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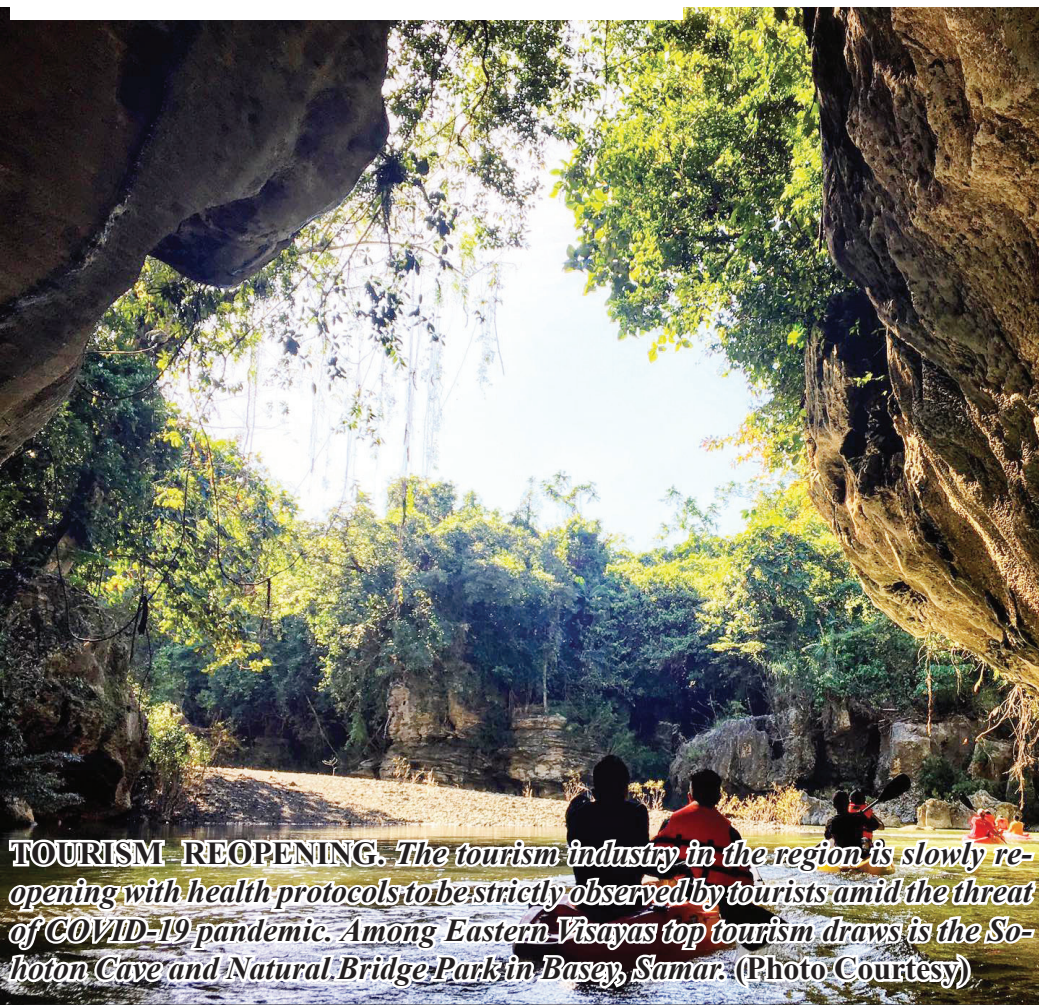
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*Enrollment expected to increase before August opening*

## EV's enrollment reached 1.13 million

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**TOURISM REOPENING.** The tourism industry in the region is slowly re-opening with health protocols to be strictly observed by tourists amid the threat of COVID-19 pandemic. Among Eastern Visayas top tourism draws is the Sohoton Cave and Natural Bridge Park in Basey, Samar. (Photo Courtesy)

## City government to resume 'no segregation, no collection campaign'

TACLOBAN CITY- Personnel of this city's Solid Waste Management Team (SWMT) composed of the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), the City General Services Office (CGSO), Business Permits and Licensing Division (BPLD), TOMECO, Barangay Affairs, City Information Office (CIO) have discussed plans for the resumption of the info dissemination on the city government's 'No Segregation, No Collection' see City /page 8 ...



**Personnel from the different departments of the Tacloban City Hall met on July 15 to discuss on the resumption of information dissemination of the city's 'no segregation, no collection campaign.'**

**TACLOBAN CITY-** More than 1.13 million students from Eastern Visayas have been enlisted for this school year.

This was announced by the regional office of the Department of Education (DepEd) through its information officer, Jasmin Calzita.

The current 1.13 million enrollees represent around 86 percent compared to last school year's enrollment of 1.31 million, Calzita said, adding that they project more students to be enrolled as the opening of classes draw near.

"We cannot refuse to accept students," she said.

This year's school term is to start on August 24.

"There are still parents who remain undecided. I guess the number of enrollees will still increase but we are not sure if we can exceed (last school year's enrollment). We are just ready to provide an opportunity to all learners for them to be enrolled," Calzita said.

The enrollment for this school year officially ended on July 15 but due to the current health pandemic caused by coronavirus dis-

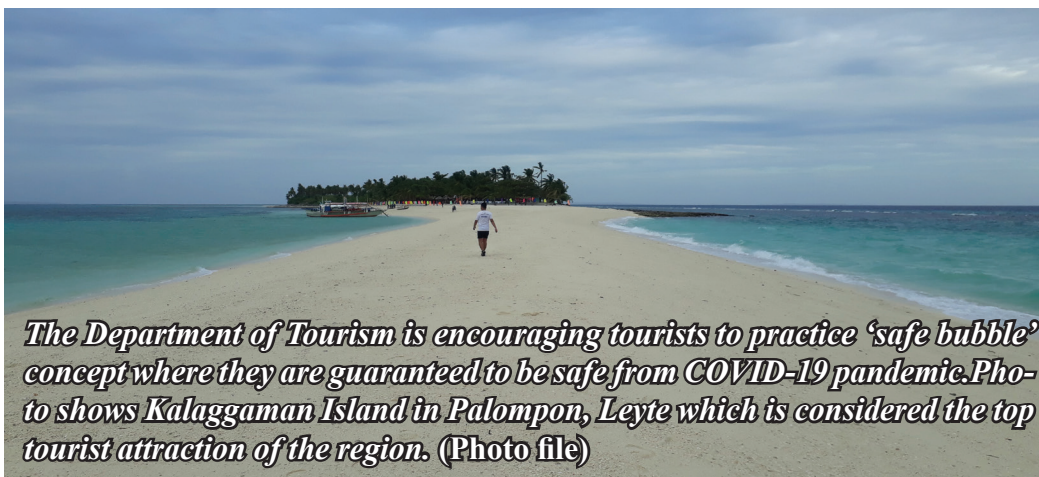
ease 2019 (COVID-19), there are still parents who appear to be hesitant in enrolling their children.

The DepEd, in answer to the COVID-19 pandemic, is using a blended method of learning or through modules or online.

Of the current 1.13 million students who have enrolled so far, 77,873 are in Kindergarten; 536,116 of them are in the elementary and 496,794 in the senior high. About 21,998 have see EV's /page 8 ...

## As an anti-COVID-19 measure

**With tourism industry slowly returning, DOT encourages tourists to observe 'safe bubble' practice**



**The Department of Tourism is encouraging tourists to practice 'safe bubble' concept where they are guaranteed to be safe from COVID-19 pandemic. Photo shows Kalaggaman Island in Palompon, Leyte which is considered the top tourist attraction of the region. (Photo file)**

TACLOBAN CITY - The Department of Tourism (DOT) here in the region is encouraging the use of "safe bubble" concept in accepting tourists under the new normal situation.

Safe Bubble is a practice during this time of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic referencing to a group of individuals who belong to the same household or group

and are confirmed to be non-virus carriers and have the necessary health certification issued by the appropriate agency.

Only half of the carrying capacity of a tourism destination is allowed under the new normal. Because of this, booking or pre-registration is encouraged to ensure the limited number see With tourism/

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# Maasin City reports zero active COVID-19 case

MAASIN CITY- Mayor Nacional Mercado of this city has confirmed that the city has zero active cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) after the recovery of its two remaining patients.

The city recorded a total of eight COVID-19 cases since June 17, 2020.

Mercado said the patients were already discharged from their isolation facility for community reintegration.

However, he reminded the residents to maintain the established health protocols for the safety of the city.

“With or without cases, we urged the public



**Mayor Nacional Mercado**

to religiously practice the infection-prevention and control measures,” the city mayor said.

Meanwhile, Mercado disclosed that the newly constructed quarantine facility located in Barangay Rizal is almost completed meant for locally stranded individuals who

will return to the city.

Mercado said they will be accepting 50 individuals at the quarantine facility starting next week.

