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Under One Eastern Visayas food program

EV's agri sector sees revival

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TACLOBAN CITY- A three-year and multi-billion peso worth of program is expected to help boost the region' agriculture sector hit by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

And potentially, more than 463,900 farmers across the region could avail the program, the Department of Agriculture (DA)'s executive regional director Angel Enriquez said.

The program, dubbed as 'One Eastern Visayas Food Security and Agricultural Development Plan' generally aims to help those in the agriculture, to include in the fishing industry, have an increase income and at the same time, make the region self-suffi-

cient in various agricultural crops.

Enriquez said that they welcome this program, drafted by An Waray party-list group, especially during this time of pandemic caused by COVID-19.

According to her, while those in the agriculture sector are easily one of the most economically deprived, the 'pandemic has worsen' their situation.

While the DA agriculture chief said that they have no data yet as to how many farmers were directly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, an informal survey has in-

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ORDER. Following the order of Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez to strictly enforce the wearing of facemasks, personnel from Traffic Operation, Management, Enforcement, and Control Office (Tomeco) and Tacloban City Police Office (TCPO) now conduct joint operations against individuals who will violate the order. Violators faces up to P5,000 in fine and eight hours of community service. Tacloban City has now 89 COVID-19 cases. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Amid latest claim that Butuan as the site **Mayor, historian maintains Limasawa is the site of the First Mass in the country**

TACLOBAN CITY- The mayor of Limasawa in Southern Leyte says he respects the opinion of those who claims that the First Mass was not held on their town.

However, Mayor Melchor Petracorta maintains that it is 'universally acknowledge' that the First Mass was held on their town almost 500 years ago.

"That is their opinion and I respect that. But there were several studies

and commissions created that have pinpointed Limasawa as where the First Mass was held in the Philippines. It's universally acknowledge," Petracorta said in a phone interview.

The controversy as to where the First Mass in the country was held came in the light again after Dr. Potenciano Malvar, chairperson of the Butuan Calagan Historical Cultural Foundation, claims that the first

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As the region's COVID-19 cases increase , EV's tourism industry to reopen, says Tiopes

TACLOBAN CITY - Amidst the rising cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) of the region,

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its tourist destinations will start to reopen.

This was disclosed by Karina Rosa Tiopes, regional director of the Department of Tourism, who said that all health protocols are to be strictly enforce.

Recently, Tiopes visit-

ed Villaconzoilo Farm in Jaro and the Sabang Daguitan Surf Camp in Dulongoson. The two are among the fast-rising tourist destinations in Leyte province.

Villaconzoilo Farm is considered to be the re-



gion's exponent on farm tourism while Sabang Daguitan Surf Camp, is a community-based tourism

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Soldier, another suspect busted for drugs in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- An active-duty soldier and another suspect were arrested in a joint anti-drug operation Saturday evening, August 15, in Catbalogan City.

Police identified the army personnel as Corporal Raffy Garcia, 33, married, assigned at the 8th Infantry Division based in Catbalogan, and a resident of Sta. Margarita, Samar.

Garcia was tagged as a high-value individual and former drug surrenderer.

The other arrested suspect was identified as Renalyn Atiga, 23, with live-in partner, jobless, a resident of Calbayog City, and a street-level individual.

The two were arrested at around 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Purok 2, Barangay Maulong of the said city, police said in a report.

Confiscated from Garcia were two cellphones, identification cards, one unit Glock 17 GEN 4 pistol and three pieces of empty magazine, 36 pieces 9 mm live ammunition, and two lighters.

Purchased from Atiga was one piece heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet containing white crystalline substance suspected to be shabu, as a subject of sale.

Confiscated from her

possession and control were one piece heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet containing white crystalline substance suspected to be shabu, one disposable lighter, one piece P500 used as buy-bust money, and a cellphone.

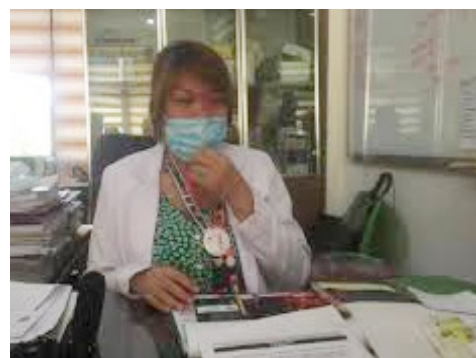
The operatives were from Catbalogan City Police Station led by Lieutenant Colonel Edwin Barbosa, Provincial Intelligence Unit team led by Major Jonathan Cuntapay, Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit headed by Captain Joselito Tabada, and 8th MIB.

The suspects will face charges for violation of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (RONALD O. REYES)

TACLOBAN CITY- The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases in Eastern Visayas is now at 1,585 with the additional 16 new cases.

And except for the four recorded in Tacloban City, all new cases involved locally stranded individuals (LSIs) from different parts of Leyte province, the regional office of the Department of Health (DOH) said.

Dr. Gloria Fabrigas, health officer of Tacloban City, said that one of the four new cases of the city was a 22-year old woman who suffered an ectopic pregnancy and is admitted to a referral hospital.



DR. GLORIA FABRIGAS

Fabrigas said that the four could have been infected of the virus here in the city as they have no travel history. "But we are still conducting our investigation where they get the virus," she said

"But all of them are asymptomatic," Fabrigas said,

adding that they are now conducting their contact tracing.

With the addition of four new cases, Tacloban City has now 89 COVID-19 cases with 25 of them classified

as active cases.

Fabrigas said that with the rising COVID-19 cases of Tacloban, City Mayor Alfred Romualdez has directed to strengthen the campaign to ensure that the virus would not further affects the city.

For one, strict imple-

mentation at the city's checkpoints and on curfew implementation was directed by the city mayor to monitor the movement of the people, including those entering the city.

Fabrigas also issued an appeal to those returning individuals to the city to be 'honest' if they have symptoms and thus, prevent any possible spread of the virus.

"COVID-19 is here with us already. But we are doing everything to mitigate its further spread like doing contact tracing. We appeal to our people to do their part," she said.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Amid allegation of 'whiff of corruption,' Biliran engineer denies any procurement irregularities

TACLOBAN CITY - The Biliran District Engineering Office (BDEO) denied that they are engaging to any irregularity in the procurement of various items.

This after a post that surfaced at the Facebook alleged of a 'whiff of corruption' involving on the procurement of

78 ball pens to be overpriced.

The allegation was posted under the names of "Culex Soliman" and "Ted Lagman" that circulated Monday (August 17).

Engr. David Adongay, Jr. called the Facebook post as 'malicious and misleading' as the two did not verified the facts

before they post them on their Facebook accounts.

The two posted the copy of issuance of notice of award on the procurement of 78 ball pens, black, water gel, 12 pcs/box and other amounting to P106,892 by the Department of Public Works and Highway-BDEO.

In the official statement released Monday

(August 17), the BDEO states that the amount does not only pertains to ball pens procurement but other items too.

These includes eight packs of AA battery, eight packs of AAA battery, 40 ream A4 bond paper, 35 ream legal size bond paper, one box brown envelope, 44 pieces of correction tape, 12 pieces of

correction pen, 78 pieces of columnar book, one pack of expanding envelope, two box of mailing white envelope, three pack of folder, two pack of tag board folder, two bottlers of glue, 15 pieces of marking pen, 18 pad of note pad, 14 box of paper fastener, two bottles of ink for

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Beach resort ordered close by Naval mayor for health protocols violation

TACLOBAN CITY - The municipal government of Naval, Biliran has shut down the operations of a local beach resort after it was discovered that beachgoers blatantly violated the health protocols.

On Sunday (August 16), the Agpangi Beach was ordered close by Mayor Gerard Espina for not following physical distancing among many of its beachgoers.

The beach resort, locat-

ed in Barangay Agpangi, is popular among the locals for its brown colored beach sand.

"So disappointed. I recently had a meeting with the management and stakeholders of Agpangi Beach and advised them to follow protocols and be responsible enough in their operations but they failed to comply," Mayor Espina said.

A week before the beach was opened to public, Mayor Espina meet with the village officials of Agpangi and asked them to create the Agpangi Beach Management Council that will supervise the maintenance and development as well as to regulate their beach as it is currently becoming a popular destination in the

province.

"Rest assured that they will be operating again once we fix the problem on how they should manage their operation," the town mayor said.

Local tourist destinations in the province are slowly opening as the province is now under Modified General Community Quarantine. The tourist destinations are only open or available for local tourists or residents of Biliran as strict border control is still enforce at the boundary of the island province.

Biliran is one of the first to adopt the health guidelines and protocols that was crafted by the regional office of the Department of Tourism in the operation of

tourist destinations.

Provincial tourism officer Jun Oliva, however, clarified that non-residents who are inside the province for official visit and while their entry to the province followed the proper protocols they can avail the services of the tourism attraction sites.

In the operation of the tourist destinations in the province, local government units determine the carrying capacity of every tourist destinations and created a site monitoring team to oversee the observance of physical distancing and capacity on a daily basis.

