

These guns could be used for illegal acts, says Balba Over 1,000 loose firearms turned over by PNP-8 **ROEL T. AMAZONA**

CAMP RUPERTO KANGLEON, PALO, Leyte- More than 1,000 firearms where turned over by the regional office of the Philippine National Police(PNP) to the Regional Civil Security Unit (RCSU) 8 as the authorized repository of all loose firearms.

PNP8 Regional Director Police Brigadier General Bernabe Balba personally turned over these loose firearms to Police Major Bjon Revecho, officer-in-charge of RCSU8.

Among those who witnessed the turnover rites held on Monday (July 27) at the grounds of the regional headquarter of the PNP was Interior and Local Government Regional Director Karl Ceasar Rimando.

The 1, 145 loose firearms were either confiscat-

ed, captured, surrendered, deposited, abandoned or forfeited.

About 147 of these loose firearms were from the Leyte Police Provincial Office, 159 from Biliran Police Provincial Office, 149 from Southern Leyte Police Provincial Office, 142 from Ormoc City Police Office, 100 from Northern Samar Police Provincial Office, 77 from Eastern Samar Police Provincial Office, 51 from Samar Police Provincial Office and 40 from Tacloban see Over 1,000 /page 7 ...

Adopting to the new normal due to **COVID-19** pandemic LNU official proposes use of flash drive to avoid physical contacts among students, instructors

TACLOBAN der his proposals, stu-

CITY-Students in one dents of the university of the universities here would use flash drives



LOOSE FIREARMS. More than 1,000 loose firearms were turned over by Police Regional Director, B/ Gen. Bernabe Balba, to Police Major Bjon Revecho, officer-in-charge of RCSUB, the agency assigned custodian of all loose firearms. Among those present during the Monday (July 27) turnover was DILG Regional Director Karl Ceasar Rimando. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Romualdez: Ask manufacturers first before

in this city might just be flash drives this school year.

This after an official of the Levte Normal University (LNU) submitted his proposal before the regional office of the Commission on Higher Education (ChEd) and to the university president, Jude Duarte to use flash drives or USB sticks during this time of coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.

Clemelle Montallana, LNU's director of the physical plant and facilities, said that unwhere they can store their class works which they will submit to their respective instructors for review.

The use of flash drives is part of what Montallana described as 'A-New Normal Project' or Assistance to Normalistas in the Online Education of the New Learning Hub Project. According to him, the use of flash drives is just one of the innovations that should be applied during this time of health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pansee LNU /page 7 ...

barriers be mounted on the motorcycles

TACLOBAN CITY-Mayor Alfred Romualdez of this city suggested that motorcycle makers should be consulted first if they will allow a barrier be placed on the motorbikes.

This idea of Mayor Romualdez came on the heels as the government through the Inter-Agency Task Force(IATF) mandated that a barrier should be placed in between the motorcycle driver and his companion as a way to avoid of



Mayor Alfred Romualdez

contracting the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The IATF approved motorcycle shields

should be made of acrylic or any other similar material and not from glass to avoid accidents.

"Unang-una ang mahirap lang yun dapat namagsasabi kung pwedeng gawin yun, dapat magpa-alam sa manufacturer. Because if it will compromise the safety of the vehicle, then that is a problem. So dapat i-clear lang yun," Mayor Romualdez said. Romualdez add-

ed that even the gov-

ernment will make it mandatory, installing

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Tacloban officials inspected quarantine sites for LSIs, OFWs



City officials lead by Idelbrando Bernadas, incident commander for the operations of COVID-19, inspected the city's quarantine sites for locally stranded individuals and overseas workers. The sites are located in Barangay 104.



RAPID TEST ---- House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep.Martin Romualdez submit himself into mandatory Covid19 Rapid Test at Jose De Venecia Hall of the House of Representative before the Opening of 2nd Regular Session of the 18th Congress. President Rodrigo Duterte will deliver his State of the Nation Address in the afternoon. photo by Ver Noveno

TACLOBAN CITY-An onsite inspection was held early Wednesday morning (July 22), at two treatment and monitoring facilities —Salvacion Heights and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Evacuation Center, which will serve as quarantine sites for Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) and Returning Overseas Filipino Workers (ROFW).

The Salvacion Heights resettlement site located in Brgy. 104 has now 31 units ready to be utilized by the Returning Tacloban Residents (RTRs).

Each unit, equipped with bathroom, bedding, and other necessities, has

already been provided with electricity and water connection to ensure that the said RTRs will be comfortable as they undergo their 14-day mandatory quarantine.

Through the joint effort of the local government under Mayor Alfred Romualdez, DPWH 8, Office of Civil Defense, and Tingog party-list, around 107 units will be made available for the LSIs and OFWs.

Meantime, the DPWH Evacuation Center in Abucay, which has around 40 rooms, is ready to accommodate about 19 occupants this Saturday, July 25, 2020.

SAF trainee shot dead by a colleague in Catbalogan City

TACLOBAN CITY- A member of a Special Action Force of the Philippine National Police (SAF-PNP) was shot dead by his colleague inside their training camp in Catbalogan City on Monday (July 27).

Based on the report of the regional headquarter of the PNP based in Camp Ruperto Kangleon, Palo town in Leyte province, Patrolmen Lloyd Imano,32, and Eduardo de la Cruz had see Tacloban /page 10 ... a heated argument at about

2:18 am at the 124 Special Action Company gymnasium located in Barangay Guindapunan, Catbalogan City.

Imano, a native of Coronadal City, was said to have confronted de la Cruz for endorsing him to undergo the Sureshock training or the Urban Counter-Revolutionary Warfare Course, one of the courses being undertaken by those who are taking the SAF training. Imano suddenly entered the bunkhouse of another colleague, Pat. Alvin Migriño, but when he was about to come out from the said bunkhouse, de la Cruz, who is from Taguig City, shot the victim as the former though that latter took a long firearm inside the bunkhouse of Migriño.

Imano was brought to Samar Provincial Hospital, also based in Catbalogan City but was declared dead on arrival by the attending physician.

de la Cruz voluntarily surrendered to Police Senior Master Sergeant Kimjee Guinaat together with his issued firearm, a 9mm Caliber Pistol loaded with eight live ammunitions.

Recovered from the crime scene were: four pieces cartridge cases of 9mm Luger AP.

De la Cruz is now detained at the Catbalogan City Police Station for proper disposition.(RON-ALD O. REYES/(LIZBETH **ANN A.ABELLA)**

Barangay leader escapes gun attack in Northern Samar

TACLOBAN CITY-A 63-year old barangay chairman managed to

dark area.

escape from a gunman provised shotgun known lice Station for proper

who was hiding in the and the recovered pieces of evidence were brought Armed with an im- to Laoang Municipal Po-

Ex-cop shot dead in Tacloban

TACLOBAN CITY-A dismissed police officer was shot dead by still unidentified gunman in Tacloban City Saturday

morning (July 25). fied as Francisco Homeres

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Jr, 45, married, and a resident of the city.

In an initial investigation, police said Homeres had just finished jogging and dropped by a caren-

SUV after the incident.

Police recovered two pieces of cal. 45 ammunition, two pieces fired cartridges cases for cal. 45, one piece slug of alleged The victim was identi- deria to buy food when cal. 45, and one cartridge case of alleged M16 rifle.

in Laoang, Northern Samar on Saturday (July 25).