“This may not be as comfortable compared to your own rooms but we are doing our best in giving quality service to our constituents most especially in times of crisis,” he said.

Earlier, the Philippine Red Cross-Southern Leyte chapter and the Maasin city government launched the first “Red Cross 143 Covid-19 Skills Camp”, a skills training program in a safe quarantine facility for returning residents during their 14-day quarantine.

**(RONALD O. REYES)**

# Proposed Tolosa National High School (TNHS) Extension Classes in San Roque, Tolosa, Leyte

BY: GLADYS L. RIZAGA

San Roque Elementary School is the biggest non-central elementary school in Tolosa District.

For SY 2019-2020, its Grade VI pupils were 99. With the concerted efforts of the School Head, the General PTA and Barangay LGU, the proposed Grade 7 Extension Class was born.

On Sept. 3, 2019, Sir Raul Salaño, Education Program Supervisor (EPS) of Leyte Division, visited San Roque Elementary School, for ocular inspection. Barangay chairman, Hon. Tito Amboy Villarino and Gladys L. Rizaga appreciated the visit of EPS Raul Salaño.

Last March, EPS Salaño, Public Schools District Supervisor, Lolita P. Legaspi, Tolosa National High School, Principal II, Flora M. Pica and



*Audience with stakeholders for the proposal of Grade 7 in San Roque, Tolosa, Leyte*

Gladys L. Rizaga, School Principal II of San Roque Elementary School, attended Barangay Council session to discuss matters for the proposed Tolosa National High School Grade 7 Extension Classes.

As of the moment, the School Head of San Roque Elementary School, together with Hon. Raul Cesista and Hon. Aquilina L. Canonigo are copying with the submission of the documents to EPS Salaño, so that Grade 7 Extension Classes for SY 2020-2021 will come to reality.

**(Note: The author is the school head of the San Roque Elementary School, Tolosa, Leyte)**

# SAP distribution for waitlisted in Eastern Visayas kicks off

TACLOBAN CITY- As pronounced by Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD-8) Regional Director Marie Angela Gopalan when interviewed at PIA Panindugan, SAP distribution for the waitlisted in Region 8 has already started.

The initial distribution of Emergency Subsidy

for the waitlisted in Eastern Visayas was conducted by the employees of the DSWD Regional Office in La Paz, Leyte; Caibiran, Biliran; and in Lawaan, Eastern Samar.

Some 214 beneficiaries received the financial assistance: 37 from La Paz, 29 from Caibiran at 148 from Lawaan.

A total of P1,070,000 was distributed by DSWD at the initial distribution of the emergency subsidy.

The beneficiaries expressed their gratitude for the financial assistance they received.

Marilou, a housewife, said, “Simula ng pandemic,

*see SAP /page 6 ...*

# Old trees saved during the road widening project at the Visayas State University



Credit Photo: VSU main campus

TACLOBAN CITY – The road project traversing the Visayas State University (VSU) in Baybay City is already finished.

This was announced by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) which said that not much of the old grown trees inside the state own university were affected by the road widening project.

This road widening project along VSU Main Campus, was strongly opposed by VSU officials as it involved cutting of old trees as they instead presented an alternative plan that would not affect the landscape of

the university.

Instead of widening the road and cutting several trees, the DPWH agreed to construct another lane on its west side which will be used for traffic going southbound while the existing road is going to be used by northbound vehicles.

Although there were trees that were still cut during the construction of the new road, the number was minimal as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources planted 100 trees seedlings for every tree that was cut down.

“We successfully saved our trees on our own high-

way. This is a great feat in terms of protecting, conserving and preserving our environment,” Edgardo Tulin, VSU president said, expressing the commitment of his administration to protect the environment.

“I’m hopeful that this will inspire other movements and groups to never sacrifice our trees for the sake of continued development. There are innovative ways we can push for development while we also take care of our natural resources and that should be our way forward,” he added.

**(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

# Dulag North Districts Teachers: On Making of Budget of Lesson (BOL) and Learners Activity Sheets (LAS)

BY: NORLANIE A. CERENA

Education is a basic right of every Filipino child, but disaster caused by natural and man-made hazards and pandemics keep them out of school, through these the Dulag North District Teachers in particular has taken extraordinary steps to concretize its mandate by crafting Budget of Lesson and Learners Activity Sheets that will cater the needs of learners as these suit to the demands of time and the emerging new normal situation, which is the NO FACE TO FACE interactions between the learners and teachers when the classes started, as mandated by DepEd and while waiting for the modules to be released by the DepEd Central Office, since most parents and learners in Dulag Leyte preferred modular learning of instruction due to weak internet connectivity in most schools in Dulag Leyte.

pains caused in sitting in front of computers for almost 24 hours, the Dulag North Teachers were still determined and enthusiastic to perform their duties and responsibilities as they prepare for the opening of School Year 2020-2021, these actions of Dulag North District Teachers were anchored on the highest ideals to serve and ensure health and safety of the learners and provide quality basic education despite the foreseen difficulties in implementing the modular learning of instructions.

Dulag North District Teachers have made re-

markable contribution to make education work even in times of uncertainties and crisis through crafting the Budget of Lesson that shall serve as a guide of the teachers in delivering the lessons to the learners by making the Learners Activity Sheets (LAS) for learners to be used and answered at home during the NO FACE TO FACE scenario, despite the crisis our country is facing nowadays.

**(Note: The author is Head Teacher I of Dacay Elementary School, Dulag North District, Dulag, Leyte)**

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# Leyte Gov. Petilla donates computers to LPPO, police municipal stations intended against anti-COVID-19 campaign

PALO, Leyte – The provincial government of Leyte has purchased 51 units of computer sets to boost police equipment in the implementation of COVID-19 protocols in the fight against the disease.

Governor Leopoldo Dominico L. Petilla told reporters that the computer sets with printer has the total amount of P2 million.

He said that the computer sets will be used primarily to enhance the police operations against the fight on COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) in the province.

The governor added that equipment will augment the existing facilities of the police in the fight against COVID-19 in the province as these will be used mostly for reporting or documentations, virtual meetings and other related data gathering and analysis including for the presentations on the progress of the implementation of protocols in the fight against COVID-19 in the province.



**Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla donated 51 unit of computer sets to the Leyte Provincial Police Office headed by Col. Rodelio Samson. Also in photo is Vice Gov. Jose Carlo Loreto. (Photo: Leyte Provincial Police Office)**

ress of the implementation of protocols in the fight against COVID-19 in the province.

Petilla disclosed that all the 51 units of the

computer sets were donated to the Leyte Provincial Police Office (LPPO).

He reported that LPPO Director Police

Colonel Rodelio Samson officially accepted the computer sets in a simple turn-over ceremony of the equipment at the Governor's Office.

The turned over was witnessed by Vice Governor Carlo Loreto and the provincial administrator Edgardo Cordeño and other key provincial and police officials.

Petilla clarified that the 42 computer sets were intended for one each of the 42 police sta-

## Rep. Noel welcomes the salary increase of nurses in the country

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Budget and Management has released on Friday (July 17) the budget circular that will finally implement the Salary Grade 15 entry-level salary of nurses working in the government.

An Waray Rep. Florencio Noel said that it is important that the compensation of the health workers are adjusted for them to live based on the current economic situation.

"It is important that we now adjust the compensation of our health care workers" the lawmaker said.

Noel informed that the DBM Budget Circular No. 2020-4 entitled Upgrading the Entry Level Nurse Positions was issued to prescribe the rules and regulations on the upgrading of the entry-level nurse positions to SG15 as well as to highlight the administrative procedure in view



**Rep. Florencio Noel**

of the consequential modification in the position attributes of the nurse items.

"This is a good start with our nurses in government service. During these difficult times, our nurses play a vital role in preventing the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)," added Noel.

With the release of the circular, the government nurses in Nurse I positions get 4 SGs upgrade, from SG 11 to SG 15. Under the current Salary Standardization Law which took effect January of this year, SG15 is at P32,053.

The upgrade of salary covers all nurse positions, whether regular, casual, or contractual in nature, full-time or part-time, now existing or hereafter created in the national government agencies (NGAs), including SUCs and GOCCs, and in LGUs.

The adjustment was made in compliance with the Supreme Court decision upholding the Republic Act 9173 or The Philippine Nursing Act of 2002 which says that government nurses must receive minimum base pay of not lower than SG15.

Congress supported the decision of the Supreme Court by earmarking P3 billion in the General Appropriation Act of 2020 or the national budget, for its implementation.

In the Circular, DBM orders the head of agencies and local chief executives to implement the salary adjustment. The circular shall take effect immediately. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

## Remains of an alleged NPA member found in Northern Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- Troops from the Philippine Army's 43rd Infantry Battalion discovered another remains of an alleged member of the New People's Army (NPA) in Bobon, Northern Samar Friday, July 17.

