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NIATF has yet to approve request of the region

## LSIs still free to return to EV

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**TACLOBAN CITY – Contrary to earlier reports, the so-called locally stranded individuals (LSIs) could still return to the region.**

This was clarified by Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Regional Director Lord Byron Torrecarion who also heads the Regional COVID-19 Task Force. (RTF)

According to Torrecarion, while both the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (RIATF) and the RTF have submitted a resolution calling for the suspension on the return of the LSIs to

the region, the National Inter-Agency Task Force (NIATF) has not acted on this.

Thus, in effect, returning LSIs who are now called simply as returning residents, could return to their respective hometowns, Torrecarion said.

“We at the RTF we’d like to clarify that although there was a request for temporary sus-

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**Locally stranded individuals (LSIs) or returning residents can still return to Eastern Visayas contrary to earlier report, clarifies the regional head of the COVID-19 Task Force. The return of the LSIs was cited as among the region for the surge of COVID-19 cases of the region. (Photo courtesy)**

*As Limasawa now affirmed as the site of the First Easter Mass*

## Bishop Cantillas calls for unity among faithful

TACLOBAN CITY – Bishop Precioso Cantillas of the Maasin Diocese has called for unity among the faithful now that the issue on where the First Easter Mass is now settled.

Cantillas issued this ap-

peal as he led on Sunday the start of the 200-days countdown leading to the 500 years celebration of the historic event held in Limasawa Island, Southern Leyte next year.

The bishop was reacting

on the ruling of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) reaffirming its earlier ruling that the First Easter Mass in the country was held in Limasawa and not in Butuan.

Last August 19, the

NHCP released a ruling dated July 15, 2020 affirming that the First Easter Mass in the country 499 years ago was held in Limasawa.

“That effort of unity of course can only happen when each one of us, tries to unite himself or herself with Jesus with the Eucharist,” Bishop Cantillas said.

“Make the mass really *see Bishop /page 7 ...*

## Tacloban City gov’t extends help to fire victims

TACLOBAN CITY-The local government of Tacloban has distributed relief goods to families and individuals affected by the fire incident in Barangay 62 Sagkahan last September 6.

Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez deployed a team from the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) and City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) to facilitate the



Mayor Alfred Romualdez

distribution of relief aid.

The relief goods that were given to the affected

households included food packs (consisting of 5-kilo rice, canned goods, noodles, and coffee), sleeping gears (composed of foam mattress, mosquito net, and blanket) as well as used clothing, kitchen utilities (cooking pot, frying pan and utensils), and some grocery items such as biscuits and other basic necessities. *see Tacloban /page 7 ...*



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## 7 barangay execs in the region among those charged for SAP distribution anomalies

TACLOBAN CITY-At least seven barangay chairmen in Eastern Visayas were placed under preventive suspension for six-months by the Office of Ombudsman for alleged irregularities in connection to the distribution of the social amelioration program (SAP).

The barangay officials were identified as Michael Vapor of Barangay Jordan, Villaba town, Leyte province; Esterlina Jacobo of Brgy. Nasang, Maasin City, Southern Leyte; Jenecita Losaria of Brgy. Catalina, Jiabong, Samar; Efren Trulda of Brgy. 13, Catbalogan City, Samar; Wilfredo Bacarra of Brgy. Masagana, Jiabong, Samar; Nathan Gabrasimo of Brgy. Zone 3, Sogod, Southern Leyte; and Jebanie Rios of Brgy. Buenavista, Palompon, Leyte.

They were among the 89 barangay chairmen who were suspended by the anti-graft court alleging that they committed irregularities during the SAP distribution to their

respective villagers.

SAP is a cash grant of the national government through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) aim to help the so-called ‘poorest of the poor’ during this time of pandemic caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The preventive suspension order was supposed to take effect on Sept. 2. It was the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) that filed the cases against these erring barangay officials.

In Eastern Visayas, the identified beneficiaries were to receive P5,000.

But based on the allegations, the seven barangay officials were said to have abused their authorities and committed irregularities by not following the guidelines and instead either listed their close family members or relatives, those that are not really poor or said to have slashed the P5,000.

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## 57K waitlisted SAP recipients in Eastern Visayas get aid

TACLOBAN CITY – A total of 57,012 waitlisted families in Eastern Visayas have received the P5,000 cash aid under the social amelioration program of the national government, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) said.

This brought the total fund released in the region to P285.06 million, DSWD 8 (Eastern Visayas) chief Marie Angela Gopalan said in a statement.

The DSWD has already served 28,799 beneficiaries in Leyte, 10,375 in Samar, 9,283 in Northern Samar, 3,805 in Eastern Samar, 3,558 in Southern Leyte, and 1,192 in Biliran.

“These are qualified poor families who did not receive the cash grant during the first tranche,”

Gopalan said.

The regional social welfare office began the direct payout of the SAP assistance in the first week of July and implemented the digital payout through Starpay in the second week of August to fast-track its distribution.

In the region, 129 out of 143 local government units (LGUs) have submitted a list of waitlisted beneficiaries.

A total of 38,420 families were listed from Leyte; 16,393 in Samar; 14,652 in Northern Samar; 5,310 in Eastern Samar; 4,663 in Southern Leyte; and 1,565 in Biliran.

Gopalan said 123 LGUs in the region were doing the payout as of Friday.

Under Republic Act 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, financial subsidies for two months

will be granted to indigent families affected by the movement restrictions to curb the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

However, Eastern Visayas is no longer included in the second tranche of the emergency cash subsidy due to its downgraded community quarantine status.

Gopalan said they released a total of PHP2.75 billion during the first tranche of the SAP, serving 550,480 families from the region’s 143 towns and cities.

Meanwhile, the region has confirmed a total of 3,688 Covid-19 cases since March, including 2,945 recoveries and 33 deaths, based on the Department of Health monitoring report. (GERICO SABALZA PNA)



**CASH AID.** A social amelioration program beneficiary in Eastern Visayas claims the PHP5,000 emergency cash subsidy in a remittance center on Sept. 1, 2020. The Department of Social Welfare and Development reported on Friday (Sept. 11, 2020) that a total of 57,012 waitlisted families in the region have received the cash aid from the national government. (Photo courtesy of DSWD)

## Arteche town in E. Samar wants to be the egg capital of the north

BORONGAN CITY- Arteche, a third- class municipality of Eastern Samar wants to be the egg capital of the north. This, as some 25 farmers from Barangay Campacion received 900 heads of egg-laying machines recently.

