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As Leyte now under modified general community quarantine

Businesses, public transport now in full operation

RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT

PALO, Leyte – Mass gatherings and opening of more establishments are now allowed across Leyte as it transitioned to modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) starting Monday (June 1).

And the MGCQ will end 15 days later or depending on the recommendation of the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Infectious Diseases, Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla told reporters in an interview.

Petilla informed reporters that he signed Executive Order No. 05-2020-04 adopting the Resolution No. 20 issued by the National Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Infectious Diseases

es which classifies the entire Eastern Visayas region under MGCQ.

The governor said that under MGCQ implementation, there are activities that will remain prohibited which by nature tend to attract the groupings or mass gathering of people.

This prohibition includes, among others, the carnivals, concerts, sports tournaments, trade fairs, fiestas, theaters, cultural shows, clubs, religious activities, retreats, and work- see *Businesses /page 7 ...*



OFW RETURNEES. *The Daniel Z. Romualdez(DZR) Airport is busy with commercial planes landing and taking off loaded not with regular passengers but overseas workers from different parts of the region returning after months being stranded in Metro Manila. Sadly, some of them have tested positive of the coronavirus.*

(TACLOBAN TODAY)

Leyte town lockdown village after health protocol breached by returning individuals

TACLOBAN CITY – The local government unit of San Miguel, Leyte had placed under temporary lockdown a sitio in Barangay Santol after eight returning residents of said place breached health protocol.

It was learned that seven individuals arrived in San Miguel from Las Piñas City and another one from Scotland and did not follow protocol by allowing them undergo swab extraction.

“We would like to inform the public that Sitio Ogpong, Brgy. Santol was placed under temporary lockdown (effective) May 29 and will remain under such community setup until the swab tests of seven returnees generate negative results,” the LGU said

on a statement posted on its official Facebook account.

It was learned that prior to the arrival of the seven returnees, the LGU and the Las Piñas City government had proper coordination in place.

“The returnees were well-informed of the set protocols of the municipality, specifically the conduct of COVID-19 rapid testing upon arrival at the designated testing booth in Brgy. Lukay, and the 14-day (or 21-day if it so warrants) quarantine at the designated Municipal Isolation Facility,” the statement said.

The statement added that from the time the seven returnees departed in Las Piñas, City up to the time they reached Samar, the personnel from the Rural Health Unit and the munic-

ipal police station of San Miguel had been closely monitoring them through mobile phone calls and text messages.

However, the local police and RHU personnel could no longer contact them when they are already close to Tacloban City.

Alarmed, they immediately activated the checkpoint at the main entry point in Brgy. Lukay and waited for the vehicle carrying the returnees.

“Only to find out that these returnees changed route/took a detour via Babatngon-Pinarigusan-Santol Road to escape the checkpoint. And instead of following the 14-day quarantine at the designated barangay isolation see *Leyte/page 10 ...*

Northern Samar’s disaster risk reduction officers call for cancellation of ‘Balik Probinsiya’ program

TACLOBAN CITY – An open letter was issued by municipal disaster risk reduction and management (MDRRM) officers of Northern Samar province calling for the cancellation of the ‘Balik Probinsiya’ program and improve the implementation and management of Returning Overseas Filipino Workers and Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs).

The call was signed by the 20 of the province’s 24 MDRRMO through an

open letter. A copy of their position paper was also furnished with their respective mayors and at the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.

The province has already recorded 36 returning OFWs since May 26 to 28 and 39 LSIs who are staying at the Balay Padi which was lent by the Diocese of Catarman to the provincial government as their quarantine facility.

The group admitted that their letter was triggered with the report of the Department of Health disclosing that there are now eight people who availed the Balik Probinsiya Program and returning overseas workers infected with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

“Though we affirm the noble intentions of the program, we firmly believe that the proper timing for its implementation is when we have the COVID-19 crisis

clearly under control – and definitely that is not now,” they said.

All the infected people were from Baybay City and other towns of Leyte, among the provinces of the country which pilot the Balik Probinsiya program.

The group also asked the national government for the ‘immediate improvement of the coordination mechanisms in the management of returning OFW and LSIs, as well as the postponement of the Balik Probinsiya, Bagong Pag-asa Program (BP2).

“We express great concern that if these operational issues are not addressed quickly and properly, our willingness and good intentions to serve of ROFs, LSIs and BP2 beneficiaries may instead tragically result in the spread of COVID-19 into our otherwise COVID-19 see *Northern/page 10 ...*

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On first confirmed COVID positive case, Hilongos mayor says everything is under control

TACLOBAN CITY- With Hilongos, Leyte having its first COVID confirmed case, Mayor Albert Villahermosa assured that everything is under control. He said the LGU has enforced coordinated and heightened efforts on precautionary measures and MGCQ protocols and restrictions to contain the situation. He called on his fellow Hilongosnons to help the town as he encouraged everybody to remain vigilant. He also called on the public to always observe proper hand washing and social distancing.

Wear face masks when in public places, and cooperate with stricter morning and evening checkpoint protocols by the PNP, BFP, Traffic Management Enforcers and MDRRMC. To recall, the LGU, with the PNP and the MDRRMC officers, personally fetched returning Hilongosnons on May 25, 2020. These returning OFWs arrived in town at 2 a.m. Following Standard Operation Procedure (SOP), the trained and skilled Municipal Swab Test Team took swab tests of the returnees at 9 a.m. of May 26 and im-

mediately sent the samples to EVRMC. Unfortunately, the result of one OFW returnee's swab test the day after his arrival (which was released and confirmed by DOH Region VIII three days later) was positive. Since the first confirmed case, Mayor Villahermosa has informed the public that the LGU investigated everything, did rigorous contact tracing, and has already quarantined and isolated all the personnel who fetched the asymptomatic patient. At present, the OFW, who has not even seen his family since he ar-

rived, is now placed at the Municipal Isolation Facility and is being closely monitored by the Municipal Health Office, after he was transferred from his former equally, closely supervised isolation facility in his barangay. (PIA-8)

LGU San Miguel in Leyte adopts work from home arrangement

TACLOBAN CITY-Starting Monday, June 1, 2020, all local government unit(LGU) employees were advised not to report to office until further notice, and shall be adopting the Work From Home (WFH), an alternative work arrangement, LGU San Miguel, Leyte announced through Public Advisory No. 3. This is in view of the exposure of one returnee of Tacloban City, an immediate family member of one of the employees and one elected official of the LGU, to one confirmed case from Tolosa (Patient EV-39) who was on the same flight PAL PR4981 and arrived in Tacloban City on May 25, 2020. The said returnee went straight to his residence in the said city, instead of going to the designated isolation facility, to undergo quarantine. Living under one roof with the returnee are the said LGU employee and elected official.

EV-39, and has not undergone swabbing upon arrival. As a precautionary measure and per standard health protocols, the Municipal LGU premises will be disinfected/sanitized Sunday, thus, all LGU employees and elected officials have been directed not to report to office and instead WFH, stay home, and refrain from closely interacting with other people until the swab test results turn out negative. In coordination with the City Health Office of Tacloban, the aforesaid returnee will be prioritized in the conduct of swab testing. Meanwhile, the LGU Advisory stated that not until the swab testing generates negative result, the Municipal LGU will adopt the WFH alternative work arrangement. The LGU reiterated that adherence to the set standard health protocols and close coordination with the authorities concerned are two of the Municipality's greatest safeguards in its fight against COVID-19. "As the State has the prime duty to protect its citizens from this global pandemic, and so do we, as citizens. Each of us has the responsibility to protect ourselves," the Advisory

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Tacloban city execs rebuke returning man; brought to an isolation facility

TACLOBAN CITY- A 38-year-old male Returning Tacloban Resident (RTR) from New Hope Village in Barangay 107 Sta. Elena, who had been reported to breach quarantine protocols, was disciplined by authorities during the conduct of home isolation inspection on Monday morning, June 1, 2020.