Lieutenant Colonel Raymundo Picut Jr., commanding officer of 43rd IB, extended his sympathy to the family and friends of those NPA rebels who were abandoned by their comrades while struggling for their lives.

"Your government forces will continue its commitment to serve justice to the Communist Party of the Philippines-NPA-Terrorist victims so as to attain peace and development in Northern Samar," the Army official said in a statement.

The skeletal remains were found in the vicinity of Barangay E. Duran of Bobon town at 7 a.m. Friday.

After documentation, the remains were turned over to the Scene-of-the-Crime Operative (Soco) of the Philippine National Police in Catarman, Northern Samar for proper disposition.

The remains belonged to an alleged NPA rebel who was killed during the series of encounters by the 43rd IB in Brgy. Cagamesarag, Lope de Vega, also in Northern Samar last August 3 and 4, 2019, according to Captain Allan Jay Buerano, civil-military operations officer of the 43rd IB.

On July 10, the remains of a one alleged NPA rebel, who died in an encounter sometime in 2009, were also found in Barangay E. Duran.

Eastern Visayas, particularly the Samar Island, remains a hotbed of insurgency with the continued presence of NPA.

(RONALD O. REYES)

tions in one city and 41 towns of the province under its administrative jurisdiction.

On the other hand, the remaining computer sets were set aside for the other Leyte police provincial offices directly or

indirectly implementing COVID-19 protocols in the province.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)



## Burauen's Mahagnao Volcano Natural Park braces for new normal

BY: EURICA CONCEPCION A. VILLANUEVA

BURAUEN, Leyte - The Mahagnao Volcano Natural Park is preparing to open its doors to nature-loving tourists in the future under the new normal.

Although unsure on the exact date of re-opening, the Mahagnao Volcano Natural Park Ecotourism Association (MVNPEA) has been setting up measure to observe the minimum health standards.

The Burauen local government unit reported through its Facebook post that a hand washing area for visitors has been set up. The Burauen Ec-

otourism and Sustainable Tourism (BEST) project also turned over on July 16 two thermal scanners to members of MVNPEA.

"This is to help the organization in its preparations so it would be ready once the Covid-19 pandemic is over. The organization, however, does not accept visitors yet as part of the town's measures against the spread of the virus," the local government said in a statement.

Proclaimed as a national park in 1937, the site near the volcano is endowed with other natural attractions -- a lake, falls, multi-colored mud, hot

springs, virgin forests, and lagoon.

Mahagnao Volcano is about 50 kilometers south of Tacloban City and 18 kilometers away from the town center of Burauen.

Although the volcano has been inactive, it is classified as potentially active due to the active thermal features of the mountain. The summit of the volcano is a steep-walled heavily forested crater that opens to the south with a peak elevation of 860 meters.

(Note: The writer is a teacher of Burauen Comprehensive National High School)



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## Making a living

**A**mid the massive unemployment throughout the country due to the coronavirus pandemic, many of our people suddenly became entrepreneurs in hopes of earning a living that could transform into some foodstuffs on the table.

Yes, the aim is not necessarily to get rich, but just to merely survive as basic to survival is being able to eat. The rest of the needs, albeit regarded as equally basic such as shelter and clothing, are actually negligible right now and could then wait. It’s the mouth, or the belly, that could not stand hunger, hence the prioritization of things that satisfy the stomach.

The chosen option of trying one’s hand at merchandising could be the last recourse to some, particularly those with no other means in sight. This, however, is a form of money-making that equips one with buying potentials, espe-

cially in the purchase of food items which are quite costly nowadays. In short, it is an indirect way of producing food.

Say, why can we not do it directly? If food is basic to our survival, why not produce it directly instead of doing something else to be able to have it? This is where mini-farming could come in. A backyard could serve the purpose. Better if a wider area is available, owned or rented, so that more crops will be planted, raised, and produced. Root crops and vegetables are ideal for short term production. Fruit trees take rather long to yield.

In this time of health crisis and economic collapse, we cannot afford to just sit down and do nothing. We ought to double our effort at making a living. No place for indolence right now. Be it farming, servicing, manufacturing, merchandising, nothing is really wrong so long as it is something that can enable us to survive the modest way.



**Things To Mind**

**DOMS PAGLIAWAN**

## Perfect time

Though we are in the midst of pandemic—a time of great crisis in almost all areas of our lives—there are certain groups and individuals who find it an opportune time to unleash their own interests and cherished plans. In other words, people who take advantage of

the situation.

That they find it a perfect opportunity to carry out their sinister plans is based on the fact that, in general, people now are suffering and, as such, they are so receptive of sympathies and concerns, fake though these are. They are easily swayed and

convinced. With just a little reinforcement of their sentiments, they already spring up, quick to clamor against what they think is disadvantageous to their existence.

Since survival is the primary aim of the majority nowadays, opportunists are riding on it, utilizing it, ensuring such a thing in exchange for some favors and support. Desirous of any help coming to their rescue, people quickly embrace its resemblances amid the pandemic even without thoroughly scrutinizing its legitimacy. Thus the prey and the predator meet, without much struggle and difficulty.

China is a good example here. While the world’s attention is glued on the

pandemic and how to combat it, this country is busily strengthening its expansion activities everywhere in the word. This comes in the form of infrastructure development in contested areas, militarization in what used to be neutral grounds according to international territorial laws, and many others, so much so that people are easily tempted to think China had developed the virus so it could aggressively grab territories with it.

Some geniuses in business are likewise seeing the good side of this pandemic and are then taking advantage of it. Some have been hoard-

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What's New  
Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

What? `Squatter'  
Ang ABS-CBN?  
What Happened?

T’WAS ON THE PROPERTY RE-ACQUISITION PORTION OF THE HEARING THAT THIS WAS BROUGHT UP; WHEN CONGRESSMAN RODANTE MARCOLETA WAS INTERPELATING THE EXECUTIVES OF ABS-CBN.

The hearings centered on three (3) aspects – First the Constitutional issues; 2nd the re-acquisition of properties and 3rd the term limit of the ABS-CBN Broadcast Franchise.

During the hearing, the Affidavit of Atty. Augusto “Jake” Almeda Lopez was brought up, wherein eighteen (18) torrens titles of properties supposedly owned by Don Eugenio “Genny” Lopez were ‘sequestered’ by Former President Ferdinand Marcos during martial law.

Former President Cory Aquino instructed that in order to establish ownership of Don Eugenio “Genny” Lopez Jr. of his so-called “sequestered” properties, that his Torrens Titles be brought before an open and fair arbitration.

ABS-CBN submitted to us the Title of the property along Bohol Avenue, Quezon City (TCT-125702). However, Cong. Marcoleta complained that he only got an electronic copy of the DUPLICATE Torrens Title and insisted the he should be given the ORIGINAL COPY of said Torrens Title.

But the Quezon City Register of Deed declared that they only had a Duplicate Copy of the Torrens Title – not an Original one.

And not only that the Duplicate Torrens Title had an annotation “P.R.” which means Provisional Reconstitution.

So Cong. Marcoleta

asked “How can this happen, when 53 years have already passed, and only a Provisional Reconstitution or PR is indicated in the Duplicate Torrens Title.

Cong. Marcoleta said “the Reconstition was presumably denied because the letters P.R. are still indicated in the Duplicate copy of the Torrens Title Tct-125702; and was not erased.”

42sqm Lot becames Almost 4,000 Sqm Lot!

And not only that, there is an unexplained massive increase in the area of said Lot – from the originating copy – Originating Certificate of Title #110731 which is the source, which stated only 42sqm, this new Duplicate Torrens Title which Cong. Marcoleta got (TCT 125702) that supposedly transferred said property to ABS-CBN, now indicated about 4,000 square meters! How did this happen?

Cong. Marcoleta even said that in transferring ownership of a vehicle, the chassis number, engine number, license plate number and even the color of the car is indicated, and only the name of the owner is changed.

So, a change of Torrens Title should also indicate the important information about the property; the Lot Number, Lot area, location, geodetic description etc.

Cong. Marcoleta said “Ang ipinag-tataka ko, kung bakit 42sqm Lot area sa Quezon City ang pinagkunan na Titulo, pagkatapos naging halos 4,000sqm na dito sa Duplicate Torrens Title.

Thereupon, the Committee Chairman of the Legislative Franchisees Congressman Franz Alvarez declared a 5-minute recess; so Cong. Marcoleta took the time off to ask the lawyers of ABS-CBN to finally show him the Original

Torrens Title.

But, Lawyers of ABS-CBN could not show Congressman Marcoleta the Original copy of TCT 125702.

So the following title appeared on ETV Online Channel last 13 July 2020. “ISANG MALAKING PEKE ANG TITULO NA IPINASA NG ABS-CBN SA CONGRESO” – CONG. MARCOLETA.