Police identified the victim as Conchita Blando, married, and chairman of Barangay Bongliw in the said town.

The suspect, Ariston Novio, 63, was arrested after the shooting incident at around 6:30 pm at the said barangay.

Initial investigation disclosed that the victim was at the public plaza for a barangay meeting when she and her tanods noticed the suspect

as "sumpak", the suspect introduced himself as a police officer and chased

Blando as she ran for her safety.

However, Novio missed the shot after he cornered the victim nearby.

The victim's son, Arvin, grappled with the suspect and recovered the improvised shotgun, according to the report.

Police are looking into personal grudge as a possible motive for the attack.

The arrested person

disposition. (RONALD O.REYES)

a gunman alighted from the SUV parked at the area and shot him several times.

The victim died on the spot while the suspect hurriedly left onboard the

Authorities are yet to determine a motive for the shooting. (RONALD O.REYES with report **RESTITUTO** A.

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Over 600 people deputized as anti-COVID agents in Tacloban City

TACLOBAN CITY - More than 600 volunteers from 138 villages in this city are going to be trained as COVID-19 surveillance officers.

This was revealed by city health officer Dr. Gloria Fabregas who said that the volunteers include barangay health workers, barangay nutrition scholars, and barangay service point officers.

These barangay considpersonnel, ered to be part of the community dengue brigade, will be called Volunteers Service Officers (VSO) whose training will start on August 3.

Fabregas said that deploying these barangay personnel is part of their campaign to engage every home

to be part of the fight against COVID-19 or disease coronavirus 2019.

"We are engaging and empowering every home for the fight against COVID-19, for a healthy Tacloban because the battle against this virus starts at home and not in the hospital," she said.

As VSO, their primary work is to do surveillance in their respective villages, identifying who are vulnerable to COVID-19, Fabregas added.

"As VSO, they will identify households with residents who are vulnerable to the virus such as pregnant women, and households with positive COVID-19 patients," she said.

The information that they will get from the

surveillance will be forwarded to the barangay health emergency response team (BHERT) and this information will be send to the Quick Response Team. At present, Tacloban

City has six active cases of COVID-19.

The city has a total of 64 COVID-19 cases where 58 had now recovered from the disease. Of these 64 cases, 53 are local, nine locally stranded individuals while two are returning Overseas Filipino Workers.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Man opens fire to arresting cops in Calbayog police

TACLOBAN CITY-A 33-yeard old man was shot after he opened fire on arresting policemen who were attempting to serve him a warrant of arrest in Calbayog City, Samar on July 24.

Police identified the accused as Jason Francisco, construction worker, who has a warrant dated May 13, 2020, for violation of section 10 of Republic Act (RA) 7610 or Special Protection of Children against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act.

The warrant was is-

Clemens of Regional Trial Court-Branch 31 in Calbayog, with a recommended bail bond of P80, 000.

In a report, police said the accused opened fire on the arresting team after sensing their presence, prompting the police officers to fire back.

A chase ensued between the police and the accused before the latter fell down which resulted in his arrest.

Police brought Francisco to Calbayog District Hospital for immediate medical attention after

sued by Judge Reynaldo he sustained gunshot wounds on his head.

> Scene of the Crime Operatives (SO-CO)-Calbayog City recovered one unit .38 caliber revolver without serial number loaded with two live ammunition and two fired cartridge casings.

The operation was conducted by Calbayog City Police Station led by Lieutenant Fernando Calabria Jr., chief of intelligence, under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Sam Andarino. (RONALD O.REYES)

DENR challenges people to shift to plant-based

TACLOBAN CITY -The Department of Environment and Natural Re-

Guindag-an Elementary School Teachers: Frontliners

By: ELIZABETH N. LEBRIA

In the weeks that followed the announcement that schools would be closed, social media has been buzzing with posts about the dreadful COVID-19 that hit the country, the day-to-day escalating numbers of infected individuals and the deaths caused by the horrible disease.

The COVID-19 pandemic has required us all to make difficult adjustments due to lockdown and enhance community quarantine protocols, but it has served as an important



situation of getting infected of the dreadful virus as frontliners, we the teachers of Guindag-an Elementary School Tanauan III District

diet to help fight climate change

sources (DENR) is pushing for a change in the Filipino diet by switching to plantbased diet as an effective measure to lessen the ecological footprint of human food consumption which coincides with the nationwide celebration of July as Nutrition Month.

Tirso Parian Jr., DENR regional executive director, said that the need to strengthen the resolve of the people to lessen their carbon footprint has never been as important and as urgent todav.

"Especially so, that we made some headway in our effort to fight climate change during the long period of community quarantines brought by the pandemic", Parian said.

He reported that to initi-

ate some traction to the call, a month-long public information drive was launched and is being spearheaded by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) dubbed as "Plant-Based Solutions for Climate Change".

Parian explained that the core to the campaign message is to encourage the public to include more vegetables and fruits into their diet as recommended by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) in proportion with three main food groups of "go, grow and glow foods."

Letecia Maceda, regional director of Environment Management Bureau(EM-B),said that their office as early as April this year during the celebration of Month of the Planet Earth, has initiated an activity with similar objective which dubbed as "EMB 8's Home Gardening" where they distributed vegetable seeds to their employees and encouraged them to plant vegetables in their homes.

The produce of which, they will donate to poor communities together with additional seeds for them to plant. It perfectly coincides to the objectives of the current "Plant-Based Solutions for Climate Change" campaign.

"Instead of dole-out activities, the challenge is for the people themselves to plant and grow vegetables then learn to share the

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Pupil's development center: done or undone?

BY: FITZ GERALD M. BILBAO

reminder – to lend a helping hand.

Along with other teachers residing in the place, we decided to extend support to the Barangay Council of Brgy. Guindag-an Tanauan, Leyte in the packing of relief goods for the whole community and joining the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) in the designated barangay checkpoints to interview and record information of travelers coming into the barangay and informing the necessary health protocols to follow specially in the importance of wearing face masks.

Amidst the vulnerable

has done our little share of extending help to the community where we live.

Days after joining the BHERT in handling the barangay checkpoints, a DepEd Regional Memo dated April 16, 2020 was posted, "encouraging teachers and learners to submit inspiring stories of efforts to help the community during the COVID-19", but the effort we did as barangay frontliners was based on our own volition to help, a task unscripted, and a stimulating story to share.

(Note: The author is the principal of Guindag-an Elementary School, Tanauan, Leyte)

Mr. Fitz Gerald M. Bilbao - talk to the Barangay Captain of Hon. Nicolas Arcena of Sta. Elena, that PUPILS' DEVELOPMENT CENTER of Sta. Elena Elementary School be repaired. The attention of the Brgy Captain was captured in prioritizing this project. Last December 2017, Hon. Arcena, asked permission for distribution of uniforms to Barangay Tanod's of the following barangay such as: Sta. Elena, San Isidro, Guindag-an and Cabarasan Guti.

During the distribution of uniform, Hon. Pelagio "Pel" Tecson Jr. mayor of

Tanauan was present. Mr. Bilbao of as the school head take the opportunity to ear out this problem for the completion of the Pupils' Development Center with the assistant of Hon. Arcena in asking the Hon. Mayor to prioritize this project for funding. He agreed to the proposal, that facility of the school finished, he knows that this is most important facility. Most of the school activities are held in this hall. Even some of the barangay activities are also being held here. He sees the importance of finishing this project.

