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LGUs follow death management protocols

DOH: 3 deaths due to COVID-19 in EV



AGRICULTURE. *With the influx of people returning to the provinces amid the coronavirus pandemic, agriculture sector may just get another shot as an economic driver. In Leyte, Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla said that agriculture remain to be a resilient sector despite of the pandemic which people who are looking for work may find jobs. (Photo Courtesy: Leyte EconoMICS)*

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TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Health (DOH) here in the region has confirmed three deaths due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

All three patients were also suffering from other pre-existing illnesses but were confirmed to have acquired the dreaded virus, Dr. Minerva Molon, the regional director of the DOH-8,said.

The fatalities were from the towns of Kawayan in Biliran province; Kananga town in Leyte province; and in Tarangnan, Samar province.

In Kawayan, the fatality involved a 65-year old man who returned to his village in Barangay Inusayan of said town on June 11 from Manila.

He died on June 14, the day swab sample was extracted from him, Molon

said.

The man was suffering from hypertension, heart failure and diabetes mellitus.

The second COVID-19 fatality of the region involved a 47-year old man from Barangay Aguiting, Kananga town.

The man, a locally stranded individual, returned to their village on June 15 from Cebu City but complained of chest pains the following day.

On June 17, swab sample was taken from him which turned out to be positive for coronavirus, Molon said.

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LSIs blame for spike of COVID-19 cases in EV

Mayors welcome suspension LSIs return

TACLOBAN CITY- The temporary suspension on the return of the locally stranded individuals (LSIs) was welcomed by the mayors in Leyte province, in particular, saying this would 'help' contain somehow the further spread of COVID-19.

To recall, Interior Sec. Eduardo Año has called for the temporary lifting on the return of the LSIs



Mayor Ma. Rosario Avestruz

in the entire region amid

spike of COVID-19 cases of the region which was partly blamed to the surge of the arrivals of the LSIs.

Mayor Ma. Rosario Avestruz of Barugo town who is the spokesperson of the League of Mayors-Leyte Chapter, said that they were happy that their request for the temporary suspension of the LSIs were heeded by Sec.Ano.

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Boy 'fully recovering' from COVID-19, says Samar town mayor

TACLOBAN CITY- Tarangnan's youngest patient afflicted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is fully recovering.

This was disclosed by Mayor Arnel Tan who commended the boy' as 'very courageous' who was placed at the town's isolation facility as part of the protocols.

"Our youngest COVID-19 patient, a 9-year old boy, is now fully recovering from the infection and is now out from the Municipal isolation facility and recently attended the



Mayor Arnel Tan

community reintegration process," the town mayor said.

Tan said that despite being the youngest among the patients, the boy was very

courageous and well-disciplined in following necessary protocols that are being implemented inside

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WE DELIVER!

34 people who lost jobs due to COVID-19 pandemic receives cash assistance from Tacloban city gov't, DOLE

TACLOBAN CITY- Jan Joshua Inghoy of Barangay 62-A Sagkahan, eagerly received his P3,250 salary from Tulong Panghanap-buhay sa ating Displaced Worker (TUPAD) #Barangay Ko, Bahay Ko, or Tupad #BKBK, a jointly implemented program of the local government and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), on Wednesday, June 24 at the Tacloban City Hall.

Inghoy, who has been unemployed for four months, was among the 34 beneficiaries for the first batch of release and worked four hours for 10 days of

disinfection and sanitation work of their dwellings and immediate vicinity.

"This program really helped us during this trying times, we need not only disinfect our houses but also participated in sanitizing our community to contain the spread of the dreaded coronavirus disease (COVID-19)," the beneficiary explained.

According to Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Development Management Officer Katherine Peliño, the said program aimed to augment the income of the unemployed poor through short-term

community work and temporary employment that can improve their living conditions.

"The displaced workers have been deployed since June 1, and their work ended last June 11," she said.

Overall, a total of P487,500 worth of wages was allocated for the 150 informal sector workers who have qualified from the TUPAD #BKBK program.

The second batch of beneficiaries is set to receive their salary on Friday, June 26, 2020, PESO reported. **(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)**

'Sambo' expresses alarm on Tacloban's increasing COVID-19 cases

TACLOBAN CITY- Vice Mayor Jerry 'Sambo' Yaokasin of this city has expressed his 'alarm' on the increasing number of its coronavirus cases.

With this alarming rate, the city vice mayor said that he would meet with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) to discuss further about contact tracing in the city to help contain further spread of the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

"Cases are increasing rapidly. We must act fast, especially in contact tracing. The close contacts must immediately self-isolate, get tested, and if positive, seek treatment. It would be very difficult to contact trace if the surge in cases will now be considered as 'community transmission,'" said Yaokasin.

"I hope it's not too late. This week will be very crucial for us. I hope we will not reach community transmission. The only consolation we have is that most (cases) are mild symptoms," the vice mayor added.

At present, Tacloban City has 54 confirmed COVID-19, several of them are health workers.

Yaokasin said that most local government units in the region are already experiencing shortage in their funds.

"The problem is most



Vice Mayor Jerry 'Sambo' Yaokasin

LGUs here ubos na it mga pondo for relief assistance and COVID-19 response. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) released the Bayanihan grant for cities and municipalities equivalent to one-month Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA)," he said.

Tacloban has P73.9 mil-

lion for its Covid-19 response.

Yaokasin reminded the public to fully cooperate with health authorities.

"Do not panic and take all precautionary measures to protect yourself and your loved ones. We will also need to ensure that our frontline health

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"This lifting, though temporary, will really help us local government units as we are already overwhelmed with the number of LSIs arriving in our respective areas," Avestruz said.

She also said that the lesser number of LSIs coming to the provinces would also help in the decrease on the number of COVID-19 cases.

The town of Barugo has about two confirmed COVID-19 cases with about 110 LSIs, among others, now under their quarantine facilities.

"(The suspension) will

'Cebuano' cop among the latest person from the region to get COVID-19

TACLOBAN CITY- A police officer from Cebu City but assigned here in the region was among the latest to be infected with the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

The said police officer is a 43-year old man who is assigned in one of the units of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in the region, John Paul Roca, DOH-8 regional information officer.

The said police is the first member of the police organization of the region to have been confirmed to have infected with

COVID-19.

On June 18, the regional PNP has deployed 45 of its personnel to Cebu City to help augment the police force in the city which is under Enhanced Community Quarantine(ECQ).

Also among the latest COVID-19 patient is a one year-old girl from Tabon-Tabon, Leyte province.

Roca said that the baby girl was infected by her 26-year old mother who earlier returned to their municipality from Cebu City.

As this developed, Dr. Minerva Molon, DOH-8 regional director, reiterated her appeal for the public to strictly observe all the

health protocols as a way not to get the dreaded virus.

"Please be reminded that it is only through our full cooperation and support we can contain further spread of COVID-19 by following all the health protocols," she said.

These include wearing of face mask, observance of social or physical distancing and observance of personal hygiene like washing of hands.

The DOH in the region had earlier claimed of local transmission of COVID-19 in the region. **(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

13 local road projects completed in Leyte's 4th district

ORMOC CITY – The Leyte 4th DEO has completed Thirteen (13) Local Road Projects which aims to provide wider and improved road to agricultural communities.

The 55Million local road projects with a total length of 8.344 lane km. were funded under GAA 2020-Local Infrastructure Program and were implemented in different municipalities within the Fourth District of Leyte. It involves

care workers are not overwhelmed with the sudden surge of cases in the region. We must protect them by providing them with the necessary personal protective equipment while on duty," he said.

"There might also be a need to review our existing quarantine protocols for returning overseas Filipino workers and locally stranded individuals without putting our barangays and localities at risk," added Yaokasin. **(RONALD O.REYES)**

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But on June 24, he died while confined in a hospital in Ormoc City due to severe pneumonia secondary

to COVID-19 and heart failure, the DOH regional director said.

The third patient to succumb due to COVID-19 was an 80-year old woman from Barangay Poblacion,

the Balik Probinsiya program.

Meanwhile, the regional office of the Department of Health (DOH) in Eastern Visayas reported of 16 new COVID-19 cases of which 13 of them were LSIs.

This increase to 467 the total number of COVID-19 cases of the region.

These LSIs confirmed to have acquired the virus

were from the towns of Libangon (one), and Sogod, 10, both from Southern Leyte province; and one each from Calbayog City and San Jorge town, both in Samar province.

The other fresh cases of COVID-19 of the region were from Catbalogan City, Samar, 2; and Kananga, Leyte, 1. **(JOEY A. GABIETA with LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)**

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concreting of roads at three (3) barangays in the Municipality of Kanangga and Construction of roads at the municipalities of Palompon, Isabel, Albueva and Matag-ob.

With the completed projects the Leyte 4th DEO now have an actual accomplishment of 61.12% for the Regular Infrastructure, way above the 59.32% target accomplishment set by the agency. **(PR)**

Tarangnan town in Samar province.

Molon reported that the woman was confirmed to have acquired the virus on June 16 and was confined at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center four days later due to diabetes, hypertension and asthma she was suffering.

But on June 24, she died due to what Molon described as 'multi-factorial shock' such as cardiogenic and septic shock from community acquired pneumonia and acute kidney failure.

Molon said that the local government units where the fatalities came from strictly followed the protocols on the management of the dead involving COVID-19 patients.

"The concerned local government units of the concerned COVID-19 patients followed meticulously on handling of human remains to prevent contamination and transmission of the virus," she said.

DepEd Northern Samar receives school chairs from PNP



The Police Provincial Office of Northern Samar donated 50 school chairs to the provincial office of the Department of Education. The June 23 donation was witnessed by Police Lt.Col. Marben M. Ordonia, deputy provincial director for administration, and Gorgonio Diaz, provincial schools superintendent. (PNP-Northern Samar)

CAMP CARLOS DELGADO, CATARMAN, Northern Samar- The Northern Samar Police Provincial Office (NSPPO) under the flagship of the dynamic Provincial Director, PCol. Reynaldo B. Dela Cruz donated 50 school chairs to the Department of Education (DEPED), Division of Northern Samar on June 23, 2020.