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Leyte village councilor yields guns, ammo

TACLOBAN CITY- Police arrested a 48-year-old barangay councilor in Alangalang, Leyte by virtue of a search warrant for illegal possession of firearms and ammunitions.

The suspect, Rhamir Vitanghos, married and councilor of Barangay Divisoria, was arrested on August 13 by joint operatives from Leyte Provincial Police Office (LPPO), Dagami Municipal Police Station led by Acting Chief of Police Captain Dennis Gatela, and Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) headed by Lieutenant Colonel Marvin Pedere.

Police tagged Vitanghos as the alleged leader of a gun-syndicate group operating in Leyte.

Confiscated from his possession and control were two units caliber .22 long rifle without serial number, two units air gun suspected to be converted, one unit gas propelled

shotgun (De Holen), one unit 12-gauge shotgun without serial number, four pieces barrel, two units caliber 22 revolver without serial number, one unit cal. 357 revolver without serial number, two units caliber 38 revolver without serial number, one browning shotgun housing with bolt mechanism, one unit barrel for caliber 45, and one magazine for cal. 45.

Also, seven rounds live ammunition for caliber 45, 14 live ammunition for 7.62 mm, five live ammunition for Garand, 29 live ammunition for 5.56 mm, 18 live ammunition for 9 mm, three live ammunition for caliber 38, 33 live ammunition for caliber 22, six live ammunition for magnum caliber 22, one live ammunition for caliber 50, three pieces steel magazines assembly for carbine, two pieces magazine assembly for armalite, one piece steel magazine for 9 mm, two pieces plastic butt for M16,

two pieces wooden butt, one piece black holster, and assorted gun parts.

The search warrant dated August 12, 2020 was issued by Judge Eligio P. Petilla of Regional Trial Court-Branch 44 in Tacloban City.

Colonel Rodelio Samson, LPPO provincial director, lauded the immediate response by the joint operatives in arresting the suspect who was in possession of illegal firearms.

"I would also like to acknowledge the significant role of the public in maintaining the peace and order in Leyte by providing information relevant to the success of every police operations," Samson said in a statement.

Arrested suspect together with the confiscated items were brought to CIDG-Provincial Field Unit in Ormoc City for documentation and proper disposition.

(RONALD O. REYES/ RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)



Some residents of Barangay 95 Caiiban, Tacloban City, availed of a free haircut courtesy of Comprehensive Livelihood and Extension Program (CLEP) of the local government last August 7. The said activity, which is a regular program of the local government, has served more than 600 Taclobanons coming from the 138 barangays of the City, said CLEP Coordinator Ruena Mate.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Alleged high-profile NPA member falls in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY- An alleged high-profile member of the New People's Army (NPA) here in the region was arrested in a joint police operation in Naval, Biliran last August 12.

Colonel Julius Coyme, director of Biliran Police Provincial Office, identified the suspected as Luzviminda "Remy" Orillo, 54, and a resident of Sitio Bigaa, Barangay San Pablo in Naval town.

Coyme said Orillo, considered as a top rebel member, was involved in NPA "Operation Venereal Disease" that killed around 67 people sometime in 1985.

The Philippine Army discovered the skeletal re-

mains of the said victims in a mass grave at Mt. Sapang Dako, Barangay Kaulisihan, Inopacan, Leyte on August 26, 2006.

"Our police force is in all-out campaign against terrorism and campaign to end local communist armed conflict despite this pandemic and we will make sure to bring them before the court of law," Coyme said in a statement.

Orillo has a warrant of arrest for 15 counts of murder issued by Judge Thelma Bunyi-Medina of the National Capital Judicial Region, RTC- Branch 32 in Manila.

According to Coyme, the arrest of Orillo "will

serve as a warning that criminals have no place in the province."

Police Regional Office (PRO)-Eastern Visayas Director Brigadier General Bernabe Balba commended the Biliran Police Provincial Office, Naval Municipal Police, Libagon Municipal Police, Southern Leyte MASPSTA and Regional Intelligence Unit-8 for the arrest of the suspect.

On July 14, 2020, Joint Task Force "Tandaya" also arrested Felomino Salazar Jr., the alleged "purge executioner" of the NPA's "Operation Venereal Disease" in Leyte.

(RONALD O. REYES)

Road network now links 3 Leyte villages

TACLOBAN CITY - The road network constructed by the Leyte Second District Engineering Office (DEO) now links and serving the three barangays in the town of Barugo, this province.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla told reporters that the P39.2 million road network is now serving the baran-

gays of Minuhang (Baluar-te)-Balud and Balud-Duka all of the municipality of Barugo.

Gov.Petilla said that the 154.8-meter bridge connecting the roads is serving the residents of Minuhang, Balud, and Duka with easy transport of their agricultural and marine products to the market.

The governor said the

access road was completed last December of last year.

He said that the road network now provides safer and shorter travel times for students going to and from their schools.

It also serves as an alternate route if the Palo-Carigara-Ormoc road is not passable, Petilla said.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

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indicated that many of those so-called locally stranded individuals or LSIs were either former farmers or belong to a farming family.

The One Eastern Visayas Food Security and Agricultural Development Plan' is a three-year implementation with a funding allocation of P15 billion, Rep. Florencio 'Bem' Noel said.

Aside from DA, its other attached agencies like the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Philippine Coconut Authority and Fiber Industry and Development Authority are also part of the ambitious program.

According to Noel, the funding of the program will come from various sources like the Bayanihan Act 2, next year's national budget and from stimulus package approved by both Congress.

Both House Speaker Alan Cayetano and Sen. Christopher 'Bong' Go have given their commitment to support the program, Noel said.

"By 2023, if we will follow to the letter on what we have planned, we will be self-sufficient and food secured," the lawmaker said.

Noel said that they have focused in helping the agriculture sector considering that Eastern Visayas remain largely an agriculture-dependent area.

With much funding to

be pour in to the sector, Noel said that he hopes that this will renew interest among young people to engage into farming.

"There is nothing to be ashamed of being a farmer," he said, adding that the program will help 'restructure' the farming sector of the region.

The program also aims to generate jobs from the construction of agricultural infrastructures, the production of crops and commodities, post-harvest handling and processing.

It will also provide support to agricultural startups in the product development, compliance with regulations, and link up to sources of raw materials, financing and market.

Barangay councilman nabbed over 'shabu' in Biliran

TACLOBAN CITY- A 47-year old barangay councilman was arrested in a joint buy-bust operation in Kawayan, Biliran on August 14, 2020.

Police identified the suspect as James Cabe, married, high-value target, and kagawad of Barangay Masagaosao of said town.

He was arrested at around 11:00 am of August 14 at Barangay Tabunan-North of the said town by operatives from Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) - 8

and Kawayan Municipal Police led by Lieutenant Ismael Corzon Jr.

Confiscated from the suspect were two pieces small heat-sealed transparent sachets containing white crystalline in substance suspected to be shabu.

Also, one piece medium heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet containing suspected to be shabu weighing around 8grams with estimated street value of P40,000; one piece P1,000 marked as buy-bust money; one piece

P1,000 boodle money; and one unit red Suzuki pick-up.

The search was conducted in the presence of barangay officials and representatives from the media and Provincial Prosecutor's Office, police said in a report.

The suspect will be facing charges for violation of Section 5 and 11, Article II of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

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Just like the other regions, Region 8 is seemingly catching up with the increasing trend of coronavirus cases in it despite the efforts of various agencies and LGUs to contain the plague. Here, in this part of the country, new cases just keep on surfacing day by day.

While at first, COVID cases were coming in from other places particularly Metro Manila and Cebu due to the influx of locally-stranded individuals (LSIs), and via the Balik Probin-sya Program of the government; the new cases nowadays seem to result mostly from local transmissions, the thing we feared the most.

With the importation before of this virus from the big cities, it was so easy to identify the virus carriers as they came by groups, and each time a group arrived, its members could be ushered in to quarantine facilities for testing. Only

those who tested positive were allowed to join local communities. The monitoring of virus mobility in these situations was easier. But with local transmission, detection and monitoring are rather complex and difficult.

Naturally, with the virus now widespread in our local communities, transmission could be unfortunately faster especially in congested neighborhoods where the people are living closer to one another, and not observing the necessary precautions such as the non-wearing of masks/shields, coughing and sneezing without covering their mouths, etc.

While the frontliners and concerned authorities are doing their best to contain this unseen virus, our people should also take the responsibility of strictly observing the health protocols. Survival from this pandemic has become a personal matter. It’s up to each one of us if we want to overcome it or not. Anyway, we all know what to do to keep ourselves safe.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Sense of Judgment

First, there was the mentoring of my mother and of my elder siblings at home. Then, came my formal schooling—from Grade 1 to my doctorate. My attendance and involvement in church also happened. My

experiences since childhood, the constant practice of my inborn talents and skills, the experiences of others that I see, the things I read about, the trainings I have had—all these have been contributory to the

development of my sensibilities.