Funded by the Department of Agriculture/Special Areas for Agricultural Development (SAAD) in coordination with the Eastern Samar Provincial Government, the project aims to produce 200 trays of eggs per week.

The project, said Mayor Roland Evardone is worth P2.1million which includes feeds for the layers for a good six months.

The association counterpart was to construct

the housing where the egg-laying machines will be placed.

“I feel so excited and happy for them. That despite this pandemic, my people were given a chance. This is a sign of hope for us. Our goal is to be the egg capital of the north,” the youthful mayor said.

Previously, residents in Brgy. Carapdapan were also provided with egg-laying machines.

“I think the role of the LGU is to facilitate and monitor their progress,” Evardone said.

“We also facilitated and partnered with other government agencies for capacity building and training for the members

to ensure the project’s sustainability,” the town mayor added.

Evardone disclosed that these farmers will be trained by TESDA (Technical Education, Skills and Development Authority) in poultry production too and on September 14, they will be taught financial literacy sponsored by the Land Bank of the Philippines in partnership with the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU)-Borongan.

The mayor said that during the gathering, health protocols as mandated during this time of COVID-19 pandemic will be strictly observed. (nbq/PIA E. Samar)

## CSC North Samar encourages government offices to implement Alternative Work Arrangement

CATARMAN, Northern Samar-In order to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Northern Samar Provincial Field Office, Rowin Riños, the concurrent provincial director in the province, encouraged government offices to implement alternative work arrangement during this public health emergency.

This, he said in a phone patch interview at PIA’s “Huruhimangraw sa Panginudto” radio program at DYSM on September 4.

According to Riños, Memo Circular 10, s. 2020 or the revised interim guidelines for alternative work arrangement and support mechanism for workers in the government allowed alternative work arrangements.

He said alternative work arrangements in government agencies may adopt any or a combination of the following such as work from home, skeleton force, four- day compressed workweek, staggered working hours, or other alternative work arrangement.

The concurrent provincial director explained that work from home refers to an output-oriented work arrangement that authorizes the worker to

produce outputs/results and accomplishment outside the office while a skeleton force work arrangement has a minimum number of employees required to man the office to render service when full staffing is not possible.

Further he said, the four- day compressed workweek is a work arrangement whereby employees report to office four days a week.

The staggered working hours is a work arrangement applicable to offices/agencies that observe work shifting or flexible working time as long as the employee rendered 40 hours a week.

The work-from-home arrangement may be allowed for the following tasks such as research; policy formulation/review/amendment; project work, including but not limited to, drafting of proposals/project studies/training modules; data encoding/processing; adjudication of cases or review of cases, including legal work; budget planning and forecasting; evaluation and formulation of accounting, auditing and management control system; computer programming; database maintenance; design work/drafting of drawing plans; preparation of information materials; sending/receiving of emails and human

resource task like computation of leave credits and preparation of payroll.

He pointed out that the agency head shall ensure that the employees under work-from-home shall make themselves available during the work hours that they are at home and the given task to be performed to the full extent possible in terms of man-days per work week.

Moreover, he encouraged government entities of the use of videoconferencing/teleconferencing in conducting meetings to minimize face to face interaction that may cause possible COVID-19 transmission.

As of September 12, Catarman recorded 46 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 30 are admitted at the Rayhak Isolation Facility, two are confined at the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital (NSPH), one was admitted at the Catarman Doctors Hospital Incorporated (CDHI) and three are at the Community Isolation Unit 7, while 10 have already recovered. (nbq/TBC/PIA Northern Samar)



## Digitization in the time of pandemic: A new normal in the Philippine Air Force

The coronavirus disease(COVID-19) pandemic has continued to show its teeth and greatly caused personal inconveniences to many Filipinos for five months now– declining economy, school closure, travel restriction, delay in delivery of services, cancellation of events that require mass gatherings, and challenge to sustaining quality healthcare system.

For many government institutions, their operations have to continue regardless of the situation and health risks. They had to shift a big percentage of their employees from an office setup to a work-from-home scheme so they could process requests, handle influx of inquiries from stakeholders, and provide

support to the government’s developmental programs.

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The Philippine Air Force (PAF) encounters the same struggle with other institutions. It had created clusters and task force within its organization in order to address the different facets of its operations. These groups have persistently devised ways to embrace the new normal in the delivery of its services which is part of its Business Continuity Plan.

While many consider this as a situation income-mode, the PAF perceives it differently; the status quo it experiences has presented opportunities for the organization.

Back when there was no COVID-19 that has killed thousands all over the

world, digital applications were quite trendy but now, they have become a necessity.

Similar to many businesses and other government institutions that have to rapidly respond, the PAF has also started adjusting quickly through digitization in order to provide the services that its stakeholders rely on.

In terms of handling its internal communication, the PAF has resorted to implement a paperless and non-face-to-face transaction. Through its PAF messaging application, all communication or documents from different PAF units and offices that require approval from high-

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FEATURE:

# The other healing power of Padul-ong Queen and Mother

BORONGAN CITY- She has been observed to be reserved and to remain at bay while her husband runs here and there to attend to several official functions and address pronto several local issues and problems hands-on.

But despite her title and high-grade profession, she shuns public displays and appearances.

But when this piece was about to start, she was spotted to be meekly prominent in the photos captured during the Padul-ong Festival, one of the central activities of the annual Borongan City festival, that jumpstarted in Barangay Punta Maria, 4 am on September 7. The photo showed her sitting primly in one side of the boat, which appeared thin but sturdy.

Rowena Labro-Agda is the name, a young medical doctor and mother of five and a dutiful wife of City Mayor Jose Ivan ‘Dayan’ Agda.

Being a new participant in the Padul-ong scenery, her thoughts and expectations would naturally be asked.

Rarely would someone of her stature take the boat ride for the Padul-ong Festival. So, her inclusion in the photos amazed this writer, as one of the founders of the now 28-year old local festival.

Unexpectedly, the city’s First Lady, sounded reluctant to share her experience during the entire Padul-ong segments, as others would instead grab the opportunity to be in the limelight. Expectedly too, she could turn down any invitation of this sort, knowing her fine and regal composure.

But after some pleadings, the lady gave in to the request of an eager writer, with some assurance of privacy right. Obviously, this lady hates an iota of publicity which surely is not the intent of this article.