The team led by Executive Assistant and City Hall North Extension Chief of Staff Ruth Ramirez together with personnel from the City Legal Office, Department of Health (DOH) and Tacloban City Police Office, ordered the said RTR to transfer today to Abucay quarantine facility to finish his 14-day mandatory quarantine. Likewise, it is to ensure that he is free from the deadly virus, as he had not undergone rapid and swab testing, authorities reported.

The said move was recommended by the City Health Office after it was



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Organizers cancel Pintados-Kasadyaan Festival of Festivals due to COVID-19 threat

TACLOBAN CITY – There will be no Pintados-Kasadyaan Festival of Festivals this June.

The cancellation of the region's best known cultural festival was due to the threat of the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) says its organizers.

The cancellation was made official under Resolution No.01-2020 issued on????? and signed by Pintados Foundation president Eugene Tan and Department of Tourism Regional Director Karina Rosa Tiopes, Pintados-Kasadyaan chairperson Remedios Petilla and Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla.

The suspension of the festival is in relation to Executive Order Number 04-2020-03 ordering the suspension or postponement of public gathering in barangays, municipalities, and component cities which draw large number of people such as celebration of barangay fiestas and festivities, cockfighting, barangay assemblies,

town or city fiestas among others.

A year after Leyte, particularly Tacloban City, was pummeled by super typhoon 'Yolanda' in 2013, the festivals were also cancelled by the organizers.

The twin-bill festival is held every June 28 as part of the cultural activities during the annual fiesta celebration of Tacloban City honoring its patron, Senior Santo Nino.

Pintados Festival is organized by the Pintados Foundation 34 years ago composed of private individuals while the Kasadyaan Festival is a brainchild of former Leyte governor Remedios 'Martin' Petilla 25 years ago.

In 1996, the two festivals were merged into one and since been part of the fiesta celebration of Tacloban City.

Several local festivals that joined the Kasadyaan eventually received recognition in various national festivals like the Aliwan Festival and the Sinulog. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

Homeowners' association president shed tears in thanking DA for the urban gardening project

TACLOBAN CITY- Because of intense feelings of thanks and gratitude, Dindo Aguirre, the president of SM-ANCOP Village Home Owners' Association couldn't hold back his tears when he delivered his impressions on the regional launching of the Urban Agriculture in Brgy. 101, New Kawayan, this City, on May He started his speech by thanking and recognizing the presence of what he called as "big names" in the DA and other agencies. Then at mid-way, his voice suddenly cracked and was overwhelmed by his emotions. Right there and then he had shed tears, yet went on with his stories.

First and foremost he praised God for touching the hearts of some people who made their "urban gardening" a reality. On top of his list was Rev. Fr. Dave Carillo, the priest in-charge of Our Lady of Hope Palo Mission Area. Accordingly, Fr. Carillo was the moving force behind this laudable project which has been chosen by the De-



The Department of Agriculture lunched its urban gardening program in Barangay 101, New Kawayan, a village located north of the city proper of Tacloban. The May 30 launching was spearheaded by DA Executive Director Angel Enriquez.

partment of Agriculture as the fitting venue for the regional launching of Urban Agriculture – an important subproject of DA Secretary William D. Dar's "AGRI 4Ps" or the Plant, Plant, Plant Program otherwise called Angat Lahat, Pagkain Sapat kontra Covid-19 (ALPAS-Covid-19).

Aguirre talking from the heart, profusely gave credit to the men and women of DA-RFO 8 under the leadership of RED Angel C. Enriquez. "Our village is truly one of the poorest, since we are all victims of Yolanda. And to tell you honestly, we do have lots of problems since we are hampered by lack of water, many families could hardly provide a decent three square meals a day. We are so grateful that this project initiated by Fr.

Carillo and ably supported by DA came to our barangay.

Before, most of our local residents were just doing nothing, but with this project, our hopelessness turned into full of hope as most of us, are now willing to work and take part on this noble project," Aguirre explained in between sobs.

"I call on all government agencies to help us in our dire needs," the Home Owner President continued.

Meanwhile, RED Enriquez, during her keynote message, said she was deeply touched by the speech of Mr. Aguirre. "I don't want to be emotional and start my message on a sad note, but I was emotionally overwhelmed by his talk," Enriquez stressed.

"Am not a politician, but

I promise you, the DA will sustain this project and by Monday, I will send in our Engineering Team to evaluate and find ways to tap the water in the nearby creek in order to service your communal garden cum "Urban Agriculture" project. I will also coordinate and confer with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) for the possibility of setting up their intensive tilapia in tanks aquaculture," the DA-8 Chief promised.

The Pope Francis Village in Brgy. New Kawayan has been one of the first groups that availed assorted vegetable seeds, garden tools and other logistics and technical support from

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What is Blended Learning?

By MICHAEL C. PARADO

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has caused a shake up and drastic changes in the Philippine educational system.

With the approval of Inter Agency Task Force, the Department of Education (DepEd) Basic Education – Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP) scheduled the opening of classes on August 24, 2020 and will end on April 30, 2021 based on Memorandum OU-LAPP No. Q-229 s. 2020. Because of the threats from this disease to students and the unavailability of vaccine, the current and most preferred approach of the DepEd is the use of blended learning.

What is blended learning? Blended learning is an approach to education which combines online educational materials and opportunities for interaction online with traditional physical face to face classroom methods. It requires the physical presence of both teacher and student, with some elements of student control over time, place, path, or pace.

Why blended learning? Here's what is unique about blended learning which makes it more effective than conventional

learning methods.

1. This approach ensures that the student remains engaged and in control of their own individual learning experience.

2. Contrary to some opinions, this is not just learning by listening. Blended learning follows an interactive approach by mixing traditional classroom training with online sessions. Many more senses and skills are engaged in the process.

3. Face-to-face interactions follow online self-studies, or vice versa, thus optimizing and reinforcing the unique benefits of each.

4. Knowledge gained in the real and digital worlds allows you to develop your critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the specialized subject area.

5. Incorporating multiple learning channels and multimedia allow you to access large amounts of information in a variety of ways, such as videos, podcasts (audios), and more—and you can dive deeper into a topic or review a difficult one on your own time whenever you wish.

6. Knowledge retention is significantly improved with a variety of interactive elements in the

learning process, built-in assessment and feedback, and real-world implementation.

7. The blended learning approach delivers a much richer training experience and helps you to immediately begin to use what you have learned in the sessions while receiving valuable feedback from your teacher so that you can focus on improvement in your weaker areas.

Thus, individuals are given everything they need to satisfy their own learning needs successfully. Students feel much more motivated and inspired when they take part in such a learning program.

Several strategies can be employed in using the blended learning approach. It can be a small group discussion, collaborative, individual and online learning.

To cater the small group discussion, DepEd proposed a maximum of 18 students in an average size classroom. The rest of the students not physically present in the classroom will engage in another activities which can be online, modular, or learning via radio or television.

(The author is a head teacher at Palo National High School in Palo, Leyte.)

DPWH completes flood control along Oquendo Bridge

CALBAYOG CITY- The Department of Public Works and Highways-Samar First District Engineering Office has completed another flood control structure along Oquendo Creek to support the abutment of Oquendo Bridge, which runs via Lope de Vega route.

The structure is 320-linear-meters long and stands at a height of 2.66 meters.

Flood control management is essential to protect the bridge from flood damage as well as to preserve the riverbanks from erosion. Consequently, the flood control structure also keeps the creek's floodwaters away from the



people who have settled in the floodplain areas.

Oquendo Creek streams into the Jibatang River, one of the two major river systems in the Samar I district. According to Barangay Captain Jaime Y. Hernandez, flooding is a perpetual problem in their

village particularly in areas near these bodies of water. A heavy rainfall event is enough to overtop the creek and cause flooding.

The completed project has an allotment of 45 million pesos from the General Appropriations Act (GAA) 2019. **(PR)**

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Teaching/learning online

This first week of June is enrollment time for the Department of Education. Students will have to enroll online, depending on the school, as some schools require the submission of the hard copy of a filed-out form. It's quite different now since the coronavirus came and plagued our country and its people.