Last September 2019



- the improvement and construction started of the wall, flooring and comfort rooms. He approved the release of the amount of 700 thousand pesos for the said project. And then theirs was another budget released of LGU of Tanauan for the tiles amounting to 300 thousand pesos.

It almost 90% completed. The school is still looking for more donors to help accomplished the said Pupil's Development Center of the School.

(Note: the author is a teacher-3/TIC of Sta. Elena Elementary School, Sta. Elena, Tanauan, Leyte)



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Exodus

t seems that there is going to be a never-ending flow of incoming locally-stranded individuals (LSI) from Metro Manila all the way to the provinces in the upcoming weeks or months, the reason

being that their number is just too big, and is endlessly increasing.

From a humanitarian standpoint, there is nothing wrong with this bulk of people heading to the provinces. In fact, it's their right to be home, there in their respective hometowns where they came from. But in this particular season, we are faced with a big problem—we are in the midst of a deadly pandemic whose contagion is as fast as a wildfire due to a virus whose effective antidote has yet to be discovered.

As these people congregate in their assigned, temporary shelter there in the big city, the likelihood of virus transmission from one person to another is there due to their congestion that results in physical closeness among themselves,



the social distancing protocol being violated. Even if they tested negative in their places of origin, they could contract the virus in that crowd and thus come home positive, to the risk of the LGUs they are going to.

The organizers of this exodus should have cautioned these people prior to their gathering, that they must observe safety measures at all times. It should have been a requirement, and those who violate would be penalized. This way, violations could have been reduced, if not avoided. Close monitoring of this crowd ought to have been done, from the start of their build up till all of them finally take their leave.

On the other hand, since these people are mostly grown-ups and are already aware of safety protocols to observe, they should not have waited for some folks to tell them as to what they should do to stay safe, and to prevent virus transmission. They should discipline themselves and not wait for authorities to do it for them. It may not be the fault of organizers anymore; their hard-headedness is to blame.

ments and accomplish- demic that has instead ments. This litany could dragged the economy prolong, or run short, depending on the performance of one's regime. The accomplishments listed could also be significant or not at all. As for the incumbent president, he has quite plenty to complain about because, again, of an unprecedented plague these recent decades that had paralyzed the economy, people's occupations, governmental operations, and many others.

highlight their achieve- address the global pandown. This, for sure, is a leech to the present regime. In fact, not all that he might claim to have accomplished in the battle against the virus will be greeted with approval by the people, especially among his adversaries to whose judgment even positive developments look rather ugly. The ongoing war on drugs that has already claimed thousands of lives is one such object of fierce criticism. Aside from the persistent proliferation of illegal drugs, which is contrary to the president's see SONA/page 8 ...

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SONA 2020

As of this writing, President Rodrigo Duterte was yet to deliver his State of the Nation Address (SONA) before representatives of various sectors in our society-virtually, that is, because of the pandemic. This event, as expected, was to be greeted with applause as well as criticism; the former from the president's allies, the latter from his enemies.

Normally, presidents deliver their SONA to

In short, there's not much progress to report in terms of economic developments as the government simply got preoccupied with the necessity to

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Our senses and our faith

A COMMON "complaint" God makes of us, if we may call it that way, is that we do not use our senses—our sense of sight, hearing, smell, touch, etc.—to perceive what is really most important for us to perceive.

This "complaint" is expressed, for example, in the Book of Jeremiah where our Lord said, "Declare this in the house of Jacob and proclaim it in Judah: Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do no see, who have ears but do not hear." (5,21)

The same "complaint" is echoed in the gospel of St. Mark as well as in the other gospels: "Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear?" Christ asks the people. (Mk 8,18; cfr. Mt 13,13; Jn 12,40)

The problem, of course, is that the senses are not united or inspired by faith. They are just left on their own, ruled mainly by instincts and other biological factors. Or at best they may be guided only by an intelligence that is not yet enlightened by faith.

And things can become so bad that these senses can get quite hostile to of the existence of all things. He is everywhere.

As St. Augustine once said: "To find where God is may be difficult, but to find where he is not, that is even more difficult." And to be sure, God's presence in everything is not something cold and indifferent. It is full of love and solicitude.

We need to train our senses to be guided by our Christian faith, hope and charity, so we can capture this very consoling reality. They should not just be left on their own, guided and ruled only by factors other than our faith, hope and charity. That state of affairs would lead us nowhere other than trouble.

That is why there are so many problems around conflicts, wars, controversies, jealousies, hatred, etc. It's because God is ignored in our life and in our deal-

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campaign promise of stopping it in six months, its accumulated casualties is drawing much condemnation from human rights groups. The lenient treatment of Chinese intrusion into Philippine waters likewise provokes critical darts. It is this romance with China that aggravates mistrust knowing that this maritime bully cannot be trusted at all with its expansionist moves that are targeting our rightful territories. At any rate, the president has much to explain to the nation regarding issues that generate doubts and concerns, among which are the ballooning foreign debts, the controversial anti-terror law, the vague stand relative to our territorial claims in the West Philippine Sea, the war on coronavirus,

ings. We practically avoid the grace he is willing to give us abundantly. We ignore his teachings and ways of how to handle the different situations in our life, including the difficulties and the problems that we encounter unavoidably in life.

In other words, we resist his constant help. We prefer to be on our own, relying simply on our own devices. We really need to wake up from this self-inflicted predicament and have a general over-haul of our beliefs, attitudes and skills.

We have to activate our faith to such an extent that whatever we see or hear or smell or feel, we always perceive God and his will and ways. We have to learn the discipline of contemplation, of recollection even while we immerse ourselves in the rough and tumble of our daily human affairs.

Obviously, this discipline will have a number of requirements. We have to be very familiar with the teachings and the example of Christ who is the fullness of God's revelation to us. We have to see to it that these teachings and example of Christ become the main impulse-giver of our senses.

To be able to perceive God always even from the level of our senses is never an undermining of our humanity. It in fact purifies our humanity and puts it in its ideal state!

the increasing unemployment, the need for economic recovery, the insurgency problem, the extant war on drugs, and many more.

Amid all these issues, we just wonder if the president could continually reap high trust ratings in surveys. The people's approval or disapproval of what he is doing for the country is becoming more and more tentative, conditional, depending on how he handles crucial issues. Undoubtedly, his presidency must have gone through an acid test given the present pandemic. No other president in the country ever went through a similar catastrophe in the past. With their past failures to handle smaller problems properly (e.g. Yolanda), we doubt if they can equally address this massive, monstrous plague the way that it should be.



Hatred vs ABS-CBN-Exploded in July 2012 – in P'Noy's Term

(During TV Patrol's 25th Anniversary Celebration)

The two main sources of the information in writing this column are the July 2012 Video of former President Noynoy Aquino, & the Manila Times

IT was the battle of superegos – that the former President Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III and ABS-CBN honcho Eugenio "Gabby" Lopez III – that eventually led to the closure of the broadcast network last May 4.

The pissing contest* ("Pataasan ng `ihi' as the 'Istambays in my barangay call it") between the two alpha males was triggered ironically, at the huge 25th Anniversary Celebration of ABS-CBN's top rated news show TV Patrol on July 28, 2012.

Top honcho, Mr. Eugenio Gabby Lopez III and other celebrities of ABS-CBN's were there, expecting President Aquino to congratulate and thank them in so many words, for helping him successfully remove Chief Justice Renato Corona, and to thank ABS-CBN broadcast family, because without them, Noynoy Aquino would not have been president.