Yes it was her first time to participate the Padul-ong festivities, particularly the boat ride, she said.

According to her, waking up early in order to catch the 4 am Mass in Brgy. Pta. Maria was her and hubby’s first agenda for the day it being both a social and a religious obli-



Dr.Rowena Agda(seated next to her husband Borongan City Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda), experiences for the first time the Padul-ong rites. (BORONGAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

gation and so, they have to reach the place promptly.

The skeptics may, however, raise an eyebrow readily on the following narration but this is an account of a highly reputable young woman.

As she took her first step on the soils of Brgy.Pta. Maria in that early dawn, a heavy feeling struck her, at the unexpected sight of people teeming the chapel’s entrance, most of whom, she was aware were barangay political leaders and adversaries of hubby during the recently held polls. Unsure of what to do, in the presence of gazing eyes, she followed her husband’s direction.

A little’ later, however, someone started a greeting of “Maupay nga Patron”, another followed with a nod and still another with a nod and a smile and another more, until everybody expressed their greetings in unison. That somehow eased up her uncomfortable feeling.

“Are their greetings legitimate? Are they just caught unguarded of my presence? How many of these people are authentic with their feelings? The doubting Thomas in me,” said Ms. Rowena, Wee-wee, to some.

“The Mass went on, still refusing to believe with what I was seeing, until the Holy Celebration reached the finale. But as the recessional was being sang, I started to feel something beyond explain. Noticeable was the sullen feeling that I have kept inside my system, was slowly being pulled out, grain by grain. Did the exchange in eye-gesture healed me like a parac-

etamol to a fever?” Mrs. Agda asked herself.

Then, becoming a politician’s wife flashed my memory during the campaign sorties.

“While I opted and have remained a plain mother to my children and housewife to Dayan, it was inevitable not to support him all the way. That is why, I know the people who showed support and who did not, and I hated the oppositions,” the lady went on.

Boarding the same mother boat that carried the image of Mama Mary, Mrs. Agda have questions on mind like who else would she will meet ahead and toward the motorcade? Just like an obedient girl scout, she held to her best composure for the sake of hubby who was endlessly throwing greetings generously to everyone he met.

And as the vessel started to sail off for Borongan Bay, she could not help but stay firmly in that thin and delicate side of the boat, silently again, unsure of what to happen next. The water surface was smooth which paved the swift ride.

But seating near the Patroness’ Image brought her some strange feelings. A sort of cold sensation sooner wrapped around her, but she continued to stare at Her with blank thoughts.

At least she was now sure with the thoughts; that as she and hubby attended the dawn Mass and the flotilla could have been both an offering and a sacrifice.

“Have I been forgiven by the people whom I thought badly of? Am I forgiving them in return? Are you forgiving me, Lord? Are you

healing me of my pains in the recent election? Mother of Jesus, can you help me pray for the graces I need? The grace of forgiveness, the grace of healing?” Mrs. Agda’s thoughts went on.

The sail is now over. Time to alight the boat and Mama Mary is now being unloaded by overtly respectful men.

“In the motorcade, as I sat in silence, unmindful of the man beside me, I tried to collect my thoughts a few hours backward. Then realizations or perhaps confirmations were now clear to me that family relations can certainly break political colors; that a cousin will surely vote for a cousin-candidate instead of just a friend-candidate and it will just be an unhealthy thing to think of others badly.

This was one political realization she gained or perhaps told of her by the Patroness, that during political exercise, the realities are aplenty, some of them joyful, some painful. “What is important is one’s conviction for a true public service anchored on true faith for the ultimate leader and all-time winner,” Mrs. Agda told herself.

Was this conclusion dictated to her by the Virgin on board?

“Reaching home at dusk, Dayan received a call coming from a former fierce political rival inviting him to dine with the family on that vesper night. I told my husband outright to go and join the dinner because it is far better to add more friends than to increase the number of enemies,” she said. (Borongan City Informaton Office

## Cops rearrested inmate from Biliran less than an hour after he escape

TACLOBAN CITY-Police rearrested on Friday (September 11) a 42-year-old inmate less than an hour after he escaped at the Biliran Provincial Jail in Naval town.

The escapee was identified as Rodulfo Medalla, single, and a resident of Almeria town in the province.

Medalla is facing a criminal case for rape through sexual assault in relation to RA 7610 or Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act.

According to Jail Guard Officer Teddy Panis, prisoner or person deprived of liberty (PDL) had escaped in their detention facility at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

It was found out that the

said detainee was having a sunning time at around 8 am to 10 am on that day before he escaped by rushing to the main entrance gate of the prison facility, police said in a report.

However, a hot pursuit operation led to his rearrest at 11 am in a rice field in Barangay Calumpang, Naval.

Naval Municipal Police station led by Major Michael John Astorga, officer-in-charge, together with Lieutenant Steven Pagtabunan, brought the PDL to Biliran Provincial Hospital for a medical examination prior to his turnover to the prison guard of Biliran Provincial Jail. (RONALD O. REYES)

## DDB donates tents to Leyte for COVI-19 patients

TACLOBAN CITY - The Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) of the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy has donated 20 tents to the province of Leyte.

Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” Petilla, who received the 20 tents last September 4, said that the tents are collapsible and can be placed anywhere needed to be erected or established.

It was learned that DDB did not provide for the cost of the tents.

Gov.Petilla said that the tents can be used for isolation for the COVID-19 patients or for evacuation in times of calamities.

Each tent has one-person capacity for isolation COVID-19 patients while for evacuation can accommodate a family of five persons.

Petilla, however, clarified that at present the tents will be used for isolation of the COVID-19 patients.

He said that the tents will serve as an addition to the existing 100-bed capacity isolation established by the province at the Leyte gymnasium in Barangay Candahug in Palo.

At present, the Leyte gymnasium isolation facility has three occupants, two are tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and are isolated while the other one is in quarantine waiting for the swab test result. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)



**“For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” 2 Corinthians 5:1**

### IN LOVING MEMORY REMEDIOS PULGA COLAPO

April 28, 1954 - August 15, 2020

Our beloved matriarch passed away peacefully on August 15, 2020 in Catarman, Northern Samar. Nanay Remy was born in Lao-ang, Northern Samar on April 28, 1954.

She is survived by her children Carlo Magno and Cyrus, grand children, Carlos Hector, Eric, Zoe, Kaycee, Noah, Julienne, Jamira.