After enrollment, when regular classes will start, big changes will further occur. There will be no face-to-face classes between teachers and students. Things will be done online, with the students given and working on certain tasks, and the teachers providing modular lessons. All these will have to be done with the aid of laptops, computers, tablets, and other relevant gadgets. And of course, facilitated by supposedly a fast internet connection.

It seems that DepEd is left with no option but to resort to this arrangement. Academic calendar with all its activities should continue despite the onslaught of the dreaded virus. Parents and students cannot wait, not wanting to waste a year or two just to allow the vi-

rus to pass through. They want to make use of time even if it means co-existing with the virus. And what will the teachers do, too, if the present calendar year is temporarily canceled?

In this resort, however, DepEd is taken off guard and balance. Since it's a drastic move, not much preparations were put in place. Problems await just ahead. The absence of computers and the like will be the primary problem of students. Many of the parents cannot even afford regular meals every day. Even teachers have difficulty acquiring said gadgets. And even if laptops are available, the problem of loads and internet provisions would handicap especially the students. In remote areas, electricity is absent, and internet signal, too.

What will likely happen is that, many of the students will be left behind and could not catch up with the lesson pace. They would have problems complying with requirements. And the teachers would have difficulty synchronizing the class pace as the students may take long to work on their respective tasks. This could be quite chaotic, but then again, we have no choice but to adapt to this scenario that is beyond our control.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Fakery business

Production of counterfeit items is not something new. Worldwide, that is. In fact, it has become huge business, and had enriched many peoples and nations on earth. It's a fakery industry based on efforts at recreating original products using cheaper materials. The outcomes are imitation items that look like genuine but are of inferior

quality. And since they are sold cheaply, they then sell abundantly.

Historically, the ancient Romans were known to be among the greatest imitators. They imitated almost everything from other countries, peoples, and cultures. They copied other people's weapons, literature, deities, religion, laws, politics, etc., mostly from

the Greeks. One thing, though, they always modified the things they copied into something that suited their needs and preferences. When the Roman Empire, through its counterfeit Christianity that it created, imitated the Old Testament Jewish priesthood, it introduced plenty of modifications.

Until today, we hear of imitation activities done by people in different corners of the world. Filipinos, for instance, are known everywhere as great imitators. We do have selected countrymen who can imitate great singers, superb speakers, electrifying dancers, and many more. Japan, during World War II's aftermath, was just imitating genuine American products such as appliances, auto parts, etc., till they perfected their

products with equally superior quality. Other countries did the same in their industrialization efforts.

In today's mass production of almost everything under the sun, China aggressively took the lead role, given their massive workforce and cheap labor. It was during this era when the entire world saw that almost everything is made in China, many of which are imitations of original products from USA, Germany, Italy, Japan, and a lot more. This could be regarded as period of imitation and production of counterfeit products. Many things are being faked, using inferior materials, and sold at a very low cost.

Shocked at seeing high-valued items now *see Fakery /page 5*



Observer

ALVIN GZ. ARPON

COVID-19 seems to stay yet!

There is no definite date for the coronavirus disease to vanish eventually from places affected by this killer disease. Daily news reports still reveal it is still in our midst and those affected are still increasing, to include deaths.

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What is disheartening is up to now no medicines or vaccines have been discovered. Yes, there are reports that China has already discovered vaccine, but it will still have to be proven as indeed It's already the real one.

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Minority "pasaways" winning over majority ones

Very disheartening nay disappointing to know that at this time when the national government is going nuts trying to mitigate, at least, the effect of the world's unseen enemy, COVID 19, a small percentage of the Filipino population remain insensitive to heed some of the simplest protocols to avert the fatal effect of the pandemic virus!

Such elementary instructions like using face masks, hand globes, washing hands before and after meals or activities; staying at home all MUST NOT DO things by men in areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine; and, how to handle pecuniary assistance from government, still you have heard/read from here and there, "pasaways" openly defying some basic safety and economic precautions.

For me, it is totally unacceptable to find people using the financial support from government in illegal/illicit gambling activities, i.e. "tupada", bingo, "tongits", car/motorcycle races, boxing, drugs, etc., at this defining moment in the Philippine health and fi-

nancial history!

The down-side of the minority pasaways unwelcomed activities is PRRD's announcement that "I will not be obliged to release money to certain sectors of population" who transgress lawful government orders. Worst scenario is what Pres Duterte's dare to declare a "... mala Martial Law style of implementing the mandate recommended by the IATF or Inter-Agency Task Force re protocols relevant to flatten the curve in the COVID 19 hologram! Indeed, for as long the minority pasaways in our population continue to pull down the bigger majority of us, I am bound to let go my 1-cent prediction that the April 30th timeline for the possible lifting of the E Q C will just be another open-ended inclusive period! We, who have been religiously following the tenets of the IATF and that of the President's Office, are doomed to suffer the wrath of living within the confines of our respective houses! - unwilling victims of misdeeds by some!

Happy to note though, that some people in quarantined areas use their 'free' time to planting short-term

medical department of the University of the Philippines is also undergoing research but still a wait and see situation.

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But this Columnist an 80 year-old senior citizen and still healthy, would like share with you an attitude:

Think positive; strictly follow protocols that government health officials tell us. Wear face masks, observe social distancing, and be clean.

Above all Pray hard and sincerely!. Believe that this is God's manage for us- to reform, love and respect Him. And simply veer away from sins. And prepare to accept reality, negative or positive and sincerely say: "Thy Will be Done my God." Amen.

backyard vegetables like pit-say, camatis, talong, alugbati, ahos, etc., for food and augment to livelihood revenue.

It is my intention through this column, that the toxic practices of the minority pasaways do not reach the domain of our dear fellow Waraynons, rather replicate the productive activities of some people in quarantined areas in Luzon by planting greens in their vacant front and backyards, and lessen dependence to government dole-outs.

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NEXT TOPIC : Hopefully, a few more concluding articles related to Covid 19 !

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Fakery...

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selling very, very cheaply, people get tempted to buy them with haste, only to find out later that these items do not work well and are nothing but useless. Only after realizing this that people resolve to buy only the genuine products. But fake items continue to proliferate since the poor buyers do not stop from buying them.

This fakery business by China even goes farther into risking people's health. Why, some Chinese manufacturers have been imitating items like fake medicines, food items made of plastic materials and fashioned into realistic rice, cabbage, eggs, and many others. All this are



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

God, freedom, love

HOW important it is that we have a clear idea of the relationship between God and freedom, and between freedom and love. Given our very confusing times, when the distinction between truth and falsehood, good and evil, moral and immoral is blurred, it's very urgent that we get hold of this distinction, if we wish to be on the right track in our life!

Everything true, good and beautiful comes from God. There's no question about that. Nothing can be true, good and beautiful if God is not at the core of it. Anything that is not true, good and beautiful does not come from God, even if it has appearances of what we subjectively consider as truth, goodness and beauty. And sad to say, we often get caught in this trap of an anomaly.

Of course, in the rough and tumble of our actual life in this world, truth and falsehood, good and evil, beauty and ugliness can get mixed up in us but never in the same aspects. One may be good in looks but bad in manners, to cite an obvious example. So we have to be extremely discerning to be

able to distinguish, since this mixing can be very subtly confusing. We may not even realize we are confused, let alone, wrong.

We have to realize more deeply than that our freedom, if it has to be real freedom, has to come from God. It has to be related to him, to his will, to his laws and commandments. Freedom is not real freedom if it would just be a matter of doing our own will. Our will has to conform to God's will for us to enjoy true freedom.

We need to strengthen our conviction about this essential relationship between God and our freedom. This is the truth about freedom. This is the truth referred to when Christ told the Jews who believed him, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Jn 8,31-32)

From here, we can already realize that our living and true relationship with God is very indispensable. Without this relationship in place, we simply would be left to our own devices. And that realization should already egg us to really take

care of our relationship with God, knowing how limited and prone to confusion and error our unguided human powers can be.