Indeed, in that 15th Anniversary Celebration at ABS-CBN, President Noynoy pillored TV Patrol anchor Noli de Castro and other unnamed reporters for being negative about his top ABS-CBN executive revealed that it was President Noynoy's sister, Kris Aquino who likely added fuel to P'Noy's ire against Lopez and ABS-CBN, because Kris was asking for the moon and the stars for a new contract.

A source said Kris was already getting P500,000 per show, and wanted P1 million talent fee of million pesos per show – just like what Willy Revillame received at that time for his hit show "Wowowee;" but ABS-CBN called Kris's bluff when she took a leave for two weeks.

Going back to the above-mentioned speech of Former President Noynoy Aquino, he told the story of a child who was kidnapped; but was later rescued and recovered by the police authorities.

But an entertainment program on the Internet, aptly named Philippine News tells a different story.

The video revealed that in a speech before the above-mentioned crowd, Former President Noynoy spent at least 70% of his speech expressing his dislike or disgust of the main TV Patrol commentator Noli de Castro, the main anchor.

President Noynoy said, "they announced on TV Patrol na "Palabas lang yong kidnapping na yon at ang ransom, kaya nabawi ang batang na-kidnap. Then P'Noy asked "Did TV Patrol's baseless speculation and remarks help?"

Continuing his tirades against the TV Patrol anchor, President Noynoy said millions are listening to what you say..."

"How many hundreds of tourists have cancelled their plans to come to the Philippines because of your negative commentaries in TV Patrol? Your program is watched in many countries, because of ABS-CBN's Filipino channel.

"If the TV Patrol announces crimes or tragedies, they should also announced what the government does as solutions, especially those that are headlined, because these affect the lives of the Filipinos.

Because whenever the announcer or commentator leans towards negativism, this pushes progress backwards and adversely affects our country and our people.

When you say "Magandang Gabi Bayan," the listeners really hope & pray that their Gabi will really be maganda."

Pres. Noynoy Aquino was reportedly instrumental in the rejection of ABS-CBN's Petition for the renewal of its broadcast franchise as early as 2015.

Servile

Feliciano Belmonte Jr., the House Speaker during Aquino's entire term, was known as the Batasang Pambansa as "the most efficiently servile among the heads of the House of Representatives in our history.

In January 2011, President Noynoy ordered Speaker Belmonte "Remove the Ombudsman." Two months later, in March, the House by 240 votes, passed the Articles of Impeachment. see Hatred/page 8

anything related to faith that definitely involves spiritual and supernatural realities. That is why Christ said at one time: "In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing, but never perceiving. For this people's heart has grown callous; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes." (Mt 13,14-15)

We need to realize that the first, last and constant object that our senses should perceive is God since he is the origin of everything, the maintainer administration, scolding them for reporting "baseless speculations" that he likened to street-corner talk by drunkards.

Gabby Lopez of course was livid, and in their after-event drinks, he allegedly told his people: "Doesn't Noynoy realize he wouldn't be president if not for us?"

From then on, ABS-CBN never again invited Aquino to any of its events. Aquino watched almost every evening ABS-CBN's news coverage, and would reportedly become bad tempered over the most insignificant negative news coverage.

On the other hand, a

malamang binayaran lang



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)

checkpoints were the recip-

ients of the event. First stop

was in Brgy. Digahungan

Dagami, Leyte. There, they

served four Police Officers

and a Brgy. Council member.

to the Rural Health Unit of

Dagami, wherein they were

able to cater to 30 medical

staffs including the Rural

Health Physician herself, Dr.

Nemia Y. Sangrano. Third

stop was at the checkpoint

along the road to Canlingga.

Two police officers were pro-

vided with the packed lunch.

as far as Guinarona, the last

barangay of Dagami in go-

ing to Burauen, Leyte. There

were two police officers and

two fire officers who were

From there, they went to

Then, they went straight

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LAND TRANSPORTATION

FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD

Regional Office No. VIII

Palo, Leyte

Case No. VIII-2015-1119 Application for Change of Party/Name of

Applicant of a Certificate of Public

SIDNEY M. ZOSA-Old Party

Applicant

VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION-

New Party Applicant,

Applicant-vendor request authority for

NOTICE OF HEARING

the approval of Change Name of Applicant from SIDNEY M. SOZA to VS GRAND

TOURS CORPORATION, of a Certificate

of Public Convenience to operate a UV

EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route:

TACLOBAN CITY-RAWIS, N. SAMAR

VIA ALLEN & VICE VERSA with the us

of FIVE (5) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until APRIL 14, 2021.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on

AUGUST 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its office

applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice

of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation

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.

At least TEN (10) days prior to the above date

This application will be acted upon

Convenience to operate a

Applicant/s

UV EXPRESS service

R8-CN-UV-2020-07-0214

Dagami North District)

(Note: The author is a Teacher III of Dagami

the blessings shared.

Taking the risks in the 'New Normal'

BY: Felipe S. Costimiano

Last quarter of 2019 when a mysterious virus broke out and spread around the globe which shock the world and left the entire humanity worried and scared. Countries tighten boarders, businesses were closed dragging world economy to drop. Classes were cut short trying to make our learners safe from the wrath of the pandemic.

From the point of view of an educator, I think one of the most affected sectors is education, from the sudden change in the interruption of classes to the new normal in its opening come August 24, 2020. When classes were cut short last March 2020 and the usual school activities were suspended, learners, parents and even school officials were in silent resistance of the policy. The Graduation Rites was among the most awaited school activities that was cancelled, making our graduates disappointed. Learners young as they

are, are looking forward of vacation so that they can rest and do whatever they want without thinking of any school projects, but were forced to stay at home for our safety. Now, opening of Classes is just days to count and the virus is still active. Teachers and school officials embraced a shift in their work, taking all the risks of catching the unseen enemy-the corona virus. Their fear needs to be set aside in doing their job, the noblest profession as they say. They may be an instant host of the virus but cannot do otherwise because it is in the nature of their work.

Everyone adopts the new normal way of life, an instant change that may last for years, so long as no vaccine is discovered vet. To be in the frontline in this new normal would mean taking all the risks.

(Note: The author is the teacher-in-charge of Abre Elementary School, Dagami North District)

DNCS faculty members provide food for Dagami frontliners

BY: MA. TONI ROSE CARTEL-ARTIGA

"We make a living by what we get; We make a life by what we give." Truly, this famous quote of Winston Churchchill is and will always hold true.

Dagami North Central School faculty members devised to take part in the Bayanihan Spirit during this pandemic times, that is, to provide lunch food to Dagami frontliners.

The Principal, Miss Mercedita B. Masubay together with four teachers, distributed food packs and bottles of mineral water to the frontliners in the field and in the Rural Health Unit Building last May 21, 2020.