Her family will always cherish the memories spent with her and forever be grateful for the love she gave.



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## Love for plants

**T**here seems to be a heightened fascination, or even obsession, with potted plants nowadays among urban residents, in time when the pandemic rages on. Transactions vary, such as through barter system or cash basis, for purposes that buyers determine for themselves.

Somehow plants are excellent alternatives for us to rest our eyes on from too much exposure to gadgets. Nowadays when most people are home-quarantined because of work and school suspensions, they look for other alternatives that could make them busy on worthwhile things, and true enough, plants provide them with such diversion and pleasure.

As the demand for plants rises, rural folks with close access to vegetation eventually make money. All they need are pots stuffed with soil, and plant-

ed with any plant that ignorant city dwellers are fascinated with. Even the weeds that farmers get rid of are being sold at high costs, these being exotic-looking to urban folks. Good for the poor in remote areas as they now have a source of income.

The renewed love for plants that people are developing among themselves is a good sign that people are now realizing their importance. It is tantamount to love for nature in general. City dwellers are having their eyes opened to the fact that nature should have a vital place in their lives. Taking vegetation into their homes will not only satisfy their eyes, but their lungs as well knowing that plants emit oxygen that our bodies need.

Plant collectors may exercise prudence with their passion. Choose those plants that please the eyes, that could serve as vegetables, that could provide medicinal values, that could be propagated as well for business purposes. This way, they could maximize the use of those plants at home.



**Things To Mind**

**DOMS PAGLIAWAN**

### Aw, aw, aw

"Hello, can you hear me loud and clear?"

"No, Sir, your surrounding is very noisy", my online students answered. "Your voice is drowned by the noise."

"What noise?"

"Aw, aw, aw, aw!"

As a surge of bad luck,

our subdivision house is surrounded by neighbors that happened to own, simultaneously, this breed of dog that doesn't grow big and is covered instead with so much hair they already look like sheep. Colored dirty-white, they even have difficulty looking around as

their visions are blocked by those locks of hair hanging from their foreheads.

I have no trouble looking at their dwarf bodies and curly hair. What I cannot stand is their tendency to bark endlessly, even for no reasons at all. They are like broken, long-play records that do not stop right away. And to think that there are three of them—beside our house, in front, and at the back—their barking is indeed distracting.

We also have a dog, of course, a native one. But he only barks when there is an intruder or a visitor in the house like a Shopee or Lazada courier. When that person is gone, his bark-

ing stops. But these dogs in question are different; they keep on barking even if there is nothing more to bark. It seems like they were just created to bark, that's their role, and nothing more. Not only that. Since they are quite small, their voices are high-pitched, painfully stinging my ears.

Just one of them barking is already irritating to the ears. Problem is, they sometimes bark at the same time, in an endless manner. The poignant, piercing noise torments our ears, forcing into our eardrums like some sort of needle.

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What's New  
Mr. Q?

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The race is on!

-- To Produce the Most Effective & Most Affordable Anti-Coronavirus Vaccine !

The World Health Organization WHO & the University Public School of Health in Hongkong just declared that now, practically all vaccine manufacturers around the world are so revved up in their quest to be the the very first in producing millions of Anti-Coronavirus Vaccines.

Russia has already begun releasing its Anti-Covid Vaccine, Sputnik V, which is officially known as Gam-COVID-Vac, to the general public, as developers prepare to conduct large-scale clinic trials while administering the shots to civilians.

China's Tianjin-based CanSino Biologics published results from an early-stage clinical trial showing that its vaccine is safe, and they are now preparing their facilities to produce 100 million Vaccines annually!

Meanwhile, Presidential re-electionist Donald Trump of the United States is embroiled in defending a controversial statement he made in last February; when he admitted that he was aware of the danger of Coronavirus; but did not announce what he knew, "because he did not want the Americans to panic."

But this is another story.

However, the vaccine developed by Gilead Sciences of Foster City in California USA was now being tested in two Phase 3 "randomised clinic trials" in Asian countries. The WHO Requirement of Research

The World Health Organization WHO declared that typically, a vaccine requires 10 to

15 years of research, before it is made available to the general public.

However, clinic trials & licensing can be accelerated in cases of emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the WHO, only six vaccines are currently in Phase 3 trials, but none has yet completed them.

The Russian vaccine Sputnik V has complied already with Phase 1 and 2, however, the Phase 3 stage involves a larger population of volunteers and a longer length of study to determine a vaccine's longer-term effects.

In the US research for new vaccines, Phase 1 uses 20 to 100 healthy volunteers, for the purpose of evaluating the vaccine's safety, effectiveness as well as dosage.

Phase 2 involves up to several hundred volunteers, in evaluating short term side effects and how the volunteers' immune systems respond to the vaccine.

Lastly, Phase 3 uses hundreds of thousands of volunteers, focusing on safety and efficacy, including common side effects.

After Phase 3, the US Food & Drug Administration licenses the vaccine only if it is safe and effective; and if the benefits outweigh risks. From this information, we now know how expensive it is to produce (new) vaccines!

The US FDA and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention closely monitor the safety aspects of the vaccine, after the public begins using the said vaccine, to help ensure that possible risks associated with the vaccine are identified and remedied.

The World Health Organization WHO declared that we should acknowl-

edge the fact that any vaccine being researched can have possible unknown harmful effects, and that these effects may not be fully known until large numbers of people have been immunized.

It has been reported that Phase 3 for Sputnik V in the Philippines will be simultaneous with Russia's, and that it is expected to be eventually approved by the Philippine FDA.

If the Philippines pushes through with Phase 3, it is vital that we have a Vaccine Advisory Committee that will provide definite directions to prevent harmful effects.

Our quest to end COVID-19 should not be a sociopolitical risk, because if it backfires, it is mainly the poor who will be helpless.

Meanwhile, this research-minded Columnist determined that there are now THIRTY-TWO (32) ANTI-CORONAVIRUS VACCINES that are being developed and tested by practically the same number of big Pharmaceutical Companies worldwide!

And nope, this Col- see The race/page 8 ...



Foulshot

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Justness in compensation

Wages for decent living is a mere ideal that often unfulfilled by employers. While the worker deserves just wages according to standards set by law, the same may still not be enough compensation for his labor. Ones pay may be in accordance with minimum standards but may fall short of what is just in relation to the nature of work. The worker's needs are not often met even with standard wages. The situation is even worse for workers who are not given the minimum wage that is mandated by law. Such situation will place the worker at a miserably disadvantageous position as his unmet needs increase. The gap is not much due to the insatiable wants of the worker but the utter



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DR. PACIENTE CORDERO, JR.