On the aforementioned date, PLt. Col. Marben M. Ordonia, deputy provincial director for administration, was joined by Dr. Gorgonio G. Diaz, CESO V, schools division superintendent, in signing the deed of dona-

tion at NSPPO Tambayan Hall.

The signing was witnessed by PMaj. Bonifacio O. Ricafort Jr., chief of Provincial Community Affairs and Development Unit (PCADU) and Mark Brando Morales, school head of Fructoso B Regulacion National High School.

Also present during the activity was Eden A. Dadap, representative from DEPED Region VIII.

The construction of the donated chairs was made through the efforts of 1ST Northern Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company (1st NSPMFC) personnel led by

PMaj Edwin M. Oloan, Jr., force commander.

Fructoso B Regulacion National High School, recipient of the school arm-chairs is located at Brgy. Tula, Pambujan, Northern Samar. Said barangay is one of the interior villages in the municipality and only accessible through motor boat. The school has been badly devastated during the onslaught of typhoon ‘Tisoy’.

”Through this donation, we are hoping that we could help the students in achieving their most cherish dreams in life” says PCOL DELA CRUZ. **(PR)**

Isolating COVID-19 patients could slow down virus spread, Sec. Año says

TACLOBAN CITY – A facility-based isolation will help in preventing the spread of coronavirus than home isolation.

Thus said Interior Secretary Eduardo Año who was here on Wednesday (June 24) during the joint National Inter-Agency Task Force (NIATF) of the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (RIATF) in Eastern Visayas held at the Palo Municipal Hall in Palo, Leyte attended by provincial officials led by Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla.

The Interior Secretary calls for the mandatory quarantine in an identified facility of the local government unit and isolation in a center prepared by the LGU for positive patients than doing home isolation.

During the meeting, Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez and League of the Municipalities of the Philippines-Leyte Chapter president, Palo Mayor Frances Ann Petilla informed Sec. Año and Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process and chief implementer of National Task Force Covid-19 Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., that they are doing facility-based quarantine and isolation.

Gomez said that they do not allow home isolation in Ormoc City as the ‘positive’ patient could infect other peo-

ple inside the house.

He added that the city government also does not allow barangay-based quarantine facility.

“Pag nalaman natin na positive siya, right away most like lahat ng mga kasama nya sa bahay pwedeng tamaan. That’s why we do not recommend home quarantine,” Gomez said.

Ormoc City has a total of 55 active COVID-19 patients since the first case was reported in June 5, mostly involving locally stranded individuals or LSIs.

For her part, Mayor Petilla said that they agreed that all arriving residents like returning Overseas Filipino Workers (ROFs) and LSIs should be isolated in their respective municipal quarantine or isolation facilities.

However, Petilla said that not all LSIs are captured in the facility as some arrives in their town without coordination.

To address this, Petilla said that she provides reward to every information of presence of those who newly arrived in every barangay.

Sec. Año said that he agrees that home isolation is not a good solution to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Año cited their observation in Cebu wherein of the 4,000 cases, about half of the

infected residents are doing home isolation.

“Sabi nga natin, under home quarantine there is no guarantee na hindi yan magi-spread and now we have order the LGU and the police to bring all those in home quarantine to isolation facilities, kahit buhatin pa nila, just like in Wuhan, that’s what they did, pinuntahan sa bahay, kinuha, para masigurado na maalagaan sila sa isolation facility” Año said.

“And tama talaga ang sinabi ni Mayor Gomez na hindi talaga pupwede ang home quarantine.Kailangan na-ka-isolate sila for the sake of their family, not for them but for their family. So let us put to isolation center ang mga positive,” he added.

In the region, Tacloban is one of the LGU that allows home isolation for returning residents instead of facility-based quarantine.

Meanwhile, in Leyte province, aside from municipal and city-based isolation facilities, the provincial government also allocated isolation areas in 14 district hospitals under its administrative control and also converted the Leyte Academic Gymnasium into a COVID-19 isolation center which can accommodate 100 patients.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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SANGGUNANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 38th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNANG BAYAN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE 2020 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, BABATNGON, LEYTE.

ORDINANCE No. 397

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASK OF ALL RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS COMING TO THIS LOCALITY FROM OTHER PLACES, IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES IN THE LOCALITY TO PREVENT COVID-19 CONTAMINATION AND INFECTION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THERETO.

Author: **Hon. Benjamin D. Cale**
Sangguniang Bayan Member

Co-Author: **Hon. Karl Jomar L. Embana**
President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This ordinance shall be referred to as the “Face Mask Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. Background.

1.) Pursuant to Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and Section 16, the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code, local government units are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their jurisdiction. As such they are to take lead in the prevention and control of COVID-19 at the local level.

2.) In view of the recommendation of the DOH, a State of Public Health Emergency, by virtue of Proclamation No. 922, has been declared by the President of the Philippines.

SECTION 3. Scope. – This Ordinance shall cover or include the general public or the entire populace of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte. This edict shall also embrace all individuals coming into the municipality from other places, in accordance with existing Memorandum Circulars, Executive Orders and advisories of the Department of Health, National and Local Inter Agency Task Force (AITF), and the Municipal Mayor, respectively.

SECTION 4. Regulatory Clause. – In view of the widespread transmission and contamination of COVID-19 in the country and to prevent the local populace from being infected with the subject disease, all individuals in the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte are hereby directed to wear face mask in all public places. All persons and personages coming into the municipality from other places are likewise ordered, mandated or commanded to wear face mask in public places.

The wearing of the face mask shall be in a manner that the nose and mouth are fully covered.

The face mask maybe in the form of surgical mask, N95 or any form of improvised or washable face mask.

SECTION 5. – Implementer of this Ordinance. – This ordinance shall be implemented by the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Barangay Tanods of the different barangays. The Barangay Tanods who happen to apprehend a violator or offenders of this ordinance shall take the transgressors to the municipal PNP office for proper disposition.

SECTION 6. – Penal Provision. – Any person or persons who violate this Ordinance shall be fined according to the following schedule, to wit:

First Offense	-	P 300.00
Second Offense	-	P 500.00
Third Offense	-	P 1,000.00

Fines shall be paid to the Municipal Treasurer, through his deputized collection agents, upon issuance of corresponding official receipt.

SECTION 7. – Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any provision of this ordinance or the application of such provision to any person, group, or circumstance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 8. – Repealing Clause. – All laws, and rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby likewise repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. – Effectivity Clause. - This ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days from the date of its approval, publication and posting in three conspicuous places in the local government unit. This Ordinance shall be considered a special ordinance and its effectivity shall depend upon the gravity or seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVED and ENACTED this 22nd day of June 2020 at the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

(signed)
MARCELINO B. PULMA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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ELEONOR B. LUGNASIN
Municipal Vice Mayor
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Discrimination persists

It might be unacceptable but one reason why people tend to avoid swab testing and all is not just for fear that they will be brought to hospital facilities should they test positive, but also due to the fact that friends, relatives, loved ones, and acquaintances will discriminate them, and thus avoid them for an unknown length of time, which they do not want to happen.

Somehow, this is based on their knowledge about people who are being subjected to discriminatory treatments in their respective communities, among them are the returning overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and the locally-stranded individuals (LSIs), even if they did not test positive with the virus. Accordingly, these people suffer from various forms of discriminatory treatments such as tiger looks, harsh words, social avoidance, and even violence.

Funny but this discriminatory regard used to preoccupy certain people prior to the rise of COVID cases in the region. They hated those who tested positive and did all they can to avoid

them. But when it became their turn to test positive for the virus, their prejudicial views changed, left as they were with no choice. It turns out that discriminating covid-positive individuals is only good if you are not the afflicted, but if you are, you would have a different clamor.

It's time we changed this treatment, then. Yes, we try to avoid the disease, but not the diseased. We ought not to put them down as if they are the most disgusting people on earth. We can still link with them in some ways, like through social media, with nice and humane dealings—encouraging words, words of comfort, words of wisdom, prayers—instead of harsh treatment, insults, etc. Let's be nice to the infected for we never know we are next in line.

Let's remember it's not entirely their fault that these people had turned positive. We cannot blame them, nor reward them with unjust prejudice. Instead we need to help the victims in any way we can, one of which is by making sure we do not discriminate them for their pitiful condition. They need acceptance and understanding, not judgment.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Forcing normalcy

Were it but possible, we all would want everything back to normal. From having been changed, from having been affected, from having been altered. Right now. Without delay. Back

to what we used to do, to where we used to be, to how we used to live.

But it seems just a dream. We open our eyes and we see the reality. Restrictions are still in place

albeit varying in degree. We still have to wear masks, even if our faces are already mutilated with allergic reactions to masks. We still have to disinfect our hands with alcohol, or wash them with soap, even if they have already dried due to chemical. We still have to distance ourselves from people in public even if they are close household members.

We go to the malls, or elsewhere, and we have our temperature checked, deprived of entry when it goes beyond 37 degrees. We also have to write our names on a logbook for contract-tracing purposes so that, should someone test positive inside, authorities would know whom to con-

tact for tracing and monitoring. Inside, many shops are still closed, either from bankruptcy, or for lack of customers. Those that are open hardly see anyone coming in to purchase anything the fact that people generally are rare in there.

We go to the market and we notice that some items are missing due to lockdowns and quarantines. Their usual producers were hampered by restrictions, hence their inability to produce. These are both hand-made, or agriculture-based. For instance, I went our looking for turmeric powder in the usual stores where I used to buy it, but there was none, see *Forcing* /page 12 ...



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

The sense of transcendence

WE have to be more aware of our need to develop and sharpen our sense of transcendence. It is to help us cope with the fullness of the reality that governs us. It is the reality that includes the spiritual which we cannot see and touch because it is not accessible to the senses, and the supernatural which we cannot reach with our own natural powers alone but only with God's grace, through faith, hope and charity that work on our natural powers.

We have to realize that the sense of transcendence does not mean that we ignore or have no need or simply give little importance to the here and now, to the material and natural dimensions of our life. Rather, we have to realize

that our sense of transcendence can only be exercised through these natural dimensions of our life, but we need to go beyond them, not trapped in them.

