit/s for
each Certificate which Certificates are
valid and subsisting until **April 7, 2020**,
respectively.

In the present application, applicant-
Cooperative request authority for
Consolidation of Cases for the said
certificates using the same number of
unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
MAY 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the
above date, applicant/s shall cause the
publication of this Notice of Hearing once
in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted
by the parties, unless the Board deems
it necessary to receive additional
documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **18th day of
MARCH, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and
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**LAND TRANSPORTATION
FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
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Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

Case No. VIII-2019-0077

Application for **Consolidation with
Extension of Validity** of Cases
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **UV EXPRESS** service

VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee
of **TWO (2)** Certificate of Public
Convenience namely: **Case Nos. VIII-
2014-0970 and 2014-0987** to operate a **UV
EXPRESS** service for the transportation
of passengers and freight on the route:
**CATBALOGAN CITY-CATARMAN
& VICE VERSA** with the use of **FOUR
(4)** unit/s for each Certificate which
Certificates are valid and subsisting until
March 16, 2020, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-
Cooperative request authority for
Consolidation of Cases for the said
certificates using the same number of
unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
MAY 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the
above date, applicant/s shall cause the
publication of this Notice of Hearing once
in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted
by the parties, unless the Board deems
it necessary to receive additional
documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **18th day of
MARCH, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SANTIAGO GAJANA

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of
the late SANTIAGO L. GAJANA extraju-
dicially settled, partitioned and adjudica-
ted over a parcel of land designated as Lot
No. 349-A-1, Csd-08-000995(OLT) being
a portion of Lot 349-A, Pls 857-D situated
at Brgy. Macagtas, Catarman, Northern
Samar with OCT No. EP-O-III containing
an area of 16,284 square meters. Per
Doc No. 350, Page No. 70, Book No. 23,
Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Fern-
nando M. Abella, CPA.
LSDE: May 9, 16 & 23, 2020

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and
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**LAND TRANSPORTATION
FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
BOARD**
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-CC/MR-PJ-2020-03-0088
Case No. VIII-2020-0088

Application for **Consolidation** of Cases
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
with **Modification of Route**
to operate a **PUJ** service

**STO. NIÑO-LEYTE TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE,**
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of
SIX (6) Certificate of Public Convenience
namely: **Case Nos. VIII-2014-3479, 2014-
0711, 2014-0748, 2014-3194, 2014-2417
and 2014-4161** to operate a **PUJ** service
for the transportation of passengers and
freight on the route: **TACLOBAN CITY-BLISS-
CALANIPAWAN-PAG-IBIG-WILMARS
& VICE VERSA** with the use of **SEVEN (7)**
unit/s for each Certificate which Certificates
are valid and subsisting until **November 4,
2019**, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-
Cooperative request authority for
Consolidation of Cases for the said certificates
using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of
the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication
of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper
of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted by
the parties, unless the Board deems it
necessary to receive additional documentary
and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **6th day of
MAY, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

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FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
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Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2020-05-20143024
Case No. VIII-2014-3024

Application for **Extension of Validity**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

RESTITUTO S. MORFE SR.,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a **PUJ** service for the transportation of
passengers and freight on the route:
**TACLOBAN CITY-JARO&
VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1)**
unit/s which Certificate is valid and
subsisting until **MAY 3, 2020**.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for extension of validity
of the said certificate using the same
number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the
above date, applicant/s shall cause the
publication of this Notice of Hearing once
in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted by
the parties, unless the Board deems it
necessary to receive additional documentary
and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **7th day of
MAY, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of
the late FELIX ANQUILLO LORIANO ex-
trajudicially settled, partitioned and adju-
dicated over a parcel of land, located at Brgy.
Himbang, Northern Samar, covered by
TCT No. 2020000076, LOT No. 44-3, Psd
08-000160, containing an area of 31,965
square meters, per Doc. No. 95, Page
No.20, Book no. V, Series of 2020 of No-
tary Public Atty. Franco Archie N. Tonog.
LSDE: May 9, 16 & 23, 2020

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and
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**LAND TRANSPORTATION
FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
BOARD**
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-FC-2020-05-20144699-A
Case No. VIII-2014-4699-A

Application for **Extension of Validity**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **FILCAB** service