This should explain why (not brag) I’ve been frequently invited as speaker or lecturer on certain topics, as a consultant on certain activities, and as judge in numerous competitions. Last July alone, I was made to evaluate the Grade 2 DepEd-developed learning materials in Filipino, juxtaposed with the translations in the mother tongue. I’ve been hired as an evaluator of similar materials by DepEd’s Bureau of Learning Resources, Central Office, for years in a row.

Last week, I was also invited by CHED Region 8 to act as judge in the ASEAN CELEBRATION 2020;

“Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN” Virtual Contests, the contestants in different areas being representatives of various colleges and universities in the region. It’s from August 17 to 22, which is quite long. Here I am judging the spoken word poetry online performance of student contestants.

It occurs to me that, in recent decades, no year ever passed without me being invited as judge in various competitions—musical, literary, visual, just to name a few. This, for sure, has continually enhanced my sense of judgment, for when I sit as judge in any competition, I really maxi-

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Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

The hoopla and the solemnity

GIVEN our nature and condition, we cannot help but get into modes of noisy excitement and silent, intimate solemnity whenever we have some celebration. We are both body and soul, material and spiritual. We, of course, have our human nature, but one that is oriented to the supernatural. We are individual persons but also a social being, unavoidably meant to enter into a growing web of relations.

It is because of these aspects of our life that we cannot help but get involved in some hoopla and solemnity whenever we celebrate a big feast, as in those of the Black Nazarene and the Sto. Nino. We just hope that both modes of behaviour spring from the same spirit of faith, hope and love of God and of everybody else. Otherwise, we get into an anomalous condition of inconsistency that will be detrimental to us.

Thus, it is a challenge and a task for us to attain this consistency, this unity between the hoopla and the solemnity of our celebrations. Yes, we have to be as solemn as possible when we pray, when we establish, nourish and develop our relation with God who is the source of all good things meant for us. (cfr. James 1,17)

But given the fact that we are also a social being, such relation with God which should be a cause of great joy, can and should be expressed with some festivity and hoopla. It is

our way of sharing the same joy with everybody else. And we express it in an external, social and human way according to our earthly condition.

In the Bible, there are countless instances where these festivities were done. The only qualification to be made is what St. Paul once said: "Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Cor 5,8)

The proper way therefore to celebrate is when things start with prayer, with our effort to relate the celebration to God, thanking him for the occasion. That's when our celebrations would be "with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Thus, we have to see to it that our own personal prayers should be maintained all the time.

But there is also a liturgical prayer that involves and unites us in the living prayer of Christ and the Church, that is, of everyone else. These prayers should be done as solemnly as possible, directing our whole mind and heart to God through Christ in the Holy Spirit.

We should not forget that prayer is our personal encounter with God. It is as necessary as breathing and the beating of the heart. Without it, we cannot go far as a child of God. It should never be left behind in all our celebrations, whatever the situation we may find ourselves in.

But since our celebrations are rooted on our love for God, they

also have to be shared with others. That's because loving God will always involve loving others. That's when festivities and the hoopla that accompany them enter into the picture.

If we have the proper understanding of what really takes place in a celebration, we would know how to combine the solemnity that a celebration requires and the hoopla and the festive atmosphere that it will always involve.

Let us train ourselves to establish an organic link between the solemnity of the prayer and the liturgical service involved in a feast, and the hoopla, the festive atmosphere that comes quite naturally.

These two should mutually help each other. The solemnity of the celebration should inspire the hoopla, and the hoopla should lead us back to the solemnity of the occasion. One without the other can mean a disaster to us.

This is the challenge we have to tackle. A lot of catechesis should at least be done in this regard.

Sense...

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mize the use of my sensibilities and that sort of sense. I make sure I exercise fairness, doing away with favoritism in all aspects. I see to it that the best man wins, even if secret lobbyists have been contacting me.

Actually, this sense of judgment is also constantly at work in the practice of my profession as teacher. The process of constantly evaluating the students' answers both orally and in writing. The need to assess their outputs. The interpretation of their overall performance for grading purposes. All this requires a high degree of judgment, of sensibilities, in order to



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Some DOST interventions against C-19

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), true to being the Philippines' main S and T Policy crafting body contributes R and D outputs in the form of laboratory testing kits/gadgets directly/indirectly through its increased research and innovation funding assistance. The Genome Research arm with the University of the Philippines Manila Campus reported their testing kits for C-19 infected patients and should be on the road to mass-producing the kits for distribution to C-19 accredited hospitals/medical centers to cater to the increasing bulk of virus positive patients – after meticulous clinical tests and FDA approval.

For its contribution to possible anti-viral medicine research, DOST has come up with an accurate evaluation of their academic status.

Hey, aren't you that choosy whenever you visit the malls to buy some items? Yes, you are! Yes, I am. We do not just choose the defective, or those with damages, and those that look bad—we choose the best. In the process, we exercise prudence, tact, and maturity of opinion. In short, we use that sense of judgment to make wise decisions. It's not just me, but all of us are into this judgmental practice all the time.

You may not be judging a competition, but as regards that practice of using our sensibilities to come out with good decisions, all of us are judges.

reported testing plants/products/extracts such as virgin coconut oil (VCO), 'Tawa-tawa' and 'Lagundi'. Already, Cebu City government hospital has reported positive effects of VCO administered C-19 patients – though a bit premature as to the efficacy of the coconut by product pending validation by the researchers, i. e. Ateneo de Manila University, among other DOST funded research institutions.

"A VIRUS TO REMEMBER"

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*Of the viruses that surfaced on Earth
Covid - 19 is queerest
by part to me
Health and economy hit to the hilt
Pandemic it is destined to be.*

2

*Nations' Leaderships shaken badly
Naturalists and scientists in quagmire
Exploring for meds to quell virus deathly
Toiling front and center, never to tire.*

3

*Months in turmoil
'humanoids' lives upset
Incarcerated in dwellings suffering brunt
Ultra-sized organisms lurk, benefits bereft
Toxicity wave elevating daily, an affront.*

4

*Micro-enemy in annals of human history
Inscribed for generations to*

surmise
Death by thousands tops as lead story
New normal living, worth to realize.
(GCQ-QC . . . June 12, 2020)

Incidentally, on several occasions under this column and when talks about the impending talks of C-19 hitting the Philippines, I have written about VCO whose anti-bacterial use had been reported earlier by Dr. Conrado S. Dayrit (M.D.) in his book "The Truth About Coconut Oil" (2005). Dr. Dayrit was an active member/researcher of the National Research Council of the Philippines before becoming an Academician of the National Academy of Science and Technology.

I pin hopes that VCO will become the nemesis of the Nouvelle Corona Virus and when this happens, the Philippines economy will get its shot-in-the arm for its rich coconut plantations. And, the lowly coconut farmers will be the silent beneficiaries with the boom of VCO production. Leyte (notwithstanding the thousands of destructions to coconut trees by super typhoon Yolanda), Quezon, and Laguna are the known provinces with wide tract of agricultural lands planted to the so-called "Tree of Life".

As mentioned, I am including in this column one of nine poems and two sidays I composed since the start of the Covid Pandemic period (during my almost 6 months of being quarantine at home in QC).

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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)



STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: Q2- 2020 (April)

Table with columns: Particulars, NGAS Code, PS, MOOE, FE, CO, Total. Includes sections for GENERAL FUND, SOCIAL SERVICES, ECONOMIC SERVICES, and SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND.

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Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

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Pastrana District presents schools' roadmap to local government unit

BY: GERRY B. RANES



District Head presents the schools "Learning Continuity Plan to the 29 Punong Barangays of Pastrana and to Local Chief Executive.

As part of navigating the new normal, Pastrana District presented the emergency roadmap to the local government unit with the presence of the barangay chairmen during the symposium last July 6, 2020 at the Municipal Auditorium, Pastrana Leyte.

School heads of both elementary and secondary tackled the welfare of the learners on the distance learning modalities to the 25 barangay captains in attendance.

The local chief executive of Pastrana, Hon. Marites Cayaco Marcos coordinated with all the school heads as to providing the necessary equipment towards coping up distance learning.

Mr. Ronie E. Cabidog,

School Head of Macalpiay National High School presented the roadmap of the SHS/JHS, while Mr. Jose Marie B. Hinlo, principal II of Pastrana Central School, presented the roadmap of the elementary.

After the presentation, the office of the Municipal Mayor convened with the District as to the Learning Continuity Plan of the whole town of Pastrana to resolve any scarcity of resources.

The symposium also tackled latest updates for the Punong barangays representatives, teachers and school heads present.

(Note: The author is the principal III/district head of Pastrana District, Pastrana, Leyte)

Two side of a coin: COVID-19 vis-à-vis education

BY: MA. TERESA P. ALCONES

The power of optimism is undoubtedly a strong impetus that moves people to action and build mechanisms to surpass even a cosmic challenge. This absolutely spark the varied skills or expertise of the human race that allows triumph over any afflictions.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the whole world has been confronted to a great menace that affected all sectors in the society. And the education sector was among those severely affected.