Nestle PH reaches plastic neutral level

Nestle Philippines is reportedly the first multinational fast-moving consumer goods company (FMCG), in the country to reach plastic neutrality in August 2020. The company carries the consumer brands that include Bear Brand, Milo, Nescafe Coffee Mate, Maggi, Nido, and Chuckie.

On several issues, I wrote about the horrible situation about several manufacturers using plastic materials to market their products. More often than not used wrappers, boxes, bottles, and kitchen wares leak into freshwater and

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C - 19 rampages ferociously, unperturbed

Amidst furious battle, foes stays unruffled

Score of victims in multitude humbled.

2 Untamed foe world-over spreads toxin

Vanguished wails, pandemic end sought

Savants toil for elusive wonder vaccine

Curtail C - 19 proliferation pace about.

3 Rock-headed minion, C - 19 duo known

Defiant vulnerables, verily truant;

Laws crumpled, protocols

hours, these employers refuse to give honest wages in return. Many workers, both in private and government, are into this inequitable pit of underpayment.

Good workers must be uncomplaining in doing his task assigned by the employer. For the agreed pay, the worker is bound to perform his duty. As long as the worker is given the pay agreed upon for the work he is to render, there is no reason complaining. Unfortunately though, some workers would want to change the terms of employment for convenience. Instead of doing his task, he would

see Justness/page 7 ...

Dreadful mind-set openly recalcitrant.

4 Minion acts enliven viral existence

Victorious foe rejoices, cohorts enjoin;

Graphs ladder spike utterly consistent,

Survivors grapple anti-Covid 19 head-on.

5 Humanity in jiffy ward off dooms-day

Banish virus, stay sturdy, unrestrained;

Avert Planet Earth turning soil of clay

Tandem's reign in finality contained.

(MECQ -QC ... August 09, 2020 ... drpacjr)

\*\*\*\*\* marine water bodies affecting the biodiversity, ecology of the aquatic plant and animal organisms. Indeed, the leakage of plastics to the terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems has now been identified as a pressing environmental issue.

In January 2019, Nestle' Philippines, in a move for a waste-free future, "succeeded in collecting and diverting from landfills and oceans the amount of plastic equivalent to what (it) generated from our packaging last August, thus making us plastic neutral. In August alone, "the company recovered 2,400 metric tons of plastic waste." Nestle " aims to recover the same amount of plastic packaging that it generates every month", in order to attain plastic neutral level.

Further, to achieve a waste-free Philippines, Nestle company has forged partnership with Republic Cement, CEMEX Holdings Philippines, Plastic Credit Exchange, and Pure Oceans.

Representing the DOST in one Public

see Nestle/page 8 ...

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)



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





STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GU: Province of LEYTE  
Period Covered: Q2- 2020 (June)

Particulars		Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
GENERAL FUND						
General Public Services	1000					
Office of the Governor/Mayor	1011	3,260,687.02	7,284,914.00		1,942,905.64	12,488,506.66
Office of the Warden/Maintenance of the Prisoner	1012	3,171,279.33	2,491,619.99			5,662,899.32
Civil Security	1013	153,362.47				153,362.47
Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod/Pambayan	1021	3,547,254.93	602,584.91			4,149,839.84
Office of the Planning and Development Coordinator	1041	549,464.45	16,692.49			566,156.94
General Services Office	1061	4,000.00	7,099,331.33			7,103,331.33
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Budget Officer	1071	387,859.06	61,060.89			448,919.95
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Accountant	1081	125,400.64	132,775.88			258,176.52
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Treasurer	1091	2,974,537.47	138,168.96			3,112,706.43
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Assessor	1101	886,185.30	20,731.67			906,916.97
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Auditor	1111				287,975.00	287,975.00
Library Services	1122	61,031.24				61,031.24
Office of the Legal Officer	1131	199,945.72	22,863.94			222,809.66
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Prosecutor	1141		57,000.00			57,000.00
Regional Trial Court	1151		243,500.00			243,500.00
Office of the Registry of Deeds	1161	36,046.08				36,046.08
Public Order & Safety Department		242,106.02	78,735.18			320,841.20
Aids to Barangay						-
20% Local Development Fund	1912					-
70% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Disaster Prevention and Mitigation						-
Disaster Preparedness						-
Disaster Response						-
Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery						-
Procurement/Acquisition of Disaster Equipment for Disaster Response and Rescue Activities						-
30% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Others	1192					-
SOCIAL SERVICES						-
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000					-
Others	3999		47,324.16			47,324.16
Health, Nutrition & Population Control	4000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Hospital	4421	1,501,859.46	22,685.95			1,524,545.41
Office of the Population Officer	4999-1	580,516.33	17,023.34			597,539.67
Others (HOSPITALS)	4999	20,497,635.99	19,981,886.36		383,950.00	40,863,472.35
Housing and Community Development	6000					-
Maintenance of Plazas, Parks & Monuments	6544	199,738.63	43,258.34			242,996.97
Social Services and Social Welfare	7000					-
Office of the Social Welfare and Development Officer	7611	428,526.41	17,579.63			446,106.04
Budgetary Reserve						-
Others	7999					-
Economic Services	8000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturist	8711	5,374,354.68	64,875.09			5,439,229.77
Office of the Veterinarian	8721	154,877.44	11,184.01			166,061.45
Office of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer	8731	255,743.43				255,743.43
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer	8751	3,977,091.77	636,580.97			4,613,672.74
20% Local Development Fund	8911		990,000.00			990,000.00
Others	8912		111,800.00			111,800.00
Debt Service						-
Principal						-
Local Development Projects						-
Loan Amortization-Domestic (Debt Service-Principal)						-
Interest and Other Charges						-
Interest Payment - Domestic (Debt Service-Interest)						-
TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES		48,569,503.87	40,194,177.09	-	2,614,830.64	91,378,511.60
OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
Particulars	Budget Appropriation	Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
Purchase of Inventory						-
Disbursement of Trust Liabilities						-
Due to other NGAs				-		-
Due to other GOCCs				-		-
Due to other LGUs				-		-
Due to National Treasury						-
Due to BIR			5,831,452.81			5,831,452.81
Due to GSIS			4,587,233.31			4,587,233.31
Due to PAG-IBIG			86,400.00			86,400.00
Due to PhilHealth			904,690.96			904,690.96
Due to Officers and Employees			2,008,534.47			2,008,534.47
Grant of Cash Advances						-
Intra-Agency Payables						-
Due to Other Fund			6,288.81			6,288.81
Other Current Liabilities						-
Guaranty Deposits Payable			998,809.32			998,809.32
Performance/Bidders/Bail Bonds Payable						-
Other Payables			7,189,817.68			7,189,817.68
Other Deferred Credits						-
Payable Accounts						-
Accounts Payable			27,168,961.53			27,168,961.53
Notes Payable						-
Dividend Payable						-
Interest Payable						-
Payment of Prior Year Expenses Debited to PY Adj						-
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES		-	48,782,188.89	-	-	48,782,188.89
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		48,569,503.87	88,976,365.98	-	2,614,830.64	140,160,700.49
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND						
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000-1					-
General Administration	3311-1			-		-
Others	3999-1					-
TOTAL SEF			-		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		48,569,503.87	88,976,365.98	-	2,614,830.64	140,160,700.49
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - GF			44,083,870.54			44,083,870.54
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - SEF			3,944,877.60		3,103,019.66	7,047,897.26
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - GF		1,486,200.00			256,841,444.33	258,327,644.33
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - SEF						-

