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In view of the increasing COVID-19 cases

Mayor Romualdez places Tacloban under GCQ

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MAYOR ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ

TACLOBAN CITY- Mayor Alfred Romualdez has placed this city under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) effective Monday (August 24) amid its ballooning of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases.

The GCQ will end on September 8.

Mayor Alfred Romualdez said that his decision to place Tacloban under GCQ was due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases of the city.

“Effective Monday, we will revert to GCQ for the next two weeks. My decision to place Tacloban under GCQ was due to its increasing number of COVID-19 cases,” Romualdez said in a press conference.

Tacloban City has now 194 COVID-19 cases.

The city mayor appeals for the cooperation of Taclobanons in this fight against the dreaded virus

saying it is only through their cooperation that the menace of COVID-19 will come to its end.

Among the prohibitions to be put into effect across the city with its GCQ status include prohibition of mass gathering of more than 10 people; cancellation of Masses; and the closure of some none-essential establishments like parlors and gyms and limiting to 30 percent capacity of restaurants, among others.

Romualdez said that based on the reports reaching him, the increase of COVID-19 cases in the city was partly due to the various birthdays and cel-

ebrations held for the past few weeks.

“We will be strict in implementing the health protocols. If you are in a public transport, you have to wear face mask and face shield and observe social distancing,” the city mayor said.

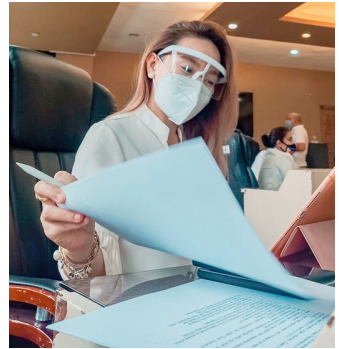
Curfew will also be imposed starting 9 pm until 4 a.m. the following day. Those who are below 21 years old and 60 years old above would not be allowed to go out.

However, minor and those considered as senior citizens coming from outside the city would be allowed to enter for health

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Catbalogan councilor admits to have acquired COVID-19 as the city battles its rising infection

TACLOBAN CITY – Councilor Stephany Uy-Tan of Catbalogan City has announced that she, too just like her brother, Mayor Dexter Uy, has been infected of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).



Stephany Uy-Tan

acquired the infection from her brother mayor being a ‘close contact.’

And as a public official, it is her duty to be transparent and inform the people of Catbalogan her health

condition, Uy-Tan said.

Uy-Tan and her brother, Mayor Uy, are the first elected officials of the region to have publicly come out that they were infected of the dreaded virus.

Councilor Uy-Tan urged the Catbaloganons to practice all the health protocols and wear masks even they are inside their homes.

“Even if you are inside your home, please wear masks. Please wear mask because this will give an advantage against *see Catbalogan /page 6 ...*

DOT’s Tiopes welcomes NHCP’s affirmation of Limasawa as the site of country’s First Mass

TACLOBAN CITY- Tourism Regional Director Karina Rosa Tiopes welcome the decision of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) reaffirming its earlier decision on Limasawa in Southern Leyte as the site of the First Mass in the country.

Tiopes said that with this decision of the NHCP, she hopes the rest of the Filipino nation will join the people of Limasawa as it will lead in the quincentennial celebration of the historic event next year.

She said that they are ‘very happy’ that final-



RD Karina Rosa Tiopes

ly the ‘controversial and long-running issue’ has been settled in favor of Limasawa Island as the site of the 1521 Easter Sunday Mass.

“I hope this decision

of the NHCP will settle things because at this point in time we should actually be celebrating its quincentennial as a country and as Filipinos... instead of being divided,” she said.

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Gov. Tan imposes one-month ban on LSIs return amidst spike of COVID-19 cases in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY - Samar Governor Reynolds Michael Tan issues a moratorium on the coming of locally stranded individuals (LSIs) as the province grapples increase on its coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases.

The moratorium will start midnight of August 25 until midnight of September 24.

Gov. Tan said that he earlier sought permission from the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases for him on this matter as a way to control the increasing number of COVID-19 cases of the province.

As of Monday, Samar has 719 cases with the city of Catbalogan having the



GOV. REYNOLDS MICHAEL TAN

most cases at 212 with its mayor, Dexter Uy and his sister, Councilor Stephany Uy-Tan among those infected of the dreaded virus.

Gov. Tan said that he enjoins all local government units and other concerned government agencies and frontliners to 'fully implement' the one-month moratorium.

The return of the LSIs to the provinces has been considered as among the reason why COVID-19 cases have surged.

In Samar, 255 LSIs so far have been confirmed to have been infected of the virus.

As the region's COVID-19 cases continue to increase, the Department of Health (DOH) reiterates its call for the public to observe all the health protocols like the wearing of face masks and face shields, social distancing and personal hygiene.

The region has total COVID-19 cases of 2,189 with five new cases coming from Tacloban City with three cases and one each from the towns of Villaba and Tanauan, all in Leyte. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

Northern Samar town introduces gardening program using the 'Bahay Kubo' against the COVID-19 pandemic

TACLOBAN CITY - The municipality of San Roque in Northern Samar province is implementing a program aim to attain food sustainability particularly on vegetable supply during this time of pandemic caused by coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Dubbed as 'Covege 20,' coined from the words of COVID and vegetable while '20' represents the year the project was launched, this program is initiated by the local government unit thru the Local Youth Development Office to encourage the youth and 4Ps (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program) bene-

ficiaries with the support from local and national government in food security program.