Police officers and fire officers who manned the

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIPE CASTANAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2080-C of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-299225 approved as a non-subdivision project being a portion of Lot 2080, Catbalogan Cadastre, LRC Cad Record No. 2379 situated at Barrios Jiaan and Pangdan, Catbalogan Samar containing an area of 157,300 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JUN DE JESUS AND MA. ELPA DE JESUS as vendee of a portion consisting of 58,638 square meters from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 249, Page No. 56, Book No. 1, Series of 2018, No. 1, Participation of 2018, No. 1, Series of 2018, No. 1, Seri 5. 249, Page No. 56, Book No. 1, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Alexander P. Bolok LSDE: July 28, August 4 & 11, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MINAMINA M. TIBO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Carayman, Cal-bayog District, Calbayog City, Samar designated as Lot No. 4186, CAD 422 covered by TD No. 9901001-01709 with an area consisting of 274,237 square meters, more or less. Per Doc No. 6880, Page No. 76, Book No. 361, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ADJUDICATION **AND SALE OF ONE PROPERTY**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. SIMON ECHAPARE AND JUANA DURANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land described as; 1) A coconut land located at Brgy. Iba, Basey, Samar; 2) A residential land covered with TD No. 928 situated at Esperanza St., Barangay Baybay, Basey Samar with an area of 63 square meters, Assessed value of P7,430.00, Market value of P37, 170.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. MELLEZA LEVERA FLAMIANO married to SANDY FLAMIANO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 388, Page No 57, Book No. VI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Filotea B.M. Estorninos. LSDE: July 28, Aug 4 & 11, 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

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. Tis-ton; 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, par titioned 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

able to enjoy the sumptuous food packs shared with them.

It was a great experience of love, joy and service in this pandemic time, seeing the frontliners smiled with

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

R8-CN/EV/PA-UV-2020-07-0217 Case No. VIII-2014-0982 Application for Change of Party/Name of Applicant of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service with prayer to adopt trade name with Extension of Validity

SIDNEY M. ZOSA-Old Party Applicant VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION-

New Party Applicant, Applicant/s

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from SIDNEY M. SOZA to VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-GAMAY VIA COASTAL ROAD & VICE VERSA with the use of FOUR (4) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until June 29, 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 AUGUST 11, 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

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Honorable the GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 23RD day of JULY, 2020. Director, this 23RD day of JULY, 2020. (Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO

Regional Director Regional Director

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

unit/s.

of the above address.

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ROGELIO CAÑIZARES AND NILA CAÑIZARES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land des-ignated as Lot No. 6, Block 8 of the consolidation subdivision of Pcs-08-000469-D being a portion of Lots 2790-A, 2790-B, 2790-C, 2790-D and 2790-E, Psd 086003-007470-D situated at Brgy. Dagum, Calbayog City, Samar with an area of 328 square meters, more of less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of TERESA DIAZ VILLA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 4120, Page No. 25, Book No. IX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Joseph G. Dinoy. LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020

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;

ments, to wit;

No. 115-2016001507

N. 66 deg. 14'W., 600.46 from B.B.M. No. 54; thence

Philippines **REGIONAL TRIAL** COURT 8th Judicial Region **BRANCH 15** Hall of Justice, Burauen, Levte LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES Mortgagee-Petitioner, -versus-SPS. EVELYN and **TEODORICO MA-**GALLANES, JR.,

Mortgagors-Respondents, EJF NO. 19-12-47 **IN RE: Petition Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real** Estate of Mortgage under Act 3135 as

Republic of the

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 improve-

Transfer Certificate of Title

"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

x----x NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

amended

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 MIL-LION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOU-SAND EIGHT HUNDRED **TWENTY-EIGHT** AND 95/100 (Php 12,674,828.95) excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expens-

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

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 is 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 Levte. containing an area of 9.214.09 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 329, Page No. 67, Book XII, Series of 2009 of Notary Public Atty. Renato Nick N. Esmale. LSDE: July 14. 21 & 28. 2020

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that REMEDIOS R. SERRATO heir of the late CORNELIA R. CUIZON executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7068 situated at Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar covered by TD No. 99-0300200219 with an area of more or less 0-50-27 square meters. Per Doc No. 3882, Page No. 777, Book No. VII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Hernando M. Hernandez, Jr. LSDE: July 28, Aug 4 & 11, 2020

per Doc. No. 33. Page No. 7, Book No. X, Series of 2020 of Atty. Rogelio P. Gula LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 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 Cebricus. *LSDE: July 14, 21 & 28, 2020*

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 de scribed 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 LSDE: July 21, 28 & Aug 4, 2020 Veyra.



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla and Palo Mayor Frances Ann B. Petilla unveils the marker of the newly- constructed building of the Land Transportation Office -8 during the blessing and inauguration on July 20, 2020 located at the Government Center Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)

731 LSIs bound for Eastern Visayas amid COVID-19 spike

CITY-TACLOBAN The Department of Health (DOH) has asked local government units (LGUs) in the region to prepare for the arrival of 731 locally stranded individuals (LSIs) from Manila, following the resumption of the national government's "Hatid Tulong" program on July 25, 2020.

Amid the increasing cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the regional health department urged the LGUs to be ready of their quarantine or isolation units, re-orientation

Over...

... from Page 1 City Police Office.

A total of 790 firearms have expired license, 309 subject for record, and 48 collected from courts with case fully adjudicated.

Among the turned over firearms were 515 pistols, 163 revolvers, 112 shotguns and 46 rifles.

"This shows our intensified program of Oplan Katok which aims to prevent loose and unlicensed firearms from being used in any criminal activities," Balba said. The police official also encourages gun owners with expired license and unrenewed firearms to renew their license to avoid inconvenience and criminal liability. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

on infection and prevention control measures, and collaboration with all agencies for a whole nation approach against the disease.

Citing a report from the Presidential Management Staff (PMS), DOH said about 731 LSIs are to return to the region in the next few weeks.

The dramatic increase on the COVID-19 cases of the region was attributed to the arrival of LSIs.

On Saturday, DOH also reported 46 new COVID-19 cases, of which 40 of them were LSIs.

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Montallana said that part of his proposal is the university providing computer sets to different local government units in areas where there are LNU enrolled students.

He said that these computers will be used

COVID-19 cases in the region is 807.

Of the 46 new cases of the region, 36 of them were from Leyte province alone.

The town of Capoocan, Leyte posted the most number of fresh COVID-19 cases with eight followed by Abuyog and Villaba with five each case.

The other areas in Leyte which have new coronavirus cases were Hindang, Palo, and Tanauan each with three cases; Tacloban City, two; Ormoc City, Carigara, Matag-ob, Dulag,

dents," Montallana said.

The LNU official said that students need not go to school every day as online teaching will be applied during this school year.

"The students will only be required to come to school to deposit their flash drives where they stored their assignments or activities at the Guard House," he said.

The total number of Calubian, Hilongos, and Isabel, with one each.

Meantime, the Biliran province has eight new cases- Caibiran, four; Naval, two; and Kawayan and Almeria, with one each.

In Samar province, the municipalities of Jiabong and Paranas have one case each.

On Sunday, the DOH reported of a new COVID-19 case involving a 24-year old woman who has no known travel history.

Based on the report of its rural health center, the infected woman is now at their isolation facility and appears to be a symptomatic. (RONALD O.REYES/ **RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

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a shield should be done by the manufacturers and not by the motorcycle owners.

"Kung ako, kahit sabihin ng gobyerno na pwedeng maglagay nyan, itatanong natin sa Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki, pwede bang lagyan, dapat sila na mismo ang gumawa para naman kasama sa pag-warranty yun, baka naman pagbili mo ng motor brand new kabitan mo nyan hindi na nila iwa-warranty yan kasi sasabihin nila hindi na safe," he said.

The national government orders the Philippine National Police to enforce the said mandate and change the schedule of its enforce-

ment from July 26 to July 30.