Certified correct:

GERARDO A. AVORQUE  
Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: Province of LEYTE  
Period Covered: Q2, 2020 (June)

Particulars	Acct. Code	Income Target ( Approved Budget)	Actual Receipts (June)	Excess of Actual vs Target	% of Over/ (Under) to Target
LOCAL SOURCES					
TAX REVENUES		40,924,347.00	6,399,532.07	-3,896,998.24	-9.52%
REAL PROPERTY TAX		30,491,488.00	5,098,276.71	-1,577,880.45	-5.17%
Current Year		19,200,000.00	4,059,866.58	3,273,021.48	17.05%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		191,488.00	3,102.68	-129,001.98	-67.37%
Prior Year/s		10,000,000.00	684,689.56	-5,382,061.57	-53.82%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		1,100,000.00	350,617.89	660,161.62	60.01%
TAX ON BUSINESS		8,600,000.00	1,100,217.16	-1,939,010.54	-22.55%
Amusement Tax		500,000.00	133,987.50	-255,996.80	-51.20%
Franchise Tax		1,500,000.00	341,863.36	950,439.76	63.36%
Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans		1,100,000.00	101,305.50	255,497.00	23.23%
Tax on Sand, Gravel & Other Quarry Resources		5,200,000.00	522,505.80	-2,947,010.50	-56.67%
Fines and Penalties-Business Taxes		300,000.00	555.00	58,060.00	19.35%
OTHER TAXES		1,832,859.00	201,038.20	-380,107.25	-20.74%
Professional Tax		250,000.00	74,212.50	-41,717.06	-16.69%
Real Property Transfer Tax		1,550,000.00	124,297.70	-356,075.08	-22.97%
Other Taxes		32,859.00	2,528.00	17,684.89	53.82%
Fines and Penalties-Other Taxes		0.00	-	0.00	
NON-TAX REVENUES		510,531,930.00	28,342,031.72	-259,970,032.07	-50.92%
REGULATORY FEES (Permits and Licenses)		931,930.00	36,422.50	-522,874.25	-56.11%
Occupational Fees		500,000.00	-	-246,060.00	-49.21%
Other Permits & Licenses		431,930.00	36,422.50	-276,814.25	-64.09%
SERVICE/USER CHARGES (Service Income)		500,000,000.00	23,973,192.56	-271,717,661.41	-54.34%
Clearance and Certification Fees		200,000.00	8,138.00	-136,987.25	-68.49%
Other Service Income		21,500,000.00	1,145,647.67	-12,675,013.07	-58.95%
Fines and Penalties-Service Income		0.00	-	0.00	
Hospital Fees		478,300,000.00	22,819,406.89	-258,905,661.09	-54.13%
Medical, Dental and Laboratory Fees		0.00	-	0.00	
OTHER INCOME/RECEIPTS (Other General Income)		9,600,000.00	4,332,416.66	12,270,503.59	127.82%
Interest Income		9,500,000.00	4,332,416.66	12,366,823.59	130.18%
Miscellaneous - Others		100,000.00	-	-96,320.00	-96.32%
TOTAL INCOME-LOCAL SOURCES		551,456,277.00	34,741,563.79	-263,867,030.31	-47.85%
EXTERNAL SOURCES					
SHARE FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTION		2,552,543,723.00	212,086,776.92	-1,280,023,061.48	-50.15%
INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	- 1,267,479,338.48	-50%
Current Year		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	- 1,267,479,338.48	-49.90%
OTHER SHARES FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS		12,543,723.00	-	-12,543,723.00	-100.00%
Share from National Wealth					
Mining Taxes			-	-	
Utilization of hydrothermal, geothermal and other sources of energy			-	-	
Share from PAGCOR/PCSO/Lotto		12,523,723.00	-	-12,523,723.00	-100.00%
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171)		20,000.00	-	-20,000.00	-100.00%
Others			-		
EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS/GRANTS/DONATIONS/AIDS		1,000,000.00	-	105,343,389.00	10534.34%
TOTAL EXTERNAL SOURCES		2,563,543,723.00	212,086,776.92	-1,174,679,672.48	-46.00%

OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS					
Collection Receivables			128,825.62	161,736.87	
Refund of Cash Advances			834,363.31	1,595,266.13	
Collection from Inter-Agency Receivables			-	0.00	
Collection of Trust Liabilities			9,337,953.40	91,129,649.46	
Due from other NGAs			8,248,730.00	86,244,127.90	
Due from other GOCCs			-	0	
Due from LGUs			1,089,223.40	4,885,521.56	
Other Receivables			7,789,916.47	12,306,889.39	
Collection of Prior Year Income credited to Prior Year Adjustment			-		
TOTAL OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS		-	18,091,058.80	105,193,541.85	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		3,105,000,000.00	264,919,399.51	-1,333,353,160.94	-42.94%