The above is the transcription of an interview of Congressman Rodante Marcoleta over ETV Online Channel last Monday, 13 July 2020.

Cong. Mike Defensor announced that this questionable Torrens Title submitted by the ABS-CBN to Congress will be taken up by the Blue Ribbon Committee of the House of Representative.

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Now, on the side, this Columnist did his own research - the Lot which is now the site of the Giant ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation, was mainly the original 1,104sqm compound of the JOINT U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE GROUP or JUSMAG, along Bohol Avenue in Quezon City.

Former President Fidel Ramos issued Executive Order dated 8 December 1992 turning over said former JUSMAG compound to the Bases Conversion & Development Authority, with the authority to sell said property as start-up development capital of BCDA.

It is presumed that said former JUSMAG compound area was sold to the Lopez group, which also acquired some adjacent properties, and this wide area now composes the sprawling compound of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation.



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Restart or reset?

SINCE we do not know how this whole Covid pandemic will play out, how long it will take before things get somehow settled down, and what lasting effects it would make, we should be, of course, hoping and praying for the best while preparing ourselves for the worst.

We know that there must be some kind of normalcy when this menacing virus would be in some acceptable level of containment. But when that comes, would we be asked to simply have a restart or a reboot of our ways of doing things, or would we be required to do some drastic reset?

I suppose the possibilities are just between these two options. There will always be things that would simply go on, because they are essential, though they may be done a bit or quite differently.

These are usually our spiritual duties which hold priority over all the other duties we have, since these spiritual duties refer more to our needs that correspond to the imperishable nature of our humanity.

Our duties toward God and others, especially our family, should be our first concern. Yes, the necessity for prayer and sacrifice will never wane. But they may have to be done in

some novel way that is consonant to the new conditions.

In this regard, how to meet the need for continuing spiritual and moral formation should also be studied well. This need will never become obsolete. It, in fact, becomes more relevant the more mysterious and daunting the challenges of the new normal become. It should never be sacrificed.

All the other duties, while indispensable, belong to the perishable condition of our life. And so we have to be ready to drop certain things, since they are not anymore relevant to what we expect to be the new conditions in these coming days or weeks, months and even years.

We should try our best to face the new challenges with strong faith and hope, with bold and not cowardly prudence, with a good sense of resilience and adaptability accompanied with a great desire to achieve the pertinent competencies.

We have to learn the skill of distinguishing the often confusing values between what is precious and pressing, what is essential and incidental, what refers more to the end or goal and what are mere means, etc.

This is not an easy thing to do, of course. We should expect mistakes to be committed, since very often we have no other alternative but to go through some trial-and-error process even if we study things well.

We should just be game and sport about the whole affair even if we should try our best to be serious in tackling the challenges. Let us assume the same go-getter attitude that St. Paul once expressed when he said: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (2 Tim 4,7)

Yes, we should have time for self-introspection if only to see how things fare. But we should avoid falling into brooding, sadness, self-pity and discouragement especially when we notice our weaknesses, errors and failures.

We have to remember that in this life what matters is that we should just begin and begin again. We should never lose hope because God never gives up on us, no matter how many times we fail. He does not only give second chances. He gives us an infinity of chances.

We should just be quick to have a rebound, wasting no time in indulging in useless lamentations. Like a good sportsman, we should be quick to learn from our mistakes, and like St. Paul, we should convert our weaknesses into strength by converting these weaknesses into occasions to get closer to God.

This is how we can develop a champion’s mind and attitude. Even our failures can be made into moments of glory!

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

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

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

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

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



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**-versus-**  
**SPS. EVELYN and TEODORICO MAGALLANES, JR.,**  
**Mortgagors-Respondents,**  
**EJF NO. 19-12-47**  
**IN RE: Petition Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate of Mortgage under Act 3135 as amended**

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135/1508 filed by **AVP BUENAVENTURA V. LEYVA** of 2/F LBP Building, Real Street, Sagkahan District, Tacloban City, received by this Court on December 19, 2019 against **Sps. Evelyn and Teodorico Magallanes, Jr.**, a resident of Brgy. San Esteban, Burauen, Leyte, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 16, 2019 amounts to **TWELVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND 95/100 (Php 12,674,828.95)** excluding penalties, charges, attorney’s fees and expens-

es of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on **September 01, 2020** at **10:00 A.M.** at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice, Regional Trial Court, Branch 15, Burauen, Leyte, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine currency, the following property with its improvements, to wit;

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 115-2016001507**  
“A parcel of Land (Lot No. 6847 the Cadastral Survey of Burauen), with the improvements thereon. Situated in the Barrio of San Esteban MP of Burauen, bounded on the E., by Lot 5689; on the ., by lot Lot No, 6849; on W., by lot 7309; and on the NW., by lot No. 7308, Beginning at a point marked “1” on plan, being N. 66 deg. 14’W., 600.46 from B.B.M. No. 54; thence N. 86 DEG. 15’ W., 73.67 m. to point 2; thence N. 1 Deg. 42’W., 112.83 M., to point 3; thence N. 71 Deg. 09’ E., 74.78 M. to point 4; thence S. 2 Deg. 27’ W., 141.92 M to the point of beginning, containing an area of Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty (9,230) Square Meters more or Less.”

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **September 08, 2020** without further notice.

Hall of Justice, Burauen, Leyte, July 02, 2020.

**(Sgd.) LICERIO M. MARTINADA III**  
Sheriff IV  
*LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020*

**DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE WITH EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **JUAN PERPINAN** namely **LOURDES S. PERPIÑAN, EVELYN S. PERPIÑAN, LEVI S. PERPIÑAN, RAUL S, PERPIÑAN, JEAN S. PERPIÑAN, MISAEAL S. PERPIÑAN, ELIAS S. PERPIÑAN, MARILYN P. DACLAN** AND **GINA PERPIÑAN** executed a Deed of Absolute Sale in favor of **JANICE NEW VILLAMOR-LIN** married to **HUA LIANG LIN** over a parcel of land designated as Lot 3999-A, Csd 08-008477-D situated at Brgy. 104, Salvacion, Tacloban City containing an area of 25,260 square meters, more or less minus the Road right of way equivalent to 2,135 sq.m., covered with OCT No. P-783. Per Doc No. 235, Page No. Book No. Series of 2017. Notary Public Atty. Cesar E. Lee. *LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020*

**AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR**

NOTICE is hereby given that **JOSE E. DUPAY**, heir of the late **PACIENCIA ESTRADA DUPAY** executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of registered land designated as Lot 2906, Bogo Cadastre situated at Brgy. Cabuynan, Tanauan, Leyte with an area of 13,495 square meters with OCT No. P-58290 and TD No. 08-38-020-00862 R13. Per Doc No. 328, Page No. 67, Book No. IV, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. April Lynn L. Ursal. *LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **JOSE R. DYCOCO** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1639 located at Mahaplag, Leyte covered by TCT No. T-4222 containing an area of 19,302 square meters, more or less. Per Doc No. 119, Page No. 54, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Aluino O. Ala. *LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020*

**AMENDED EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF THE LATE ANDRONICO AVELLANA MARRIED TO PETIFLORA IBONA WITH PARTITION OF AGREEMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **ANDRONICO AVELLANA** married to **PETIFLORA IBONA** extrajudicially amended, settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land known as Lot 531 situated at Baybay, Leyte containing a total area of 747 square meters, more or less covered by TCT No. T-5429. Per Doc No. 89, Page No. 18, Book No. LXXXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. *LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020*

**AMENDED EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE HEIRS OF CLOTILDE AVELLANA WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **CLOTILDE AVELLANA** extrajudicially amended, settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 5 parcels of land described as: 1) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4902 situated at Brgy. Igang, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 3,396 square meters, more or less; 2) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4897 situated at Brgy. Igang, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 3,856 square meters, more or less; 3) A 1/10 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4899 situated at Brgy. Igang, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 21,308 square meters, more or less; 4) A 1/9 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 4898 situated at Brgy. Igang, Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 2,651 square meters, more or less; 5) A 1/10 share of a parcel of land known as Lot 531 situated at 30 Diciembre St., Zone 11 Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 747 square meters, more or less covered by TCT-T 5429 and heirs hereby CONFIRMED AND AFFIRMED of a portion of a parcel of land known as Lot 531 covered by TCT No. T-5429 that the area sold is 54.7 sq.m., while on the approved subdivision plan contains an area of 44 square meters. Per Doc No. 90, Page No. 18, Book No. LXXXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Carnel M. Bandalan. *LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020*

**AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR WITH SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that **RONALLY CALDA DILAO**, heir of the late **ALVARO V. CALDA & SALLY A. VIÑAS** executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot 2-F-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-276980 being a portion of Lot 2-F, Psd 10232, LRC Cad Rec. No. 1060 with a building standing thereon situated at Brgy. Marasbaras, Tacloban City under TCT No. T-19357 containing an area of 196 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of **MA. ANGLO ACOLINSON** as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 495, Page No. 99, Book No. XIV, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Arturo D. Macabasag. *LSDE: July 7, 14 & 21, 2020*

# Leyte has region’s highest number of cases

## Gov. Petilla asks LGU leaders to strengthen campaign against dengue fever

**PALO, Leyte** – The province of Leyte has stepped up its fight against the dengue fever as the number of reported cases is rising.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla told reporters in an interview that they are intensifying the campaign to neutralize the surge of the number of dengue cases in the province.