Putting a barrier in a motorcycle, however, was met with widespread criticisms among motorcycle owners and the public saying it would not help address the possible spread of COVID-19.

Police Regional Office 8 Regional Director Police B/Gen Bernabe Balba however advises the public to just obey the order.

"Mayroong binigay na diagram kung paano gagawin but sabi nga hindi naman pinipigilan ang iba na magagaling ding magdesign and present their suggestion and for approval from the NI-ATF," Balba said.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Julita District, first to present the district roadmap in Leyte Division

BY: MYRA T. MARBIBI

Leyte Division initiatives in the direction of healing the nation by remaining committed to the goal of delivering accessible, quality, and safe basic education services during these difficult times. It demonstrates oneness with the Filipino nation in its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, the different schools of Julita District will carry out their programs, projects and activities with "empathy, understanding, and love," completely aware that there is ample work to be done in the continuity of learning in this time of crisis. Hence, the district in-

Julita District continues charge, Mrs. Ma. Edna A. Alvin Tantuan (Admino support all the DepEd Calades, leads in crafting istrative Officer) and Dr. Crisanto Daga (EPS-MG and MAPEH Coordinator). The plans and strategies were clearly presented by Mrs. Calades in front of all the Division Personnel, School Heads and Master Teachers in the district. After the presentation, she also presented her accomplishments of the said roadmap for the past 2 months and was well-uploaded by the audience. (Note: The author is the officer-in-charge of Caridad Primary the School and Tagkip Primary School, Julita District, Julita, Leyte)

by the students who does not own a computer where they can do their class assignments or activities which they will stored in the flash drives.

"I am positive that ChEd as well as our university president will approve my proposal considering that it's not costly and is aimed for the safety of our stu-

This will limit face-toface contacts between the instructors and students, thus, avoid any possible spread of COVID-19 inside the university, Montallana said.

The instructors would then collect the flash drives of their students for review or checking. LNU has more than enough computer sets to adopt to the new method of teaching.

has LNU around 8,000 students enrolled for this school year to start on August 24. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

and presenting the District Emergency Roadmap last July 21, 2020 at Julita Central's Conference Hall. This Learning Continuity Plan was crafted to effectively and efficiently address the educational needs of all learners using innovative strategies.

In addition, the presentation was validated by the Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Manuel P. Albańo together with Dr. Juan Mitra (EPS-Area II-B incharge), Dr. Jose Mariano Barril (HRMO), Dr. Raul Salańo(SBM Coordinator), Dr. Marvin Nicer (Leyte DRRM Coordinator), Dr.

Plaridel Elementary School holds Enroliment for S.Y. 2020-2021

By: MARK ANTHONY U. CAÑETE

"A difficult time can be more readily endured if we retain the conviction that our existence holds a purpose- a cause to pursue and a goal to achieve," as John Maxwell puts it.

Continuing education while in the face of this pandemic is the Department of Education's goal and this can be achieved because everyone plays his part to make this goal a reality.

The COVID 19 Pandemic is unprecedented and dealing with this is not easy for everyone. Facing such health concern is a huge responsibility of the School head, Teaching Personnel, Internal and External Stakeholders and the community as a whole. Believing in the spirit of cooperation and on the saying "We heal as one and we help as one," Plaridel Elementary School and the whole community united to fight the COVID 19 pandemic following standards from the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF).



In response to DepEd Secretary Briones' statement that "Education must continue... and no child is left behind," Plaridel Elementary School Teaching staff conducted the Remote Enrollment for S.Y. 2020-2021 through text, messenger and Facebook page from June 1-12,2020.

On June 15, 2020, teachers started the distribution of Learner Enrollment and Survey Forms (LESFs) with the help of Hon. Rannyboy T. Salceda, Committee on Education. These forms were distributed to the parents and retrieved through a Dropbox placed in the Barangay Hall. After retrieving the forms and tallied the enrollment for each Grade Level, there was still a gap on the enrollment

for not all learners are listed especially those who are living in the remote area of the Barangay.

On June 25,2020 the teaching staff of Plaridel E.S. went to Sitio Pugahanay for a house to house Enrollment Campaign following the DOH and IATF protocol. Thus, 100% of the previous learners were enrolled for this S.Y. 2020-2021.

Indeed, Tony Robbins' famous quote holds true, "Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible." Realization of the school's vision came into being.

(Note: The author is the teacher-in-charge of Plaridel Elementary School, Dagami, North District)

Burauen Comprehensive National High School reaches 3,600

BY: JOSEPHNE D. SUPERALES

Latest report showed that Burauen Comprehensive National High School enrolment registration has reached to 3,584 for this School Year 2020-2021, going up by 199 increase from SY 2019-2020 were reached to 3,385 with 1,027 increased from SY 2018-2019 with a total enrolment of 2,358. Maybe it's because of the pandemic that caused an additional number of transferees from private schools and new students that made the enrolment to accelerate in number. New students, Balik-Aral and transferees are welcome Burauen in Comprehensive NHS, Burauen, Leyte as the classes for school year will start on August 24, 2020. Due to increase of student's enrolment this school year new sections will be created to accommodate additional enrollees.

beset by challenges for fears about the Novel Corona Virus (COVID 19). On the remote/online enrolment conducted, what alarmed the teachers were the parent's reactions.

Parents in one of Barangay in Burauen Leyte have actually decided still not to enroll their children despite being offered distance learning for fear brought about by the unseen threat. They were hesitant to send their children into a swarm of peers where social distancing guidelines will be difficult to enforce or quicktatakot po kami sa kaligtasan nila" according to the parents. Of course, we respected their decision.

Let's not COVID-19 delay the education of the learners. Let's see to it that there would be no child left behind. Meanwhile, let us carry on with calling and informing the parents about "Education in New Normal" and strengthen partnership engagement, to ensure that quality basic education will continue despite the challenges posed by COVID-19. (Note: The author is assigned at the Burauen Comprehensive National High School)

Elementary school teacher nabbed in a buy-bust operation;P68,000 worth of shabu seized from the suspect

TACLOBAN CITY- A public school teacher was arrested by elements of the anti-narcotics in Calubian town, Leyte on July 24.

Based on the report of the regional office of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA-8), Aladin John Ricaldo was arrested during a buy-bust operation at San Isidro Street, Barangay Poblacion of said town at about 5:45 am.

Seized from Ricaldo, an elementary teacher and considered as a high-value target, were 11 plastic sachets of suspected shabu weighing 10 grams with a street value of P68,000.

The suspect was charged for violation of Section 5 (Sale of Dangerous Drugs), and Section 11 (Possession of Dangerous Drugs), Article II of RA 9165 and is now temporarily detained at PDEA-8 detention facility. (RONALD O.REYES)

Agabao of Isabela province,

did file a bill to renew ABS-

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Drilon told Mr. Eugen-

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Congress to grant ABS-

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just in case," he reportedly

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Over-confident

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The poor lady Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez resigned a week later, on April 29, 2011.

Before the end of 2011, President Noynoy ordered Speaker Belmonte to "Remove the Chief Justice." By May 2012, Senate booted out Chief Justice Renato Corona from the Supreme Court.

And here's an important information that we should note - If President Novnoy Aquino asked Belmonte to pass a bill to give the ABS-CBN network a new broadcast franchise during that time, the Speaker would have given it to him on a silver platter in a week.