UNESCO disclosed that with the temporary shutting down of educational institutions all over the world, affecting more than 1.2 billion learners worldwide of which over 28 million learners are in the Philippines.

This has posed a huge challenge to the educational leaders, planners, and policy makers in terms of decision-making process and the delivery of instruction, putting into account the quality of learning to be provided to the clientele without risking their lives.

For instance, online learning has started. Though the implementation has yet to be strengthened, the school communities have willingly embraced the strategy and are continuously working for better platforms.

In addition, considering

that there is a large number of learners who cannot adopt to the process due to many factors such inaccessibility of internet connection, unavailability of gadgets or computers and technical incapability, the educational agencies have resorted to establish learning delivery modalities.

In fact, the Department of Education managed to establish Learning Continuity Plan to address the challenge which underscores the revisiting and adjusting of the curriculum and the production of learning materials appropriate to the needs of the learners.

Truly, despite the fact that this pandemic enter large scale of terror, this has conversely created an unforgettable episode in the human existence where creativity critical thinking, compassion, unity, open-mindedness and sense of responsibility prevail.

In the field of educational, the predicaments brought by COVID-19 spurred cooperation, not only among the members of the educational sectors, but this also seems to create a tie between and among the parents and their constituents, which will later become a strong foundation for every community's development as well as all pursue to offer quality education, not daunted by any unpredictable occurrences.

Therefore, no matter how COVID-19 enormously

Tacloban school to conduct bloodletting activity on Thursday

TACLOBAN CITY- The Cirilo Roy Montejo National High School (CRMNHS) this city, in partnership with other agencies will be conducting the "2020 CRMNHS Bloodletting Activity" on Thursday (August 20).

Eric John Estoque, event coordinator, disclosed that this will be made possible in coordination with the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) blood

bank laboratory.

Estoque, who is a teacher and medical technologist by profession, revealed that they have been doing this activity for the past five years now.

"The bloodletting activity is in response to the call of the DOH thru EVRMC to help them augment the supply of available blood from donors to be used for

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Anahaway National High School ready for the opening of School Year 2020-2021

BY: SHERLY ALDAS MARAYA

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic we are experiencing for several months already has brought extreme challenges and has affected the educational sectors.

Vaccine for the ailment has not been developed. We do not know when it will end.

Just like in other countries, Philippines is implementing plans and procedures on how to stop the spread of the virus. Hence, infections are increasing.

The Department of Education (DepEd) is taking into consideration the "New Normal Education Policy".

Secretary Leonor Briones made strategic decision to pivot to remote teaching and learning, definitely will be a new experience for students, parents, teachers and everyone involved in the school system.

For the success of this, developing a School Learning Continuity Plan is much needed to the stability and success of the school.

In times like this, the role of the school administrator

as a pollinator and a catcher of ideas is critical.

The school opening is far from the normal. It is believed that parents can use this chance to teach children to welcome and adapt the change.

Our school, Anahaway National High School, strongly support remote learning being recommended by the department.

The school drafted its Learning Continuity Plan which will serve as a guide in day-to-day tasks.

We have now available materials for use for the opening of classes.

The school adapted Printed Modular Learning Delivery Mode.

It has established task force that is responsible to develop and implement the education response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For Anahaway National High School, we are ready!

(Note: The author is the teacher III of the Anahaway National High School in Palo, Leyte)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JACINTA C. TABINAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Calico-an, Borongan City, Borongan, Eastern Samar, embraced by OCT No. P-18352, containing an area of 2,783 square meters, more or less, designated as Lot No. 16634, Case No. 27, Cad 434-D. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JAIME J. VOCES married to MA. LUISA A. VOCES as vendees for the above-described properties including the improvements thereon; per Doc. No. 250, Page No. 51, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty Charles C. Culo, CPA
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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BENJAMIN ESQUILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land covered by OCT No. P-24050 designated as Lot 1281, Cad 1116-D situated at Brgy. Arellano, Bobon, Northern Samar containing an area of 41,794 square meters. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LING-J DE GUIA CHAN as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 305, Page No. 62, Book No. VI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Franco Archie N. Tonog.
LSDE: Aug 11, 18 & 25, 2020

caused disruption in the global education or in the Philippines setting, to be more particular, learning among the hopes of our nation will never halt. With the positive mindset and determination exuded by most of our fellowmen, it is certain that the dark face of this ordeal will turn into a leg up and serve as fortitude to further in upholding the value of learning.

(Note: The author is the teacher III of Balire Primary School in Barugo, Leyte)

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GORGONIO RAMOS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 9801-C, Csd-08-015282 situated at Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. 2020000601 containing an area of 6,663 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of TERREN DEEL P. PLAZUELA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 431, Page No. 88, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Kenneth Spice M. De Veyra,
LSDE: Aug. 11, 18 & 25, 2020

"Teacher's life on this trying times"

BY: ELENITA ABUDA-CASTIL

I checked if all the windows are closed, if the room is thoroughly cleaned, then locked the door.

Non-stop news from various stations are alarming. Every human is set in a battle unarmed.

Melancholic memories attacked me that if only I realize that it could be the last day seeing my students rounding up in class, to witness them grow in my own eyes, to be with them, I could have said the right goodbyes. Yet, all of this comes unexpectedly.

Fear, panic, and anxiety in one, rushed through my blood. "How would I be able to teach effectively? How can I manage my time in doing work and being functional at home? Can I trust the internet connection? How would my students study, many of them didn't own a gadget at the very least?"

As I closed my lesson plan at night, my eyes are wide awake. A gloomy atmosphere crept in my room several times, singing lullabies of the future. The future I am to make for my students, my family, for the world, but I am no hero. I am a human who felt vulnerable also in these trying and tiring times.

It is when predation happens: the predator, atomic enemy invading the immune system of its prey are screaming victories upon their expansion while the prey is killed most expectedly. On the other hand, we are not originally the prey, humans as the powerful creature in the pyramid shook the balance and now tasted its effect.

However, education for all did not stop its mission despite the invisible enemy, the novel coronavirus pandemic, known as COVID-19 the world is facing. The Department of Education (DepEd) in response, transitioned online partnered with the existence of the online platform called "DepEd Commons" where lessons are inputted there to en-

able students to continually learn amidst the lockdown. Hence, it did not stop there, in the turn of events where "new normal" is instilled in everyone's mind, the Philippine government allows the continuation of work.

With vitamins and face masks as my main weapon in this battle, I still am a hidden fearful plant rooted in the field of uncertainties. I would not instantly know if the neighboring plants in my area are masked with poison, with thorns throbbing the inside of his/her system. Then, we exchanged the usual conversations without me knowing that I am already bitten. The fear of going back home after duty is always threatening. For just how clear the sky became when I look up, it is how much contrasting the world is underneath.

But the rule of scavenging happened to exist, mustering the idea of seeing my family in hunger is hard to digest. Like how the burning passion in me to teach overpowered, making me believe this event as a challenge for me and to all educators. We could not just allow the pillars to stumble down, we taught courage repeatedly in class and this is the time to effectively apply it.

The first step that I have taken every day outside the house door to report in school to figure out, modify, and make modules for the children is something that I have seen not just a job but a responsibility. Many medical workers sacrificed enough for the survival of the world, and as an educator, I am ready to make mine too.

This time, I checked the windows in my laptop if it is closed, if our room is thoroughly clean, locked the door, and uttered, "Hope".
(Note: The author is the secondary school teacher III of Dulag National High School, Leyte Province Division)

SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that ENGRACIA PALOMERAS-FERNANDICO sole heir of the late APOLINARIO PALOMERAS executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot 2586, Cad 422, Case 1 situated at Matobato., Calbayog District, Calbayog City covered by OCT No. 1559 under TD No. 99-01085-00004 containing an area of 6,742 square meters, more or less and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights and participation to the said parcel of land stated-above unto ANGELES DOROPAN. Per Doc No. 222, Page No. 45, Book No. XXXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Alex R. Gelera.
LSDE: Aug 11, 18 & 25, 2020

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LUZ MACASUSI EMPERIO heir of the late JOSEF MACASUSI executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1590 situated at Alangalang, Leyte with OCT No. 12068 containing an area of 13,420 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. MARCELO TADO AND BERNIE DURA TADO as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 174, Page No. 36, Book No. V, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Caryl Jane Villanoza.
LSDE: Aug 11, 18 & 25, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VARELIANO VELARDE, JOSE-PA VELARDE and CLEMENTE VELARDE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1590 situated at Alangalang, Leyte with OCT No. 12068 containing an area of 13,420 square meters, more or less and heirs hereby CONFIRMED the above-mentioned property has been sold to JOSEF MACASUSI. Per Doc No. 173, Page No. 36, Book No. V, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Caryl Jane Villanoza.
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Capangihan Elementary School in Tolosa, Leyte conducts orientation on modular distance learning implementation

BY: SOFIA O. PASCASIO

An information dissemination on the process for implementing Modular Distance Learning (MDL) for the School Year (SY) 2020 to 2021 was conducted in Capangihan Elementary School, Barangay Capangihan, Tolosa, Leyte, on August 12, 2020.