Covege 20 is part of the Bahay Kubo program launched by the municipal government at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents in the villages were encouraged to plant vegetables and fruits that are mentioned in the 'Bahay Kubo,' popular Filipino folksong which mentions a bahay kubo with variety of vegetables surrounding it.

Mayor Don Abalon said that the whole town needs a total of 103,000 kilos of vegetable every year or around 8,000 kilos per month.

The town gets its vegetable supply from Luzon, Cebu and other parts of the country. There are vegetable farmers in the municipality but their produce is not sufficient to the needs of their population.

"Yung Covege 20 ina-address po natin ang kakulangan, yun mga kababayan po natin na kulang sa area for backyard gardening. At least yung unang mapo-produce nila is para sa pansariling pangangailangan nila at kung may excess yun ilalagay natin sa

market," Abalon said.

The program were able to inspire all the San Roque residents to participate the home garden program by planting vegetables in their backyard particularly pechay, eggplant, pole beans, upo, tomato, peanut, okra, squash, and ampalaya.

Abalon said that program also aims to provide diversion to the youth populace who are now experiencing boredom to the restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 crisis.

"Sinama po natin ang youth para maka-focus din sila at ma-instill sa isip nila na kailangan din pumasok sa gani-tong gawain at ma-deviate ang isip nila from any unnecessary o mga bagay-bagay na hindi kaaya-aya lalo na at this time of crisis," the town mayor said.

There will be a monthly monitoring and evaluation by the Sangguniang Kabataan or youth volunteers and 4Ps Municipal Link in every village in close coordination with the Municipal Agriculture Office to ensure the sustainability of the program.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Basey town holds off reopening of its tourist attractions amid spike of its COVID-19 cases

TACLOBAN CITY - The opening of tourist destinations in Basey town scheduled this month was temporary suspended due to its increasing number of corona virus (COVID-19) cases.

Mayor Luz Ponferrada said that they are not certain yet if when the municipality will push through with the opening of their tourism sites amidst the increasing number of COVID-19 cases of the

town.

"Besides, no visitors will probably dare visit (Basey tourist destinations) considering the predicament we are in right now," the town mayor said.

Basey has a total of 93 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Of this number, 64 are active cases, mostly are residents of Barangay Villa Aurora, located more than 10 kilometers from the town proper

The municipality was



The town of Basey, Samar has cancelled the reopening of its tourist attractions like the Sohoton Cave Natural Bridge Park due to the increasing number of COVID-19.

planning to open their tourist destinations which includes the Sohoton Cave Natural Bridge Park that now features a lighting inside the cave that will allow tourists to fully appreciate the beauty of natural attraction inside it.

The project, which cost more than P6 million and funded by the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), was set to be turned over this month.

However, the town may-

or informed their municipal tourism officer to hold the plan until situation gets better in their town.

Sohoton Cave is a famous tourist destination in the municipality that is also known for its beautiful hand crafted "banig" or mat that is made from a grass called "tikog."

Aside from Sohoton Cave Natural Bridge Park other natural attraction in the municipality is the Balantak Falls.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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or essential reason.

No control checkpoints will be established except in cases where there are barangays where there are confirmed COVID-19 cases though the QR (quick response) code reader will be imposed on every check-

points in the city.

The QR code of the violators on the prevailing health protocols will be cancelled, especially if they will continue to hold parties on their homes.

Public transport will continue their services uninterrupted despite of the GCQ status of the city.

Samar 'most wanted' arrested in Nueva Ecija

TACLOBAN CITY - A 24 year old most wanted person in Samar was arrested in a joint police operation in San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija Sunday (August 23).

Edvir Del Rosario, a native of Barangay Guinsorongan, Catbalogan City was tagged as rank number 10 most wanted person of Samar Provincial Police (SPPO) for robbery with homicide.

He was arrested at 12:30 a.m. Sunday at Purok 2, Barangay Roxas Tagumpay in San Leonardo town, Nueva Ecija by virtue of a warrant

dated August 9, 2017 which was issued by presiding judge Agerico Avila of Regional Trial Court-Branch 29 in Catbalogan.

The operating units include Samar Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit led by Captain Joselito Tabada, Samar Provincial Intelligence Unit headed by Major Jonathan Cuntapay, Samar PIDMU led by Lieutenant Julio Pagtabunan, Samar Criminal Investigation and Detection Group led by Major Norman Ala, San Jorge Municipal see Samar /page 9 ...

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4.2 magnitude quake rattles Eastern Samar; Intensity III felt in Tacloban City

TACLOBAN CITY- A 4.2 magnitude earthquake has struck Eastern Samar on Monday (August 24) afternoon.

Based on the monitoring of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), the tremor was felt at 2:32 pm with the town of Guiuan as the epicenter.

The quake, which was of tectonic in origin, has a depth of focus of 014 kms.

The tremor was felt at Intensity IV in Guiuan and Salcedo, both in Eastern Samar, and Intensity III in Tacloban City.

The Phivolcs said that it does not expect any aftershocks or damages due to the quake.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Emergency employment on forest maintenance may revive Canturing River in Maasin City

MAASIN CITY- A COVID-19 recovery program of the province now in full implementation appeared to hit the proverbial two birds in one stone that is, providing work for displaced workers and serving as natural water reservoir during rainy days.

The five-hectare afforestation project maintained by the provincial environment and natural resources management office (PENRMO) was one of the sites of a temporary job program designed to mitigate the adverse economic impact Covid brought to the people of the surrounding communities.

In so doing, maintaining the man-made forest may soon help bring life back to the Canturing River, the area being a catchment zone of the river, said Eva Abad, PENRMO head, even as it generated rotational 10-day emergency employment for farmers around the area.