A sense of transcendence that belittles or disregards the role of the here and now, the material and the natural dimensions of our life, will not be an authentic sense of transcendence. It would not be able to go the distance. The here and now and the material and the natural dimensions of our life are, in fact, the launching pad from which we can enter into the world of the spiritual and supernatural.

We have to be wary of the tendency to exaggerate the importance of the spiritual and the supernatural to the extent that it would lead us to look down on the

material and the natural. This phenomenon can be described as the disorder of spiritualism and pietism that considers the spiritual and supernatural as the only reality.

Of course, we have to wary of the other disorder called materialism that regards material universe as the only reality, completely oblivious of the spiritual and the supernatural world. We have to avoid both extremes, and try to find a way to see the unity, the blend between the material and the spiritual, the natural and the supernatural, the temporal and the eternal.

We have to realize more deeply that the reality created by God for us includes both the material and spiritual, the natural and the supernatural, the temporal and the eternal in one organic whole. We cannot have one without the other, though the spiritual and the supernatural have priority over the material and the natural. As Christ said, we are in the world, but we are not of the world. We are in the world but we are not worldly. (cfr. Jn 17,16)

In this regard, we have to learn the art of how to be both active in the middle of the world while being contemplative as well. We

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medical professionals in the frontline, people urgently called for support to the affected medical professionals. The fear of seeing other medical professionals fall into the tally of positive cases is real as it would result in the increase of unattended patients needing medical attention.

In the growing concern to provide help to infected medical professionals, questions were raised as to why frontliners got infected in the first place. The public had decried long before and continue wailing to their government, the lack of support that frontliners are suffering from, mainly the absence of personal protective equipment. Tales from health workers had been shared in mainstream media that the personal protective equipment are personal not because it is used by each person and no other but because they procured the equipment personally with their own personal funds.

Calls for explanation as

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Hard headed?

Concerns over the speedy increase of positive covid19 cases in the region cropped up following reports from the health department that the virus had infected frontline health workers. The news was alarming as the situation will reduce the women and men who are tasked to attend to the sick that need medical attention in hospitals and health centers in localities. The depletion of warm bodies manning the frontline health service would paralyze if not halt the delivery of medical services to the people. The situation brought sleeplessness to the weak in mind and spir-

it. Indeed, even those appearing strong and healthy had encounters of fear and paranoiac episodes, evading physical contacts and face-to-face encounters to avoid the unseen enemy.

People had been subjected to physical and mental stress following the abrupt action to quarantine them in their homes or in communities or in the entire island akin to what was imposed in Luzon. The problem worsened when health workers were hit by the dreadful virus, some of them lapsing to the great beyond without seeing their loved ones. Amidst the rapid increase of positive cases that infected the



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Pag-SIPSIP Ini? Nope, not at 78 & after 2 strokes

Nope, definitely not after what I've been through; not after I've somehow accomplished most of my personal plans. At my age, in a few days I'll be 79; - "past tense" *na ako talaga sa* active politics.

Indeed, having talked to & listened to so many political and/or government leaders; and determining on my own, *kung anu ang ibubuga nila para sa mga tao at sa sambayanan*, nope, sorry, I don't get easily impressed by just anybody.

But when I heard Tacloban City Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez express his ideas on a TV interview, even touching on national issues, I said "Wow, okay na okay itong mga ideya ni Mayor! And I know of so many Taclobanons who are happy and so proud that he's our City Mayor!

So please read on, so you'd know what this Column is all about....

During the One News TV interview hosted by Cito Beltran, Tacloban City Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez declared that "we should stop calling it the "Balik Probinsya" program of the administration, because that implies that many people are dead broke and can't survive in Metro Manila and simply want to go back where home is."

He pointed out that since we have rapid testing kits already, why not identify and announce designated testing areas for those people wanting to go back to the provinces. Test them and give them pass cards.

It is a lot cheaper to test them, pay for their bus fare and be under mandatory quarantine in their city, town or barangay.

When I count the cost of caring for the eight stranded workers in our street, our collective help would have been more than the cost of bus money and snacks!

The DOLE must take responsibility for all these WORKERS!

On the other hand, due to COVID-19, Filipinos have been somehow convinced that we all need to make personal sacrifices in terms of loss of freedom and our sense of entitlement for a lot of things.

Oh yes we are all itching to get out of our homes, hit the beach, reconnect with a lot of people, and get back to work.

But after two months' worth of public information, and horrific global mortality, we all know that things are never going to be the same.

In fact, if we are all re-

ally honest about it, many of us don't want to go back to the way things were.

(For Metro Manilas) Do you want to wake up at 5:30 a.m. and spend two to four hours in daily traffic jams, or....wake up when you want to, have late breakfasts and work at your own pace and leisure without stepping outside your house?

Do you really want to go back to working 9 to 5 again and play nice and neat, all dressed up after spending 30 to 45 days working mostly in your pajamas, not having to shave; and ladies not having to put on make-up for days?

For those living in high-rise condos, in Metro Manila, Metro Cebu and other "highly developed cities, do you want to stare out the window from a "skyscraper," staring at smog, steel and concrete?

Or do you now look forward to the birds that dart in and out of your garden or bedroom window.

Should we allow the return of blaring buses, polluting jeepneys, and greed-driven factories to run 24/7 as they once again blanket Metro Manila with thick smog and noise? I don't think so.

By God's grace we have been convinced by circumstances that productivity is not dependent on physical presence and man-hours at the office.

In fact some CEOs and owners of businesses are glad to try out Work From Home (WFH) set-ups because they can save a ton of money in rental, utilities, equipment and maintenance while having employees who are now experiencing Work/Life balance.

Many of us will still have to travel and get around; but now more than ever, we are probably more willing to consider ideas and solutions of government that we would have otherwise opposed loudly, if not violently.

In fact, now is the best time ever for government agencies to implement projects that have been shelved for some time because of public opposition.

I've already said that now is the time for the Department of Transportation (DoTr) and the Department of Public Works & Highways (DPWH) to rehabilitate the entire stretch of EDSA and C5, and build both to world class standards or build to specs required, based on use especially the truck lane of C5.

Once the DPWH rehabilitates the surface area of EDSA, the MMDA can step in or work with the DOTr and DPWH to install the express lane for the Rapid Bus Transit System, as well as a wider and dedicated motorcycle lane with barriers, because the expected change is that more and more people will shift from driving cars to riding motorcycles due to

see *Pag-Sipsip /page 8...*



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

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

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

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

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



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF SAN JOSE, NORTHERN
SAMAR HELD ON JUNE 10, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN
SESSION HALL

- PRESENT:
- | | | |
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| 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. Balassola | - | Liga ng mga Barangay
Federation Vice President |
| Hon. Joebert A. Evaristo | - | Pambayang Pederasyon ng
Sangguniang Kabataan
President |
- ABSENT:
- None

Ordinance No. 08
Series of 2020

Sponsor : HON. MERLITA S. EVANGELISTA
HON. HARLAN A. TOMENIO, SR.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Jose, North-
ern Samar in session assembled that:

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF
MOTOR VEHICLES WITH MODIFIED MUFFLERS WITHIN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, NORTHERN SAMAR
AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREOF**

WHEREAS, Section 15 of the 1987 Constition of the Philip-
pines provides that *“The State shall protect and promote the
right of the people and instill health consciousness among them”*;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991
partly provides that *“Every local government unit shall exercise
the powers expressly granted, those necessary implied there-
from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, incidental for the
efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential
to the promotion of the general welfare”*;

WHEREAS, the rampant proliferation of all types of vehicles
which emitted deafening roar coming from modified aftermar-
ket pipe/muffler or swapped-out stock pipe/muffler is quite
alarming;

WHEREAS, motor vehicles are originally equipped with si-
lencers or mufflers for anti-noise pollution reasons; however,
a number of vehicles owners remove these silencers or modify
their mufflers to make the sound emitted by the exhaust pipes
louder;

WHEREAS, there are some motor vehicles with loud and
roaring mufflers oftentimes causes serious discomfort especially
during unholy hours and has created numerous complaints and
public condemnation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to make people act responsibly
over the use of their motor vehicles so as not to cause distur-
bance and annoyance to the public;

NOW WHEREFORE, after thorough deliberations and dis-
cussions and upon motion of **HON. HARLAN A. TOMENIO, SR.**
with secondment of **HON. MERLITA S. EVANGELISTA** and **HON.**
ELECTORADO P. SOMORAY, JR., this Sangguniang Bayan in ses-
sion assembled hereby ordains that -

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Ordinance shall be referred to
and known as the “Anti modified muffler ordinance of the Mu-
nicipality of San Jose, Northern Samar”.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms - As used in the Ordinance,
the following terms shall be construed as follows:

a.) **“dB(A)”** means the sound pressure level in decibels mea-
sured on the “A” scale of a standard sound level meter having
characteristics defined by the American National Standards In-
stitute, Publication ANSI s1-4-1971.

b.) **DECIBEL** is a unit used to express the magnitude of sound
pressure and sound intensity.

c.) **MODIFICATION** is the act or process of changings parts of
something; the act or process of modifying something; a change
in something; as used in this ordinance, the term “modification”
also includes the removal or the tampering of something.

d.) **MODIFIED MUFFLER** is a muffler look-a-like but without
its silencer component having them removed/tampered, which
results to a loud noise or engine.

e.) **MOTOR VEHICLE** is a self-propelled wheeled vehicle that
does not operate on rails, such as trains or trolleys. The vehicle
propulsion is provided by an engine or motor, or some combi-
nation of the two, such a hybrid electric vehicles and plug-in
hybrids. For legal purposes, motor vehicles are often identified
within a number of vehicles classes including motorcycles, tricy-
cles, automobiles or cars, buses, motorcycles, off highway vehi-
cles, light trucks and trucks or lorries.

f.) **MUFFLER** is a device for reducing the amount of noise
emitted by the exhaust of an internal combustion engine; also
termed as “silencer” in British English.

SECTION 3. Declaration of Policy - It shall be the policy of the
San Jose, Northern Samar to adhere to, promote, uphold and
maintain peace and peaceful environment within its territorial
jurisdiction for the general welfare of its constituents, particu-
larly the elderly.