The MDL allows students to use self-learning modules in print or digital format in lieu of the traditional face-to-face learning modality. It is one of the alternative Distance Learning Delivery Modalities (DLDM) offered by the Department of Education (DepEd) to ensure that all learners can obtain quality basic education amidst the restrictions posed by the COVID-19 crisis.

Pursuant to the strategies recommended by the DepEd, the teachers in Capangihan Elementary School will conduct a house-to-house distribution of printed MDL modules and learning activity sheets from Mondays to Thursdays.

There are eight fundamental subjects in grade school, of which two will be handed out for each day. At their respective homes, the pupils are expected to read the modules and accomplish the activity sheets assigned for the day. The schedule of retrieval of all materials will be on Fridays and checking and recording will follow right after.

The orientation was regulated by the School Head

and was participated by the School teachers, PTA members, parents, and barangay officials. As announced by the School Head, the parents and guardians are enjoined to help in ensuring that the students are dutifully studying at home and are understanding the lessons assigned to them.

In addition, the teachers gave assurance that the students will be accommodated through any means possible should the latter need further assistance in their modules. The participants were also informed that the DepEd is yet to complete the issuance of said learning materials to the School; therefore, the teachers, in the interim, have improvised the activity sheets for distribution.

The Capangihan Elementary School has a total of 165 pupils enrolled for the incoming SY from kindergarten to Grade VI, wherein one teacher is assigned to each grade level. The school is set to implement MDL by August 24, 2020.

(Note: The author is the teacher III of Capangihan Elementary School, Capangihan, Tolosa, Leyte)



EV Philippine Air force supports Sta. Cruz ES' Brigada Eskwela 2020

BY: MECHIEL B. MACASO



Sta. Cruz Elementary School, Julita, Leyte on August 5 spearheaded by Dr. Mechiel Macaso, Principal I, expressed gratitude to Tactical Operations Group 8 (TOG) Air Force of Eastern Visayas who extended help to their school through its "Brigada Eskwela/Balik Eskwela 2020" program. Sta. Cruz ES conforms with the new normal through DepEd Order No. 24 s. 2020 in light of the Covid-19 situation of the whole country, with its mandate that this school year's basic education that has been reconfigured will focus partnership activity and engagement in support of the Basic Education-Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP) implementation. Based on the school's accomplishment report on partnership initiatives from the

group with its lead command, LtCol. Ann Marie T. Gerodiaz PAF(GSC) and 2Lt. Jonathan D. Acojedo, PAF director for CMO, the donated items for teachers, parents, and the young learners include PPEs, N95 masks, surgical masks, foot bath, disinfectant liquids and face shields.

Sta. Cruz ES highly encourage and give government and private sectors, organizations, institutions, stakeholders, and parents an opportunity to become dynamic and strong partners to create goodwill within the school community, and towards the noble goal to continue educating all the young Filipinos amid the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

(Note: The author is a Principal I of Sta. Cruz Elementary School, Julita District)

"Dèjà Vu: A Teacher's Perspective from these pandemic times and beyond"

BY: AILEEN ANICETO NAMIA

I nudged my eyes the moment I wake up, realizing that the series of buzzes made me do it again.

"How to enroll ma'am?" "Ma'am we don't have an internet connection, I won't be able to study this school year." "I don't have a gadget ma'am."

"We will be having our zoom meeting today at 10 AM, please prepare teachers."

In a matter of time, I did not realize how tricky this phase of teaching is. Getting involved online, being present all the time in the activities like that of online meetings and webinars, and accommodating the students and their parents.

Needless to say, just like how my students and their family is struggling, I am too. I need to extend the budget for internet connection, balance time more at home, and being at work, learning to manipulate things online, striving to create effective modules, and risking life on going to work.

As acknowledged by UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education Stefania Giannini, "In this crisis, students, parents, educators have been universally affected."

COVID-19 shook the balance of the world, created chaos to be exact. Looking back a hundred years ago, Spanish flu, the mother of all pandemics, did the disruption already and although it is not right to compare it to the virus we have today, the effect it brings are interconnected. Schools, works, businesses are shut, and homes became the haven, the internet, however, is one of the major difference.

The point is, the pandemic has come again getting in line with the idiom that says, "History repeats itself".

In the realm of education, the Philippine school heads debated it for months if continuing it is a necessity given that lots of inequalities lie behind. In particular, middle

and low-class families will be going to suffer tremendously because of a lack of income which incurs the lack of other basic needs. Hence, after quite a several deliberations of the officials and noise brought by the people online, it has been decided to continue. Education is the foundation of the world's progress, therefore whatever the odds are, it must never stop.

As an educator, a building block of creating future in my students, and a breadwinner in the family, I need to do my duty regardless of all the hurdles I may encounter along the way. Standing tall in a grassy field, now filled with drought. I am no hero with a cape, but a human with lesson plans in my bag, geared with face mask and shield.

The fear that resides in me if I will be effective for my students, if I can aid them enough for them to meet what is expected for them in a particular grade level, if I can maintain a healthy whole-being for the rest of this phase, if I would not bring the virus in my family every time I risk in going to work, and to many if's ahead, crumpled my innate strength over and over again. But here I am, figuring out creative, strategic, and effective modules for them. Relentlessly reaching out for them to continue studying especially to those who are struggling.

I am an educator and is gnarled in a tree full of fear and doubts but is now empowered with courage and boldness to never give up on taking large steps for my students, family, and the world who became my reason to stand. For all I know, one day I will look back in this challenging stage and realize it has become a bittersweet memory of survival.

(Note: The author is the secondary school teacher III of Dulag National High School, Leyte Province Division, Dulag, Leyte)

KES, Balik-Eskwela 2020 preparedness

BY: ROMMEL D. ALDE

Kagbana Elementary School (KES) recharges and refreshes its enthusiasm and energy in rendering its service to young minds after months of halted work and duty.

Although KES is one of the far-flung barangay schools in Leyte Division, the school is striking its best effort and possible way in terms of preparedness.

Despite of immense and adverse effect of pandemic, the Department of Education (DepEd) ensures the service in education must continue and must not be interrupted, so launching and implementing of different programs and projects in accordance with the new normal scheme has been made.

KES warmly supports all these programs and projects of the department, Balik Eskwela 2020 as one. The school conducts Balik-Eskwela Campaign with an aim of encouraging parents to enrolled their children for the School

Year 2020-2021 despite of pandemic.

The school gathers a total enrolment of 68 learners including 8 indigenous people (IP) Mamanwa learners. These number of enrollees prove that the school has still strong link with the community.

KES takes a step in emerging School Emergency Roadmap. The school crafted the Learning Continuity Plan that will serve as direction of the School on how teaching and learning process takes place amidst of pandemic. This is designed to adopt the School Community in a new normal setting.

Adherence to the advocacy on Education for All, the school joins and participates on the making of Simplified Budget of Lesson and crafting of Contextualized Activity Sheets/Work Sheets to address the needs of all learners for the fact that online learning is not possible as well as face-to-face instruction as learning modalities instead modular print learning is ad-

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patients especially now during this pandemic," he said.

According to him, anyone willing to donate blood is welcome to participate in this activity this coming Thursday to be held at CRMNHS campus.

They expect that at least 60 donors would come and donate blood

Sto. Niño Elementary School, Julita District on its New Normal Phase!

BY: RENEL P. SAING



Sto. Niño Elementary School is one with the Department of Education in pursuing quality education and instilling moral values to the learners despite the global pandemic spawned by coronavirus disease (COVID-19). As we want to make sure that our pupils get the best education and stay in an environmental that is conducive to learning, we are now preparing for the school 2020-2021 for its New Normal Phase.

Teachers of the said

for EVRMC blood bank.

He said the activity was started last 2016 and already on its fifth year but they already managed to conduct six cycles of blood donation activities in Tacloban.

Estoque hinted that though the need for blood this time is high, activity like this remain voluntary to those who would be called to participate.

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school are busy preparing and printing activity sheets/worksheets and most specially cleaning and sanitizing classrooms.

Most vital preparation for its New Normal Phase is the readiness of the school by imposing health protocols in the school premises. Our school conducted the first GPTA meeting to help aware and be guided the parents for the opening of classes on August 24, 2020 now moved to October 5, 2020.

With this, we will see to it that our safety measures precautions against COVID-19 must strictly observed by parents and teachers. This event in our school is the best way we can cater in order for us to continue nurturing learning process to our learners in the battle against this global pandemic.

(Note: The author is the Teacher III of Sto. Niño Elementary School, Julita, Leyte)

In connection with IATF Standards and DOH Health protocol, the school ensures the safety of each individuals entering its premises designed a no-touch hand washing facility.