ROMEL P. SENECEIDA,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a **FILCAB** service for the transportation
of passengers and freight on the route:
**TACLOBAN CITY-TAGPURO & VICE
VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which
Certificate is valid and subsisting until **APRIL
29, 2020**.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for extension of validity
of the said certificate using the same number
of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication
of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper
of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted by
the parties, unless the Board deems it
necessary to receive additional documentary
and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **11th day of
MAY, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

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Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-FC-2020-05-20150252
Case No. VIII-2015-0252

Application for **Extension of Validity**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **FILCAB** service

NICASIO A. LLEVE,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a **FILCAB** service for the transportation
of passengers and freight on the route:
**TACLOBAN CITY-MARASBARAS-
VILLA DOLINA & VICE VERSA** with
the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate
is valid and subsisting until **MAY 21, 2020**.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for extension of validity
of the said certificate using the same number
of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication
of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper
of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted by
the parties, unless the Board deems it
necessary to receive additional documentary
and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **11th day of
MAY, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

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Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2020-03-20143812
Case No. VIII-2014-3812

Application for **Extension of Validity**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

FRANCISCO G. PADERAN
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted
Certificate of Public Convenience to
operate a **PUJ** service for the transportation
of passengers and freight on the route:
BORONGAN-GUIUAN & VICE VERSA
with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which
Certificate is valid and subsisting until
JANUARY 26, 2020.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for extension of validity
of the said certificate using the same number
of unit/s.

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Palo, Leyte

R8-CC-UV-2020-05-0093
Case No. VIII-2020-0093

Application for **Consolidation** of Cases
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **UV EXPRESS** service

**D'TURBANADA TRANSPORT
INCORPORATED (D.T.T.I.),**
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of
EIGHT (8) Certificate of Public Convenience
namely: **Case Nos. VIII-2014-0428, 2014-
0923, 2014-0924, 2017-0006, 2014-0927,
2014-0928, 2014-0431 and 2014-0424**
to operate a **UV EXPRESS** service for the
transportation of passengers and freight
on the route: **TACLOBAN CITY-CATARMAN
VIA OQUENDO-LOPE DE VEGA &
VICE VERSA** with the use of **NINE (9)**
unit/s for each Certificate which Certificates
are valid and subsisting until **February 1,
2021**, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-
Cooperative request authority for
Consolidation of Cases for the said certificates
using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
JUNE 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication
of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper
of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted by
the parties, unless the Board deems it
necessary to receive additional documentary
and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **11th day of
MAY, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

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FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
BOARD**
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2020-03-20143958
Case No. VIII-2014-3958

Application for **Extension of Validity**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

PEDRO O. DARIA JR.,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted
Certificate of Public Convenience to
operate a **PUJ** service for the transportation
of passengers and freight on the route:
**SULANGAN-GUIUAN-BORONGAN &
VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s
which Certificate is valid and subsisting
until **JANUARY 14, 2020**.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for extension of validity
of the said certificate using the same number
of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
MAY 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication
of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper
of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted by
the parties, unless the Board deems it
necessary to receive additional documentary
and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **17th day of
FEBRUARY, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
MAY 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication
of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper
of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted by
the parties, unless the Board deems it
necessary to receive additional documentary
and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **17th day of
MARCH, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director



Republic of the Philippines
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FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
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Palo, Leyte

R8-CC-EV-PJ-2020-03-0076
Case No. VIII-2020-0076

Application for **Consolidation with
Extension of Validity** of Cases
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

**GUIBORJODA TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE,**
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of
TWO (2) Certificate of Public Convenience
namely: **Case Nos. VIII-2014-3264 and
2014-2255** to operate a **PUJ** service for the
transportation of passengers and freight on
the route: **MATARINAO-BORONGAN-
GUIUAN & VICE VERSA** with the use of
TWO (2) unit/s for each Certificate which
Certificates are valid and subsisting until
April 15, 2020, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-
Cooperative request authority for
Consolidation of Cases for the said certificates
using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
MAY 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office
of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication
of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper
of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records
and documentary evidence submitted by
the parties, unless the Board deems it
necessary to receive additional documentary
and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, this **17th day of
MARCH, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