"We target 120 individuals to engage on this one since July until December," Abad said during the media briefing/Kapihan sa PIA Wednesday, August 19.

Started in 2015 in close

partnership with the Couples for Christ (CFC) community, about 3,000 pieces of acacia mangium tree species have now grown up, some taller than the average height of a person, Abad reported.

Located in Barangay Laboon, an interior, slightly upland village, 60 workers from Laboon and the nearby barangays of Bogo and San Jose have already benefitted so far since the project began in the third week of July.

The scope of work was focused on strip digging, pulling of weeds, replanting, and each hired farmhand was paid P325 per day for the labor.

Afforestation project was one of the four components of an emergency work program under the "Pangandam sa Bag-ong Panahon," a Covid-19 recovery program designed by the provincial government to provide income to household beneficiaries affected by the pandemic.

The other three programs for emergency employment are local roads maintenance, fruit tree growing, and community tilapia production.

(Ldl/mmp/PIAS-southern Leyte)

TESDA Sec. Lapeña vows assistance for former NPA rebels at the Peace and Prosperity Village

SAN ISIDRO, Leyte- Former rebels who are now at the Peace and Prosperity Village, this town, can assured of assistance from the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

Thus said TESDA Secretary Isidro Lapeña who visited the area located in Barangay Sabang Daja Daku on Saturday (August 22).

"But these livelihoods must start with a training. While we make government services available to the people, you must also have the driving force and enthusiasm to learn new skills that will equipped for your future work or livelihood," he said.

The training that TESDA will provide includes carpentry, masonry, electrical installation, cookery, bread making, and small engine mechanic.

TESDA heads the Poverty Reduction Livelihood and Employment Cluster of the government anti-insurgency program under Executive Order 70.

A total of 11 organizations which consists of more than 1,000 members are to benefit the training of TESDA.

The former New People's Army (NPA) members are now cultivating portion of the 120 hectares lot for their vegetable and egg laying production.

A total of 458 families will also have their own housing village in the site which will be constructed by the National Housing Authority. Site development is now on-going.

School buildings, community centers, multi-pur-



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla recieved a plaque of recognition with gold medal the highest award (Kabalik award) given by Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña, director general of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority for his exemplary contribution in the advancement of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the country on August 22, 2020 during the TESDA launching of Agrikultura at kabuhayan tungo sa kaunlaran at Pangkapayapaan (AKKAP) in the Peace and Prosperity Village. With him were Dante Navarro, regional director TESDA-8; Zosimo de Asis, Leyte provincial director TESDA; board members Mesias Arevalo(4th district), Ranulfo Abellanos(1st district), Corazon Remandaban(3rd district), Raissa Villasin(2nd dist), Florante Cayunda (5th district) and Emanuel Gacis (5th district). The activity was held at the roof top of the municipal hall of San Isidro, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)

pose buildings, evacuation center, day care center, health center, half-way home for former rebels will also be constructed in the site.

Lapeña gave his praise to Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla for coming such a project for former NPA rebels.

"This is commendable project of the governor and we at the national government agencies we are here to help the local government units," he said.

According to Lapeña, a former police general, solving the problem of people living in far-flung commu-

nities that become targets and victims of propaganda of the communist group will help in ending the insurgency problem.

Gov. Petilla, who received the 2020 TESDA Regional Kabalik Award for LGU category, disclosed to Sec. Lapeña that the national government through President Rodrigo Duterte and Senator Christopher "Bong" Go had downloaded to the Department of Public Works and Highways a budget of P67 million for the road construction from Daja Daku to Barangay Limite in Calubian town.

The access road will help

the former rebels have wider market for their goods which in turn gives them more income.

Lapeña was in Leyte for the launching of Agrikultura at Kasanayan Tungo sa Kaunlaran at Pangkapayapaan or Project AKKAP in the province and for the signing of memorandum of agreement with Petilla for the construction of TESDA provincial office in Government Center, Palo town.

He also led the signing of the manifesto of commitment with the members of Leyte Task Force -ELCAC PRLE Cluster (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Leyte school brings 'cool' learning in new normal



Parents receive free school supplies for their pupils at the Cabarasan Daku Elementary School in Palo, Leyte. Under the distance learning modality, teachers will distribute self-learning materials to the students at home amid the pandemic. (Contributed photo)

PALO, Leyte- A public elementary school in this town has launched "IsCOOL4ALL" project to make education accessible to their 220 enrolled pupils amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

"We want education to be cool by providing all the needs of our learners including school supplies for free for them to focus on their education without any regrets," said Gary Mosquito, school head of Cabarasan Daku Elementary School.

Mosquito, a 2019 Bayaning Guro awardee, added that their preparation for

the distance learning modality "is quite easy for us since our community stakeholders like the barangay officials and the General Parent-Teacher Association are very supportive in all our plans."

"We are guided smoothly with our Learning Continuity Plan," he said in an interview.

Earlier, Mosquito and his eight teachers held a dry run on the implementation of the Leyte Division's distance learning modality to ensure the smooth flow of learning activities in the new normal starting October 5, 2020.

"To our children, just

stay home because your teachers will take good care of your education this time of pandemic. To our parents, just be cooperative with our teachers in delivering education to your children because we are here to serve the best quality education even beyond what is expected from us," the school head said.

Meanwhile, Mosquito thanked the leadership of Palo-II District Supervisor Philip Teraza and their stakeholders for providing them personal protective equipment (PPE), school supplies, and equip-

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Learn to live with it

So many illnesses have been around since we came into this world, and even prior to it. Many of us have been afflicted by one or more of these diseases but, over time, we learned to live with the consciousness that, yes, they do exist around us, but we just have to live on.