With the relationship between God and freedom clarified, we have to realize next that freedom is what enables us to love, just as God's love for us and all of his creation was an act of freedom on his part. He was not forced to create anything or anyone. There absolutely was no necessity for him to create us. But He did it just the same, out of freedom.

In other words, he created us and the whole universe out of pure love, a total self-giving that can never be reciprocated equally by his creatures. This is the essence of love which, according to the First Letter of St. John, is the very essence of God: "God is love." (4,8)

In short, for us to truly love, it has to be an act of freedom. And to be able to love in true freedom and not false freedom, it has to be based on God, rooted on his will and commandments, and empowered by his Spirit. Thus, Christ said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (Jn 14,15)

So, we should know where we can find true love and what would constitute as authentic love, and not fake love. This is the love that Christ himself has shown us. It's a love that culminated in his passion and death in total obedience to the Father's will so our sins can be forgiven. This is the love that he commands us to do!



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
Province of Northern Samar
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN JOSE, NORTHERN
SAMAR HELD ON MAY 27, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG
BAYAN SESSION HALL.**

PRESENT:

Hon. Raul T. Robles ---Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Merlita S. Evangelista --Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Silvino T. Balasolla --- -do-
Hon. Harlan A. Tomenio, Sr. --- -do-
Hon. Ernesto E. Nualla --- -do-
Hon. Virgilio V. Esidera --- -do-
Hon. Marcelino A. Mora --- -do-
Hon. Electorado P. Somoray, Jr. --- -do-
Hon. Jose Agripino S. Ballesta --- -do-
Hon. Ma. Gundelina V. Balasolla -- -Liga nga mga Barangay Federation Vice President
Hon. Joebert A. Evaristo --- Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan, President

ABSENT:

None

Ordinance No. 07
Series of 2020

Sponsor : **HON. JOSE AGRIPINO S. BALLESTA**
Co-sponsors: **HON. HARLAN A. TOMENIO, SR.**
HON. MERLITA S. EVANGELISTA

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE MANDATORY WEARING
OF FACE MASKS OR OTHER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENTS AND STRINGENT PRACTICE OF SOCIAL/
PHYSICAL DISTANCING BY ALL PERSONS IN PUBLIC PLACES
OF SAN JOSE, NORTHERN SAMAR DURING THE
INTERVENING PERIOD OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 922, series of 2020 dated March 08, 2020 declared A State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to Covid-19 and enjoins all government agencies and Local Government Units to render full assistance and cooperation in this time of health pandemic;

WHEREAS, Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 15, series of 2020 of this municipality, was enacted adopting Presidential Proclamation No. 929 dated March 16, 2020-Declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Governor of the Province of Northern Samar, Hon. Edwin Marino C. Ongchuan issued Executive Order No. 01-03-20, series of 2020 placing the entire province under General Community Quarantine effective March 19, 2020 and it was also extended up to May 15, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order No. 03-04-20;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that: *Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things the xxx promotion of health and safety xxx;*

WHEREAS, under Section 5.1.1 of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-062 entitled: *"Supplementary LGU Guidelines on the implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, and State of Public Health Emergency in Other Parts of the Country due to the COVID-19 Threat"*, all LGUs are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their jurisdiction. As such, they are to take the lead in the prevention and control of the spread of Covid-19 at the local level;

WHEREAS, the spread of Corona virus disease in the Philippines is now quite alarming;

WHEREAS, in order to overcome the present risk of Covid-19, the Local Government Unit of San Jose, Northern Samar must require simultaneous efforts on different facades, including all the persons who are living or working in San Jose to cooperate together and work harmoniously with a common goal of defeating the Covid-19 menace;

WHEREAS, in fighting this unseen opponent, the mandatory use of face masks or other Personal Protective Equipment can significantly mitigate the possibility of local or community transmission and can effectively reduce the contamination in the communities especially by persons who are asymptomatic but may already be carriers of Covid-19;

WHEREAS, Health Advisory of the Department of Health requires persons to strictly observe stringent social/physical distancing to ensure that the virus is not passed on to other persons through the release of respiratory droplets and other contact from an infected person;

WHEREAS, it is said that Covid-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet) for a prolonged period. Spread happens when an infected person cough, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land in the mouths or noses of people nearby, hence social/physical distancing is required;

NOW WHEREFORE, after thorough deliberations and discussions and upon motion of **HON. JOSE AGRIPINO S. BALLESTA** with secondment of **HON. HARLAN A. TOMENIO, SR.** and **HON. MA. GUNDELINA V. BALASOLLA**, this Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled hereby ordains that –

SECTION 1. Short Title –This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Mandatory Wearing of Face Mask or other Personal Protective Equipment and Social/Physical Distancing Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Converge – All persons who are found within the territorial jurisdiction of San Jose, Northern Samar are covered by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms – As used in the Ordinance, the following terms shall be construed as follows:

a.) **Face mask** – is a protective mask used to cover the nose, mouth and chin with specifications and proper use as recommended by the Department of Health (e.g. surgical masks, medical masks, N95 masks) or reusable or washable face masks ordinarily sold in commercial markets.

Due to scarcity of face masks, any cloth that can cover the nose, mouth and chin shall be considered as an equivalent face mask.

b.) **Personal Protective Equipment** – is protective clothing, helmet, goggles, or other garments or equipment designed to protect the wearer's body from infection.

c.) **Social or physical distancing** – refers to staying at least one (1) meter away from the people to help avoid from being Covid-19 infected.

SECTION 4. Mandatory Use of Face Mask or Other Personal Protective Equipment– Every person is required to wear face mask or other Personal Protective Equipment at all times while in public places. This requirement shall be followed while the danger of Covid-19 is still persisting.

SECTION 5. Stringent Social/Physical Distancing– All persons are mandated to exercise stringent social/physical distancing of at least one (1) meter from other persons.

SECTION 6. Compliance in Private Commercial Establishments– To effectively promote and encourage compliance to this Ordinance, all private commercial establishments operating in the Local Government of San Jose, Northern Samar shall: (a) conspicuously display at or near the entrance of the establishment a full copy of this Ordinance; and (b) strictly prohibit entry of any person who is not wearing a face mask or an equivalent thereof in the establishment.

SECTION 7. Penalty – Any person found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized accordingly, to wit:

First offense	-	Fine of PhP 500.00
Second offense	-	Fine of PhP 1,000.00
Third offense	-	Fine of PhP 2,500.00 and/or imprisonment of not more than 6 months depending on the discretion of the court

SECTION 8. Disposition of Fines – The proceeds from the mentioned fines shall be distributed in the following manner:
30% shall accrue to the municipal government
70% shall accrue to the barangay where the apprehension took place

Payment of fines shall be at the Municipal Treasurer's Office.

SECTION 9. Information and Education Campaign – The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and the Rural Health Unit shall disseminate information on the requirements of this Ordinance to the public immediately upon effectivity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. Implementation Mechanism – The San Jose Municipal Police Station shall spearhead the stringent implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance. Barangay Officials and Tanods are likewise deputized by this Ordinance to apprehend violators.

SECTION 11. Effectivity Clause – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled this 27th day of May, 2020 at San Jose, Northern Samar.

HON. MERLITA S. EVANGELISTA Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. SILVINO T. BALASOLLA Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. HARLAN A. TOMENIO, SR. Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. ERNESTO E. NUALLA Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. VIRGILIO V. ESIDERA Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. MARCELINO A. MORA Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. ELECTORADO P. SOMORAY, JR. Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. JOSE AGRIPINO S. BALLESTA Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. MA. GUNDELINA V. BALASOLLA Liga ng mga Barangay Federation Vice President, Ex-Officio Member
HON. JOEBERT A. EVARISTO Pabayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan President, Ex-Officio Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance of the Sangguniang Bayan of San Jose, Northern Samar during its regular session held on May 27, 2020 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall.