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND					
SPECIAL EDUCATION TAX					
Special Education Fund		70,000,000.00	7,256,274.50	- 27,137,446.44	-39%
Current Year		45,000,000.00	5,797,943.03	- 12,880,668.38	-29%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		1,600,000.00	360,816.91	- 957,468.63	-60%
Prior Year/s		18,600,000.00	801,973.04	- 10,887,854.27	-59%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		4,800,000.00	295,541.52	- 2,411,455.16	-50%
Other Receipts		-	-	59,330.68	
Interest Income		-	-	48,391.28	
Other Business Income (Miscellaneous)		-	-	10,939.40	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND		70,000,000.00	7,256,274.50	- 27,078,115.76	-39%
GRAND TOTAL (GF + SEF)		3,175,000,000.00	272,175,674.01	-1,360,431,276.94	-42.85%

Certified correct:

GERARDO A. AVORQUE  
Provincial Treasurer

## Justness... ...from Page 5

watch over the work of others and assume a different role of his own choice. After agreeing for a particular task at a specific pay, the worker would want to impose changes that will modify the work setup and relationships. Attending to the work of other workers, he starts retrogressing in his performance. The trouble comes when he seeks for the standard pay even while failing in the performance of his duties.

On the other hand, employers who take advantage of the labor of his workers are getting richer at the expense of others. This is where

## Digitization... ...from Page 2

er headquarters are just a few clicks away, and can be monitored or accessed anytime.

In this time of crisis, the PAF has relied so much in technology to ensure that there is continuity in conducting its Command activities.

Also, effective communication is key during this trying time and outside of it to the PAF running smoothly. In order to conduct operations without disruption, the PAF has turned to virtual teleconference to get messages

the inequity between employers and workers need just rectification. It is grossly unfair for workers to be reprimanded for by their employers for failing to do tasks that are in fact beyond their regular duties. Nevertheless, we are called to be thankful for what we get for an honest day’s work. Let us just learn to count our blessings and avoid envying other people. Our feeling of emptiness is often caused by our enviousness of others. We entertain self-pity for getting less than the next person. Let us just pray that we may learn to accept and be contented with our blessings so that we will find happiness and contentment in life.

comments to [allelma@yahoo.com](mailto:allelma@yahoo.com)

across quickly and address concerns on the spot. In adherence to the guidelines on physical distancing, the PAF has applied this mechanism in the conduct of any fora.

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These are only few of the many examples of how digitization has transformed and helped the PAF in its continued operations. Certainly, digitization in the PAF’s operations will remain. Looking forward, it is expected that this transformation will continue. Technology will also be seen to play a more profound role in making the PAF an innovative and resilient organization.(PR

## Aw, aw... ...from Page 4

As a household of teachers, we are unfortunately situated in a wrong place, more so now when our classes are online due to the on-going pandemic. Our classes require a quiet environment, but how can

## Tacloban... ...from Page 1

Based on the report of the CSWDO, the fire, which broke out at about 7:45 pm, affected 8 families and gutted down 6 residential structures.

The report also revealed that there were five house owners with totally damaged homes; one with a partially destroyed house and two were identified as sharers.

Meantime, the local government would also process the release of financial assistance to the said fire victims.

Meanwhile, the National Housing Authority 8 (NHA) has conducted interviews and validation on the fire incident and likewise shared its plan to extend financial aid to the families.(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

we achieve that quietness when, every now and then, these doggies release a salvo of ear-piercing noise. Surely, we are not the only ones being disturbed; our students on the receiving end are likewise bombarded with their noise.

Even if we close our

## Bishop... ...from Page 1

something concrete and really in his daily life and to refer always to Jesus in the Eucharist everything that we think of, everything that we dream, even our fears especially now that it is pandemic,” he added.

Cantillas added that by uniting with oneself, this must begin with respecting one another, and doing good, saying good word and proliferating the deeds of darkness and evil.

The 200- days countdown was a simple program held at the Shrine of the First Mass in Barangay Magallanes and attended by about 50 selected individuals which includes church leaders, government officials, and local media.

Limiting the number of attendees adheres to the safety and health protocols set by the Department of Health to the prevention of spread of the corona virus disease (Covid-19), Fr. Johnrey Sibi, Quincentennial celebration chairperson, said.

The event was livestream through the official Facebook account of the Diocese of Maasin.

The activity has the theme “Appreciation and Care for our Common Home,” based on the encyclical of Pope Francis that offers not only reflection and guidelines on how to maintain a good and health relationship with creation in the spirit and also guides to Roman Catholic faithful on how to care for the ecology release five years ago.

doors and windows, the noise still penetrates. We already ordered and have been using noise cancellation headsets, but the noise persists. I cannot also demand that those dogs be removed from our immediate neighbors because the owners also have the “right

During the event, the Diocese also re-launched the “Laudato Sia” and launched the Primer and the official video of the Year of Christianity before giving his blessing after the mass, Sibi added.

The Diocese of Maasin is recognized by the Vatican as the first diocese in the world to implement the encyclical by adopting renewable energy through installing solar panels to generate electricity in its 42 churches. They also spearheaded along with the provincial government various coastal and river clean-up as part of taking care of the environment.

Meanwhile, the Primer is a 10-page document created by the diocese’ commission on education that narrates the start of the first Easter Mass and its influence to the Roman Catholic faith to present time to educate the youth.

After the mass, Professor Rolando Borrinaga, a noted historian of the region who was the one who provided evidence to the panel supporting the claim that Limasawa was the site of the First Easter Mass, said that the historic event was held in the village of Triana and not in Magallanes where previous anniversaries were held.

Meanwhile, Limasawa Mayor Melchor Petracorta, in his message, said that the quincentennial year of the coming of Ferdinand Magellan in the country and the First Easter Mass in Limasawa next year should be remembered as a celebration of friendship.

to remain silent”. That’s why, at times, I just ask myself—when will these dogs die?

“Hello, hello, can you hear me now?”

“Yes sir, we can, coz you increased your voice volume, but the aw-aw is still loud and clear.”

“Let this celebration lead us to remember the coming of Magellan on our island recorded the first treaty of friendship between the east and the west and brought significance, not war or invasion but brotherhood and Christianity,” he said.

At least four panels were created by the NHCP to settle the issue where the first mass indeed happened in country in March 31, 1521, when the fleet of Magellan arrived in the country on his way to Moluccas or the Spice Island.

The first panel was formed in 1980 through the National Historical Institute, the forerunner of the NHCP, then on 1995 the Gancayco panel resolved the exact location of the historic mass, and in 2008 under the Legarda panel which also ruled that the site of the 1521 Easter Sunday mass was in Limasawa Island.