The on-going plague, the coronavirus disease, is but one of them. Yet people are giving it so much attention, hyping it up. So what if it's around? What makes it so exceptional? They say it's claiming people's lives, and infecting people rapidly. Why, have we not had such diseases in the past? Where are they now? Well, mostly gone and properly addressed, with appropriate vaccines and medicines.

We see, in our present situation, all we need to do is wait till the proper vaccines, which are

now being rushed, are finally produced. Meantime, we must pray above all that God would help us combat this plague. As we wait, we need to learn, as mentioned, to live with this virus around. Nothing to worry that much so long as we strictly observe the health protocols that could protect us from its onslaught.

If we will notice, statistics show that, among the infected, a very high percentage are asymptomatic patients, which means that they do not at all suffer its ill-effects. And from the positive groups, so many are able to recover. In fact, only a small percentage are severe cases, and deaths are so few compared to the total number of cases.

But these comforting facts should not make us lower our defenses. We must guard ourselves against this virus, by all means. Just learn to live with it, as if it's just normal and natural for it to be around. No reason for us to despair.



Things To Mind

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Compliance

Who says Filipinos in general are hard-headed and do not follow health protocols designed to combat virus infections? Who says they are not wearing masks in public, are not wearing face shields, are not distancing from others, and are not washing hands?

Whoever says that must have a wrong observation. Go to the wet markets and observe; go to the malls, to the terminals, to the town plazas, and to other places frequented by crowds

of people. You will notice that the majority are wearing those required items. They are not disobeying authorities; they try their best to follow restriction demands.

Cases of coronavirus infection in the country are soaring high, and counting. This is not at all surprising, given the rapid transmission that the virus is capable of doing. People can easily contract it anywhere, more so that it is airborne, and invisible at that. Which means that, even if one distances from others, the virus could fly one's way, attach itself to any part of one's body and, if accidentally touched and transferred to the face, it could likely infect the per-

son already. That's how likely infection could take place.

But it's rather unfair to blame this virus transmission on non-wearing of wearables. Because as mentioned, people are generally complying with protocols. There is, however, this inappropriate compliance that is massively practiced, which could be the real reason for cases explosion, and they are the following:

On the wearing of masks. Supposed to be, masks are worn for two reasons: to protect the wearer, and to not spread the virus in case the wearer is a carrier. That face mask must be worn all the time see *Compliance /page 5 ...*



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Murders

Over three decades had passed since the gruesome murder of Ninoy Aquino as he was escorted down the stairs of the plane that brought him back to the country. The murder was executed at past high noon on 21 August 1983 under a heavily guarded Manila International Airport. The shots that fell the former senator reverberated across the archipelago and around the world as the assassination was reported by media through delayed channels and transmissions. The information came too late that day as there were no details of the horrible murder except through unconfirmed stories obtained by the family and close allies of the fallen senator. Even the news confirming the murder took some time before reaching the public as media and press people had a tough time obtaining information.

The assassination was believed to have been planned by a top conspiracy that had full control of the situation.

It was executed in broad daylight under tight security of government forces that were deployed to secure the area. Strict protocols must be observed by anyone entering the airport. It is impossible for any person to enter the arrival area unless one has access and permission from airport authorities. Any ordinary person could not possibly enter the well-guarded premises unless the guards were looking the other way or in slumber as one gets into the area of the airport tarmac. Any stranger that could reach the tarmac could easily be spotted by the guards and other workers on duty.

Anyone who is to carry out a sinister plot inside the airport must be in coordination with the authorities, else, he would not be able to reach the area where the murder is to be executed, otherwise he could be arrested for getting into prohibited area. The probability of being caught is greater when the person entering the tarmac is carrying a gun. But all risks could be

overcome despite overwhelming security if the person entering the tarmac area with a gun has the permission or in cahoots with all the guards and officials securing the airport.

All such circumstances placed the murder of Ninoy Aquino by an alleged lone assassin named of Rolando Galman incredibly unbelievable. A gunman coming from the tarmac approaching the staircase where the target was descending from the airplane could have easily been spotted by the guards and prevented from executing the murder. That version of a lone assassin was simply not in accord with ordinary human experience and the scientific evidence and findings presented in the trial of what was dubbed as the murder of the century.

Our nation's history on the murder of Ninoy Aquino is under threat of being murdered by strong and powerful forces attempting to revise history. The attempt to murder our history is akin to that murder of the century which is planned and being executed by dark forces unless Filipinos will keep awake and be on guard. We commemorated the murder of Ninoy Aquino with a national holiday. It is time that truth be upheld and all attempts to revise history be met gallantly as Ninoy Aquino did with his martyrdom.

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More insights about C-19 Pandemic

A glance at the world scenario created by the pandemic C - 19, presents a gloomy picture at human lives and economy destroyed since March 2020 (at least in the Philippines). It is such an annoying nay fearful sight just reading countries exchanging and/or overtaking rankings among the top 10 most victimized nations per figures of affected persons and those non-survivors. As of this writing, the USA tops in all columns globally, but Lo and Behold, The Philippines lords it over among the Southeast Asian countries in the Covid Tally Sheet!

I am tempted to believe in the wisdom of one Media station's hashtag "Courtesy and Discipline" - reminding people to stay disciplined by following the IATF health protocol and courtesy by minding people around us to prevent interpersonal transmission of the virus by observing social/personal distancing so that vapor droplets do not reach persons next to you. If recalcitrants continue to act as minion of the deadly virus, e. g. not honoring by heart the simple health guidelines against the spread of the virus, mankind will forever be under the deadly spell. One such side

effect is the concomitant downtrend of the economy - a global recession of the highest order! Thus: the Philippines "balancing act" between health and economy!