But no such franchise bill was enacted into law though. Instead, there was a resolution filed Dec. 12, 2012 asking the Committee on Legislative Franchises to inquire, in aid legislation, about the "probable violations of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. of its legislative franchise." Nothing more.

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Julita District, first to present the district roadmap in Leyte Division

BY: MYRA T. MARBIBI

Julita District continues crisis. Hence, the district in-charge, Mrs. Ma. Edna A. Calades, leads in crafting and presenting the District Emergency Roadmap last July 21, 2020 at Julita Central's Conference Hall. This Learning Continuity Plan was crafted to effectively and efficiently address the educational needs of all learners using innovative strategies. Moreover, the different In addition, the presentation was validated by the Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Manuel P. Al-"empathy, understanding, bano together with Dr. Juan and love," completely aware Mitra (EPS-Area II-B inthat there is ample work to charge), Dr. Jose Mariano be done in the continuity Barril (HRMO), Dr. Raul of learning in this time of Salańo (SBM Coordinator), Lopez & Mar Roxas are all Ilonggos – Mr. Q)

Who would have thought Mar Roxas would lose?

After all, in our entire modern history, only presidential candidates whome the Lopezes and ABS-CBN supported won, even in the case of Marcos in 1965 and then 1969, and they would certainly not back the presidential ambition of whatshis-name mayor from Davao, some adviser must have told Mr. Gabby Lopez.

By his actions, Gabby even in effect sent a defiant message to Duterte: "We don't need you. We have many congressmen who will get for us our broadcast franchise".

The July 2012 video showed former President Noynoy Aquino, while expressing disgust on ABS-CBN's TV Patrol and the reason why Congress then, did not bother to renew ABS-CBN's Broadcast Franchise during the so-called "Yellow Regime."

Dr. Marvin Nicer (Levte DRRM Coordinator), Dr. Alvin Tantuan (Administrative Officer) and Dr. Crisanto Daga (EPS-MG and MAPEH Coordinator). The plans and strategies were clearly presented by Mrs. Calades in front of all the Division Personnel, School Heads and Master Teachers in the district. After the presentation, she also presented her accomplishments of the said roadmap for the past 2 months and was well-uploaded by the audience. (Note: The author is the officer-in-charge of the Caridad Primary School Primary and Tagkip School, Julita District, Ju*lita*, *Leyte*)

As we come closer to the date set for this school year 2020-2021, Burauen Comprehensive NHS is

ly forgotten. "Nagdesisyon po kaming hindi na muna i enroll

mga anak namin dahil na-



to support all the DepEd Leyte Division initiatives in the direction of healing the nation by remaining committed to the goal of delivering accessible, quality, and safe basic education services during these difficult times. It demonstrates oneness with the Filipino nation in its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. schools of Julita District will carry out their programs, projects and activities with

School slumber party

BY: FLORA P. LOR

In reference with the Division Memorandom No. 663, s. 2019, hold a planning conference with us all the kindergarten coordinators last October 22, 2019 to discuss the conduct of the synchronize schedule for Division Slumber Party and School Slumber Party, the materials and reports to be prepared and other concerns and matters.

In connection to this, requires all the schools through the district offices to conduct synchronize Annual School Slumber Party on October 29, 2019 in celebration of the National Children's Month. This activity aims to enhance the strategies of kindergarten teachers and school heads in handling



co-curricular activities appropriate to the developmental age of kindergarten learners. To improve the values and to showcase learner's skills in terms of independence from parents, and self advocacy, making and strenghening friendships, and learning valuable self-help, social advocacy and communication, and above all to promote enjoyable and more engaging learning environment among children. The school, were very

much busy preparing all the preliminary activities for the School Slumber Party for it was a long awaited party for the kindergarten learners they were so excited for this is their first time experience to attend a party. It was done succesfully, more fun and most enjoyable one that kindergarten in their age well never forgot.

(Note: The author is a District Kindergarten Coordinator, School Head of Mahayag ES, Mahaplag II District, Mahaplag, Leyte)

The 'new normal' Brigada Eskwela of Pange Elementary School

BY: LIZA M. GUDA

Brigada Eskwela is conducted before opening of classes of every new school year. It aims to prepare public school facilities for the opening of classes with the help of the internal and external stakeholders. It is one of the most important programs of the Department of Education which promotes the spirit of bayanihan.

This year's Brigada Eskwela will focus on school preparation to ensure that quality basic education will still be accessible to all learners despite of the health crisis we are facing today which is the spread of COVID-19.

Pange Elementary School is lucky enough to receive blessings from stakeholders in support for the opening of classes for School Year 2020-2021.

Aside from implementing school projects using School MOOE Fund, the school were also able to implement other projects because of the help of some concerned stakeholders. The school received in-kind donations for the construction of a 2 unit hand washing facility located at the school's main entrance. The school also received hand sanitizers, alcohols, and facemasks to aid the safety need of the teachers.

The GPTA Officers, as one of the internal stakeholders, helped the school in the promotion and provision of learning options. They helped the teachers to clearly explain to the parents the importance of letting their children enroll despite of the hesitation because of the pandemic. And as a result, the school successfully enrolled all the school age children expected to be enrolled for this school year.

The school also received donations of school supplies such as bond papers, ball pens and inks for printing use. These supplies will be used in preparing and printing of self-learning modules, activity sheets and other school reports.

With all the support our stakeholders are giving, Pange Elementary School, is surely ready to battle this new normal in Education, the New Normal Brigada Eskwela.

(Note: The author is the head teacher of Pange Elementary School, Jaro,-Leyte)

Julita district implements Project EDNA: An innovative reading intervention

BY: MA.EDNA A. CALADES

Julita District is composed of 20 schools with an enrolment of 2,358 students handled by 122 teachers and managed by 12 school heads.

Based on the District Pre Test Phil. IRI Result conducted last August 2019 from Grades II to VI in Julita District, Grade IV got the very fearsome result. This alarming result of the reading performance of the grades IV pupils was attributed from poor reading habit.

A need then, for a systematic, organized and functional District-Based

Comprehensive reading program thru "PROJECT EDNA" (Enhance reading through Developing reading habits and Nurturing love for books for an increased Academic performance) : An Innovative Reading Intervention, to help non-readers and poor readers overcome their weaknesses in reading and develop them into independent readers with the sustained commitment of teachers and strong support of the administrator, the parents of the pupils with unified efforts to help pupils learn to read.

With this, Project "EDNA: (Enhance reading through Developing reading habits and Nurturing love for books for an increased Academic performance) : An Innovative Reading Intervention was fully implemented in the district, wherein at the start of the intervention, I being the District Head conducted a school visit in the district and checked the reading materials used by the teachers.

On the peak of this crisis, the school heads and teachers tried their best to reach their learners to continue learning at home. With this interventions, I could sense that the non- readers in Julita District will be lessened or rather eradicate even this time of COVID-19 Global Pandemic.

Because of the full support and cooperation extended by the school heads, teachers and parents of Julita District to the Project "EDNA".

This is how School Heads and teachers showed their support to the Project "EDNA", An Innovative Reading Intervention.