Publication Notice
R.A. 10172

Republic of the Philippines
CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE
Borongan City, Eastern Samar

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirements and pursuant to OCRG memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012, a notice is hereby serve to the public that **MARLYN VILLARINO SY** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Correction of Child’s Date of Birth** from **OCTOBER 20, 1961** to **OCTOBER 16, 1961**, and **Change of child’s first name** from **LINDA** to **MARLYN** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LINDA AMBOY VILLARINO**, born on **OCTOBER 16, 1961** at **Songco, Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **PACIENCIA AMBOY** and **WENCESLAO G. VILLARINO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **22 May, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **MA. LUISA M. AZUL III**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: May 09 & 16, 2020

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 **CELESTINA ANTONI AGUIRRE** has filed with this (Complete name of petitioner)

Office a petition for change of first name from **MARIA** to **CELESTINA** in the Birth (First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)

Certificate of **MARIA SOYOCO AGUIRRE** who was born on **JULY 7, 1960** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **DAMIANA S. ANTONI** and **CELESTINO A. AGUIRRE**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **May 29, 2020**.

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

LSDE: May 16 & 23, 2020

Rep. Noel...
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own quarantine centers before they would be allowed to return home and live with their respective communities. “These mayors said

that they have already established their own quarantine, isolation areas. But this also need some logistics like the food needs of those who will be quarantined for 14 days,”he said. **JOEY A. GABIETA)**

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION OF ESTATE OF DECEASED NIELMER CEDRIC C. BIBAR

NOTICE is hereby given that NIELMER CEDRIC C. BIBAR, died intestate on March 7, 2020 at Barangay San Roque, Tolosa, Leyte, due to vehicular accident, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an undetermined deposits of money with the LandBank of the Philippines and insurance policy, the parties herein agree between and among themselves to extrajudicially divide and adjudicate among themselves as they hereby partition and adjudicate the entire equally among themselves; per Doc. No. 224, Page No. 48, Book No. V, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Henry L. Inopiquez *LSDE: May 16, 23 & 30, 2020*

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR OF ESTATE OF CONCEPCION Z. IRLANDA

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the deceased CONCEPCION Z. IRLANDA executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a real property which is more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land designated as Lot 9, Block 4 of the subdivision Plan Psd-74986, being a portion of Block 4, Psd-55674, L.R.C. (GLRP) Rec. No. 11479), situated in the District of Anibong, City of Tacloban, Leyte, containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Nine Square Meters and Ninety Square Decimeters (239.90) covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-23908. A residential building erected on Lot 9, Block 4 with a floor area of Forty Seven Square Meters and Ninety Five Square Decimeters, more or less, declared under Tax Declaration No. 2012-02-0025-01616 (R9); per Doc. No. 88, Page No. 19, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Cesar E. Lee. *LSDE: May 16, 23 & 30, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARCIAL D. IBANEZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 7143, Case 7, Pls 788, situated in Tacloban City, covered by OCT No. P-32087, containing an area of 13,324 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. SHIELA C. IBANEZ as vendee for the above-described property together with all the improvements found thereon; per Doc. No. 259, Page No. 53, Book No. I, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Juan Manuel Cadano. *LSDE: May 16, 23 & 30, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VICENTE F. ONG, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at P. Burgos St., Brgy. Sto. Nino,Tunga, Leyte, covered by OCT No. P-97288, Residential Free Patent No. 083750 05886, containing an area of 555 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 17/20 portion equivalent to 471.75 square meters of the above-described property in favor of STEVEN P. ONG as vendee; per Doc. No. 386, Page No. 78, Book No. X, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Aluino O. Ala. *LSDE: May 16, 23 & 30, 2020*

SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LILIA VENUS DAPURAN heir of the late Maximina Caamic Velarde, executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land Lot No.286 with buildings existing thereon, situated in the Brgy. San Fernando, City of Tacloban, under TCT No. T-2269, containing an area of 93 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MICHELLE C. MABINI as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 3, Page No. 2, Book No. XVII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Andrew C. Astilla. *LSDE: May 16, 23 & 30, 2020*