To date there are sporadic reports about scientists search for breakthroughs of the most awaited anti-corona virus vaccines. Information has it that countries like England, France, Japan, China, Russia, and USA have indicated their medical researchers possible discovery of the would-be vaccines. Talks have it about possible availability of the vaccine in the global markets between September and December 2020! While such news are welcomed, methink that the fourth quarter of 2020 will be the possible laboratory testing, piloting, and validation period of their "finished" products. And, hopefully our unified prayer is to have the meds mass-produced and readied to hit the markets in early 2021, instead. As this is likely to happen, Earthlings have no choice, but to painstakingly wait for the

"FLIP-SIDE OF C - 19"
1
*Battle waged the world-over
Nano-sized microbes,*

*go berserk
Proliferating invincibly,
tyrant
Earth's creatures guard
down
Absorbing blows in bulk
Black and blue, beaten
foe fallen.*

2
*Flip-side of C - 19
unmasked finds moments
By certain sectors welcomed, anticipated
Scenario translated into
memoirs afloat;
Tender loving care superb, enthralled
Food on hand in jiffy,
timely served 24/7
Flitting moments on C -
19 time treasured.*

3
*Unperturbed by tyranny
of Pandemic,
Life partner's TLC
floats unequivocally
Even as days cascade to
weeks... months;
Knot fortified, sturdier
even at C- 19 time
Unmindful of enemy's
fighting stance,
Virus med's success in
prayer sought after.
(ECQ-QC... 6/03/20)
so-called 'silver bullet'
to fill the world's pharmaceutical outlets.*

Meanwhile, it is best that the defiant sector of the population start to shed their recalcitrant characters, stop from being minion of the nouvelle corona virus.

And, for humanity to return to the fold of Lord Almighty and realize that by being righteous and piously prayerful means enjoying the unparalleled medicine against evil things like Covid - 19.

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Compliance...

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when in public places, or when with other people around. But what happens is that, when they cough or sneeze, people momentarily remove their masks and do the former in open air. After which, they put back the masks on.

Why remove the masks when coughing and sneezing? Simple, they don't want to pollute their masks with whatever viruses from their own body, and they want to preserve the freshness and fragrance of their mask, which could smell badly inside if bombarded by a series of coughs and sneezes. Problem is, they

spread the likely virus by coughing/sneezing it into the open air, to the risk of other people around.

Sometimes, the mask wearers would pull the thing down, covering only their mouths while their noses are left open. This makes their noses vulnerable to floating viruses. And if they already have the latter, they could easily spread it from their noses. In fact, some would even pull their mask further down to cover only their chins, exposing their mouths and noses to flying viruses. Meanwhile, their face shields are pushed up, resting only on their foreheads.

Who says people are not wearing the mandated

wearables? He who says that has a wrong observation. People wear these items in public places. They just wear them inappropriately, for compliance ends. Say, why are the cases rapidly multiplying? Now you know.

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and clarity*



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

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

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.
Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)

MGB agrees move of Ormoc city gov't on the moratorium on sand and gravel activities

TACLOBAN CITY – The rehabilitation plan of quarry areas should be in the context of the environment, stated Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) 8 Regional Director Leo Van V. Juguan.

This statement of Juguan was made after sand and gravel concessionaires in Ormoc City committed to rehabilitate their quarry sites in compliance to the order of Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez.

"The main purpose of the rehabilitation plan should be to bring back

the efficiency of the river. It should be in the direction of water flowing naturally and being replenished in a natural way," Juguan said.

He pointed out that the DENR with its Mines and Geosciences Bureau and the Environmental Management Bureau assured that they will work hand-in-hand with the quarry concessionaires in coming up with an efficient and effective rehabilitation plan favorable to the environment.

"We will be meeting again so we can guide you in the preparation of your rehabilitation plan and dis-

cuss other concerns relating to your operations and the environment," Juguan added.

Mayor Gomez earlier issued an order directing for a moratorium on sand and gravel activities in the city to give way for the rehabilitation of its rivers where the materials are being extracted.

Gomez gave a stern warning to those operating illegally and vouched to seriously run after these violators and impose charges corresponding to their violations.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

site of the country's First Mass held on March 31, 1521.

Butuan and some historians also claimed that it is the site of the historical event.

The NHCP ruling came just eight months before the 500 years celebration of the Eastern Sunday Mass.

The DOT in the region has packaged the historic island of more than 6,000 people as a pilgrimage site though it is also known for its limestone cliff that is ideal for swimming, snorkeling and diving.

The town officials, led by Mayor Melchor Petracorta had earlier expressed their happiness on the NHCP ruling say-

Anti-illegal drugs operation results to armed encounter; suspect killed

PALO, Leyte – An anti-illegal drugs police operation in Libangon, Southern Leyte has resulted to the death of the suspect.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Ma. Bella Rentuaya, information officer of the regional Philippine National Police (PNP) headquarters, based this town, identified the suspect as Danny Ichon, 45, who was killed after he engaged the operatives in a fire fight during the buy-bust operation in Barangay Jubas of said town last August 21.

The police operations conducted by the operating units of Southern Leyte Police Enforcement Unit led by Police Lieutenant Maja Beringuel in support with Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA-8) and Libangon Municipal Police Station, Rentuaya said.

Rentuaya reported that the police personnel conducted the buy-bust operation after the poseur-buyer was able to buy four piec-

ing it came at a time as they are to celebrate the 37th founding anniversary of Limasawa.