Availability of mask, alcohol, soap and sanitizer are present in each classroom. Health protocol and safety measures signages are posted in the school campus.

Kagbana Elementary School proudly welcomes the School Year 2020-2021.

(Note: The author is the teacher-in-charge of Kagbana Elementary School and Toloyao Elementary School, both in Burauen, Leyte)

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Fire gutted 16 houses in Leyte town

TACLOBAN CITY- A fire hit Barangay San Roque in Isabel, Leyte Saturday, August 15, burning down 16 houses.

The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)-PASAR said the incident happened at around 9:00 am Saturday at the house of one Victor Lawas, 47.

According to Lawas, his grandson, who is a special child, was playing a match with his cousin inside their house which started the blaze.

The destroyed houses were made of light materials while the estimated damage was P500,000, authorities said in an initial report.

The BFP declared fire out after an hour.

No one was reportedly killed or injured during the incident.

Responding unit from Isabel Municipal Police Station led by Master Sergeant Joel Soqueña is investigating the incident. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

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site managed by the Nag-kaurosa nga Sabangnon Katilingan Service Cooperative (NASAKASECO) established after the devastation of super typhoon Yolanda through the help of ABS-CBN Foundation (AFI)-Bantay Kalikasan (BK).

“Our goal in Eastern Visayas is to say that we are “responsible tourism”

when we start,” Tiopes said. Tiopes cited a newly-opened resort in Dulag town that was ordered by the municipal mayor close after the management failed to follow the health guidelines. The regional office of the DOT also revoked the certificate they issued to the resort after learning their violation.

Tiopes stressed the importance of following health protocols amid the present problem on COVID-19

to ensure the safety of the tourists.

“We don’t want to hear that some tourists become COVID-19 positive after visiting a tourist destination. That there are protocols but these were not followed,” she added.

The regional office of the tourism department had crafted a manual and guidelines that needs to be followed by tourist destination operators in the re-opening of their business.

Included in the protocol is to ensure and observe proper use of face mask, use of alcohol-based sanitizer, hand washing, and physical distancing in the site. Reservation or pre-registration is also encourage for tourist destination operators to practice to limit the number of crowd in their place.

DOT8 is the only regional office of the tourism agency that has its own set of guidelines in the

Brigada Eskwela continues amidst COVID-19 pandemic

BY: BERNALYN G. ABENOJA

Not even a pandemic hinders our quest to educational pursuits.

The entire nation and the whole world are now suffering brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, Filipinos across borders never give up to this struggle nowadays in supporting quality education.

Brigada Eskwela is a usual activity of the Department of Education (DepEd) wherein people in the community contribute in any form for the benefit of the school and its progress. It has been practiced that they gather and render services such as cleaning the school grounds, repair chairs and desks, do a lot of landscaping, gardening and the like upon the opening of classes.

Today in these trying times, people are advised to stay indoors. Only few are allowed to go out and do limited tasks.

As such, the used to be Brigada Eskwela gathering in schools are not evident. But

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numbering machine, two boxes of staple wire and three pieces of USB flash drive, two pad intermediate paper, two pieces of white board marker, three roll of transparent tape, one bottler of mosquito/insect killer, five cart of ink 678 and five tube of printer toner.

“May we be reminded to be responsible on what we post, share, and like on social media. While Facebook can be good ground for freedom of speech, such freedom is not absolute, most especially in case of posting libelous remarks against another,” Adongay said.

“We want to assure everyone, especially the Biliranons that our office is open to everyone and transparent in our transactions,” he added.

Adongay said that the items listed in the purchase order has not yet been paid by their office.

To end the DPWH official had asked Culex Soliman and Ted Lagman to have a dialogue with them regarding on what they posted in their social media account.

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re-opening of tourist destinations. The guidelines and protocols that were release by their central office mainly focus on the opening of hotels and restaurants.

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DepEd Leyte pilots Modular Distance Learning

BY: DENIS PAGUJA

The Department of Education – Division of Leyte piloted Modular Distance Learning Modality in two schools in the municipality of Barugo last July 27,2020.

Through the efforts of Dr. Crisanto T. Daga, Area 2A education program supervisor, and Mr. Raphi T. Añover, senior education program specialist, the pilot testing of Modular Distance Learning Modality with its two sub-components; the Printed Modular Distance Learning (PMDL) and the Digital Modular Distance Learning (DMDL) was made possible as one of the division’s footsteps before the official opening of school year 2020-2021.

The said pilot testing was done to 10 randomly selected grade five pupils from Barugo 1 Central Elementary School and 10 pupils respectively from St. Peter Elementary School for the Printed MDL. Both sets of pupils used the Science 5 Self-Learning Module issued and crafted by DepEd Regional Office 8.

Pupils from Barugo 1 Central ES were given soft copy of the module saved in a flash drive while pupils from St. Peter ES were provided with the printed modules. The materials were delivered by the teacher house-to-house and were accomplished by the pupils with the aid of their home learning facilitators. Self-learning modules were retrieved the next day.

The results/outcome of the said pilot testing had greatly contributed to the division’s mechanism on addressing distant learning during this pandemic time.

The Division Office was represented by Dr. Henrietta T. Managbanag, CESE, assistant schools division superintendent who together pledged her commitment with the local chief executive of Barugo, Hon. Ma. Rosario C. Avestruz for a smooth and safe opening of classes on the 24th of August 2020.

(Note: The author is the school head of Ibag Elementary School, Barugo, Leyte)

Calubian Integrated School Readiness to Open Classes Amid Pandemic

JANE T. ARGALES

Parents were questioning teachers if opening of classes will push through on August 24, 2020. They also asked if face to face encounter of teachers and learners will take place. Teachers answered their queries by saying yes as

mandated by the DepEd. It was also emphasized that the 250 enrolled learners will have Modular and Digital Learning Modality instead of face to face. Assurance were given to parents that assistance from teachers and other people will be extended to the learners if needed.

Teaching staff and other stakeholders of Calubian Integrated School collaborate to make the opening of classes possible amid this pandemic. Brigada Eskwela 2020 is still on going. Cleaning of grounds and minor repairs of handwashing facilities were given attention to maintain the cleanliness and orderliness of the school. While rendering Pintakasi parents observed social distancing and proper wearing of mask. MOOE funds and donations from generous people were



utilized for the procurement of printers, bondpapers, computer inks and other materials for sanitation and disinfection. Printing and reproduction of Most Essential Learning Competencies (MELC), Budget of Lesson (BOL), Learning Activity Sheets (LAS) were done. Proper dissemination of information and orientation of parents will be done with the support of Barangay IATF. Safety and health protocols will be strictly observed before, during and after distribution and retrieving of modules. Learning outputs of learners will be gathered safely and checked. It is hoped that education in this new normal is attained.

(Note: The author is a Master Teacher 1 of Calubian Integrated School, Dulag, Leyte)

Project Connected

BY: FRESSELL A. TIU



It is not a strange to the knowledge of many that this pandemic has impacted so many lives, both to the haves and the have-nots. Rich and poor felt the severity of the crisis.

Death to many lives and the downfall of our economy have become almost an everyday scenario. If one is not able to cope and adapt to the new normal, more deprivation is sure to be felt in the coming days. Everyone is confronted with the challenge to survive and learn to make use of everything one has to move forward.

Relative to this crisis, Minuhang Elementary School was fortunate enough to receive a lot of donations coming from an openhanded Minuhang-nons.

Three units of thermal scanner was donated by Ms. Gina R. Eslira, Mrs. Mary Grace Colibao Con-ui and Cuta Farmer’s Association. One unit of Globe Wifi was donated by Mrs. Almira Ponferrada West. These donations will greatly help the teachers and pupils in the

midst of this pandemic crisis specifically in the teaching-learning process since all the reports to be submitted are through online. And also, we are required to observe social distancing and following IATF protocol.

Since new normal education do not require face-to-face interactions, all the learning packages are to be dispatch weekly, this Wifi unit will aid all the teachers in browsing online all the necessary documents that are needed by the learners in their everyday learning activity at home. In this way, this unit are to be benefited by both teachers and the learners.

In behalf of our school, we are so much grateful to all the benevolent donors. Your heartfelt donations have a great impact in our day to day need. As the saying goes “Sharing is a great deal to one’s SUCCESS”. This taught us that crisis bridges us to share and be connected.

(Note: The author is a Teacher 3 of Minuhang Elementary School, Barugo I District, Barugo, Leyte)

The beneficiaries were considered as 'waitlisted'

More than 71,000 SAP beneficiaries in the region yet to receive the assistance

TACLOBAN CITY-- About 71,924 beneficiaries of the social amelioration program (SAP) in Eastern Visayas have yet to receive their P5,000 assistance provided under the said program.

These beneficiaries are considered as 'waitlisted' as they were left out during the giving of SAP earlier distributed by the national government through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

As of last week, about 9,914 family-beneficiaries received their P5,000 assistance, Joshua Kempis, information

officer of the disaster response management division of DSWD-8, said.