Atty. CECILIA A. TOMENIO-LOPEZ
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested:

HON. RAUL T. ROBLES
Municipal Vice Mayor,
Presiding Officer

Approved:

HON. ATTY. CLARENCE E. DATO
Municipal Mayor

Businesses...

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shops and other business gatherings which may include conventions and conferences.

Also, business establishments in the province are allowed to resume operations on conditions that they will provide sanitizers or store disinfectant for their customers.

The public utility vehicles (PUVs) can resume their operations provided that they will observe and

comply on the safety measures and conditions imposed by the Department of Transportation, Petilla said.

He, however, clarified that any business establishment or PUV has the right to reject the entry of any customer or passenger who is exhibiting influenza-like symptoms or not wearing a face mask.

The governor said that the travel and movement of all the residents in the province are not restricted, however, they should observe the sanitary and health

protocols imposed by the government especially in public places and crowded areas.

Petilla said that the entry of all persons to the province from other places either by sea, land or air is prohibited except for the beneficiaries of the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program (BPBPP), locally stranded individuals and returning overseas Filipino workers, wherein they are required to undergo the

mandatory 14-day quarantine period upon arrival to their respective local government units.

He added that other individuals who are exempted from the travel who include, among others, are the uniformed personnel, those workers in essential business establishments and industries, authorized persons outside residence (APOR) or health and emergency front-liners, delivery personnel of car-

go vehicles, those traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, and accredited construction workers.

The province of Leyte has recorded eight cases of coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) with two recoveries. Most of these cases involved people who returned to Leyte under the Balik Probinsya program.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF PARCEL OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ERIBERTO M. TRINCHEA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Tanghas, Tolosa, Leyte covered by TD No. 00554 containing an area of 12117 hectares more or less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor CHRISTIAN S. CIPRIANO as vendee of a portion consisting of 316 square meters from the above-mentioned property. Per Doc No. 401, Page No. 81, Book No. IX, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Alfredo B. Ty Jr. LSDE: June 2, 9 & 16, 2020

DEED OF PARTITION WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE AND DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ISIDORO H. VERANA, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located at Alegria, Caibiran, Biliran, containing an area of 2.932700 ha. (s), with OCT No. 0076 and Tax Dec. No. 00210, and heirs hereby confirm the sale executed by co-heir Rodolfo R. Verana in favor of NOLI & BERNARDITA BAGANES as vendee dated October 23, 2017 and A Deed of sale was executed by Vivian Verana over the Lot No. 11, consisting an area of 14,827.46 square meters unto the Vendee; per Doc. No 89, Page No. 20, Book No. !, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. LSDE: June 2, 9 & 16, 2020

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR No. RA 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that RENE REM B. QUINOÑES has filed with this Office a petition for correction of entry in sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in her certificate of live birth and whose parents are RENE L. QUINOÑES and REMEDIOS F. BASULGAN

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: June 2 & 9, 2020

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII
G/F Uytinkoc 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 20-015

DANILO D. PAREDES,
Applicant

ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with the Calbayog Satellite Unit (CSU) on 04 July 2018 and received by this Office on 21 May 2020, to wit:

NAME OF SHIP'S OWNED SERVICE TO BE OFFERED
MBca "JOAN-REBSON AND KEEFER" For the carriage of Passengers

ROUTE TO BE SERVED
Sto. Niño, Biri, N. Samar-Lavezares, N. Samar and vice versa

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS
Non-scheduled/Chartered trips or depending on the availability of passengers and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the submitted Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated 05 July 2019 between and among shipowners/operators of motorbancas covered by the said MOA (the subject ships included) and members of the Sto. Niño Motorboat Operators and Drivers Association (Daytime Navigation only or from 4:30 AM - 5:30 PM)

SCHEDULE OF RATES PER LINK

Table with columns: ROUTE/PORTS/ LINKS, PASSENGER RATE, Item, CARGO RATE, Rate/Unit. Includes rates for Rice, Softdrinks, Asstd. Grocery, Cement.

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on 16 June 2020, Tuesday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at this Office, G/F Uytinkoc 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 22nd day of May 2020 at Tacloban City, Philippines.

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

COPY FURNISHED:
Applicant, Danilo D. Paredes, Brgy. Sto. Niño, Biri, N. Samar
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Vill., Makati, MM
File
CMB/MMC
SFSU Issuance No. O-NOH-I-2020-029
Reference No. TMRO-2020 20-025

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that SOLEDAD E. RUIZO, heir of the late Concepcion Etulle executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, located at Brgy. Himarco, Palompon, Leyte, covered by OCT No. P-63779, designated as Cad. Lot No. 1211, containing an area of 5,112 square meters and covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31035-00283-R-13. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. DANILO G. RUIZO and MARINA L. RUIZO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 131, Page No. 27, Book No. XXV, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Eusebio Otadoy, Jr. LSDE: June 2, 9 & 16, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs MARILOU C. DYCOCO, surviving spouse of JOSE DYCOCO executed an AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-4223, situated at the Municipality of Mahaplag, Province of Leyte, Lot No. 1639, containing an area of 19,302 square meters. That owner's copy of this Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-4222 was lost in their possession and could not be found anymore despite earnest, diligent and exhaustive efforts done to locate it. That the abovementioned owner's duplicate copy of the title was not pledged or mortgaged nor delivered to any person, creditor, financial entity or bank for the purpose of securing any pending loan obligation, nor presented to the Register of Deeds for the purpose of registering any transaction involving the said property; per Doc. No. 412, Page No. 84, Book No. XV, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Blanche Astilla-Salino. LSDE: June 2, 9 & 16, 2020

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

RE: Application for Renewal 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 20-017

MARCOS P. TUPAZ,
Applicant

ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on 29 May 2020 to wit:

NAME OF SHIP'S OWNED SERVICE TO BE OFFERED
MBca "MAXELL MICO-1" For the carriage of Passengers

ROUTE TO BE SERVED
Mandoyucan-Mayabay-Mabini-Ubo-Birawan-Sugod-Jacopon-Nipa-Mongolbongol-San Jose-Losa-Cabitan-an (all of Daram, Samar)-Catbalogan, Samar and vice versa

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS

Table with columns: DEPARTURE (Origin, Time, Day), ARRIVAL (Destination, Time, Day), SCHEDULE OF RATES (* LINKS, PASSENGER RATE, Item, CARGO RATE, Rate/Unit).

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on 16 June 2020, Tuesday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at this Office, G/F Uytinkoc 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 1st day of June 2020 at Tacloban City, Philippines.

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

COPY FURNISHED:
Applicant, Marcos P. Tupaz, Brgy. Jacopon, Daram, Samar
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Vill., Makati, MM
File
CMB/MMC
SFSU Issuance No. O-NOH-I-2020-028
Reference No. TMRO-2020-

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte
R8-CN/EV/PA-UV-2020-05-0118
Ref. Case No. VIII-2015-0255

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

JERIC TATA TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of THREE (3) Certificate of Public Convenience namely: Case Nos. VIII-2014-4612, 2015-0545 and 2015-0514 to operate a FILCAB service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-PHHC-DIIT & VICE VERSA with the use of TWELVE (12) unit/s for each Certificate which Certificate are valid and subsisting until AUGUST 12, 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 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 26th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte
R8-CC-FC-2020-05-0120
Ref. Case No. VIII-2020-0120

Application for Consolidation of Cases of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB service

JERIC TATA TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of TWO (2) Certificate of Public Convenience namely: Case Nos. VIII-2015-0544 and 2014-4611 to operate a FILCAB service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-MARASBARAS & VICE VERSA with the use of TEN (10) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until OCTOBER 21, 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 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 26th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte
R8-CN/EV/PA-UV-2020-05-0118
Ref. Case No. VIII-2015-0255

Application for Change of Party/Name of Applicant of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service with prayer to adopt trade name with Extension of Validity

EVELYN G. GRANADOS-Old Party Applicant
VAN VAN TOURS CORPORATION-New Party Applicant

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from EVELYN G. GRANADOS to VAN VAN TOURS CORPORATION, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-PALOMPON & VICE VERSA with the use of EIGHT (8) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until AUGUST 12, 2020.