The town mayor said that the ruling was not only a 'gift' for the people of Limasawa 'but the entire Eastern Visayas region.' **(JOEY A. GABIETA)**



Police Lieutenant Col. Ma. Bella Rentuaya

es of heat-sealed plastic sachets containing white crystalline substance suspected to be shabu from the suspect in consideration of P4,000 and Colt cal. 45 pistol in consideration to P 12,000.

However, Ichon recognized that he was transacting with a police officer and fired unto them. The operatives have no other recourse but to fire back at the suspect hitting him on different parts of his body.

"After the encounter, the wounded suspect was rushed to Sogod District hospital for immediate

medical treatment but was pronounced dead on arrival by the attending physician Dr. Leoncio Mato," Rentuaya said.

Rentuaya further reported that the scene of crime operation (Soco) team which arrived at the crime scene at about 1:27 pm of same date recovered and conducted inventory to the following items: one unit caliber .22 pistol loaded with magazine with one live ammo, one piece MK2 hand grenade inside the bag covered with the suspects clothing, three fired cartridge case which caliber is to be determined by the ballisticians.

She said that the SOCO team proceeded to Dodong Funeral Homes at Brgy. Casao, Bontoc, and Southern Leyte at about 3:29 pm of same date and conducted body search and seized 16 pieces of P1, 000, two sachets of suspected dried marijuana leaves.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF ADOLPH H. FRIGILLANA WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ADOLPH H. FRIGILLANA, SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a portion of land designated with an area of 375 square meters on Lot 12, Block 18 of the subdivision Psd-08-021950-D being a portion of Lot 3-U, Psd 08-015396-D situated at Brgy. Dalakit, Catarman, Northern Samar under TCT No. T-12726. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of FERDINAND JOHN SORIANO BRIONES as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 351, Page No. 51, Book No. III, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Arturo Cebujano. *LSDE: Aug 25, Sept 1 & 8, 2020*

SELF-ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSELITO VALERA surviving heir of the late VICTORIO MACARIOLA AND ALEJO MACARIOLA an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1424, Pls-415-D containing an area of 40,494 square meters situated at Barrio Poblacion, Sta. Rita Samar covered by OCT No. 8216. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of MARITES T. ESQUIERDO as vendee of a portion containing an area of 1,064 square meters from the above-described property. Per Doc. No. 198, Page No. 41, Book No. XXV, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Aldrin Jude Quebec. *LSDE: Aug 25, Sept. 1 & 8, 2020*

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. *LSDE: Aug 18, 25 & Sept 1, 2020*

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 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*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LUZ MACASUSI EMPERIO heir of the late JOSEP 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, JOSEPA 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 JOSEP MACASUSI. Per Doc No. 173, Page No. 36, Book No. V, Series of 2020, Notary Public Atty. Caryl Jane Villanoza. *LSDE: Aug 11, 18 & 25, 2020*

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TRANQUILINA ALBESA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Doos del Sur, Hindang, Leyte, designated as Cad Lot No. 1810 under TD No. 08-15010-000214, OCT No. P-29037 with an area of 4,695 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of EMMMA A. NAVARROZA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc. No. 48, Book No. LXX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros-Phua. *LSDE: Aug 25, Sept. 1 & 8, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF GIL G. CANEJA and CAROLINA MACARIOLA WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GIL G. CANEJA and CAROLINA MACARIOLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Caraycaray, Naval, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 4168-P under TD No. 00235 with an area of 0.648800 hectares. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ZOSIMO AND GEMMA ADOBO as vendees of the above-described land. Per Doc. No. 294, Page No. 59, Book No. 59, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: Aug 25, Sept. 1 & 8, 2020*

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*

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*

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"We look forward for each and every one of us to join in the celebration of the 500 years of our history as a people," Tio-pes added.

She thanked the NHCP for ruling in favor of Limasawa as the site of the first Mass.

Last August 29, the NHCP issued has adopted the decision of a panel of experts reaffirming that Limasawa was the

city. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA with RONALD O. REYES)**

DepEd non-teaching personnel in the call of pandemic

BY: HILDA TANPINGCO LEGO

It is a fact that non-teaching personnel plays an integral part in the Department of Education and the entire education system thus, non-teaching personnel deserves to be acknowledged in their respective school or office and community, too. Together with the educators in meeting the needs and aspirations of Philippine Education, their contributions are indisputably beneficial especially during this pandemic.

With the suspension of face-to-face classes caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, non-teaching personnel continued to perform their respective duties and responsibilities to provide meaningful service in adapting to the changes and challenges that our education system face. Everyone including the non-teaching personnel has to be resourceful in adapting to the concept of "new normal" in doing their jobs done with the use of available technology and limited resources, human resource, finance and other administrative tasks are modified by them

in order to avoid contact.

For some unspoken reasons, despite the ease and convenience, non-teaching personnel are yet to be given fair treatment and recognition. Non-teaching personnel less-likely receive gratitude for a job well done. In the opinion of some people inside and outside of the organization, tasks in finance and human resource are simple, routine and menial compared to actual teaching-related task and practice.

However, there is always room to improve this situation and their condition. Through training and adequate support, non-teaching personnel could still grow, develop more skills, boost their morale, and exhibit higher degree of professionalism. Ultimately, this could create a more enjoyable and dynamic work environment where everyone could be more productive and inspired in our service to our country.

(Note: The author is the administrative assistant III of the Department of Education, schools division of Leyte)

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: ABUYOG
Period Q4, 2019

Table with 10 columns: Particulars, NGAS Code, Budget Appropriation (PS, MOOE, CO, Total), Actual Expenditures (PS, MOOE, CO, Total). Rows include General Fund, General Public Services, Social Services, Economic Services, etc.