About 81,838 beneficiaries in the region have been identified to receive the P5,000 cash assistance aim to help them amid the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.

In Leyte province, 907 families have so far received the cash assistance; Northern Samar,2,850; Samar,2,818; Southern Leyte,1,328; and Biliran, 1,191.

In all, the government has released P49.57 million to these beneficiaries.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Pongso Primary gears up for new norm

BY: NIEVALYN CUBILLA

Barugo,Leyte-- School head of Pongso Primary, Gina M. Aruta and assigned primary teachers together with stakeholders convened last August 11, 2020 to come up with coherent strategies in preparation for the new norms of education.

To continuously cater to the needs of the students amidst the pandemic, school head with the help of local barangay officials discussed to the parents the new approach that they will implement which is the MDL

scheduled date.

Parents will act as home learning facilitators and will help their children accomplish activity sheets included in the learning modules. However, there are some parents who are hesitant about this new method.

According to them, they will find home schooling a bit of a challenge since they also have to learn and understand the content of these learning modules. There will also be conflict of schedules

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Mass was held in Masao, Butuan City and not in Limasawa.

But Petracorta said that this dispute has long been settled by several commissions put up by the government to include the National Historical Institute (NHI) like the Gancayco Commission which asserted that the historical event took place in Limasawa on March 31,1521.

The commission was created by the NHI in 1996 to settle the dispute as to where the First Mass really happened.

For local historian Rolando Borrinaga, the site of the First Mass was indeed in Limasawa and not in Butuan.

"As to the Butuan claim, it was based on a garbled translation of Pigafetta by Ramusio early on, and it would stay that way for centuries, until the first-person Pigafetta account in Italian surfaced in 1800, and

compromising the students' learning.

"Many are affected due to the health crisis that the globe is facing. A lot of sectors are beset by challenges as COVID 19 continues to spike up its alarming number of cases and even the Department of Education is not exempted from this. People became concerned not just about getting infected but also how the current situation will affect the traditional schooling practices," Aruta stated. "We have to be ready and equip ourselves in this abrupt change in our school set up,"she added.

In relation to this, barangay officials will help teachers deliver learning materials to each household. They will also implement an ordinance stipulating that no school-age children will be roaming around outside the house during home class hours. Parents will be called out and will be penalized after the second offense.

And to become more productive despite the pandemic, teachers have constantly updated their selves with the innovations that DepEd has introduced to address the current situation and direct everyone to the new normal.

(The author is a teacher of Pungso Primary, Barugo, Leyte)

reached the Filipino intellectual community around 1895. Ramusio mentioned Butuan but Pigafetta mentioned Mazaua as the site of the mass. Dr. T. Pardo de Talavera had dismissed the centuries-old Butuan tradition as 'un suceso imaginado (imaginary event),' he said on his Facebook account.

Antonio Pigafetta was Ferdinand Magellan's assistant during his exploration, Dr. Trinidad Pardo Talavera is a Filipino historian while Giovanni Ramusio was an Italian geographer and travel writer.

Meantime, Mayor Petracorta said that they are not bothered with this latest brouhaha as they are preparing for the 500 years celebration of the First Mass next year.

However, because of the pandemic caused by coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19), several of their lined-up activities have to be cancelled.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Yearning in Learning: Challenges in education amidst COVID-19 pandemic

BY: MARIBEL L. AMISTOSO

While the opening of classes in public schools draw nearer, the question still remains whether the Department of Education (DepEd) is now ready for the new normal mode of learning? How will the agency ensure that effective learning and efficient teaching are indeed achieved?

But whatever the current situation may bring about to our community, the DepEd elementary schools district in Mayorga has already implemented certain steps to ensure continuity of the learning process for our children.

As of August 14, 2020, Mayorga District recorded a total of 2,759 enrollees for the School Year 2020-2021.

From this number of enrollees, some 12 pupils come from private schools in nearby towns, all because of the threat of COVID-19 pandemic.

From the survey conducted through online and printed Learner's Enrollment and Survey Form (LESF), results revealed that Modular Distance Learning (MDL) is the most preferred learning modality which is now causing a heavy burden both to the teachers and parents/guardians.

At such, a series of orientation is conducted for parents and guardians so as to be informed about this learning mode thereby considering the safety health protocol practices.

Reproduction of learning modules now serve as a far cry of every school admin-

istration. This could mean siphoning the schools' purse which at the end of the day is still not enough to provide resources to all learners. This could mean going extra mile, exercise all means just to make both ends meet.

To parents, this may require extra patience hence they will serve as learning facilitators at home. This is the best time to show their love and support to their children. For teachers, now is the time, more than ever, requires their passion and dedication to work.

This pandemic has imposed a great threat to our educational system. Teachers have a lot to give but tend to hold back due to scarcity of resources. There are other learning options but not all learners are from well-off families.

In Mayorga, Leyte which is composed of 14 elementary schools where most places have poor net connection and in remote areas where not all are well-acquainted with the use of internet, MDL becomes the reliable mode of learning to count on.

Every learner deserves better education. Every learner's parent yearns for a better learning. This calls for urgency such that the torch of education won't be doomed with this tragic pandemic.

(Note: The author is the school head of Gen. A. Luna Elementary School, Mayorga, Leyte)

3 Districts in the Municipality of Dulag on the Go for Learning Continuity Plan

NERISSA R. TIOZON



Dulag South, Dulag North and Dulag West Comprises the DepEd family in the municipality of Dulag. Last August 06, 2020 in Dulag National High School, MPA Travels cum DMEAL (Division Monitoring Evaluation and Assessment of Learning) and Provision of (TA) Technical Assistance was done. The said activity was participated by all school heads, department heads, principals, supervisors and selected teachers. The event was heartily graced by the Local Government Unit representative, in the name of Catalina Petillos, the Education Consultant of the municipality of Dulag. Moreover, Division of Leyte Schools Division Superintendent-Manuel P. Albaño, Ph.D., CESO IV, Human Resource

Officer II- Jose Mariano Barril, Ph.D., LLB, Area II-B Education Program Supervisor- Juan B. Mitra, and Division DRR Coordinator-Marvin M. Nicer, Ed. D.

The three districts heads, Lerma A Peque, Ph.D. of Dulag South District, Arlene S. De Paz for DULag North District and Hiedi Marie Lagunzad for Dulag West District, presented their Learning Continuity Plan for their own district. Each district head narrated their means of coping the learning and teaching process amidst health crises. They also explained their cry for help in the implementation process. An innovation for the opening of classes entitled : Bayong was presented by Maam Glendale Lameseria, principal of Cabacungan National High School,

and exemplary applauded by the audience hence the audience could get an idea in the implementation style and approach of their respective schools.

Accordingly, the SDS finally said that it would be much efficient if the municipality has one unified Learning Continuity Plan that would be followed by whole schools. Also he emphasized that the modules will be given by their office. In addition, the LGU promised to support the DepEd plans in the this time if pandemic. Moreover, Sir Mitra finalized thru an open forum. And tha, he emphasized that teachers have the big role in achieving the plans and challenges with the help and guidance of school heads and principals.

Finally, it was concluded that by passion, dedication and perseverance, we will all surpass the new normal learning pedagogy with positive and applauded output performance with the guidance of our Almighty God.

(The author is a Teacher-In-Charge of Romualdez Elem. School, Dulag, Leyte)



Gina M. Aruta (School Head of Pongso Primary), school staff and residents of Brgy. Pongso huddled together to embrace the "NEW NORMAL"

(Modular Distance Learning). Its purpose is to redesign a new form of education, letting all students cope up with the new normal this academic year.

MDL can be of two forms; print and digital. But in rural location like Pongso, where internet is inaccessible in most households, they opted to print out learning materials or modules. The teacher will send these modules to each student on a

in teaching their children and at the same time doing the household chores.

But as per Gina M. Aruta, the school head, they will be ready to aid the parents in case they need further assistance. Moreover, weekly visit will be done by the teacher to assess the learning progress of the students.

She also ensured that this the new method is the best alternative to a more sustainable framework without

Resource center on 'peace and resilience' opens in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY - The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) here in the region has opened its Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) on August 12, 2020 with a special highlight on peace and resilience and related issues.

In his speech during the opening of the facility, DILG Regional Director Karl Caesar Rimando acknowledged the contributions of the different field offices and regional office divisions in populating the resource center.

He said that with the establishment of the DILG LGRRC located at the Peace and Resilience Center inside the DILG Regional Office compound, students and other re-

searchers can get data on resiliency and related concerns, as well as on peace and development studies.

He vowed to make the LGRRC visible and fully functional so that it will be useful for everyone.

On the other hand, DILG Undersecretary Marivel Sacendoncillo, the guest speaker who once served as DILG-8 director, said that the LGRRC is an attempt to harmonize what the agency does, and to galvanize the DILG as a catalyst for local government units.