SECTION 4. Coverage - This Ordinance shall cover all motor
vehicles with modified muffler, whether public or private, includ-
ing those already existing, whether being used, or merely parked
on the roadside or in a repair shop in the Municipality of San
Jose, Northern Samar.

SECTION 5. Nuisance - Any motor vehicle with modified muf-
fler shall be considered a nuisance, a prima facie evidence of a
violation and its user/owner shall be apprehended or cited for
violation by any authorized traffic enforcer, police authority and/
or their deputized force multipliers who shall automatically act
motu proprio without need for the use of Sound-Level-Meter.

SECTION 6. Prohibition - Except otherwise, it shall be unlaw-
ful to:

a.) Any person to use or operate any motor vehicle so mod-
ified or with removed muffler as to cause loud and unnecessary
or unreasonable noise including the noise resulting from ex-
haust, which is clearly audible from nearby properties and un-
reasonably disturbing to the quiet, comfort or repose of other
persons;

SECTION 7. Exception - Section 6 shall not apply to any per-
son or organizer operating a motor vehicle during a race com-
petition or motocross competition and while it runs a racetrack,
provided the person or organizer has acquired a written permis-
sion from the Office of the Municipal Mayor. Any such permis-
sion only extends to the person or organizer asking permission
and over his motor vehicle for the specific race event applied for.

**SECTION 8. Responsibility of Seller/Retailr of Vehicles and
Parts** - It shall be the duty of seller/retailer of vehicles to inform
buyers of the existence and enforcement of this Ordinance with-
in the Municipality of San Jose, Northern Samar. They are like-
wise hereby discouraged to sell open-typed-mufflers, whether
branded or not.

**SECTION 9. Responsibility of Repair Shops Owners/Manag-
ers** - Owners and/or Managers of Repair shops of vehicles have
the duty to inform their customers about the existence and en-
forcement of this Ordinance within the Municipality of San Jose,
Northern Samar. And should a violation of this Ordinance is spot-
ted with any law enforcer within the shop, its owner or manag-
er shall allow the law enforcer to confiscate the subject vehicle,
subject to the issuance of confiscation receipt for every vehicle.

SECTION 10. Penalty - Violators of this Ordinance shall be
penalized accordingly, to wit:

First offense - Fine of Php 1,000.00

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

For each violation, however, the motor vehicle with modified
muffler shall be impounded until the corresponding administrative
fine is settled.

SECTION 11. Impounding Fee - In addition to the administrative
fine, an impounding fee of Two Hundred Pesos (Php 200.00) per day,
computed in a daily basis, shall be charged against the violator of this
ordinance.

SECTION 12. Lead Office - The San Jose Municipal Police Station
shall implement this Anti Muffler Ordinance. Barangay Officials are
required to help the police officers in implementing this legislative
measure by means of reporting said violators to their office.

SECTION 13. Separability Clause - If, for any reason or reasons,
any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be uncon-
stitutional or invalid, other part or provisions hereof which are not
affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause - Ordinances, rules and/or regula-
tions or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the
provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified
accordingly.

SECTION 15. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect
after posting in a public and conspicuous place in all sixteen (16) ba-
rangays of San Jose, Northern Samar.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session
assembled this 10th day of June, 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
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 HON. MA. GUNDELINA V. BALASOLLA Liga ng mga Barangay Federation Vice President, Ex-Officio Member	 HON. JOEBERT A. EVARISTO Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan President, Ex-Officio Member

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance
of the Sangguniang Bayan of San Jose, Northern Samar during its reg-
ular session held on June 10, 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

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

R8-NC/EV/PA-PB-2020-06-0129
Ref. Case No. VIII-2014-2272

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

REY G. ESPLANADA-Old Party Applicant
RGE TRANS OPC-New Party Applicant,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from REY G. ESPLANADA to RGE TRANS OPC, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: **TACLOBAN CITY-BURAUEN VIA DAGAMI & VICE VERSA** with the use of **THREE (3)** unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until **JUNE 14, 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 **JULY 14, 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 JUNE, 2020.

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

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**LAND TRANSPORTATION
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R8-NC/PA-TH-2020-06-0169
Ref. Case No. VIII-2020-0169

Application for **Issuance** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TRUCK FOR HIRE** service with prayer to adopt trade name as **RICE CINDY TRUCKING SERVICES**

ROGELIO A. SANTILLAN,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TRUCK FOR**

FFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR OF ESTATE OF PABLO MONTES WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that NENITA T. MONTES, heir of the late PABLO MONTES executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Cad Lot No. 1949 covered by TD No. 04-10145 05-02681 situated at So. Sug-od, Brgy. Flormina, Mondragon, Northern Samar containing an area of 1-30-23. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. MANUEL C. PAYOS and CARLA B. PAYOS as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 323, Page No. 66, Book No.50 Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rached P. Rondina. *LSDE: June 27, July 4, 11, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF A REAL PROPERTY
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DOMINADOR C. SOLEDAD extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 4681-C-6 of the subdivision plan Psd-08-019476 being a portion of Lot 4681-C (LRC) Psd-45886 LRC Cad Rec No. 1068 situated at Brgy. Utap, Tacloban City containing an area of 5,013 square meters, more or less covered with TCT No. T-65936. Per Doc No. 209, Page No. 42, Book No. V, Series of 2016. Notary Public Atty. Ferdinand Arthur B. Diaz. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SIXTO CARIDO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Tinambacan Sur, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City containing an area of 9,644 square meters declared under TD No. 99-03002-00697 with PIN No. 157-03-002-02-038 designated as Lot No. 7035, Cad 817-D. A Deed of Absolute was executed in favor of ROWENA CUIZON-JARDIN married to FERDINAND JARDIN as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No.12875, Page No. 75, Book No. CVII, Series of 2014 p.c.r. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ANTONIO BALLOLA and ANGELES VASQUEZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Poblacion, Catbalogan City, Samar which is more particularly described as 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot 5, Block 8 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-5296, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 490, 1907 and 2529 of the Cad Survey of Catbalogan, Cad Record No. 1978 covered by TCT No. T-4941 and TD No. 01-0014-00266 containing an area 10,964 square meters; 2) A two-storey building made up of mixed materials with a floor area of 81.70 square meters covered by TD No. 01-0014-00257 with a market value of Php114,300.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of EDITHA P. MAGA as vendee of the above-described parcel of land including the residential house standing thereon and all other improvements. Per Doc No. 518, Page No. 106, Book No. IX, Series of 2019. Atty. Edson G. Piczon. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GIL L. VIOJAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a 1/2 conjugal share over a certain parcel of land situated at Caballero, Brgy. Rizal, Calbayog City, Samar designated as Lot No. 3533, Cad 422, Case 9 containing an area of 30,135 square meters covered by TCT No. 6517 declared under TD No. 99-01033-00359 and heirs hereby CONFIRM the whole above-described parcel of land was sold to ANTONIO YRIGON ORTIZ married to NOEMI FRANCISCO ORTIZ. Per Doc No. 427, Page 87, Book No. XLII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Aileen Reyes Maglana. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EUTIQUIO DE PAZ SUMAYOD extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of conjugal property situated at Brgy. Cabacungan, Dulag, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-12046 designated as Lot 1934, Pls 788 containing an area of 10,964 square meters. Per Doc No. 248, Page No. 51, Book 3, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Jose Joannes S. Bagulaya. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF TERESITA L. CONSADOR WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TERESITA L. CONSADOR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 475-G, Psd 08-14650-D situated at Brgy. Washington, Catarman, Northern Samar under TCT No. T-7915 containing an area of 1,008 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of GENARO C. GALVEZ as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 502, Page No. 100, Book No. XXXIX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Albert P. Yruma. *LSDE: June 13, 20 & 27, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CECILIO O. OSAL and PURIFICACION T. OSAL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Little Venice, Laoang, Northern Samar, covered by O.C.T. No. P-19423, Lot No. 9841, Cad 765-D, containing an area of 260 square meters, more or less. That Romualdo T. Osal and Lolita O. Echano, hereby waived, transfer and conveyed of the above-described property all their respective shares in favor of ELVIRA O.ESPONILLA; per Doc. No. 486, Page No. 99, Book No. XI, Series of 2013 of Notary Public Manny Gragasín. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOSEFA H. ARCALES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 912 located at Barrio Silanga, Catbalogan City covered by TCT No. T-679 containing an area of 32,986 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of DOMINADOR R. DANDAY married to VIRGINIA IRIS GARCIA DANDAY as vendee of a portion from the above-described property with an area of 765 sq.m.,more or less. Per Doc No. 322, Page No. 66, Book No. 56, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Sherry Mae A. Arcales. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. TOMAS CHIONG OSMENA and CONCEPCION CHAN OSMENA executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 236-B located at Burauen, Leyte with an area of 191 sq.m., covered by TCT No. T-13811. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ANTONIO GO TAN as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 2020-31244, Series of 2020. Notary Public of Tallahassee, Florida, United States of America Nicole Faight. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that MATILDE A. SERABIA, surviving spouse of the late VALERIANO SERABIA executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of residential land situated at San Francisco Street, District 7, Burauen, Leyte designated as Lot No. 419 of the Burauen Cadastre. declared under TD No. 08-0007-00211 containing an area of 157 sq.m. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of VIOLETA ALERE as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 308. Page No. 63, Book No. VII, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Buenaventura A. Renomeron.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given than heirs of the late MANUEL GONZAGA GARDIOLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte designated as Cad. Lot No. 9750-D containing an area of 6,400 sq.m., covered by TD No. 08-30-0023-05464 and Property Identification No. 044-30-0023-002-169 and Heirs have all jointly and named, constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do name and appoint co-heir, RENE D. GARDIOLA, as our common, true and lawful attorney-in-fact, for us and in our name, place and stead; To sell, transfer and convey at whatever price and terms and conditions that he may deem proper and fit, to whosoever may buy or purchase the above-described property; To accept and collect full payment; To sign and execute any and all documents of sale, transfer or conveyance; To do and perform any and all other lawful act and deeds necessary to undertake the execution and finalization of sale, transfer or conveyance of the said property. Per Doc No. 386, Page No. 79, Book No. II, Series of 2017. Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy U. Bendoy.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that AURORA M. SALVATIERRA, heir of the late DOMINADOR SALVATIERRA executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land known as Lot 1068-A-15-K-7, Psd-08-001952 situated at Brgy. Marasbaras, Tacloban City containing an area of 388 sq.m. under TCT No. T-21796. Per Doc No. 427, Page No. 87, Book No. III, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Roselle Go Gereña. *LSDE: June 13, 20 & 27, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ORENCIO PADAO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 8, Block 10 subdivision plan Psd-79169 being a portion of lot 628 situated at Brgy. Cantimawa, Burauen, Leyte under TCT No. T-24218 containing an area of 238 sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. DOMINADOR E. AQUINO & VIOLETA E. AQUINO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 444, Page No. 40, Book No. III, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Roselle Go-Gereña. *LSDE: June 13, 20 & 27, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JOSE M. ASTURIAS WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOSE M. ASTURIAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a undivided shares a parcel of land covered by TCT No. 122-T-48722 designated as Lot 1393-C-2-C of the subdivision plan (LRA) Psd-357128, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of lot 1393-C-2, Psd-08-001560 L.R.C. Cad Record No. 1058 situated at Barrio San Jose, Tacloban City, Leyte containing an area of 36 sq.m. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of YOLANDA U. ABRIGO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 433, Page No. 88, Book No. XXXM, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Antonio C. Lopez, Jr. *LSDE: June 13, 20 & 27, 2020*