Petilla said that he already sent directives to the 41 city and municipal mayors in the province to strengthen their campaign in the fight against dengue in their respective towns.

Records from the Department of Health regional office (DOH-8), based in this town, show that Leyte topped with the most reported number of dengue fever cases in Eastern Visayas at 2,128 from the period January up to the present.

The province also reported of highest number of fatalities with five deaths, followed by Eastern Samar with three deaths and Samar, one.

Petilla said that he is appealing for community cooperation and participation to neutralize the surging dengue cases in the province.

DOH-8 Regional Director Dr.

Minerva Molon told reporters in an interview that dengue has a higher number of cases and higher fatalities reported than COVID-19 in Eastern Visayas.

As of last week, the region has 4,133 dengue fever cases with nine fatalities.

Molon said they are closely monitoring the upsurge of dengue fever cases in the region as she remind-

**EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF PROPERTY WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **DOLORES B. SERDONCILLO** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 552-A, Psd-08-039040-D, which a portion of Lot 552, Pls-163, Sta. Rita Public Land Subdivision located at Brgy. Bagolibas, Municipality of Sta. Rita, Province of Samar, containing an area of 16,102 square meters, covered under OCT No. 2720. Whereas heirs hereby **SELL, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** in a manner absolute and irrevocable unto said vendee that aforementioned Lot No. 552-A Psd-08-039040-D, with technical description hereto attached containing an area of 15,802 square meters including the improvements thereon located at Brgy. Bagolibas, Municipality of Sta. Rita, covered under OCT No. 2720; per Doc. No. 33, Page No. 7, Book No. X, Series of 2020 of Atty. Rogelio P. Gula. *LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020*

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that **MARILYN DAGA BANDONG** heir of the late **SPS. DOMINADOR DAGA** AND **FORTUNATA DAGA** executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land located at Candahug, Palo, Leyte covered with OCT No. P-43000, Lot 10924, Case 13, Case 407 consisting of 3,505 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of **NENITA S. TABALANZA** as vendee of a portion measuring 691 square meters identified as Lot 10924-K from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 426, Page No. 86, Book No. VII, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Edson G. Piczon. *LSDE: July 21, 28 & August 4, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **PATRICIO DACUYA ACERO**, who died in Remedios Trinidad Romualdez, Capanipawan Rd. Tacloban City extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over an account at the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) - Tacloban City Branch, that heirs hereby by these presents agree to adjudicate among themselves the above-described account with the LBP as the exclusive co-owners by right of succession. That heirs hereby appoint name, and constitute our mother **ELVIRA B. ACERO**, as their lawful attorney-in-fact, for them and in their name to withdraw/collect/claim the outstanding balance on the LBP Savings dollar account of their deceased father **Patricio Dacuya Acero**; per Doc. No. 133, Page No. 28, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rhoda Montes Cebriacus. *LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020*

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **Paul C. Tiston**, died intestate last January 15, 2016 in Tacloban City, executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a residential lot particularly described as follows: No. of Parcel One (1) area; 186 square meters; Location: Barrio of Caibaan, Municipality of Tacloban, Leyte; TCT No.: T-30266; Registry of Deeds for: Tacloban City; Registered Owner: **Paul C. Tiston**; per Doc. No. 426, Page No. 87, Book No. IV, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Kerby A. Enabore. *LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020*

**EXTRA-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF PROPERTY WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **Rosita Batica Nerviol** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a property particularly described as follows: A parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 552-B, Psd-08-039040-D, which is a portion of Lot 552, Pls-163, Sta. Rita Public Land Subdivision, located at Brgy. Bagolibas, Municipality of Sta. Rita, Province of Samar, containing an area of 16,102 square meters, covered by O.C.T. No. 2720. Whereas heirs hereby **SELL, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** in a manner of absolute and irrevocable onto said vendee that aforementioned hereto attached confirming an area of 11,487 square meters including the improvement thereon located at Brgy. Bagolibas, Municipality of Sta. Rita, Province of Samar covered by OCT No. 2720; per Doc. No. 32, Page No. 7, Book No. X, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rogelio B. Gula. *LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF SHARE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of late **JOAQUIN L. VITERBO, SR.**, died intestate in Hilongos Leyte, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a certain real properties described as follows: **1)** A parcel of land designated as Cadastral Lot No. 13632 of Assessors Lot No. 057-1001 with boundaries of Residential Building erected on Cadastral Lot No. 13632 under Tax Declaration No. 99-14001-00634, situated at Central Poblacion, Hilongos, Leyte, containing an total Floor Area of 122.50 square meters, more or less; **2)** A parcel of land Cad. Lot No. 13632 Plan Psu-208674, LR Case No. N-65, L.R.C. Record No. N-49389), situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of Hilongos, Province of Leyte del Norte, containing an area of 440 square meters, more or less, Tax Dec. No. 99-14001-00633, Commercial Land, covered with Original Certificate of Title No. N-2367; **3)** A parcel of land designated as Cadastral Lot No. 13631 of Assessor’s Lot No. 056, situated at Central Poblacion, covered with Tax Dec. No. 99-14001-00632 Road Lot, containing an area of 71.60 square meters, more or less; **4)** A parcel of land designated as Cadastral Lot No. 12060 of Assessors Lot No. 005, situated at Brgy. Talisay with Tax Dec. No. 99-14043-00354, Agricultural land; **5)** A parcel of land designated as Cadastral Lot No. 13632, Commercial Building erected on Cad. Lot No. 13632, situated at C.V. Alcuino St., Central Poblacion, Hilongos, Leyte, with Tax Declaration No. 99-14001-00637, containing a total floor area of 48.6 square meters, more or less; **6)** A parcel of land (Coco land) designated as Cadastral Lot No. 14584, covered with Tax Declaration No. 14002-0003, situated at Eastern Poblacion, Hilongos, Leyte, containing an area of 6,579.71 square meters, more or less; **7)** A parcel of land (Corn Land) designated as Cadastral Lot No. 1611, covered with Tax Declaration No. 99-14023, situated at Brgy. Liberty, Hilongos, Leyte, containing an area of 9,214.09 square meters, more or less; **8)** A parcel of land (Corn Land) designated as Cadastral Lot No. 1611, covered with Tax Declaration No. 99-14023-00571, situated at Brgy. Liberty, Hilongos, Leyte, containing an area of 9,214.09 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 329, Page No. 67, Book No. XII, Series of 2009 of Notary Public Atty. Renato Nick N. Esmale. *LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020*

ed the public on the importance and the effectiveness of the 4S strategy in controlling the spread of the disease.

Molon explained that the 4S stands for : Self-protection measures must be observed or employed like the use of mosquito repellent, the wearing of long-sleeved shirts or long pants and the use of mosquito nets while

sleeping in day time as the dengue mosquitoes are day-biting; Search and destroy mosquito breeding sites inside and outside the homes; Seek early consultation; and Support fogging/spraying only in hotspot areas wherein the increase of dengue cases has been observed or registered for two consecutive weeks. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

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nahinto ang aming source of income. Mahirap na ang aming sitwasyon ngayon, nawalan ng trabaho ang asawa ko at wala kaming mapagkunan ng kita. Kaya ang laki ng pasasalamat ko dahil naka-avail ako ng SAP. Salamat dahil may ganito kayong programa para sa mga tulad sa amin na naapektuhan ng pandemic. Gagamitin ko ang pera pambili ng gatas ng anak ko, bigas, vitamins, groceries namin, at para sa pang-araw-araw naming gastos.”