In the present application, applicant request authority for Change of Party/Name of Applicant with 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 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 26th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte
R8-EV/PA-FC-2020-05-20143889
Case No. VIII-2014-3889

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

ROSE MARIE M. BANDOY,
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 VIA MAHARLIKA HIGHWAY & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until MAY 13, 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 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

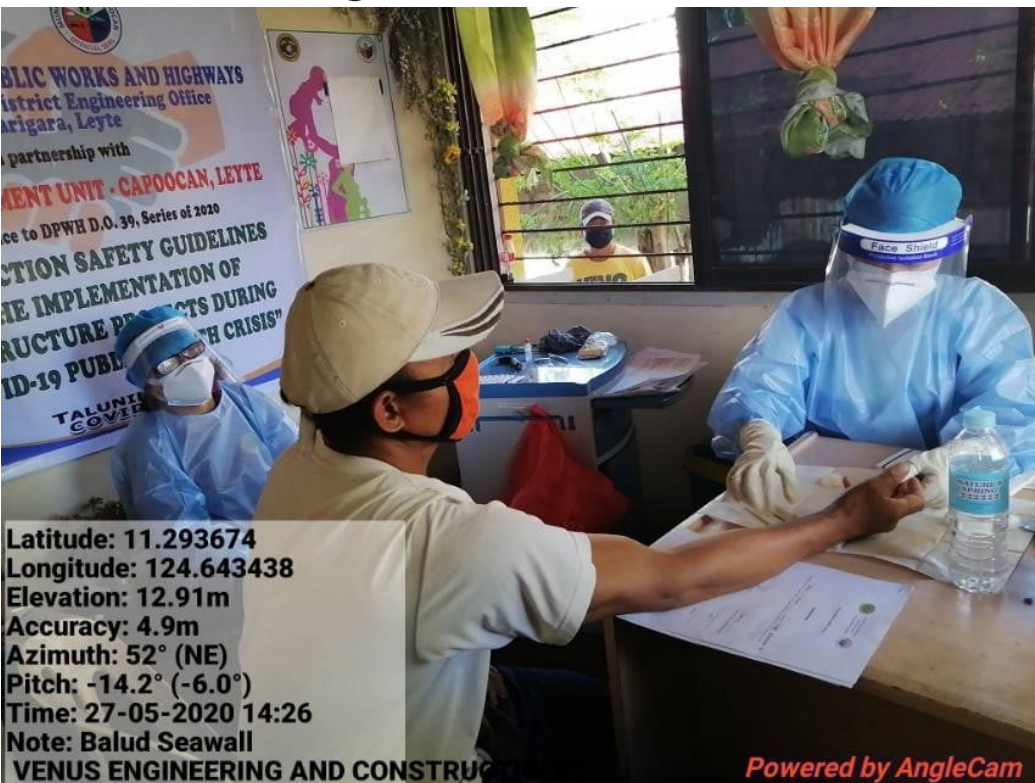
At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

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 13th day of MAY, 2020.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

DPWH partners with LGUs for construction safety guidelines in conducting COVID-19 rapid tests



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VENUS ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

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CARIGARA, Leyte – In partnership with the contractors and local government units (LGUs), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-Leyte Second District Engineering Office, has now began the rapid antibody testing for workers upon the resumption of construction projects.

As of May 28, 68 construction personnel have already been tested and they all turned out negative.

District Engineer Gerald Pacanan said that this testing is in adherence with the Department Order 39 Series of 2020, oth-

erwise known as the “Construction Safety Guidelines in the implementation of Infrastructure Projects during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis,” wherein prior to their deployment, workers are required to undergo testing prescribed by the Department of Health (DOH).

“We are complying with the health protocol set by the government. Our office will be transparent with test results, especially that it involves health and safety of our stakeholders. When needed, workers will be re-tested, and we will consult the health agency for other procedures,” said Pacanan.

Pacanan added that

Iloilo, admitted his mistake as well as explained to the authorities that they have observed the needed health protocols.

However, pursuant to Republic Act 11469 or the Heal As One Act, violators will be fined P20,000 to 50,000 pesos or may be imprisoned for one to six (6) months.

contractors have assigned safety officers for daily monitoring of the pre and post work health conditions of the personnel, and those with manifestations or symptoms relative to COVID-19 shall be immediately isolated and quarantined for fourteen (14) days and if necessary, brought to the nearest DOH COVID-19 treatment facility under strict confidentiality and privacy.

The district engineering office is now set to resume the 24 infrastructure projects worth P372.6 million under the 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

Meantime, the health department and the North Chief of Staff urged the RTRs to cooperate and comply with the necessary protocols in order to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) here in the city.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Tacloban...

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found out that he violated the ‘No Visitor Policy’ for he had a drinking session with some of his family and friends yesterday, May 31 upon his arrival.

Meanwhile, the RTR, who is a company driver and was locally stranded in

LGU...

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added.

LGU San Miguel appealed to the returning residents and their families to strictly follow protocols, closely coordinate with the LGU and concerned national government agencies, and divulge all necessary/relevant information with regards to their return to San Miguel; and to the public to remain calm, and strictly observe the precautionary measures set forth by the local and national government issuances and directives. (PIA-8)

Homeowners’...

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DA-RFO 8 thru the Research Team headed by ARD Elvira C. Torres, Research Division Chief Engr. Leonarda Londina. The project is ably coordinated by Ms Rufelie Gula, and also supported by various research stations and facilities nationwide.

Also present to witness the event was Msgr. Erlito Maraya, a son of a former DA Regional official. Msgr. Maraya is the Vicar General of the Palo Diocese and he gave an inspirational message for and in behalf of Most Rev. John F. Du, DD, Palo Archbishop. Members of the Philippine Air Force and the

Academe such as LNU and EVSU represented by Dr. Reynaldo Garnace and Dr. Tito Aure, respectively, who joined the guests and the farmers in signing the commitment of support to Urban Gardening Project.

The historic event was covered live by PIA-8 thru Regional Director Erlinda Olivia P. Tiu and her Staff. Dr. Andrew Orasis, DA-8 FOD Chief; HVCDDP Regional Coordinator Mr. Romeo G. Delmo and Staff, including RAFIS as DA’s information arm were there to lend support to this culminating activity of the Farmers’ and Fisherfolks Month Celebration 2020.

(FRANCIS ROSAROSO/PR)

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS OR OTHER SIMILAR PROTECTIVE GEARS AND STRINGENTLY OBSERVE THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL/PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN ESTABLISHMENT AND PUBLIC SPACES DURING PANDEMICS OR IN STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES CAUSED BY THE INFECTIOUS RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Sponsor: Beryl Sharon G. Tolentino
Chairman, Committee on Health, Social Welfare and Community Development

PREPARATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the right to health of the people is constitutionally protected right as stated in Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution which states as follows:

“The state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”

WHEREAS, the current public health crisis brought about by the outbreak of the dreaded virus globally known as COVID 19, may well best illustrate how the government must have to respond and to devise means, in an effort to contain the transmission of the same in order to save the lives of the many.

WHEREAS, existing health protocols that were put in place by the health authorities as reinforced by MC of the DILG, encouraged the use of wearing of Face Mask by the public whenever an epidemic or outbreak of viruses occur.

WHEREAS, institutionalizing the practice of wearing face mask during or on the occasion of such virus related epidemic, through the enactment of local legislative measure, would greatly reduce the rate, contain the level of, if not prevent the spread of transmission of such disease.

NOW, THEREFORE be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Lawaan, Eastern Samar in its regular session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known as “FACE MASK ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAWAAN.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - for purpose of this Ordinance, the term:

1. Establishment – shall refer to any building, structure or portion thereof that is used by the government, religious or private entity and organization.