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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 **NECIAS CONTADO BEBITA JR.** has filed with this Office a **Petition for Correction of Child’s SEX** from **FEMALE** to **MALE** and the **Child’s Date and Month of Birth** from **FEB. 19, 1972** to **JANUARY 17, 1972**, in the certificate of Live Birth of **NECIAS C. BEBITA JR.**, who was born on **January 17, 1972** at **Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **SARAH B. CONTADO** and **NECIAS C. BEBITA.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file written opposition with this Office not later than **July 3, 2020.**

(Sgd.) **MA. LUISA M. AZUL**
City Civil Registrar
LSDE: June 20 & 27, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF THE LATE SPOUSES ANDRONICO AVELLANO AND PETIFLORA IBONA WITH PARTITION AGREEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. ANDRONICO AVELLANA AND PETIFLORA IBONA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land known as Lot No. 531 covered by TCT No. T-5429 situated at 30 de Diciembre St., Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 747 sq.m.,more or less. Per Doc No. 40, Page No. 8, Book No. XLIV, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF THE LATE JOSE AVELLANA

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOSE AVELLANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a portion of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 531 covered by TCT No. T-5429 situated at 30 de Diciembre St., Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 44 sq.m.,more or less. Per Doc No. 400, Page No. 80, Book No. LXXXIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF THE LATE FELIPE AVELLANA

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIPE AVELLANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a portion of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 531 covered by TCT No. T-5429 situated at 30 de Diciembre St., Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 44 sq.m.,more or less. Per Doc No. 403, Page No. 81, Book No. LXXXIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF THE LATE BERTULFO ABELLANA

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BERTULFO ABELLANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a portion of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 531 covered by TCT No. T-5429 situated at 30 de Diciembre St., Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 43 sq.m.,more or less. Per Doc No. 298, Page No. 60, Book No. LXXXIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF THE LATE CLOTILDE AVELLANA

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CLOTILDE AVELLANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a portion of a parcels of land all situated at Brgy. Igang, Baybay City, Leyte described as; 1) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4902 containing an area of 3,396 sq.m. more or less; 2) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 4897 containing an area of 3,856 sq.m., more or less; 3) A 1/10 share of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 4899 containing an area of 21,308 sq.m., more or less; 4) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 4898 containing an area of 2,651 sq.m., more or less. Per Doc No. 397, Page No. 80, Book No. LXXXIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF THE LATE EDMUNDO AVELLANA

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EDMUNDO AVELLANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a portion of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 531 covered by TCT No. T-5429 situated at 30 de Diciembre St., Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 44 sq.m.,more or less. Per Doc No. 303, Page No. 61, Book No. LXXXIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TERESITA L. CONSADOR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 475-F of plan Psd-08-014650-D being a portion of Lot 475, Pls-875-D situated at Brgy. Washington, Catarman, Northern Samar containing an area of 9,319sq.m., covered by TCT No. T-7914. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of GENARO C. GALVEZ as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 502, Page No. 106, Book No. XXXIX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Albert P. Yruma. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that EGMEDIO BADILLA ELABA, JR., heir of the late LOURDES I. NAYRA-ELABA executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 1/2 conjugal of 2 parcels of land with residential house therein more particularly described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot-2883-B-5-D-2-C, Psd-08-002012, approved as a non-subd project being a portion of Lot 2883-B-5-D-2 located at Barrio Caibaan, Tacloban City containing an area of 100 sq.m., with TCT No. T-21956; 2) A parcel of land designated as Lot 2883-5-C-2-C of the subd. plan Psd-083747-007417-D being a portion of Lot 2883-B-5-C-2 located at Brgy. Caibaan, Tacloban City containing an area of 50 sq.m.,more or less which is a portion of a parcel of land embraced in TCT No. T-18275. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of MELANIE SALAMIDA BANTILAN as vendee of the above-described 2 parcels of land. Per Doc No. 11, Page No. 02, Book No. 04, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Samuel C. Lagunzad. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF REGISTERED LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that PETER THOMAS E. CAÑETE, married to MIRALYN A. CAÑETE executed a Deed of Absolute Sale in favor of MAUREEN ROSE ELIZON as vendee of a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Pob. Dist. I, Babatngon, Leyte covered by OCT No. CARP 2016000770 with TD No. 2008-04001-00651 designated as Lot No. 1103-A Csd 08-006488-D with an area of 21,602 square meters, more or less. Per Doc No. 240, Page No. 49, Book No. 15, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Lito Ercilla Odon. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TOMAS CUMPIO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land located at Brgy. Olot, Tolosa, Leyte more particularly described as; 1) A parcel of coconut land designated as Lot No. 828, Case 7, Cad 822-D containing an area of 1,242sq. m. under TD No. 08-39008-00507-R13 covered by OCT No. P-64350; 2) A parcel of coconut land designated as Lot No. 3955, Case 7, Cad 822-D containing an area of 483sq.m. under TD No. 08-39008-00514 covered by OCT No. P-64361. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ARGENT G. GUBALANE and LEAH M GUBALANE as vendee of the 2 parcels of the above-described properties. Per Doc No. 467, Page No. 95, Book No. II, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Gil D. Mengullo. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELISA C. AGOSTO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land covered by OCT No. 2017000263 designated as Lot 3323, Cad 965-D, C-8 with an area of 216 square meters situated at Brgy. 8, Poblacion, Pambujan, Northern Samar. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of ANALIZA A. PAGUNTALAN, as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 430, Page No. 86, Book No. 9, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Ronil A. Tan, CPA. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ERNESTO D. PERALTA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land located at San Pedro St. Brgy. Balud, Borongan City, Easter, Samar covered by Tax Declaration of Real Property ARP No. 08-014-01069, with property Identification No. 037-230-014-15-150 designated as Survey No. 2082-A, Lot No. 150, Block No. 015 containing an area of 112sq.m.,more or less and heirs hereby CONFIRM AND AFFIRM the said sale of property to SPS. WILMA M. TY and WINFRED A. TY, JR. Per Doc No. 83, Page No. 17, Book No. II, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Benly Frederick C. Bergonio. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF SALE OF TRICYCLE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MERLYN F. POTAL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a tricycle particularly described as: MAKE AND TYPE: HONDA; SERIES: TMX1559; TYPE OF BODY: TC; MV FILE NUMBER: 0844-00000062444; PLATE NO.: HX7674; CHASSIS NO.: KB509073563; YEAR MODEL: 2009; ENGINE NUMBER: KB509E073568. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MARIA NINA A. LORIAAGA as vendee of the above-described tricycle. Per Doc No. 100, Page No. 21, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rhoda Montes Cebrius. *LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020*

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the need for physical distancing.

Just last week I learned from friends about people buying scooters online and sellers providing home delivery.

Now is also the best time to tighten the return of dilapidated vehicles back on our streets as well as restudying the exist-

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Ref. Case No. VIII-2020-0040

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

DOLINA TACLOBAN OPERATOR'S DRIVER'S TRANSPORT CORPORATION (DTODTC),
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Consolidation of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **TACLOBAN CITY-MARASBARAS & VICE VERSA** with the use of **THREE (3)** unit/s, as addition to the **THIRTEEN (13)** unit/s in the petition previously filed. Re: *Application for the Consolidation with Extension of Validity Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB Service.*

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **JULY 14, 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 JUNE, 2020.

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

Republic of the Philippines
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R8-CN-PB-2020-06-0157
Ref. Case No. VIII-2016-0098

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

EMMANUEL VELARDE-Old Party Applicant
VP BUS LINE CORPORATION-New Party Applicant,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from **EMMANUEL VELARDE to VP BUS LINE CORPORATION**, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUB** service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: **TACLOBAN CITY-BILIRAN-CAIBIRAN-CULABA-NAVAL & VICE VERSA** with the use of **THREE (3)** unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until **APRIL 26, 2021**.

In the present application, applicant request authority for 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 **JULY 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

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WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **22nd** day of JUNE, 2020.

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

ing public vehicles such as tricycles in the light of COVID-19.

Now that people are more compliant than ever, now is the time to deal with the problems and implement the solutions.

This is called **MOMENTUM!**

(Mr. Q's addendum--)
And government leaders should take note and take advantage of this situation!

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Ref. Case No. VIII-2020-0039

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

DOLINA TACLOBAN OPERATOR'S DRIVER'S TRANSPORT CORPORATION (DTODTC),
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Consolidation of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **TACLOBAN CITY-MARASBARAS-VILLA DOLINA & VICE VERSA** with the use of **THREE (3)** unit/s, as addition to the **TEN (10)** unit/s in the petition previously filed. Re: *Application for the Consolidation with Extension of Validity Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB Service.*

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **JULY 14, 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.