Per Executive Order 112, Eastern Visayas is no longer included in the areas

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **EDUARDO MANAOG** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Pedro MacArthur, Leyte covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-41590 with an area of 2, 172 square meters designated as Lot No. 42, Case 1, Cad 900. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of **IRENE B. RACAZA** married to **JONATHAN B. RACAZA** as vendee of a portion measuring 2,086 square meters designated as Lot 42-A from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 324, Page No. 67, Book No. 2, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rex L. Flores, RN. *LSDE: July 21, 28 & Aug 4, 2020*

**DEED OF CONFIRMATION OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that **LOLITA B. MONTECINA** heir of the late **BUE-NAVENTURA P. MONTECINA** executed an Affidavit of Confirmation of Sale over all rights, participation and interest in favor of **RAMIL LANTAJO** over a motorcycle described as; Make: **HONDA**; Plate No: **TP 0802-2389**; Moto No: **KB503023-023253E**; Chassis No: **KB503-023-023253**; CR No: **20624973**; OR No: **1145793235**. Per Doc No. 116, Page No. 23, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Kenneth Spice M. De Veyra. *LSDE: July 21, 28 & Aug 4, 2020*

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

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **MARY ANN P. ALO**, has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name in her certificate of live birth from **“GIRL”** to **“MARY ANN”**, she was born on 19 October 1969 in Bobon, Northern Samar and whose parents are **PROCESO PAREDES & ANITA PLANTA**.

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

**(Sgd.) LORNA D. LAODEÑO**  
*Municipal Civil Registrar*

*LSDE: July 14& 21, 2020*



# Redemptorist Church trains cyber-missionaries for evangelical works

TACLOBAN CITY- The Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, this city, has trained young people to become “cyber-missionaries” as Filipinos become more internet-savvy and glued to social media due to the lockdowns brought by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

“The pandemic poses a challenge to the whole Church to reach out to the people. As a result, the social media apostolate has to be given importance and strengthened, so it may continue its work of evangelization via different media platforms and reach out to many people, young and old,” said Fr. Edwin Bacaltos, CSsR, rector and parish priest of Redemptorist Church.

On July 19, at least eight young men and women, comprising the Redemptorist Media Ministry, learned the basic on online writing after being introduced to basic photography and video production from volunteer team headed by Tacloban photographers Archie Omega and Bobby Alota.

“The team is still small, but we know there will be



(Photo courtesy of Redemptorist Media Ministry-Tacloban )

more of them who will answer the call soon,” Omega said.

“As Redemptorist missionaries vowing to spread the Good news to the poor, the different social media platforms have been seen to be poor in Christian evangelization. If only it could speak for themselves, they have been crying out like a parched land and craving for some divine essentials like a repentant sinner,” added Jon Ivan Torrerros, a member of the Redemptorist cyber-missionaries.

Meanwhile, Sister Praxedes Paloma, of St. Pauline Media Center, reminded the group to always focus on its mission.

“Our goal is to bring God in all our posts. It would be nothing if it’s only

about ‘me’, ‘me’. Remember that behind it all, God is the one working with us. It is God’s mission and we are the collaborator,” said Paloma during the recently-concluded media and evangelization conference with the cyber-warriors.

She urged the team to come up with interesting content to catch the attention of the netizen.

“We have to engage our viewers within the first 2 to 3 minutes of the video in order to gain their interest,” Paloma said.

Fr. Chris Arthur Militante, Information and Social Communications director of the Archdiocese

of Palo, lectured the group on the importance of factual reporting online.

“We have to be aware of the false news that is being posted on social media. To ensure the accuracy of the post, we have to look for the time and date and also of the poster,” he said.

Filipinos are known as the world’s number one social media users who spent an average of 4 hours and 12 minutes online.

Around 76 million of its 108 million population are known to be active social media users, mostly on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

(RONALD O. REYES)

## Gov. Petilla donates vehicle to a Leyte village for rescue and disaster operations

PALO, Leyte – Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla has turned over a vehicle intended for rescue and disaster operations to Mayorga town.

Petilla, who led the turn over, told reporters that the brand-new Suzuki rescue vehicle will be used for the people of Barangay San Roque and was officially received by the barangay chairman Camilo Alaban and his councilors.

Also present during the turnover was town officials led by Mayor Salvador De Paz and members of the Sangguniang Bayan.

The vehicle, worth P955,000, has the necessary fitting and fixture needed for a rescue vehicle like a jet collapsible stretcher, oxygen tank with regulator, dextrose holder and other necessary accessories.

The governor said that the maintenance of the vehicle will be shouldered by barangay San Roque local government unit.

San Roque may enter into memorandum of agreement with the nearby barangays of Mayorga for possible use whenever the need arises, he added. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

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## DOH reports of only 3 new COVID-19 cases in the region

TACLOBAN CITY- For the past two days, Eastern Visayas has only three new coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) cases.

With only three new cases since Friday and Saturday, the COVID-19 cases of the region have now reached to 670 of which 639 of them have recovered from the ailment.

Based on the report of the regional office of the Department of Health (DOH), the three new cases were all from Leyte province.

The infected persons were from Baybay City, Carigara and Mahaplag. Two of them were locally stranded individuals while one of them, a 32-year old man from Carigara, is an overseas worker from Saudi Arabia.

With this bit of good news, Dr. Minerva Molon, the regional director of the DOH, however, issued an appeal to the public to always strictly observe the protocols to ensure that the virus would not further spread in the region that already claimed three fatalities.

“We should always practice infection control measures to stop the spread of the virus. (We) should be responsible during this time of pandemic,” Molon said.

These health measures include the wearing of face mask, practice of social or physical distancing and observe personal hygiene, among others.

Meanwhile, Dr. Molon

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## Looking Ahead: The New Normal

BY: LEO BEJAN E. MACASUSI

“When will we go back to normal?”

This is the question that we have been asking since more than three months ago the coronavirus pandemic changed the world. Even as we continue to gradually relax restrictions and restore some of our pre-pandemic practices, it is obvious that certain things will never be the same again.

The pandemic now ravaging the globe is expected to bring the most significant disruption to educational opportunities. The studies and lives of those currently in school will be influenced in many ways, some of which have yet to be known.

School systems and policymakers will strive to develop alternative modalities of education during the required social distance era, but these will most likely work best for children whose parents

have more schooling, who have other social benefits, and who have access to resources, including online connectivity and devices. For many children lacking those conditions, the period of physical distancing is likely to result in very limited opportunities to learn.

Moreover, the pandemic will affect children from various backgrounds significantly, in ways that are more harmful to the disadvantaged and otherwise marginalised. They are more likely to suffer the brunt of the economic dislocations caused by the pandemic, the more likely they will be affected by infections for themselves and their parents because their living conditions are such that infections are more likely to occur, and they will have more limited access to health care to be treated if infected.

Typically, a horrid picture of how the COVIDd-19

pandemic will shape the instruction scene, and long haul for another decades to come. As with the wellbeing affect the widespread, the instructive move will be interceded by how people react by the activities or exclusions of understudies, guardians, instructors and school and framework level pioneers in expectation and amid the widespread.

Some responses are more likely to reduce the effects on healthcare, while other responses may increase the pandemic’s negative effect. The worst answer from educators will be to disregard the pandemic’s educational importance, assume that it’s not an educational problem, that it’s short-lived, or that the educational implications would be negligible. This response is the most likely to cause serious educational disruption to most children, and the greatest disparities in educational opportunities.

Our goal is to be proactive and to cause teachers and educational leaders to realize the seriousness of the educational risks posed by the pandemic at various levels of government, in the public and private sectors, and to take responsibility for leading a process that is as efficient and inclusive as possible in addressing this adaptive challenge.

What is really important at this time of crisis is to save a whole generation of students from the most significant educational opportunity they’ve experienced in their lives and in their parents’ and grandparents’ lives. This is really a time of standing up for and with the learners.

(Note: The author is the assistant school principal II of Tanauan School of Craftsmanship and Home Industries, Tanauan, Leyte)



## DOH reports of 4,221 dengue cases of the region with 9 fatalities

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Health (DOH) reported that the region’s dengue fever cases have now reached to 4,221 with nine deaths counting from January until July 18 of this year.

The said number of dengue cases is comparatively lower compare to last year of the same period at 8,797 cases.

The DOH, on its report, said that the age range of those who were afflicted of the mosquito-causing ailment ranged from eight months old to 91 years of age.

Among the six provinces of the region, Leyte has the highest number of cases at 2,825.

Meantime, Southern

Leyte has a total of 571 cases of there is a recorded clustering of cases in Maa-sin City; Samar,521 cases;Biliran,416 cases; Eastern Samar,283; and Northern Samar,270 cases.

The fatalities were from  
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announced that out of the 104 health workers from the region who were infected of the virus, only one of them have yet to recover from COVID-19.

She, however, said that the said health worker is asymptomatic and still at the quarantine facility. **(JOEY A. GABIETA/ LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)**

### With tourism...

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of guests is observed under the new carrying capacity.

Under the guidelines for the new normal operation of tourism establishments and destinations crafted by the tourism department, the provincial, city and municipal tourism offices, tourism destination management, and tour operators are urged to establish a pre-booking mechanism for their respective tourism destinations and to encourage clients to pre-book before traveling and provide online or text messaging registration and waiver forms.

Although pre-regis-

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also enrolled at the ALS or alternative learning system.