REVOCATION OF SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that TERESITA C. BATICA, CARLITO P. CAJIFE, JUDITHA P. CAJIBE and LETTY C. PENARANDA executed a REVOCATION OF SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY against VILMA CAGARA of Brgy. 87, San Jose, Tacloban City as our true and lawful ATTORNEY-FACT-FACT for the sale all of the properties covered by Tax Declaration No. 2012-03-0019-2021, Tax Declaration No. 12-0019-03634 and Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-043 among others and HEIRS / OWNERS presents hereby REVOKE, ANNUL AND VOID the said power of attorney and all powers and authority therein or thereby given or granted or intended to be given or granted to said VILMA

CAGARA; per Doc. No. 286, PageNo. 59, Book No. 11, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Crispin Simoun P. Cercado. *LSDE: May 16, 23 & 30, 2020*

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R8-CN-PJ-2020-03-0075 Ref. Case No. VIII-2014-3958	R8-CC-EV-UV-2020-05-0090 Case No. VIII-2020-0090

Application for Change Name of Applicant of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service

DOBLON A. DOMINADOR- Old Applicant,
GUIBORJODA TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE-New Party Applicant
Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from PEDRO P. DARIA JR. to GUIBORJODA TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: SULANGAN-BORONGAN-GUIUAN & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until JANUARY 14, 2020.

In the present application, applicant request authority to Change Name of Applicant of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on MAY 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 6th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

Application for Consolidation with Extension of Validity of Cases of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service

MLJ TOURS CORPORATION, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of TWO (2) Certificate of Public Convenience namely: Case Nos. VIII-2014-3691 and 2015-0057 to operate a UV EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: NAVAL-ORMOC CITY AND VICE VERSA with the use of TWO (2) unit/s for each Certificate which Certificates are valid and subsisting until June 5, 2020, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-Cooperative request authority for Consolidation of Cases for the said certificates using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 7th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

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

RE: Application for fourth (4th) amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to the 2014 Amendments to the Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 9295 or the IRR of 2014 to effect the Permanent Addition of Ships to Applicant’s Fleets

CASE NO. TMRO 18-038

INDUSTRY MOVERS CORP., Applicant

ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on 02 May 2020, to wit:

NAME OF EXISTING SHIPS	SERVICE TO BE OFFERED
MTug “IMC 02”	For towing services
MTug “IMC 10”	
MTug “IMC 11”	
Barge “IMC 12”	For the carriage of freight/cargoes only
LCT “IMC 14”	

NAME OF ADDITIONAL SHIPS	SERVICE TO BE OFFERED
MTug “IMC 18”	For towing services
MTug “IMC 22”	
Barge “IMC 19”	For the carriage of freight/cargoes only
Barge “IMC 20”	
Barge “IMC 23”	

ROUTE TO BE SERVED
Tacloban City (Homeport) to any port in the Philippines

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on 21 May 2020, Thursday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at this Office, G/F Uytinkkoc 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 8th day of May 2020 at Tacloban City, Philippines.

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

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SFSU Issuance No. O-NOH-2020-025
Reference No. MRO8 2020- 20-022

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R8-CC-UV-2020-05-0091
Case No. VIII-2020-0091

Application for Consolidation with Extension of Validity of Cases of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service

MLJ TOURS CORPORATION, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of TWO (2) Certificate of Public Convenience namely: Case Nos. VIII-2014-0820 and 2014-4132 to operate a UV EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: NAVAL-CAIBIRAN & VICE VERSA with the use of FOUR (4) unit/s for each Certificate which Certificates are valid and subsisting until June 30, 2020, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-Cooperative request authority for Consolidation of Cases for the said certificates using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 7th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
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Eastern..
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out war against the virus,” he stressed.

Meanwhile, the Maalsada Fisco continued to supply over 6,000 kilos of milled rice to the Eastern Visayas Medical Center (EVRMC); while the Paglaum Farmers Association delivered some 3,000 kilos of assorted vegetables to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

Both ARBOs are recip-

Region’s...
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testing capacity and specimen collection, it is expected that our cases will also increase especially in Tarangnan, Samar. Please help us contain the spread of the virus and flatten the curve by staying at home

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MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
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G/F Uytinkkoc Building
Senator Enage St., Tacloban City

RE: Application for Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to the 2014 Amendments to the Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 9295 or the IRR of 2014