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

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

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R8-CC/EV/PA-PJ-2020-02-0052
Ref. Case No. VIII-2020-0052

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

VP BUS LINE CORPORATION,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of **FIVE (5)** Certificate of Public Convenience namely: **Case Nos. VIII-2014-0959, 2014-2886, 2014-2218, 2014-0923 and 2014-4454** to operate a **PUJ** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **TACLOBAN CITY-ALANG-ALANG & VICE VERSA** with the use of **SIX (6)** 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 **JULY 14, 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 **22nd** day of JUNE, 2020.

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

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **LEON DALA** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land, situated at Anajao, Brgy. Locso-on, Borongan City, Leyte, Eastern Samar, covered by ARP No. 08-033-00608/PIN 037-230-033-017-018, containing an area of 3,754.00 square meters, more or less, designated as Survey No.5923, Lot No. 018, Block No. 017. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of **JOHN ADRIAN B. ANG**, married to **JAI-MIE PAZ ABIGAEL O. ANG** as vendee for the above-described property together with all the improvements existing thereon; per Doc. No. 462, Page No. 94, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA.

LSDE: June 27, July 4 & 11, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **ARSENIA R. TISTON**, heir of the late Paul Capongcol Tiston executed n affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a residential lot described as: **PROJECT: PHP 13200032, LOT 04, BLOCK No. 18** of the consolidation subdivision plan Ccs-08-000020, covered by TCT No.25387, of the Registry of Deeds of Gov't Center, Baras, Palo, Leyte and this parcel of land was subjected to a Conditional Contract to Sell with National Housing Authority and was fully paid last May 21, 2020; per Doc. No. 364, Page No. 74, Book No. IV, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Kerby A. Enabore.

LSDE June 27, July 4 & 11, 2020.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **SPS. CORNELIO SOLARTE** and **GENEROSA COBRITA-SOLARTE** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel fo land designated as Lot No. 662, Pls 645 under OCT No. P-8100 located at Sitio Himat-e, Barrio of Malitbogay, Abuyog, Leyte containing an area of 23,037 square meters. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of **SPS. RUPERTO VILLAMOR AND MA. JUDITH A. VILLAMOR** as vendee of the above-stated parcel of land. Per Doc No. 420, Page No. 85, Book No. II. Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Paul Agerico B. Avila.

LSDE: June 27, July 4 & 11, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **EUGENIO A. CARILLA** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a Savings and Time Deposit Account at Bank of the Philippine Islands - Tacloban Marasbaras Branch. Per Doc No. 468, Page No. 95, Book No. VII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Gerian Marez Deladia Gannaban.

LSDE: June 27, July 4 & 11, 2020

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R8-CC/EV/PA-PJ-2020-06-0150
Ref. Case No. VIII-2020-0150

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

ALANGALANG TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE (ATCO),
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of **TWENTY (20)** Certificate of Public Convenience namely: **Case Nos. VIII-2014-2988, 2014-1101, 2014-2668, 2014-3998, 2014-2271, 2014-0896, 2015-0629, 2016-0220, 2014-4403, 2014-2706, 2014-4143, 2015-0342, 2014-4371, 2014-1637, 2015-1042, 2014-0784, 2014-0938, 2014-3046, 2016-0464 and 2014-1747** to operate a **PUJ** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **TACLOBAN CITY-ALANGALANG & VICE VERSA** with the use of **TWENTY ONE (21)** unit/s for each Certificate which Certificates are valid and subsisting until **MAY 18, 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 **JULY 21, 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 **22nd** day of JUNE, 2020.

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

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Palo, Leyte

R8-CN-PB-2020-05-0142
Ref. Case No. VIII-2014-2086

Application for **Change of Party/Name of Applicant** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUB** service

ANTONIO RODNEY S. ADINA-Old Party Applicant
EASTERN SAMAR TRANSPORT SERVICE COOPERATIVE
(ESTRANSKO)-New Party Applicant
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from **ANTONIO RODNEY S. ADINA** to **EASTERN SAMAR TRANSPORT SERVICE COOPERATIVE (ESTRANSKO)**, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUB** service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: **ORAS-BORONGAN & VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until **NOVEMBER 13, 2022**.

In the present application, applicant request authority for Change of Party/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 **JULY 7, 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 **10th** day of JUNE, 2020.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII
G/F Uytungkoc 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.

MARIO D. AMOR,
Applicant
x-----x

CASE NO. **MRO8 20-020**

ORDER
Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with the Calbayog Satellite Unit (CSU) on 17 June 2020 and received by this office on 19 June 2020, to wit:
NAME OF SHIP'S OWNED SERVICE TO BE OFFERED
MBca "BABY ANGEL"
ROUTE TO BE SERVED
Brgy. Sto. Niño, Biri, N. Samar - Lavezaress, 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 the 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)

ROUTE/PORTS/ LINKS	PASSAGE RATE	Item	CARGO RATE
Brgy. Sto. Niño, Biri, N. Samar-Lavezares, N. Samar	P80.00	Rice/Sugar/Feeds	P30.00/sack
		Steel bar	
		10 mm	P6.00/piece
		12-16mm	P8.00/piece
		Asstd. Grocery	P10.00/box
		Yero (G.I. Sheet)	P15.00/piece
		Drinks	P12.00/case
		Container	P10.00/container

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **1 July, 2020, Wednesday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at this Office, G/F Uytungkoc Bldg., Senator Enage Street, Tacloban City.



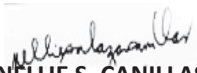
The applicant shall publish this Order once in any newspaper of general or regional circulation in the Philippines at least **five (5) days** before the hearing.

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 **June 2020** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

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

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Applicant, Mario D. Amor, 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-2020-033
Reference No. TMRO-2020- 20-030

	REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM ADJUDICATION BOARD	
DOMINGO GABORNE, Landowner/Offerer		
-versus-		
DARAB Case No. LV-0505-0417-2019		
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION		
LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP)		
REP. BY AGRARIAN OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) HEAD,		
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR)		
REP. BY CELSA G. MABUTIN, PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM OFFICER (PARPO) II		
PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF SAMAR		
Offerees		
x-----x		
WHEREFORE, premises considered, decision is hereby rendered.		
1. AFFIRMING the valuation determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines of the property described the same being consistent with the applicable DAR administrative issuances and policies on land valuation.		
2. ORDERING the Land Bank of the Philippines Agrarian Operations Center VIII, with office address at the 2nd floor, LBP Building, Real Street, Sagkahan District, Tacloban City, to pay Domingo Gaborne represented by Felisa G. Gorion, the amount of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE PESOS and 06/100 ONLY (Php 386,131.06) as the just compensation for the 11.8120 hectares agricultural property, located in Barangay Parasanon, Pinabacdao Samar.		
SO ORDERED.		
Given on the 20th day of March, 2020 at the Office of the Provincial Adjudicator of Samar, Catbalogan City.		
 NELLIE S. CANILLAS Adjudicator		
Copy furnished: 1. DOMINGO GABORNE c/o FELISA G. GORION Brgy. Parasanon Pinabacdao, Samar 2. THE HEAD Land Bank of the Philippines Agrarian Operations Center VIII 2nd Floor, Land Bank Building Real St. Sagkahan District Tacloban City 3. ATTY. ROLAN A. TIUNAYAN Counsel for LBP 2nd Floor, Land Bank Building Real St. Sagkahan District, Tacloban City		
LSDE: June 20, 27 & July 4, 2020		

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late WENEFRE DO LIM extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Cagnocot, Villaba, Leyte with an area of 4.0887 hectares covered by OCT No. P-52707 under TD No. 08-41009-00809 and heirs hereby by CONFIRM the said sale of the above-described property to WENEFRE DELL LIM, S.Y. Per Doc. No. 449 Page No. 90, Book No. 50, Series of 2017. Notary Public Atty. Alejandro R. Diongzon.

LSDE: June 27, July 4, 11, 2020

o Maharlika Highway, Brgy Rawis, 2nd District, Laoang, N. Samar
o Dulay St., Brgy., Baybay, Laoang, Northern Samar
at Rizal St., Kinabranan 1, Allen, Northern Samar (8:30 am)
at Brgy 5, Poblacion, Calbiga, Western Samar (8:30 am)
at National Road, Brgy 4, Can-avid, Eastern Samar (8:30 am)
at 443 543rd ECB St., Poblacion, Dolores, Eastern Samar (8:30 am)
at San Roque St., Brgy Burabod 2, Gandara, Western Samar (8:30 am)
at #211 Salvacion St., Adriatico Complex, Brgy Catagpan, Lavezares, Northern Samar (8:30 am)
at Cor. Osmena & Loste Sts. Brgy 5 Pob., Llorente Eastern Samar (8:30 am)
at Brgy Tiguib, Oras, Eastern Samar (8:30 am)
at Brgy Buray, Paranas, W. Samar (8:30 am)
at Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Dolores, Pinabacdao, Western Samar (8:30 am)
at Maharlika Highway, Brgy Alegria, San Isidro Northern Samar (8:30 am)
at Brgy West, San Jose, Northern Samar (8:30 am)
at San Isidro St., Poblacion Zone 6, 2nd District, San Roque N. Samar (8:30 am)
at Desopol St., Brgy. Mara-mara, Sulat, Eastern Samar (8:30 am)
at Real St., Brgy 2, Taft, Eastern Samar (7:00 am)
at F. De Asis St., Brgy. 1, Poblacion, Catubig, Northern Samar (7:00 am)
at 7th Transversal Street, Brgy. 4, San Policarpo, Eastern Samar (8:00 am)

Vatican cites Maasin Diocese for switching to renewable energy

TACLOBAN CITY- The Vatican has cited the Diocese of Maasin in Southern Leyte as the first diocese in the entire Catholic Church to have switched to renewable energy.

In a 200-page document entitled “On the Journey for Care of the Common Home,” the Vatican acknowledged the Diocese of Maasin led by Bishop Precioso Cantillas for installing solar panels to its parishes.