Gary Vacunawa, school principal of Cabacungan National High School in Allen town, Northern Samar, said that he expects his enrollment to increase in this school year.

In fact, as of Monday (July 20), he already have 350 enrollees which is already higher compare to last school year of 287.

According to Vacunawa, the increase of their enrollment was the increase of transferees who were enrolled in other schools.

“This is to avoid contact of other people,” Vacunawa, in direct message, said, alluding to avoid of getting the COVID-19 infection.

It may be recalled that

## DOT draws manual for the operation of tourist destinations, establishments under the new normal condition



**DOT8 Regional Director Karena Rosa Tiopes**

partment of Environment and Natural Resources.

DOT8 Regional Director Karena Rosa Tiopes said that the guidelines can still be enhance if there are suggestions or other protocols that their partner agencies and local government units would like to incorporate.

“It does not preclude the right to come up with additional guidelines that are relevant to a particular site, meaning if you’re in a protected area, I’m pretty sure that you would want to have stringent rules so whatever they are, whatever

TACLOBAN CITY – A guidelines for the operation of tourism establishments and sites as the tourism industry gears up for its reopening under the new normal situation.

These guidelines, crafted by the regional office of the Department of Tourism (DOT), will serve as manual in governing the operation of tourism sites and activities under the new normal situation and applies to all tourists, guests, tourism sites, destination operators or managers, tourism service providers, and workers.

The DOT8 had already conducted a walk-through on the guidelines with tourism officers and its partner agencies like the Philippine National Police and the De-

reception counter and fill-out the registration form(s), waiver (if required), and health declaration form.

Local tourists who came from the same area where the tourism destination is located should be the first to be convinced to visit the site to trigger not only to bring backs the energy, vibrancy and dynamism of the tourism industry, but will also help to generate, job, businesses, and livelihood.

“We wanted to show that our priority is safety of everyone because it is our responsibility. This is one way of convincing and bringing back our visitors’ confidence to travel to our region. We cannot convince yet foreigners to come because they too are facing COVID-19 problem in their area, not even tourists from other region, so what we should do is to convince our self to visit the nearest tourist destination then later on, visits other places in Eastern Visayas,” Tiopes said. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

the implementation of the ‘No Segregation, No Collection’ policy in Area One (Downtown/Central Business District) was successful.

For Solid Waste Management, CENRO has divided Tacloban City into three areas. The third area is composed of barangays from Anibong to Tacloban North.

During the meeting, held last July 15, representatives from the City Mayor’s Office were present as well. **(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)**

the common guidelines that we have, you please share it with us so that we can incorporate it,” she said.

The manual has two parts, first it focuses on health protocols and on the second part is mixed of guidelines on operation of tourism sites and establishments as prescribed by the Department of Health, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) for prevention and control of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

“The second part is a very specific guidelines depending on what are the activities offered in the sites, if it is a nature tourism or a religious tourism or cultural tourism,” Tiopes added.

Included in the General Health and Safety Guidelines for Tourism Sites and Tourist Activities crafted by DOT8, on health and safety at workplace, workers or staff must secure health cer-

tificates from their respective health offices and do a mandatory declaration of health and whereabouts before every duty in case of contact tracing.

Daily body temperature must always be undertaken to all staff, those who will exceed 37.5°Celsius or showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to work and will be referred to the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) for proper LGU response.

The tourism destination management is also mandated to provide basic sanitary kits in the facility which contains, eco-friendly germicidal disinfectant, biohazard disposable waste bags, bio-degradable soap for handwashing, 70% alcohol solution or alcohol-based hand sanitizers, disposable facemasks, and gloves and tissue paper, napkins or paper towels.

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## Leadership amidst pandemic

BY: GENELYN CORNEJO

Every organization is said to be a representation of its leadership, because leaders are the ones who set the department’s institutional framework and inspire teams to lead the organization through times of crisis. The global pandemic crisis has definitely put leaders to the test as there are no simple answers given that this is an unprecedented situation.

In a pandemic such as this, leaders needs to work to keep their teammates morale stronger than they normally do. It can allow other individuals to act out of position. Leaders need to express that this is an opportunity to help them develop and demonstrate their talent.

The pace and scale of the coronavirus epidemic presents enormous challenges for leaders of key organizations. It is easy to understand why so many have missed opportunities for decisive action and honest communication. But it is a mistake to think that failures of leadership are all we can expect in these grim times.

When the situation is uncertain, human instinct and basic management

training can cause leaders — out of fear of taking the wrong steps and unnecessarily making people anxious — to delay action and to downplay the threat until the situation becomes clearer. But behaving in this manner means failing the coronavirus leadership test because by the time the dimensions of the threat are clear, you’re badly behind in trying to control the crisis. Passing that test requires leaders to act in an urgent, honest, and iterative fashion, recognizing that mistakes are inevitable and correcting course — not assigning blame — is the way to deal with them when they occur.

This extraordinary situation has certainly placed some uncommon question like never before to the leaders around the world. Traditionally, there have been few traits, described below, which have continued to define leadership across generations, but the question remains whether they hold any good in current time of managing the storm.

True test of leaders is their ability to plan, both for the short and long

terms. While this crisis has thrown all known plans out of the window, effective leaders will still be able to plan their strategies around employees and operations. Another is constant communication. It is the key to an effective leadership. Be it world or business leaders, one who have been able to communicate their true intentions well have disseminated clear and transparent information to their people have been hailed as examples of true leadership. It is expected for people to feel disengaged and demotivated during this time of pandemic. It is expected of leadership to keep their people motivated and engaged. Organization leaders have to make sure that they are engaging their talent in different assignments to keep their morale high.

As we can see, the traditional traits of leadership hold steady in this crisis too. The truly effective leaders will come on the other side of this crisis as better, humble and more learned leaders.

*(Note: The author is the assistant school principal of the Astorga National High School, Alangalang, Leyte)*



## DepEd-Eastern Visayas receives new vehicles

TACLOBAN CITY—Seven new vehicles were delivered by the Department of Education (DepEd) central office to the Eastern Visayas region as part of its service vehicles project.

Aside from the DepEd-Eastern Visayas regional office, Director Ramir Uytico identified the division offices of Samar, Catbalogan City, Maasin City, Tacloban City, Calbayog City, and Baybay City as the recipients of the new vehicles.

"I have been told that this passenger van is going to be used by the Division Office for monitoring of schools around the city. With the distance learning mode of learning we will be having for our Division Office, this certainly hastens the distribution of learning kits or modules, providing of technical assistance to schools, among others," said Tacloban City Division DRRM coordinator Crisvill Villamor.

In a statement, Villamor said their new 14-seater Toyota HI Ace passenger van "provides yet another transportation option

for work efficiency in the Schools Division Office."

In Catbalogan City, Schools Division Superintendent Marilyn Siao also thanked the DepEd central office for providing them a new vehicle, noting the transportation problem in the city due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

"This van shall ferry our employees to and from the city proper," said Siao.

The new Toyota HI Ace van arrived at the Catbalogan City Division on July 10, 2020.

It also went through the disinfection procedures, according to the division

office.

"Special thanks is likewise accorded to the Assistant Regional Director, Dr. Arnulfo Balani; Regional Director, Dr. Ramir Uytico; Undersecretary Alain Pascua and most especially to DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis-Briones, who made all these possible," the Catbalogan City Division said in a separate statement.

Meanwhile, Tacloban City Division disclosed that they are also awaiting the distribution of a 4X4 pickup truck from DepEd for the Division Engineers and Division DRRM Coordinators. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

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the following provinces: Leyte, 5; Eastern Samar, 3; and Samar, one.

"With the number of dengue cases recorded in the region, let us not be complacent. Along with our practice for the infection prevention and control measures for COVID-19, we also need to address the root causes of dengue and practice preventive mea-

sures all year round. I urge everyone to remain vigilant and continue to Search and destroy mosquito-breeding sites, employ Self-protection measures, Seek early consultation, and Support fogging/spraying only in the hotspot areas where an increase in cases is registered for two consecutive weeks to prevent and impending outbreak," Dr. Minerva Molon, DOH regional director, said.

**(LIZBETH ANN A.ABELLA)**

## Abaca Elementary School accepts "Balik Probinsya" beneficiaries

By: FE M. VILLABLANCA

ABACA, DAGAMI, Leyte – District Supervisor Afrodesia B. Ramulte informed immediately upon the arrival of 'Balik Probinsya'.

The local government unit (LGU) of Dagami, Leyte prepared the areas approved by the regional Office of the Department of Education (DepEd) to be used as temporary quarantine or isolation facility in the school, and they shall not require student/ pupils and DepEd personnel to be engaged in the preparation of the school for this purpose.

The LGU of Dagami shall vacate designated areas and remove education equipment and resources there from, under the supervision and guidance of Ma'am Fe M. Villablanca a School Head, and Sir Andrew P. Gerilla the School DRRM Coordinator.