LGU: ABUYOG
Period Q4, 2019

Summary table for Expenditures with columns for Particulars, NGAS Code, Budget Appropriation, and Actual Expenditures. Rows include TOTAL GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, TOTAL SEF, etc.

Certified Correct: MARILYN LUBIANO,SGD Municipal Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: ABUYOG
Period Covered: Q4, 2019

Table with 5 columns: Particulars, Income Target (Approved Budget), Actual Receipts, Excess of Actual VS Target, % of Over/(Under) to Target. Rows include Local Sources (Tax Revenues, Regulatory Fees, etc.) and External Sources (National Tax Collection, etc.).

Certified Correct: MARILYN LUBIANO,SGD Municipal Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: ABUYOG
Period Covered: Q1, 2020

Table with columns: Particulars, Income Target (Approved Budget), Actual Receipts, Excess of Actual VS Target, % of Over/(Under) to Target. Includes sections for Local Sources, Other Taxes, Non-Tax Revenues, Regulatory Fees, External Sources, and Special Education Fund.

Certified Correct:

MARILYN LUBIANO,SGD
Municipal Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: ABUYOG
Period: Q1, 2020

Table with columns: Particulars, NGAS Code, Budget Appropriation (PS, MOOE, CO, Total), Actual Expenditures (PS, MOOE, CO, Total). Includes sections for General Fund, Social Services, Economic Services, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund.

Certified Correct:

MARILYN LUBIANO
Municipal Treasurer

Village councilor arrested for shabu possession

TACLOBAN CITY-At least one person was killed and two others were injured in separate buy-bust operations, one of those arrested was a barangay councilor.

Reports reaching the regional headquarters of the Philippine National Police (PNP) based at Camp Ruperto Kangleon, Palo, Leyte, identified the village official as Michael Cano, 38, and councilor of Barangay East Awang in Calbayog City.

Operatives from Calbayog City Police Station and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA)-8 during the August 22 operation confiscated from his possession one piece small heat-sealed plastic sachet containing suspected shabu, as subject of sale; one piece P500 used as buy-bust money; six pieces transparent plastic sachets; and one motorcycle.

In Baybay City, police also nabbed Brian Cagoyong, 32, listed as a

street-level individual, and a resident of the said city.

An undercover policeman was able to purchase from the suspect one piece heat sealed plastic sachet containing suspected shabu during the buy-bust operation at Barangay Gacat of said city on August 22.

Recovered from his possession were three pieces of heat sealed plastic sachet containing suspected shabu; one piece P500 used as marked money; cash money

in different denominations; and one unit motorcycle.

The inventory of recovered items was done in the presence of barangay officials and representatives from the Department of Justice, police said in a report.

The suspects were charged for violation of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

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ment for the printing of self-learning materials.

"We are always inspired by people who share their blessings," Mosquito said. **(RONALD O. REYES)**



Samar...

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Police Station headed by Captain Michael Rey Canete, EOD-8 SPECU, and San Leonardo Municipal Police Station led by Lieutenant Ryan Tadeo.

The arrested person was brought to San Leonardo Municipal Police Station in Nueva Ecija for documentation prior to turnover to the court of origin. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

47 cops finished motorcycle riding course

PALO, Leyte – At least 47 personnel from the Police Regional Office (PRO-8) have graduated motorcycle riding course, a report from PRO-8, based in Camp Ruperto Kangleon, Campetic, this town said.

The event was done at the PRO 8 grandstand and was graced by Police Brigadier General Eliseo Cruz, director of the Highway Patrol Group and Police Major General Dionardo Carlos, director for Police Community Relations (DPCR)

as the guest of honor and speaker.

Brigadier Gen. Bernabe Balba, police regional director, explained that the said course is in coordination with the Regional Highway Patrol Unit (HPG) 8 which started on January 13, 2020 and ended on August 12, 2020. The class is named as Masigasig Waraynon Clean Riders R8 Class 01-2020.

Balba further explained that the main purpose of the training is to develop skills of the participants in

techniques and procedures to safely and skillfully operate a high-performance motorcycle with engine displacement of 400cc and above as well as to enhance expertise in basic and tactical enforcement operations in all kinds of situations and road conditions.

He said that of the 47 graduates, four were given due recognition: Police Colonel Arnel J Apud and Police Captain Alfred Reynald M. Dauz for the Leadership Award being the class marcher and class president, respectively, while Police Staff Sergeant Cris Paulino P Oroceo as the best rider and Police Lieutenant Colonel Bernard L. Lao as the best jumper.

P/MGen Carlos congratulated the graduates for having successfully finished the said course.

"For sure this training helped you develop a quick decision-making which you can be used every day in your dealings while rendering a professional and excellent public service," he said. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

DAR...

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Raisers (Allen, Northern Samar) and the Balat-Balud Farmers Association (Bobon, Northern Samar) will supply milled rice and vegetables to the Catarman District Jail and the DSWD Provincial Office, respectively.

In Western Samar, the Hilaba Farmers Association (Marabut, Samar) will supply vegetables to the Catbalogan District Jail as well as to the Basey Municipal Jail.