CASE NO. MRO8 20-012

RUEL M. COMADIZO, Applicant

ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on 15 January 2020, to wit:

NAME OF SHIP’S OWNED	SERVICE TO BE OFFERED
MBca “HIGATANGAN RESORT EXPRESS”	For the carriage of Passengers
ROUTE TO BE SERVED	
Libertad-Mabini (all of Higatangan, Naval, Biliran)-Naval, Biliran and vice versa	

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R8-CC/EV-UV-2020-05-0092
Case No. VIII-2020-0092

Application for Consolidation with Extension of Validity of Cases of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service

MLJ TOURS CORPORATION, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of TWO (2) Certificate of Public Convenience namely: Case Nos. VIII-2014-2963 and 2015-1092 to operate a UV EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: CULABA-ORMOC CITY & VICE VERSA with the use of TWO (2) unit/s for each Certificate which Certificates are valid and subsisting until May 25, 2020, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-Cooperative request authority for Consolidation of Cases for the said certificates using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 7th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

ients of marketing tie-up arrangements facilitated by DAR under its Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty program (EPAHP).

The Calbiga municipal government in Samar bought all the harvests of the Calbiga Vegetable Growers Association, Panayuran Upland Farmers Association, Brgy. Bulao Farmers Association, Canbagic Farmers Association, and the Borong Active Farmers Association to give

and do all the precautionary measures. The waiting time for the results will be shorter starting today since the samples that will be collected will be tested at EVRMC-COVID-19 Laboratory Center”, Dr. Molon said. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS DEPARTURE		
Origin	Time	Day
Libertad	7:00 AM	Daily
Mabini	7:30 AM	
Naval	12:00 NN	
Mabini	1:30 PM	
ARRIVAL		
Destination	Time	Day
Mabini	7:10 AM	Daily
Naval	8:30 AM	
Mabini	1:00 PM	
Libertad	1:40 PM	

SCHEDULE OF RATES	
* LINKS	PASSENGER RATE
Libertad-Naval	P60.00
Mabini-Naval	
CARGO RATE PER *LINK	
Item	Rate/Unit
Beverages	P15.00/Case
All items in sack	P25.00/Sack

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on 21 May 2020, Thursday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at this Office, G/F Uytinkkoc 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)

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R8-EV/PA-FC-2020-05-20144711
Case No. VIII-2014-4711

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service

DENILDAA. DAPURAN, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-ST. PAUL’S-CAMPETIC & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until APRIL 15, 2020.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 8th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

variation to its relief assistance.

In Southern Leyte, the Liloan Farmers Agriculture Cooperative has conducted regular mobile market for their rice and vegetable around the town proper in coordination with the Liloan town government. It is carried out under the Linking Small-holder Farmers to the Market with Microfinance (LinkSFarMM) program.

In the Biliran province, the BSF Farm Workers and Beneficiaries Agrarian Reform Cooperative in Biliran municipality and the Anislagan Ceramic Agrarian Reform Cooperative in Naval town has been supplying fresh eggs from their poultry, which they availed from the DAR under the Convergence of Livelihood Assistance for ARBs Project. **(JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)**

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 8th day of May 2020 at Tacloban City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) ENGR. RODULFO P. PANER
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SFSU Issuance No. NOH-2020-024
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R8-CC/EV-PJ-2020-03-0087
Case No. VIII-2020-0087

Application for Consolidation with Extension of Validity of Cases of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service

CALMODA MULTICAB OPERATORS AND DRIVERS TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of TWENTY TWO (22) Certificate of Public Convenience namely: Case Nos. VIII-2014-1240, 2014-1772, 2014-2649, 2014-0120, 2016-0771, 2015-0862, 2015-1088, 2016-0350, 2014-1633, 2014-2596, 2015-0311, 2014-2071, 2015-0682, 2014-3319, 2014-4346, 2014-1189, 2015-1126, 2014-0464, 2014-0465, 2015-0790 and 2014-4548 to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: CALBAYOG-PENA & VICE VERSA with the use of TWENTY TWO (22) unit/s for each Certificate which Certificates are valid and subsisting until MARCH 13, 2020, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-Cooperative request authority for Consolidation of Cases for the said certificates using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 6th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

Tarangan mayor seeks extension of enhanced community quarantine

TACLOBAN CITY- The mayor of Tarangan town is seeking for an extension on the enforcement of the enhanced community quarantine in area fearing that lifting it could result to further spread of the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

In a letter to Office of Civil Defense Regional Director Lord Byron Torrecarion, chairman of the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Covid-19 and Samar Governor Reynolds Michael Tan dated May 13, Mayor Arnel Tan said they are worried about the latest declaration of the national government downgrading the region's community quarantine classification.