(Note: The author is the district head of Julita District, Division of Leyte)

Volunteer for the Visayans adopt-a-school program

BY: SEBASTIAN A. DE VEYRA III

Cahumayhumayan Elementary School is one of the school recipients of Volunteer for the Visayans Adopt-A-School (VFV) Program located at Tanauan, Leyte. A registered non-government organization which is dedicated to the on-going growth of sustainable project development efforts in the Philippines, particularly working areas of the child welfare, education, social welfare and healthcare. Thru VFV, the school was given volunteer teachers coming from different countries who voluntarily shared their time and expertise in teaching, helping schoolchildren and learn more about the Filipino culture as well. One of those compassionate and generous teachers was Mrs. Karlene Amos. A Filipino- Australian citizen who is based in Brisbane, Australia. With her love and memorable experiences in the Philippines, Ma'am Karlene Amos together with her behalf Mr. Wayne Amos and their children Noah, Thomas and Eden

organized a fund-raising project entitled "Visayan Education Support". "We are very happy to help the school and the schoolchildren sir" Mr. and Mrs. Amos said. They have raised funds through collecting and selling empty bottles, helped by their families, friends and even sliced an amount from their salary. With these, they have given school supplies and kits, school shoes to every pupil, a printer and recently donated an amount for the construction of the school library cabinets and sent books even in this time of pandemic.

Indeed, the support extended by the different organizations and stakeholders is a great help in the realization of the different school programs and projects. The school library will be a haven for new knowledge and enhance the love of children to read. Truly this will make a difference!xxx (Note: The author is the head teacher II of Cahumayhumayan, Tanauan, Leyte)

Alangalang I District teachers embraces E-IPCRF

BY: JUBELLE G. CAIDOY

Master Teacher Jubelle G. Caidoy facilitated and explained how to accomplish the E- Tool. It was shared with the mentees. A workshop to accomplish Part II Core Behavioral Competencies and Part IV Development Plans was made. Examples of the tasks were shown. Each mentee tried their best to work on the activity provided by the facilitator. They brought their laptop and actively participated during the workshop.

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Alangalang I District Supervisor Vivian D. Seco informed immediately the School Heads and Master Teachers to witness the E-IPCRF 2019-2020 E -Tool Video Explainer and conduct E-IPCRF Orientation to their mentees in preparation of the submission of the Means Of Verifications (MOVs) to be submitted to the raters and School Heads.

An Orientation of School Heads and Master Teachers was held at M. Casaus Elementary School last July 8,2020 facilitated by Master Teacher II of Alangalang I Central

School Mrs. Hazel Velarde. The said orientation was of great success.

The Master Teacher of Langit Elementary School Jubelle G. Caidoy with the School Head of Tabangohay Elementary School Ralph P. Valeriano and the School Head of Langit Elementary School Jennifer G. Baldesco asked permission from the District Supervisor Vivian D. Seco and the AITF of Alangalang, Leyte to conduct the E- IPCRF Orientation to their mentees at Divisoria Elementary School last July 13,2020.

The participants followed the AITF protocols After the Workshop the rater with the mentees agreed to start preparing their Means Of Verifications (MOVs) while waiting E-IPCRF.

The Orientation was successfully conducted. The mentees gained knowledge on how to use the E-IPCRF Tool and they made remarkable contribution to make education work even in times of crisis.

As of the moment Alangalang I District Teachers are ready to use the E-IP-CRF Tool with less burden due to a teacher friendly template.

(Note: The author is a Master Teacher II of Langit Elementary School, Alangalang I District, Alangalang, Leyte.)



Red tide alert raised in 4 DAR distributes CLOAs in Southern Leyte amid COVID-19 threat Eastern Visayas bays

TACLOBAN CITY - The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) has raised red tide alert in four bays in Eastern Visayas due to the reappearance of red tide toxins in coastal waters.

In its alert, BFAR informed the public that red tide toxins are still present in Cancabato Bay in Tacloban City; Matarinao Bay stretching across the towns of General MacArthur, Hernani, Quinapondan, and Salcedo in Eastern Samar; Carigara Bay in Babatngon, San Miguel, Barugo, Carigara, and Capoocan in Leyte; and coastal waters of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

Through initial tests, BFAR found the toxins present in both seawater and shellfish meat beyond the regulatory limit, said regional director Juan Albaladejo in a phone interview on Monday.

The maximum regulatory limit of toxins is 60 micrograms for every 100 grams of shellfish meat. Above that, the government strictly prohibits shellfish harvesting in affected areas

Albaladejo said the prevailing weather condition in Eastern Visavas contributed to the recurring red tide phenom-

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As planned, the Camp Management Team, consisting of personnel from the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), will be manning the said facilities.

The inspection team, led by Ildebrandro Bernadas, Incident Commander for the Operations of COVID-19, along with other concerned officials, assured that the facilities are compliant with the minimum health standards set by the Department of Health.

(TACLOBAN CITY IN-**FORMATION OFFICE)**

enon in these bays.

"Long dry out period then sudden downpour produces a series of upwelling moving the sediments laden with cyst stages of red tide microorganisms and exposing it high densities organic matter causing red blooms," Albaladejo told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

"If areas previously have episodes of red tide occurrence, there's a likelihood that these natural events will recur," he added.

The red tide phenomenon has been recurring in Cancabato Bay several times this year. Toxins were found in Matarinao Bay on June 25, Carigara Bay on July 14, and Guiuan coastal water on July 21.

To safeguard human lives, the BFAR has issued the red tide alert as precautionary advice to the public to refrain from gathering, selling, and eating all types of shellfish.

The fisheries bureau also banned the trading and consumption of Acetes sp. locally known as "alamang" harvested from the bay to avoid possible poisoning.

Local government units are advised to regulate gathering, marketing, and transporting of shellfish in infested areas.

Fish, squid, shrimp, and crab are safe to eat "provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before cooking", BFAR said.

Red tide is a term used to describe a phenomenon where the water is discolored by high algal biomass or the concentration of algae.(SARWELL Q.MENIANO)

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seeds to other members of their respective communities. In a way, we encourage them to make vegetables a main component of their diet and in effect, reduce their carbon footprints," Director Maceda said.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

ANAHAWAN, South-

ern Leyte - Despite the continuous rise of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in this province, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) remained unstoppable in delivering its mandate by distributing Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs) to landless farmers.

Last week, 44 landless farmers from this town received their CLOAs from Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer II (PARPO II) Geronimo Peque making them the owners now of the land they are tilling.

Peque distributed in Barangay Cogon the 45 individual CLOAs with an aggregate area of 66.38 hectares.

Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officer (MARPO) Luzvimin Ruiz disclosed that the lands covered by the said CLO-As under the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) are situated in the Barangays of Cogon, Mahalo, Amagusan and Tagup-on in this municipality.

According to her, these lands were previously owned by the Mayo Hacienda, Felomino Gadiongco, and Dy Tian and Sons.

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Southern Leyte Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer II (PARPO II) Geronimo Peque (second from left) leads in the distribution of the 45 Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs) in Anahawan town.

(Photo courtesy of MARPO LUZVIMIN RUIZ)

Peque emphasized to the recipients the obligations attached to being agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) which include the payment of land amortization and the real property tax. Further, he advised them to make the land productive.

Furthermore, Peque encouraged the ARBs to join DAR-assisted ARB organizations (ARBOs) to be able to avail of the various support services extended by the agency.

On occasions like this,

Peque shared that DAR strictly implements the minimum health protocol like wearing of face masks and observing social distancing to protect everyone from contracting the dreaded COVID-19. All present on that day's event were

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subjected to thermal scanner, he added.

Though the province of Southern Leyte as of press time has already recorded 104 COVID-19 cases, the town of Anahawan remains COVID-free. (FEBE MARIE BERSABAL)

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