Released on the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato si’

on June 18, the document served as a guide for all Catholic Churches and its believers around the world on how to put their Christian faith into action to protect the environment.

The new Vatican document offers “an orientation to the action of Catholics in the secular dimension and to ask every Christian to examine their own behavior, also in everyday life.”

The book also contains “best practices” of the different countries and organizations across the globe on caring for

our planet, according to Catholic news site Licas.news.

In a report, the Vatican also cited the Philippines’ Episcopal Commission on the Laity for advocating renewable energy.

“In this project, they also promote information and communication campaigns to spread the teachings of Pope Francis and the Laudato si,” the document read.

The “Holy See Interdicastery Table on Integral Ecology,” which was formed in 2015, drafted the document. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RAFAEL STA. JUANA LENTEJAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 22 real properties particularly described as; **1)** A parcel of land designated as Lot 7541, Cad 817-D situated at Brgy. Amampacang, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar containing an area of 11,279 square meters, covered with OCT No. 2925. Free Patent No. 10814; **2)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5943, Cad 817-D, Case 20 situated at Brgy. Banti, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 5,255 square meters covered with OCT No. 2921. Free Patent 10854; **3)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5937, Cad 817-D, Case 20 situated at Brgy. Banti, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 35,712 square meters covered with OCT No. 2919. Free Patent 10714; **4)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5938, Cad 817-D, Case 20 situated at Brgy. Banti, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 9,436 square meters covered with OCT No. 2918. Free Patent 086003-91-80; **5)** A parcel of 15,00 sq. ms. coco land, 10,765 sq. ms. rice land and 15,000 sq. ms nipa land all situated at So. Ilo, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City consisting a combined area of 30,765 sq. ms. more or less covered with TD No. 0029649 for tax year 1994. Assessed at Php13,000; **6)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5937-A, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 7,142.59 square meters covered with TD No. 99-03004 00327 for tax year 2000. Assessed at Php3,410.00; **7)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5937-B, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 7,142.59 square meters covered with TD No. 99-03004 00328 for tax year 2000. Assessed at Php3,410.00; **8)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5937-C, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 7,142.59 square meters covered with TD No. 99-03004 00329 for tax year 2000. Assessed at Php3,410.00; **9)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5937-D, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 7,142.59 square meters covered with TD No. 99-03004 00330 for tax year 2000. Assessed at Php3,330.00; **10)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5937-E, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 7,142.59 square meters covered with TD No. 99-03004 00331 for tax year 2000. Assessed at Php3,330.00; **11)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5938-A, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 1,747 square meters covered with TD No. 99 03004 00332. Assessed at Php800.00; **12)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5938-B, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 1,731.05 square meters covered with TD No. 99 03004 0333 for tax year 2000. Assessed at Php720.00; **13)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5938-C, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 1,887.09 square meters covered with TD No. 99 03004 00334; **14)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5938-D, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 1,887.09 square meters covered with TD No. 99 03004 00335 for tax year 2000. Assessed at Php920.00; **15)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5938-E, situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 1,887.09 square meters covered with TD No. 99 03004 00336. Assessed at P78,120.00; **16)** A parcel of nipa land situated at Tinambacan River, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar containing an area of 7.910 square meters, covered with TD No. 0030984. Assessed at Php190.00; **17)** A parcel of land situated at Poblacion, Tinambacan Norte, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar containing an area of 1,750 square meters, covered with TD No. 029648. Assessed at Php70,000.00; **18)** A parcel of land designated as Survey Lot 6095 situated at So. Soboc, Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar containing an area of 101,249.40 square meters, covered with TD No. 99-03004-00019. Assessed at Php23,540.00; **19)** A parcel of land situated at Brgy. Bante, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar containing an area of 27,727 square meters, covered with TD No. 0020888. Assessed at Php6,150.00; **20)** A parcel of land situated at Poblacion of Brgy. Tinambacan, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 28,337 square meters covered with TD No. 8188, Assessed at Php940.00, Sold by Primitiva Ortiz to Rafael Lentejas via Deed of Absolute Sale dated July 15, 1969; **21)** A residential Building built on a land designated as Cad Lot No. 6370 situated at San Vicente St, Tinambacan Norte, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City covered with TD No. 99-03003-00417. Assessed at Php105,840.00; **22)** A residential building built situated at Brgy. Palanas, Calbayog City, Samar covered with TD No. 33468. Assessed at Php1,800.00. Per Doc No. 914, Page No. 184, Book No. V, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Eduardo P. Tibo. *LSDE: June 27, July 4 & 11, 2020*

CARPER LAD Form NO. 51
(Revised Carp-LAD Form NO. 51)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
Provincial Agrarian Reform Office
Liceo del Verbo Divino, Former Law Building
Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City

NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

May 20, 2020

SEVERINO RAMOS
Poblacion, Alang-alang, Leyte

Sir/Madam

This refers to your agricultural land covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 6657, as amended by R.A. No. 9700, particularly described as follows:

OCT/TCT No. : **TCT-T-12406**
TD No. : **08-02-035-00205**
Lot No. : **3741-B, C**
Approved Survey No. : **Psd-08-041319 (AR)**
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) : **2.2817 Has.**
Area acquired per ASP : **1.8734 Has.**
Location : **Brgy. Lourdes, Alanga-alang, Leyte**

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **1.8734** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x) Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholding amounts to **ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN PESOS AND 04/100 (Php 146,214.04)** covering **1.8734** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

We have already requested the LBP, with address at: Sagkahan Street, Tacloban City to deposit in your name the said amount, in cash and bonds. The release of payments shall be effected or may be withdrawn upon your submission of all documents required by LBP on the release of claims.

Please accomplish the attached CARPER LAD Form 53 (Landowner’s Reply to NLVA) within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this Notice and return it to the DAR Provincial Office.

In case you reject the compensation offered for your property or fail to reply to this notice within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, we shall advise the Department of Agrarian Reform Adjudication Board (DARAB), with address at DAR Regional Office Compound, Sto. Niño Extension Tacloban City to conduct summary administrative proceedings on the matter. In the event that you subsequently accept the value as computed by the LBP based on existing valuation guidelines, you should manifest in writing with respect to such acceptance of the original value, or jointly with LBP manifest in writing with respect to the recomputed value by the LBP, with the DARAB or the regular court.

The DAR shall take immediate possession of the property upon issuance of a Certification of Deposit (COD) by LBP and the concomitant transfer of the title to the landholding in the name of the Republic of the Philippines.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) RENATO G. BADILLA, MPMRD
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

ATTACHMENTS:
CARPER LAD Form No. 50 (Memorandum of Valuation) with Land Valuation Worksheet
CARPER LAD Form No. 53 (LO’s Reply to NLVA)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

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

LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. RUTH HINOGUIN	FEBRUARY 26, 2013 / THE PHIL. STAR	OCT-P-14161	229	8.5575	CAPOOCAN, LEYTE	VISARES	JULY 13, 2020
1. FEDERICO M. CUA	FEBRUARY 6, 2013 / MANILA BULLETIN	TCT-T-945	1	2.6488	MACARTHUR, LEYTE	TARRAGONA (NOW BATUG)	JULY 15, 2020

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

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

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

(Sgd.) RENATO G. BADILLA, MPMRD
PARPO II

COVID 2019 Pandemic: A Test of School Leadership

BY: MARGIE MORADOS LUSICO

Just when year 2020 was unfolding, a dreaded virus has claimed many lives all over the world and changed the normal course of life that everyone was used to, setting new normal ways that everyone must adapt to.

The killer virus was classified as one of the corona family of virus which targets the respiratory system of the patient and has a higher contagion risk and surpassed the death rate of the other corona viruses that previously hit the world. Without readily available vaccine and cure, all the corners of the world have locked down and put almost everything in halt to stop contagion and death toll.

One of the most affected areas during this pandemic is education. Schools and Universities have no choice but to shorten the school days in the previous school year, and the new school year will most likely demand the same or even more. However things would be, the non-negotiable fact remains that education should not stop during pandemic. The challenge now is on the leaders of education on how the learners will be educated during the current situation.

The Department of Education has recently presented its Learning Delivery Modalities under its Learning Continuity Plan for School Year 2020-2021. Students who are situated in areas NOT under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and General Community Quarantine (GCQ) can select between Face-to-Face Learning which shall be subject to physical distancing and minimum health standard, or Blended Learning which is a combination of Face-to-Face and Online Learning, Modular Distance Learning, and TV/Radio-based Instruction. On the other hand, students living in places under ECQ and GCQ can choose between Distance Learning, wherein teachers and learners are geographically remote from each other during instruction that comes in three types similar to blended learning, or Homeschooling which shall be facilitated by qual-

ified parents, guardians, or tutors who have undergone relevant training, however the policy on this is still under review.

Along with the present Learning Delivery Modalities are concerns on the readiness of learners and teachers, the competence of parents and guardians in assisting their children during homeschooling and distance learning, and the availability of resources and facilities such as enough number of COVID ready classrooms, computers, smartphones, and internet connection for distance learning, and instructional aids like modules. Will these concerns enough to put education on hold? The answer is no.

If a day of learning matters, how much more of a year? We cannot just let our learners be locked away from educational development because of pandemic. Thus, the role of the school heads will be tested. As leaders, they should do proper planning and coordination with the other agencies so that protocols will be known to learners and strict observance is assured, with the examples set by the school heads, the teachers, and other school personnel.

The management skills of school leaders will also be tested specially on creating the most fitted schedule for learners and teachers, creating and providing modules, computers, and gadgets for instruction, providing tools and services for online learning and utilization of mass media, preparing the learners to the new

normal ways, and ensuring that teachers will be trained to handle and conduct effective instruction despite drastic change of situation.

School Heads will also be tested on how they will disburse and augment their existing funds. Wise maximization of MOOE through careful financial planning will be called for and only a hands-on and technically equipped leader could assure this. Linkages will also be tested. If school heads have established good relationships with stakeholders, they could gather help to augment the school fund in order to address its needs.

Compassion and empathy of school heads towards teachers will also be measured like on reporting late to duty due to unavailability of transportation, delayed reports or instructions due to poor internet connection in the case of virtual teaching, economical problem in the case of teachers whose spouses lost their jobs, and the psychological stress of fearing for one's life.