From the institutional buyers, Dr. Portia Gravo-Aliposa, Chief of the DOH-TRC, shared that this partnership program is a big advantage to them for they are assured of the freshness of the products coming directly from the farmers, while Tacloban City Jail Female Dorm Warden, J/INSP Fe Reynalda Chan said, with the ARBO now supplying them farm products, marketing will no longer be a burden to them and that they will be serving nutritious food to PDLs. **(JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)**

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

NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

May 19, 2020

SPOUSES BONIFACIO ACOJEDO & ISABEL PONGOS
 Ipil, Ormoc City

Sir/Madam

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

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| OCT/TCT No. | : TCT-7393 |
| TD No. | : 00068-00005 |
| Lot No. | : 4162-A & C |
| Approved Survey No. | : Psd-08-038786 (AR) |
| Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) | : 4.4922 Has. |
| Area acquired per ASP | : 2.3769 Has. |
| Location | : Brgy. Quezon Jr., Ormoc City |

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **2.3769** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x) Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholding amounts to **FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS AND 04/100 (Php 425,150.04)** covering **2.3769** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

ATTACHMENTS:
 CARPER LAD Form No. 50 (Memorandum of Valuation) with Land Valuation Worksheet
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 (Revised Carp-LAD Form NO. 51)

NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

June 29, 2020

SPS. PONCIANO MANGCO & ROSARIO VILLANUEVA
 Brgy. Montealegre, Kananga, Leyte

Sir/Madam

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

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| OCT/TCT No. | : TCT-T-6880 |
| TD No. | : 21012-00161 |
| Lot No. | : 10617-A, B, D, F, G & I |
| Approved Survey No. | : Psd-08-041316 (AR) |
| Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) | : 12.2844 Has. |
| Area acquired per ASP | : 7.0640 Has. |
| Location | : Brgy. Montealegre, Kananga, Leyte |

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of **7.0640** hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (x) Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholding amounts to **SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWO PESOS AND 11/100 (Php 699,802.11)** covering **7.0640** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

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

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DAR links 14 farmer organizations in EV to institutional buyers

TACLOBAN CITY – The chairman of MAAL-SADA-Farmer Irrigators Service Cooperative (FISCO), Reynaldo Peja, thank the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) for linking their organization, as food supplier, to the biggest government hospital in the region.

According to Peja, because of the marketing contract facilitated by DAR, MAALSADA-FISCO, based in Alangalang town, will now be supplying 150 cavans of milled rice every month and 150 kilos of assorted vegetables daily to Eastern Visayas Medical Center (EVRMC), located in this city, which the latter will use to feed their in-patients.

Aside from EVRMC, Peja added, MAALSADA-FISCO will also be supplying milled rice and vegetables to Schistosomiasis Research Hospital in Palo, and the Department of Health-Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (DOH-RTC) in Dulag.

Another agrarian reform beneficiaries organization (ARBO) in the province of Leyte, the Paglaum Farmers Association (PFA), based in this city, benefited also from a marketing contract facilitated by DAR under the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) program of the government.

PFA was linked to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), wherein the former will supply vegetables, livestock, and poultry products to both the male and female dormitories of the Tacloban City Jail which will be used to feed persons deprived of liberty (PDL).

MAALSADA-FISCO and PFA were just two of the 14 ARBOs from different parts of Eastern Visayas who formally sealed marketing contracts simultaneously with 16 institutional buyers thru a virtual ceremony on Wednesday last week.

Aside from the signing of marketing contracts, re-

gional heads of DAR and the Departments of Agriculture (DA), Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Health (DOH), and the Interior and Local Government (DILG), as well as the BJMP also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the same occasion to support and extend the necessary assistance in the marketing of farmers' products in the region under the EPAHP.

This is the biggest MOU (and marketing contract) signing so far considering the number of partners who joined in today's undertaking, said Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei Nograles, who joined similar activity conducted earlier in Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, V, IX, XI, CARAGA, and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

Nograles, chairperson of Task Force on Zero Hunger on EPAHP, delivered his keynote address via zoom and told the participating ARBOs, "Sa EPAHP wala na kayong middleman. Diretso na kayo sa gobyerno. Ang gobyerno na ang kliyente niyo. Lahat ng kita niyo ay sa inyo mapupunta dahil wala ng middleman na dadaanan. Siguradong tataas na ang inyong kita."

Meanwhile, Agrarian Secretary John Castricones



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commented on the huge number of participants, "In unity there is strength, and this is the reason why this program that we have, which is based on a wholly government approach, is very ideal and, therefore we should do our best in order to re-enhance this program."

"If we are able to provide good nutrition to our people, chances are, it will boost their immunity. The more it will boost their immunity, it will shield them against COVID-19, and therefore it will be a less burden to our hospitals," he added.

Under EPAHP, instead of buying food supplies elsewhere, the DOH-retained

hospitals and the city/district/municipal jails are encouraged to procure food supplies for the feeding of in-patients and persons deprived of liberty, respectively, from the ARBOs, which is allowed by the Government Procurement Policy Board thru Resolution No. 17-2016.

DAR OIC-Regional Director Ismael Aya-ay disclosed that the other ARBOs in the region that were linked to institutional buyers include the Almeria Seafarers Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Almeria, Biliran which will be supplying vegetables to the Naval District Jail.

In Southern Leyte, the Carnaga Multi-Purpose Cooperative (St. Bernard, Southern Leyte) will supply vegetables to the San Juan District Jail; the Magapso Irrigators Association (Sogod, Southern Leyte), the Association of Farmers and Advocates of Organic Farming (Bontoc, South-

ern Leyte), and the Buena-pama Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Bontoc, Southern Leyte) will pool their harvested vegetables to meet the demands of the Sogod District Jail; while the Hantag Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Maasin City) will supply vegetables to the BJMP in Maasin.

In Eastern Samar, the San Gabriel Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (Borongan City) and the Camagting Agricultural Association (Balangiga, Eastern Samar) will supply vegetables to the Borongan District Jail and Balangiga District Jail, respectively; while the FEA-Agrarian Reform Cooperative (Salcedo, Eastern Samar) will supply vegetables, poultry products and pork to the Guiuan District Jail.

In Northern Samar, the Allen Organic Vegetable see DAR /page 9 ...

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