She said that the LGRRC, which began as a small idea, is now sprouting all over the country.

She challenged the DILG regional office to cultivate the knowledge management center with a

special focus on peace and resilience as a platform.

She explained that this is due to the region's being vulnerable to both natural hazards and a communist insurgency.

The DILG official added that Samar is still experiencing many incidents that make peace and order a major challenge.

"Due to this unique situation, DILG 8 has a great opportunity to make the center thrive and serve the entire country. I envision the center to serve not just the Philippines but even other ASEAN countries as they face the same challenges, but do not have a knowledge center dedicated to these topics. Region 8 can set the example for other regions," she said.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)



Mondragon Vice Mayor Dawn Aliposa-Unay said that she and the rest of the members of the Sangguniang Bayan are giving their total support to the programs and projects initiated by the administration of Mayor Mario Madera, especially now that the town is facing the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. (PETER D. PAREDES)

TESDA-8 awards training packages to families of Inopacan purging victims

TACLOBAN CITY-As lead Agency for the Task Force - ELCAC Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment Cluster, the TESDA (Technical Education, Skills and Development Authority) Regional Office 8 through TESDA Leyte office recently awarded skills training packages to the beneficiaries who were represented by their association presidents and barangay chairpersons.

The awarding and memorandum of agreement signing were held on August 10 at the hinterland Barangay of Amguhan in Baybay City.

Six associations from among the families of the Inopacan Atrocity victims received skills training package from TESDA Leyte during the Opening Ceremony and MOA Signing of Skills Training Program. The associations are San Juan - Malinao Farmers Association, Amguhan - Maypatag Survivors Association, Monterico Upland Farmers Association, Caulisihan Farmers Association, Ampihanon Survivors Association, and Kabungaan Livelihood Association.

Awarded to Monterico beneficiaries are skills trainings on Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice, Seed Certification, and Farm Mechanization; Organic Agriculture Production NCII; Bread and Pastry Production NC II; and Electrical Installation and

Maintenance NC II.

The beneficiaries from Kabunga-an may avail any of the trainings they are qualified like Organic Agriculture Production NC II; Small Engine Servicing Leading to Motorcycle/Small Engine Servicing NC II; and Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice, Seed Certification, and Farm Mechanization.

The Barangay Amguhan beneficiaries were awarded scholarships for BPP NC II; Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice, Seed Certification, and Farm Mechanization; and Organic Agriculture Production NCII.

For Ampihanon beneficiaries, they were awarded trainings on Small Engine; OAP NC II; and Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice, Seed Certification, and Farm Mechanization.

For the Caulisihan, Inopacan association members, they may avail of any of the trainings they are qualified like Organic Agriculture Production NC II; Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice, Seed Certification, and Farm Mechanization; or Cookery NC II.

For the San Juan, Mahaplag association members, they were awarded the Organic Agriculture Production NC II training.

TESDA Region 8 Director Dante Navarro said the training cost is more than P3 million and will be facilitated by four partner techvoc schools. TESDA leads the government agencies included in the PRLEC Cluster



Victims of massacre carried out by the New People's Army in 1980s under its infamous purging activity received assistance from TESDA. (PIA-8)

which is in charge of poverty reduction and livelihood.

Director Navarro, in his message said, "Kami po ay talagang nakahanda para sa inyo, sa utos ng ating pangulo na bigyan kayo ng tulong at sa tulong na rin ng LGU. Kung ang DPWH ay 'build, build, build' at ang DA ay 'plant, plant, plant,' ang TESDA naman po ay 'train, train, train.'"

The beneficiaries through the association presidents, expressed their gratitude for the privilege of receiving such skills training packages. One president said that though they remember the tragic death of their loved ones in the Inopacan Atrocity, they are comforted that with the assistance the government is giving them, their economic status will be uplifted and they ultimately will rise from the bonds of poverty.

(OLIVE P. TIU/PIA-8)

The activity was graced by TESDA Leyte PD De Asis, Baybay City Mayor Jose Carl's Cari, Inopacan Mayor Azucena P. Mirambel, 802nd Infantry Brigade 8ID of the Philippine Army BGen. Zosimo A. Oliveros, 14th Infantry Battalion LTC Roberto B. Obaob, Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office VIII Assistant Regional Director Larry Sultan, Department of Labor and Employment VIII Regional Director Yahya A. Centi. Present also are Philippine Information Agency VIII Regional Director Erlina Olivia P. Tiu, representatives of the Department of Trade and Industry Leyte and the officials of barangays Amguhan, Monterico, Kabungaan, and Ampihanon for Baybay City; Brgy. Caulisihan, Inopacan, Leyte; and Brgy. San Juan, Mahaplag, Leyte.

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stranded individuals and returning overseas Filipino workers, wherein they are required to undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine period upon arrival to their respective local government units.
He added that other individuals who are exempted from the travel who include among others are the uni-

formed personnel, those workers in essential business establishments and industries, authorized persons outside residence (APOR) or health and emergency front-liners, delivery personnel of cargo vehicles, those traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, and accredited construction workers. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late YOLANDA AY-AY extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1603-A of the subdivision plan, Psd-220093 being a portion of Lot 1603. Tacloban Cadastre LRC Cad Rec. No. 1058 situated at Barrio San Jose, Tacloban City covered by TCT No. T-37334 containing an area of 148 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of PATERNO CRISTO LUCANAS married to JENNIFER Y. LUCANAS as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 435, Page No. 88, Book No. XVII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Mara C.N. Andrade. LSDE: Aug 4, 11 & 18, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

NOTICE is hereby given that BENJAMIN T. AMBA heir of the late MARY GRACE SOLANO AMBA executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication over an insurance benefit/claim with a total amount of Php84,000.00 in Philam Life Insurance Company with business address at Justice Romualdez St. Tacloban City. Per Doc No. 35, Page No. 8, Book No. VII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Jerry S. Uy. LSDE: Aug 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FRANCISCO LEPASANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at Brgy. Bunga, Cabucgayan, Biliran under ARP No. 006182R-R with an area of 100 sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of HARLINE BALTAR LACABA as vendee of the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 353, Page No. 72, Book No. II, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Abbey Miralles. LSDE: Aug 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SEBASTIAN L. YU extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal partnership parcel of land designated as Lot 6, Block 1 with TCT No. T-50661 with an area of 217 sq.m., more or less and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares and rights unto their mother, LORNA FLOR Y. YU. Per Doc No. 4, Page No. 2, Book No. 116, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Dexter L. Aguilar. LSDE: Aug 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MATEO PACURE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a 1/2 conjugal share of a house and lot particularly described as; A parcel of land designated as Lot 863-D-2 of the subdivision plan, Psd-08-009589-D, a non-subd. plan project being a portion of Lot 863-D (LRC) Psd-41986 LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1068 located at Brgy. Sageahan, Tacloban City containing an area of 48 square meters, more or less and embraced in TCT-48245 and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares, rights and interest over CATALINA CONGOLLO PACURE. Per Doc No. 12, Page No. 03, Book No. 4, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Samuel C. Lagunzad. LSDE: August 4, 11 & 18, 2020



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" Petilla said that the province will continue to be under the Modified General Community Quarantine until the end of this month. Photo shows the governor presiding the provincial orientation on COVID-19 health protocols for provincial employees on August 12. Joining the governor were Dr. Lesmes Lumen and Dr. Edgardo Daya, both of the Provincial Health Office and provincial administrator Atty. Edgardo Cordeño held at the View deck Macarthur Park Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (GINA P. GERREZ)

Leyte maintains MGCQ category, says Gov. Petilla

PALO, Leyte – This province has maintained its status of being under the implementation of the modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) after President Rodrigo Duterte announced that the entire country will be placed under MGCQ from August 16 to 31 except for 15 areas which are still under the more strict health protocol implementation.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla said that the implementation period of the MGCQ

from August 16 to 31 may be extended or shortened depending upon the recommendation of the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force for the management of infectious diseases against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The governor earlier said that maintaining the MGCQ will help Leyte recover its economy that was severely affected by the pandemic.

Petilla explained that MGCQ will allow the unrestricted delivery of goods

and services to the public or the consumers like the unhampered movement of farm products to the market or consumers.

"Mechanisms have been in place by our local government to ensure that our economic activities will not be paralyzed while our authorities continue to fight the spread of COVID-19," Petilla said.

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

The prohibition includes, among others, the carnivals, concerts, sports tournaments, trade fairs, fiestas, theaters, cultural shows, clubs, religious ac-

tivities, retreats, and workshops and other business gatherings which may include conventions and conferences.

Petilla said that the business establishments can continue with their operations on conditions that they will provide sanitizers or store disinfectant for their customers. Also, the public utility vehicles (PUVs) can also continue their operations provided that they will observe and comply on the safety measures and conditions imposed by the Department of Transportation.

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

face mask.

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

public places and crowded areas.

Petilla said that the entry of all persons to the province from other places either by sea, land or air will remain prohibited except for the locally

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