Tarangan is considered to be the epicenter of COVID-19 cases in the region with 15 cases.

"While the latest declaration is a relief from the almost two months of community quarantine and would allow the general public to go back to their normal activities, including travel to and from their desired destinations, we are very worried that this might increase the number of COVID-19 cases in Tarangan, as people will surely converge, interact, and socialize," Tan said in the letter.

He has asked the regional task force to allow the local government to extend the ECQ until May 18 and place the town under general community quarantine (GCQ) from May 19 to May 31.

"(This is) to ensure the conclusion of mass testing to isolate patients who could be COVID-19 (positive) and contain the spread of the virus," Tan added.

In his letter, Tan said if the result of the mass testing is favorable, they would lift the GCQ on June 1. The test covered 451 residents who interacted with infected persons.



MAYOR ARNEL TAN

"There is no need to rush. Our situation will get worst if we're hit by the second wave of this pandemic," Tan added.

"I can't make a reckless decision considering that the problem in my town started with one positive case and now we have the most Covid-19 confirmed cases in the region," he said.

Tarangan, a fourth-class town, has 15 positive Covid-19 cases, the most affected area in the region by the health crisis.

Of the 15 persons infected in Tarangan, only two have fully-recovered and were integrated back to their community.

The first two cases were workers of the Tarangan Community Hospital who caught the virus from a co-worker in Calbayog City, a doctor assigned at the town's health facility.

Eight of the 15 Covid-19 infected persons in town are hospital staff while others are their relatives.

Eastern Visayas has recorded 20 cases since March 23.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla Brigader Bernaba Mendoza Balba, Eastern Visayas police director, who paid him a courtesy call at his office at the Leyte Academic Center gym conference room in Pawing Palo, -Leyte. (GINA P.GEREZ)

Gov. Petilla extends GCQ implementation in Leyte until end of this month

PALO, Leyte – The general community quarantine (GCQ) implementation in the province of Leyte is extended until May 31.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla explained that there is a need to complete the on-going mass testing of more than 500 people before his province end or terminate the GCQ implementation.

joke there is, to whom it is addressed, who is joking, what the content is, how it is expressed, and why that joke. One mistake and the joke becomes harmful, its consequences disastrous. Thus, before making a joke public, it should be scrutinized a million times or else it could bring one so much trouble, harm relationships, destroy reputation, or cause animosity.

Petilla explained that the extension of the GCQ implementation is also for the preparation of the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program (BPBPP) being pushed by the national government.

In an interview, the governor confirmed that the province of Leyte will pilot the implementation of the BPBPP after President Rodrigo Duterte signed Executive Order No. 114, or the

Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program.

The objective of the program is to decongest the Metro Manila and give more initiatives for economic development in the provinces.

Petilla pointed out that the extension of the GCQ until the end of this month will give more time for the preparations for the return of his provincemates under the BPBPP.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

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suppressed laughter, his nose heaving, his voice gurgling. In short, one will look ridiculous if one takes him seriously, maliciously. But these guys obviously posted their bounty offers at the height of their emotions, out of anger, hence their malicious intent. It is obvious, too, that they are sincere with their offers,

perhaps knowing that they could raise millions of reward money from the presidents' numerous, wealthy enemies just in case an assassin succeeds, indeed.

There are still other differences we can spot, if not for the sake of brevity. But we need not miss this one. When Pres. Duterte employs jokes, he appears responsible for them, ready to face their consequences, with a point to drive

home, is not just seeking for attention, and doesn't need anyone's help in facing the consequences. In contrast, these jokers, if they are, were just blindly yielding to their emotions, are merely seeking attention, and are obviously needing help from others in grappling with repercussions.

Bear in mind, folks. Jokes are supposed to be pleasant and amusing, but it depends on the kind of

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