Finally, the bravery, courage, will, and dedication of school heads will be challenged throughout this pandemic, because leaders are always expected to take the first step, and in this fearful time, only the brave ones who are dedicated to the cause of education will have the courage and will to lead and act despite danger to themselves, because they believe that we can all heal as one.

(The author is a Master Teacher 1 Astorga National High School Alangalang Leyte)

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have to learn how to put our hands and feet on the ground while setting our heart on heaven, "on the things above," as St. Paul recommended. (cfr. Col 3,2)

We need to help one another in developing and sharpening this sense of the transcendence, trying to inculcate it as early as possible in the children, first in the setting of the home, then in the other settings as the children grow and get into the other levels of society. Everything in society should reinforce this basic human need of ours.

In Maasin City, returning locals get a different spiritual, physical care amid pandemic

THE CORONAVIRUS pandemic brings discrimination to stranded and returning travelers from big cities reeling from the virus.

But not in the small city of Maasin, the provincial capital of Southern Leyte province, where community and Church leaders forged ties to bring a different kind of love and care for their returning locals.

"Before my quarantine shall end soon, let me just share how grateful I am to be placed here in Danao to be quarantined for 14 days," said Onel Salazar, 26.

"After being in Cebu, where it caused me great anxiety and paranoia, being here is just perfect. It really helped me relax and just be away from everything," the young mechanical engineer added, as they ended their stay at the Red Cross 143 COVID-19 Skills Camp in Danao Forest Park, some 15 kilometers away from the city.

"It really had a great impact, making us feel closer to God during this crisis. And relieved us from the stress, anxiety and paranoia that we felt before the quarantine, knowing that God is always with us," he said.

On June 23, Salazar joined with another first batch of 28 locally stranded individuals (LSIs) turned skilled campers who received their certificate of completion at the campsite before being reunited with their families.

Organized by the Philippine Red Cross Southern Leyte chapter, in partnership with the Diocese of Maasin, Maasin city government, American Red Cross, and other sectors, the first Red Cross 143 COVID-19 Skills Camp in the country formally opened on June 8.

"The Church has been part of this project since the beginning. We were assigned to take care of the spiritual activities which formed an integral part of their stay in the facility," said Msgr. Oscar Cadayona of the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cathedral under the Diocese of Maasin.

"This 'COVID Camp' will make the dwellers feel whole and loved by the community. By having this camp, the people of Maasin show to the world what kind of community we have here in this particular part of the world. The prestige of a community is judged by the way it treats its members who are considered weak and vulnerable, to paraphrase St



LIFE SKILLS. Locally stranded individuals or LSIs from Maasin City are given life skills training while they are being quarantined inside the Danao Forest Park. (Photo LGU Maasin City/PRC-So. Leyte)

John Paul II," said Cadayona in a report from Catholic news site Licas.news.

The monsignor also congratulated the Red Cross, local officials, other partner government agencies, and the Diocesan Social Action Center "for this gesture of love and hope."

Jonas Maco, Red Cross Southern Leyte chapter president, said they are looking forward to another batch of LSIs to be accommodated at the campsite.

Maasin, with over 85,000 population, has recorded one confirmed case of coronavirus.

However, the 26-year-old patient who was also resident in the camp, was immediately pulled out from the area and transferred to another government isolation facility.

"Our commitment continues. If we have the courage to begin, we also have the courage to succeed," said Maco, adding that they are "blessed" with the support of Maasin Mayor Nacional Mercado, the Church, and various benefactors.

"What makes this quarantine facility unique, aside from the camp setting, is that during the 14-day quarantine, the dwellers will undergo various skills training," Maco said in an interview.

"This is in compliance with the Department of Health protocols to let them stay safe in a quarantine facility, for the locally stranded individuals not to be bored, enjoying while staying safe and so with their family, and to be physically active within the 14-day quarantine period," he added.

Mercado also thanked

the volunteers and frontliners for securing the camp.

While the returning locals stayed at camping grounds, they also attended a daily mass and a spiritual retreat officiated by Msgr. Cadayona.

During their 14-day stay, camp residents learned free lessons on volunteer management orientation course, psycho-social support program, hygiene promotion, proper handwashing and COVID-19 prevention, forest tree planting, and emergency first aid training.

Also, they learned basic life support training through cardiopulmonary resuscitation, fire safety, substance abuse prevention education program, gardening, food security, and new normal orientation.

As spiritual and skills development programs abound at the camping site, local residents found their 14-day stay "memorable."

Maria Mavel Malbas, 24-year-old call center worker from Cebu, said she is thankful to the organizers who welcomed them despite the health risk, adding that she learned so many things during her stay.

"I will remember this in my entire life. Never imagined how a quarantine life could have a twist," wrote Malbas as she savored the moment being together with fellow camp residents.

"Cheers to all the frontliners who never hesitated to help and assist us every day. For the support and for the love and care you have shared to us," she added.

(RONALD O. REYES)

National COVID-19 Task Force approves suspension of LSIs return

TACLOBAN CITY – The National Inter-Agency Task Force (NIATF) approved the resolution from the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force in Eastern Visayas (RIATF) calling for the temporary stop on the return of the locally stranded individuals (LSIs) to the region.

The resolution was given to Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo Año during his visit to the region with Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process and chief implementer of National Task Force Covid-19 Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. on Wednesday (June 24).

“We will make sure na madiscuss yan and we are inclined to approve that, para magkaroon ng pagkakataon makapagprepare ang mga LGU, maalismuna yung mga quarantine and then ready agad to receive the next group of quarantine,” Año said.

Under the resolution which was raised by local government units to the RIATF, they are asking for at least a possible of two weeks interval before LSIs and returning overseas workers are allowed to travel to their respective localities to allow them recover from ‘human fatigue’ and replenish supplies and disinfect or decontaminate the quarantine and isolation facilities.

Sudden spike of COVID-19 cases was experienced in the region



SECRETARY EDUARDO AÑO

after the LSIs were allowed to travel back when quarantine measures were relaxed by the government.

When the cases of coronavirus disease 2019

(COVID-19) cases in the region started to spike, LGUs had announced that they will temporary stop accepting LSIs due to congestion in their quarantine and isolation facilities.

Among these LGUs were Baybay City and Leyte-Leyte while others, like the provincial government of Eastern Samar, Borongan City and Llorente town appealed to their returning residents to suspend their plan to go home for several months.

As of Friday, Eastern Visayas region has a total of 467 confirmed COVID-19 recorded cases with majority of which

are LSI from Cebu and Metro Manila.

This figure is more than 10 times higher than the 40 cases that were recorded before May 28 when the first batch of Balik Probinsya beneficiaries, Returning Overseas Filipino Workers (ROF) and LSIs started to arrive in the region.

Bulk of the LSI who are positive with COVID-19 are from the provinces of Leyte and Southern Leyte, and the city of Ormoc, while infected patients in Tacloban City are mostly health workers and in Samar province confirmed cases are locally transmitted with majority of the cases are concentrated in Tarangnan and LSIs in Basey town.

A total of 4,000 personal protective equipment (PPEs) and 8,000 n95 masks were turned over by Galvez to Office of Civil Defense 8 during his visit to be distributed to health workers in the region.

Galvez promised that they will send additional 6,000 PPE to the region in the coming days.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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the facility.

He never feared being isolated amidst his young age. Instead, he showed determination in fighting the disease until his full recovery, added Tan.

“Such very commendable attitude for a young one,” he added.

The town is the first area in the region to be declared by the Department of Health to have a local transmission of COVID-19 cases on April 27.

Tarangnan had its first two confirmed cases on April 7 involving personnel of the 10-bed Tarangnan Community Hospital who got the virus from their co-worker, a doctor from Calbayog City, who recently traveled to Metro Manila.

On April 28, Mayor Tan issued Executive Order 8 placing the entire town under total lockdown, restricting the movement of its over 25,000 people.

The lockdown took effect until June 15.

On June 16, 4 news cases were recorded from Tarangnan town with one positive repeat swab.

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the producers accordingly could not travel into the city.

We prepare for schools’ openings, but most schools if not all are closed and are resorting to online classes which could bring major problems to the parents, teachers, and the students.

The absence of gadgets such as laptops or PCs is troubling majority of parents particularly in public schools where most students come from the have-nots. This is far worse in remote areas where electricity, and internet signals, are not available. Teachers may all be able to acquire these vital gadgets by way of loans, but their interactions with students online would be an impossibility.

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to why frontliners had not been provided with personal protective equipment remained in limbo. Those charged with huge government funds to provide the needed protective equipment had seemingly busied themselves with other activities that they could not find time giving priority to frontline medical professionals in danger. Some people would even blame frontliners for not observing proper health and hygiene protocols that unduly place them at risk. Such nasty observations and

comments are disheartening and demoralizing for medical professionals and frontliners who are giving the very lives at risk of infection.

The sad reality is that if they could not be properly protected, it is primarily due to the absence of personal protective equipment, hygiene kits and disinfectants. It is for the public to understand the situation that these medical professionals and frontlin-

To date Tarangnan has 35 total number of COVID-19 cases, 6 active cases, 2 under-recovery facility and 27 total number of individuals being re-integrated to the community.

(LIZBETH ANN A.ABELLA)

sumption of work in companies and offices or elsewhere, but many of us have lost our jobs. Only government workers are still enjoying an uninterrupted employment, in fact even receiving salaries without having to work during these lockdown months; but those in the private sector have mostly no more jobs to return to, not getting any pay as well this pandemic season. It’s either their companies have gone bankrupt, or simply opted to close shop.

Call it new normal, but the truth of the matter is that, we are still far from being normal. We are just trying to force normalcy into our situation for the sake of business, and because the government cannot anymore support quarantined citizens. We long for normalcy, of course. We hope it comes soon.

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ers are not well protected because they just do not want to and are stubborn. The obligation to provide the personal protective equipment is vested with officials tasked to procure their needs while manning the frontline. Calls from the uproar of a concerned citizenry deserve quick response. Those who fail to listen and respond mayhap be the real hard headed.

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