2. Face Mask – shall mean a protective mask covering the nose and mouth area of a person, either disposable, reusable, washable or improvised by handkerchiefs, scarves and other similar covers with the purpose of the protecting the wearer and preventing the spread of the disease.

3. Pandemic – shall mean “a worldwide spread of a new disease” as defined by WHO. It is an epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people.

4. Person – shall mean a natural person or judicial person.

5. Public Space – shall refer to an area or place that is generally open and accessible to people including but not limited to roads, bridges, alleys, overpasses, sidewalks, public squares, markets, parks, beaches, and transport services.

SECTION 3. POLICY – it shall be the policy of the Municipality during a pandemic or public health emergency caused by infectious respiratory disease.

1. To require all persons to wear a face mask when going outside their homes, while in transit, inside an establishment and in public places.

2. To require all persons to wear face mask properly covering both nose and mouth

3. To require all establishment and mass transportation in operation to refuse entry and delivery of product/service to any person not wearing face mask

4. To require all establishments to have at least one legible and visible sign, conspicuously placed in every major entrance, containing the words “NO MASK, NO ENTRY”, or any variation or translation in the local vernacular of such.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES. Any person found violating the ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

a. First Offense – a fine of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) or 2 hours community service

b. Second Offense – a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) or 4 hours community service

c. Third and Succeeding Offenses – a fine of One Thousand Pesos (1,000.00) or 8 hours community service.

Violators of this ordinance will be recorded in the barangay logbook where he was apprehended. For purpose of imposing the fine herein set forth for violation of the provision hereof, the barangay Treasurer where the violation was committed are hereby deputized to receive and collect the fine or fees and issue the proper receipt thereof.

SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARENTAL NEGLIGENCE – in case the infraction of this ordinance is committed by a minor, the liability for the penalty of the fine imposed in the preceding section shall devolve upon the parents, guardian or person who has custody of minor offender for the negligence in the exercise of parental or substitute parental authority as the case maybe, over the minor offender. Provided however that such minor offender shall be proceeded against under appropriate intervention program in accordance with the applicable provisions of R.A 9344 otherwise known as JUVENILE JUSTICE and WELFARE ACT 2006.

SECTION 6. APPREHENDING OFFICERS – PNP, LGU officials, Emergency Response Team, RHU Personnel and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) are mandated to enforce this facemask ordinance and apprehend all violators.

SECTION 7. SHARING OF PROCEEDS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES. The amount of corresponding penalty paid by a violator to the Barangay Treasurer shall be apportioned where the equivalent of 30% shall accrue to the enforcer as incentive while the remaining 70% shall accrue to the barangay to form part of their barangay funds.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any ordinance, rules and regulations or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or inconsistent with the national law, the section or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. Due to the urgency of the situation, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication. Further, this Ordinance shall take effect every time there is a declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency due to the emergence of pandemics or epidemics caused by infectious respiratory diseases. Should the declared state of public emergency be lifted by the National or Local Government of Lawaan, which comes last, the regulation imposed in this Ordinance shall accordingly be suspended.

ENACTED: MAY 27, 2020 AT LAWAAN, EASTERN SAMAR PHILIPPINES

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FORGOING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES OF 2020 WHICH WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON MAY 27, 2020.

Sgd. EVA G. GAYDA
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Attested:

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ORDINANCE NO. 09
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AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF CURFEW HOURS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, FOR PERSONS 21 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE BUT BELOW 60 YEARS OLD, FROM 10:00 PM TO 4:00 AM. AND A 24-HOUR CURFEW FOR PERSONS BELOW 21 YEARS OLD AND THOSE WHO ARE 60 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE, FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) OR AS MAY BE RECOMMENDED BY THE PROVINCIAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR COVID-19, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1982 Philippine Constitution declares that the "State shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them."

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said constitutional mandate and the relevant issuance by the national government and the Inter-Agency Taskforce for Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) and in order to prevent the spread of Coronavirus of 2019 (COVID-19), the Province of Northern Samar was placed under General Quarantine on March 19, 2020 by virtue of Executive Order No. 01-03-20, Series of 2020.

WHEREAS, considering the continuous increase of COVID-19 cases in the entire country despite government interventions, and in an effort to complement the efforts of the national government in preventing the spread of the dreadful virus, the Provincial Governor has extended the GCQ under Executive Order No. 01-04-20, Series of 2020.

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governor has again extended the GCQ under Executive Order No. 03-04-20, in which Section 12 thereof provides for the implementation of curfew for persons twenty (20) years old and above but below sixty (60) years old, from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., and a 24-hour curfew for persons below twenty (20) years old and those who are sixty (60) years old and above;

WHEREAS, an ordinance has to be enacted providing for the strict implementation thereof as one of the preventive measures against COVID-19, complementary to social distancing, mandatory home quarantine, proper hygiene and other existing response mechanism already in place;

WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Christian Emmanuel W. Uy, duly seconded. BE IT ORDAINED by this Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known for its Short Title as the COVID-19 Curfew Ordinance of the Province of Northern Samar.

Sec. 2. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall cover all persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Northern Samar.

Sec. 3. STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF CURFEW. The strict implementation of curfew hours is hereby mandated for persons twenty one (21) years old and above but below sixty (60) from 10:00 in the evening to 4:00 in the morning of the following day, and a twenty four (24)-hour curfew for persons below twenty one (21) years old and those who are sixty (60) years old and above, for the entire duration of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or as may be recommended by the Provincial Inter Agency Task Force for COVID-19.

Sec. 4. EXEMPTIONS. The following persons are hereby exempted from curfew:

- a. Those persons mentioned in the preceding Section, under medical emergencies and those who are to undergo routine medical procedures for chronic illness;
b. Health Workers;
c. Members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), provided that proof of identification is presented;
d. Those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons, including but not limited to those providing relief assistance and foreign mission representatives performing diplomatic functions, provided that proof of identification shall be presented;
e. Persons providing basic services and public utilities, including but not limited to emergency responders, security service personnel, vendors and loaders of public market, drugstore and pharmacy personnel, provided that proof of identification/employment is presented;
f. Persons having quarantine pass, provided that proof of identification is presented;
g. Essential skeletal workforce for appropriate services, such as, security, transport of goods, supplies and equipment, and the likes, including drivers, provided that proof of employment is presented;
h. Media Personnel, provided that proof of identification shall be presented;
i. Authorized government officials, including fiscals, judges, elected officials and those serving co-terminus positions;
j. Local chief executives;
k. Municipal Inter-Agency Task Force and Barangay Task Force;
l. Members of the Provincial Health Board and the Provincial Inter-Agency

Task Force on COVID-19;
m. Persons from sixty (60) years old to sixty four (64) years, provided that proof of employment or business ownership is presented and
n. Persons from eighteen (18) years old to twenty (20) years, provided that proof of employment or business ownership is presented.

Sec. 5. PARENT AL LIVING LIABILITY. The parents/guardian in whose custody the minor child is entrusted/living shall have the primary duty and obligation to supervise the conduct and activities of the minor child and ensure that the minor child is inside their house/dwelling/abode during and within the curfew hours.

Violation of this ordinance shall be meted upon the parents/guardians/persons in whose custody the minor child is living with.

Excepting any emergency situation, good faith or reasonable supervision over the minor child is not a defense to a violation of this ordinance.

Sec. 6. PENALTIES - There shall be imposed penalties for persons found in violation of this Ordinance, to wit:

- First Offense - One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or community service for 24 hours
Second Offense - Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or community service for 48 hours
Third Offense - Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or one (1) month imprisonment or both, at the discretion of the court

Sec. 6. DISPOSITION OF FINES/PENALTY. The proceeds from the above-mentioned fines/penalties shall be distributed in the following manner:

- a. 30% shall accrue to the municipal government
b. 70% shall accrue to the barangay where the apprehension took place
Payments of fines/penalties shall be at the Municipal Treasurer's Office.