The returning residents are from Brgy. Panda and Brgy. Abaca Dagami, Leyte. Most of them, teach-

er Sybell said are workers who lost their jobs due to movement restrictions as part of the government's battle against the spread of COVID-19.

School head Villablanca asked the community not to discriminate them and clarified that they have been subjected to rapid antibody test and strict health procedures before entry. She always reported to school and the teachers assigned reported to work on their paper works, they also checks the quarantined ones to see if they are really following the protocol.

A total of 13 beneficiaries of the government's "Balik Probinsya", stayed in Abaca Elementary School Dagami North District. All were from Metro Manila.

The "Balik Probinsya" program, institutionalized through Executive order 114, targets to provide adequate social services, promote full employment,

industrialization, and improved quality of life in rural areas through different interventions from the national government.

The Barangay Health Emergency Response (BHERT) always watches over the quarantined ones so that they can be sure that they will not be able to get of nowhere.

A BHERT member, Cresilda Galvez, stressed out that the reasons why they go home because they are said to be unable to work due to pandemic, and it is better that they just return to the province so that somehow they can be with their loved ones.

From the office of the local health officer Dr. Nemias Y. Sangrano and Sanitation Inspector Imelda B. Eusebio thank you so much for answering the queries.

**(Note: the author is the Head Teacher IV of Abaca Elementary School Dagami North District, Dagami, Leyte)**

## Alangalang LGU aides P2.1M to education

BY: OSCAR D. MATELA, Jr.

ALANGALANG, - Leyte- The Local School Board headed by the Local Chief Executive, Mayor Lovely Anne Yu, has realigned P2.1 million to support emergency response needs for the opening of classes comes August.

"(The) support is part of my campaign agenda and I want to fulfill this as part of my social contact to the people of Alangalang," Mayor Yu said.

A meeting was called to the different district heads, school administrators both in elementary and secondary and the LGU to address school-based emergency needs of every school in the municipality when classes resume.

The different school heads brought their emergency road map plans and Learners Enrollment and Survey Form (LESF) summary as basis on the decision that will come out during their planning.

Mr. Joel Ranes, principal of Alangalang I Central School, said that online teaching is not possible to be an alternative delivery modality because most of



our learners come from the poor sector.

He stressed that the possible learning delivery modality option is the Self-Learning Modules to ensure that all learners have access to quality basic education for SY 2020-2021.

Based on the planning, the fund where taken from the different sources, the continuing appropriation, savings from the 2019 Special Education Fund (SEF), 2020 SEF and the Local Child Protection Council Fund amounting to P 2,115,489.00.

The utilization of the funds will be for the pro-

curement of six risograph machines for 6 clusters both in elementary and secondary; procurement of bond papers and inks for the reproduction of self-learning worksheets from the month of August to December of this year; provision of honorarium to motorcycle drivers for the distribution and retrieval of self-learning worksheets through the "Libre Sakay Project" of the LGU; and, the provision of external hard drive for all school heads.

**(Note: The author is a teacher of the Alangalang I Central School, Leyte Division)**

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ing essential products so they could command the highest rice. As smaller business establishments are closing shop, they are taking over strategic locations, bankrupt companies, and acquiring the same at the lowest cost from desperate owners so that, should everything normalize, they would be in the best of positions to monopolize businesses.

Politics also rages. Those from the opposition are gathering data on the failures, weaknesses, and mistakes of the present administration so they can lambast the same in public while adorning their parties and names with better insights and arguments so they would appear as brilliant choices come election time. Their critical darts and seemingly wiser suggestions make them appear as though the people made a mistake in not choosing them.

The CPP/NPA/NDF with all their fronts are, as

always, riding on the crisis to advance their cause and age-old propagandas, tricking the people especially the idealistic youths who are vulnerable to their advances. They would entice the young, for instance, of serving the nation through activism even if, in truth, the same are made to serve communism in the country.

They claim to champion democracy when, in reality, they are ushering in a party dictatorship in whose regime all democratic rights are curtailed.

These, and many more, are just a few of opportunistic entities that are taking advantage of today's widespread pandemic. We just have to learn to deal with them.

## 3 EV cops test positive for COVID-19, one recovers

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Health (DOH) in Eastern Visayas (DOH-8) confirmed that three police officers in Eastern Visayas have tested positive for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

In a virtual presser, DOH-8 Regional Director Minerva P. Molon tagged the three police officers as Patient EV-434, a newly-assigned police officer in Region 8 but a resident of Cebu City; Patient EV-646 who is assigned at the Leyte

Police Provincial Office and Patient EV-629 who is assigned at the Samar Police Provincial Mobile Force Company and a resident of San Sebastian, Samar.

Lt. Col. Ma. Bella Rentuaya, spokesperson of the Police Regional Office 8 said, the first case has already recovered but on extended quarantine based on health protocols.

Said police officer was previously assigned in Mindanao before he see 3 EV cops/page 10



# DAR gives aid to 13K farmers in E. Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY – Some 13,000 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in Eastern Visayas have received food packs and hygiene kits from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) as assistance amid the health crisis.

DAR 8 (Eastern Visayas) Officer in Charge Ismael Aya-ay said Friday the initiative was under its “The PaSS-Over: ARBold Move to Heal as One Deliverance of our ARBs from the Covid-19 Pandemic” project, which targets to reach a total of 20,313 farmers in the region.

“This is in response to Republic Act 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, which intends to provide our farmer-beneficiaries supplemental food and hygiene kits for their protection. We have been distributing the relief assistance since

May amid the community quarantine restrictions, prioritizing ARBs from the year 2010 onwards,” Aya-ay said in a virtual presser.

Each beneficiary received P500 worth of pack containing 4 kg. of rice, canned goods, noodles, vitamins, bath soap, and face masks.

The regional office also assisted 65 ARB organizations across the region in marketing their products amid the travel restrictions, generating a combined sale of more than P23 million.

“These essential support services are for the welfare of our farmers who are front-liners in food production. We want to sustain their initiatives for the continuous production of basic necessities,” Aya-ay said.

For its farm productivity assistance, he said some 4,087 beneficiaries would receive crop production input starter



**AID FOR FARMERS.** An agrarian reform beneficiary in Eastern Samar receives a relief pack from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in this June 9, 2020 photo. The department said Friday (July 17, 2020) about 13,000 agrarian reform beneficiaries in Eastern Visayas have received food packs and hygiene kits as assistance amid the health crisis. (Photo courtesy of DAR-8)

kits this July.

“The procurement of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, and farm tools is now being undertaken to catch up (with) the scheduled distribution in the last week of the month. This will help farmers meet the nutritional requirements

of our household and generate income from surplus production,” he added.

The DAR will also select 15 female ARBs from the six provinces for its livelihood support for women in crisis. They will receive a livelihood package based

on their preference and capabilities.

Priority will be given to women with special circumstances, such as single mothers, widows, senior citizens, heads of households, groups

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was assigned in Region 8.

He tested negative on his reswabbed conducted on July 1 while the remaining two remained isolated even if asymptomatic.

Patient-EV 646 is recuperating while being quarantined at Guindapunan Quarantine Facility in Palo, Leyte while Patient EV-629 is being quarantined at Maulong Quarantine facility, Catbalogan, Samar.

As of 7 p.m. on July 15, DOH-8 reported a total of 656 COVID-19 cases in the region, of which, 610 or 93 percent have recovered with and three deaths. (ldl/cba/PIA8)

of indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities who undertake farming activities but lost their income due to the community quarantine, Aya-ay said. (GERICO SABALZA/PNA)

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The management is also encouraged to assess current COVID-19 related situation in their area and may implement closure or suspension of services if there is a threat of the virus.

For guests or clients, they must observe all health protocols such as declaration of health form, regular hand-washing, wearing of face masks, observing proper cough and sneezing etiquette, avoid touching of nose, mouth and eye, physical distancing, and disinfecting of shoes when entering a facility.

Guests and clients body temperature must also be checked and those who feel that they are not capable of joining the tour or feeling sick must inform the management or tour guide for proper handling and referral.

In the operation of tourist destination, the new carrying capacity will be site-specific and shall be

determined the allowable number of guests per tour group per day.

The manual also covers guidelines for tourism infrastructure, sanitation and waste management, guest booking and registration, transfer, guiding and instructing, use of public spaces such as parks, beaches, and nature trails, overnight camping, city or town tours, pilgrimage and religious tours, farm tours and river and bay cruises and on operation of resort-type restaurants.

Tiopes added that before opening the destination to public, a dry-run must also be made to make sure that the people who are implementing really know “by heart” the policies and protocol that they are imposing.

The DOT regional director clarified that although their office had crafted guidelines for the operation of tourist destinations, the opening of tourist sites remain on the LGUs approval. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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