Sec. 7. IMPLEMENTATION. The Philippine National Police (PNP) Northern Samar Police Provincial Office (NSPPO) shall lead the implementation thereof in coordination with the local government units.

Sec. 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon compliance of posting and publication requirements.

The Municipal Governments through their respective IATF's are hereby directed to facilitate said posting.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled this 7th day of May 2020, Catarman, Northern Samar.

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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASK OR OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC AREAS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) OR AS MAY BE RECOMMENDED BY THE PROVINCIAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR COVID-19, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to rise in the Philippines despite government interventions, thus President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines on March 17, 2020.

WHEREAS, COVID-19, which is a pandemic according to the World Health Organization (WHO), poses an imminent threat to a province like Northern Samar.

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2020-071 is enjoining local government units to enact local ordinances relative to this matter.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, with the intent of preventing further increase in COVID-19 in the Province, and upon motion of Honorable Albert A. Lucero, duly seconded, BE IT ORDAINED by this Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled:

Section 1. It is hereby mandatory for all residents in the Province of Northern Samar to wear face mask or other protective equipment in public places for the entire duration of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or as may be recommended by the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force for COVID-19.

Sec. 2. PENALTIES - There shall be imposed penalties for persons found in violation of this Ordinance, to wit:

- First Offense - One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) or community service for 24 hours
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Ormoc City seeks proper coordination on arrival of repatriates



STRONGER COORDINATION. Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez in this undated photo. Gomez on Thursday (May 29, 2020) clarified that the city accepts repatriates, so long as proper coordination and health protocols are strictly followed.

(Photo courtesy of Ormoc city government)

TACLOBAN CITY – Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez has clarified that he will accept repatriates so long as proper coordination and health protocols are strictly followed.

“There is no problem accepting locally stranded individuals and returning overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). We will accommodate them in the best way we can. To be clear, returnees have a constitutional right to come home but health protocols are in place because public health must be upheld and safeguarded even and especially as we do that,” Gomez said in a statement posted late Thursday.

Ormoc City is one of the first local government units (LGUs) in Eastern Visayas to impose travel restrictions in mid-March to protect its more than 250,000 population from the threat of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

Citing the directive from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on handling returning residents, he said three days before the arrival of repatriates, there must be coordination from the LGU

ents at risk,” it said.

The LGU appeals to its residents to do their moral and legal responsibilities to stop the spread of the virus.

“Let us all do our fair share of stopping the virus from entering our locality. Put the lives of others and of your families on top of your list of priorities. God forbid, the LGU cannot afford to have one COVID-19 case in this municipality,” it added.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

of origin and notice from the national government agencies, so they can prepare properly.

Gomez said during the arrival of the first batch of program beneficiaries on May 21, he only received a text hours later, informing him that repatriates from Metro Manila, who are residents of Ormoc, have arrived in Palo, Leyte.

On May 25, the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) also only texted him that three airplanes carrying OFWs from Metro Manila will arrive on the same day at the Tacloban airport.

“They don’t also know how many are returning to Ormoc City. That is why we are asking for proper coordination because

municipal health officer from their point of origin.

Provide testing capability and assistance to the provincial government so that they can do the required testing before the LSIs are released from the provincial holding areas and turned over to the concerned local government units.

They also suggested to require all quarantine control points nationwide to conduct intensive inspection of all types of cargo trucks, regardless of the declared content to stop the rampant trafficking of undocumented and unscrupulous LSIs disguised as helpers in food cargo trucks whose drivers invokes the DILG order on “unhindered delivery of essential goods” in refusing to be inspected.

Also, they should be furnished complete list of those returning to their respective towns by local government units where these returnees originated.

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traveling to Palo and Tacloban takes over two hours. The repatriates are also not aware that there is no proper coordination from the national agencies. They are left unattended in (the) airport or bus stations. Some of them are complaining and airing their frustrations against me and the city government through social media,” he said.

Gomez said he received a call from Interior Secretary Eduardo Año on May 26, who admitted that there was some miscommunication.

“I said, it’s okay Sec., let’s work on what we have now, and let’s make sure this program will be successful. He explained that the President wanted to waste no time and immediately repatriated the OFWs. In short, the problem was, it was not cascaded to LGUs that there is no more three days protocol for coordination, and once the repatriates arrive in the province, they must be accepted,” he said.

On Thursday, the Department of Health confirmed that two “Balik Probinsya, Balik Pagasa” beneficiaries from Tanauan town and Baybay City, both in Leyte, have tested positive for Covid-19.

On Friday, a seafarer from Hilongos, Leyte also tested positive for the virus.

All of these are the first Covid-19 cases in these areas.

Ormoc, the second-most populous city in Eastern Visayas next to Tacloban, remains free of the highly contagious disease.

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EV COVID -19 cases now 43 with 2 returning overseas workers among latest patients

TACLOBAN CITY – Two returning overseas workers from Leyte province were confirmed by the Department of Health (DOH) to have acquired the coronavirus.

The new cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) were from the town of Abuyog and Baybay City, which now logged its second case.

Dr. Minerva Molon, during a virtual press conference on Tuesday (June 2), said with the latest cases, Eastern Visayas has now 43 COVID-19 cases.

In the case of Abuyog town, its COVID-19 patient is a 35-year old woman while in Baybay City, it involved a 32-year woman who was on board with the same airplane with previous COVID-19 patient from the towns of Tanauan and Hilongos.

Molon also announced that the town of Burauen, also in Leyte, has a new COVID-19 case involving a 43-year old man who was rapid tested in a private hospital on May 25 while attending his patient confined at the Divine Word University Hospital, this city.

“But the patient was not suffering respiratory ailment,” Molon said, adding that they have yet to establish how the 43-year old man acquired the deadly virus.

But Burauen had earlier reported of two COVID-19 patients who now both recovered.

All three new COVID-19 patients of the region are now at their respective isolation facilities and appeared to be asymptomatic and not exhibiting fever or cough.

With the rising number of people getting the infection who have availed the ‘Balik Probinsiyá’ program, to include the returning overseas workers, Molon issued an appeal to them to be truthful in filling up their health declaration forms.

In particular, they should give their correct and complete address and contact numbers. This way, it would be easy for them to monitor and conduct contact tracing, Molon said.

“We have encountered that some of them appeared to have given us incorrect numbers that by the time we called on them, we could not contact them,” she said.

Meantime, the DOH sought assistance from the local government units to help them provide testing

kits considering of the rising number of returnees to their respective areas saying they might run out of supplies.

“We have enough testing kits but we still appeal to our local government units to (help us provide more) testing kits at our regional laboratory,” Dr. Exuperia Sabalberino, DOH assistant regional director, said.

The Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVMC) is the designated COVID-19 laboratory testing center with the DWU Hospital also given accreditation by the DOH as a COVID-19 testing center.

LGUs in Leyte have entered an agreement with the DWU Hospital to have their swab samples taken from their respective residents brought to the said private hospital. (ROEL T. AMAZONA/LIZBETH ANN ABELLA)

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unit, they went straight to an isolated home for which their families had prepared. There, they had lunch and had close interaction with other relatives from the community,” the statement said.

“It is for this clear breach of protocol and reckless disregard for the safety of others by these returnees that the LGU placed the whole Sitio under temporary lockdown,” it added.

The seven returning residents and another one from Scotland were subjected to rapid test which generated nonreactive results.

The eight undergo a swab sample gathering on Monday (June 1).

The seven are now staying at the designated municipal isolation facility while the returnee from Scotland is staying for 14-day at the designated barangay isolation unit.

The affected residents of sitio Opong will receive a supply of drinking water and food packs, the LGU said.

“In view of this current circumstance of the municipality, the LGU would like to appeal to all constituents, especially those planning and are scheduled to return back home to our beloved San Miguel to please strictly follow and adhere to the set protocols for the management of COVID-19 situation. It only takes one infected constituent to put all the lives of our constitu-

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