In 2018, the NHCP received requests from various institution including the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines to reexamine the earlier decision of the NHI after claims that there were new primary sources and evidences that surfaced which were not reportedly taken into consideration by the previous panels.

The NHCP said that there is a necessity to reopen the inquiry because of the forthcoming celebration of the 500 years arrival and introduction of Christianity in the country this 2021.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

## 7 barangays... ...from Page 1

The Leyte Samar Daily Express contacted Truelda, one of the seven officials suspended by the Ombudsman, but declined to be interviewed.

In the case of Rios, she was alleged to have deducted P1,5000 from the P5000 intended for the beneficiaries of their village in Buenavista, Palompon town.

Bacarra, another barangay chairman charged by the anti-graft court, was said to have enlisted 21 of his kins and friends who were working in the government, padding the original number of beneficiaries from 50 beneficiaries to 62.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

CARPER LAD Form N0. 51  
(Revised Carp-LAD Form N0. 51)

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

**NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION**

August 3, 2020

**SPOUSES ANDRES C. YU AND ANA C. YU**  
**Poblacion, Alangalang, Leyte**

Sir/Madam

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

OCT/TCT No.	:	<b>TCT-T-5895</b>
TD No.	:	<b>08-02-036-00132</b>
Lot No.	:	<b>4344-A-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, F &amp; G</b>
Approved Survey No.	:	<b>Psd-08-041704 (AR)/Psd-08-025654 (OLT)</b>
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has)	:	<b>6.9230 Has.</b>
Area acquired per ASP	:	<b>5.2756 Has.</b>
Location	:	<b>Brgy. Lukay, Alang-alang, Leyte</b>

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title of Tax Declaration an area of 5.2756 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 **NINE HUNDRED FORTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS AND 80/100** (Php 942,111.80) covering **5.2756** hectares, including improvements thereon, if any.

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

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

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

Copy Distribution:  
Original - LO  
Duplicate - LBP  
Triplicate - DARPO  
Quadruplicate - DARMO



### Nestle... ...from Page 5

Hearing about a Bill on Plastic waste in Philippine Seas sponsored by a Congressman from Eastern Visayas, I raised the issue about the thick plastic waste thrown to the seaport of Catbalogan, Samar, an observation duly noted by then Rep. Figueroa. The scenario of floating waste materials mainly plastics are still observed in the Ports of Tacloban City and Ormoc City, Province of Leyte. Of course, with the inactivity of water transport from Manila to the Visayas and Mindanao, the volume of floating wastes in sea ports has been reduced remarkably, except in Ormoc

City and other municipal ports with fast-track boats plying between Cebu and Leyte provinces.

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### LSIs... ...from Page 1

pension of LSIs it was not acted upon by the NIATF and there is no suspension of LSIs as of this time for the region," he said.

Last August 25, the RI-ATF and RTF approved a joint resolution asking the IATF to impose a one month ban on the return of LSIs to the region.

The resolution was

based on the recommendation of the governors of the region held during a meeting of the Regional Peace and Order Council as a necessary measure to contain the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the region.

A resolution was submitted to the IATF after it was passed but this has not been approved yet.

"Receiving of LSIs are ongoing but as per national there is no longer LSIs, they are treated as returning residents po of the province already," Torrecarion said.

This is the second time that the two bodies have asked the NIATF to temporary ban the return of the LSIs to the region.

In July 28, the IATF has approved a 14-day suspension of travel of LSIs to the region.

The suspension was granted due to the surge of confirmed COVID-19 cases

in the region where most of the patients were LSIs.

Meanwhile, Department of Interior and Local Government Regional Director Karl Rimando said that while travels of LSIs to the region is now smooth and properly handled by the government, the problem on so-called "ninja" continues.

These "ninjas" are LSIs who did not made coordination with the local government units and national government agencies and returns to the region on their own. Some of these individuals may be using fake medical certificate and travel authority," he said.

"If these LSIs are using medical certificates not issued by the municipal or city health officer and travel authority not issued by the Philippine National Police, these are fake," Rimando said.

(with report Ronald Reyes)

## MacArthur NHS welcomes learners on October 5, 2020!

BY: SHERILL M. REVITA

MacArthur National High School in MacArthur, Leyte has been preparing for the opening of classes for School Year 2020-2021 comes October 5, 2020.

Classrooms and Laboratory Rooms are now instructionally structured, safe and conducive. The WASH Program is institutionalized with the installation of handwashing facilities, repair of comfort rooms, provision of hand sanitizers and regular conduct of disinfection procedure in the campus.

For the school's 2,139 current enrollees, this school will implement the distance learning modality using the printed learning modules due to the present pandemic situation of the community and the world – the COVID- 19.

Several batches of face-to-face orientation of learners' parents have been conducted through the leadership of our school principal as to how the modular modality of learning be realized and be made

smooth and stress-less to the learners and parents.

The school now is in the process of printing and packaging of the standard Learning Modules provided by the DepEd Central Office and the teachers' self-made Learning Activity Sheets which will be made available to the learners before the day of the opening of classes.

Teaching-learning process for the learners must continue amidst pandemic. Learners, the school welcomes you. Resilient school, resilient leaders and teachers produce resilient learners!!!

(Note: The author is a Teacher III of the MacArthur National High School)

## The race... ...from Page 5

umnist does not believe that President Rodrigo Duterte would personally lead a group and "personally negotiate" with the top executives of an Anti-Covid Pharmaceutical company, just like what then President Noynoy Aquino did with his Budget Secratay Butch Abad and Health Secretary Janette Loreto Garin, when they personally went all the way to Paris, France to directly "negotiate" with the Sano-fi Pharma's top officials, & get the "Best Deal" for the 3.5 Billion Pesos Philippine purchase of Anti-Dengue Vaccines.

Uh... Anyare to the investigation led by then Justice Secretary Leila de Lima? Just asking .

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIPE CASTANAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2080-C of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-299225 approved as a non-subdivision project being a portion of Lot 2080, Catbalogan Cadastre, LRC Cad Record No. 2379 situated at Barrios Jia-an and Pangdan, Catbalogan Samar containing an area of 157,300 square meters under TCT No. T-8624. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JUN DE JESUS AND MA. ELPA DE JESUS as vendee of a portion consisting of 58,638 square meters from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 249, Page No. 56, Book No. 1, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Alexander P. Bolok.

LSDE: Sept 15, 22 & 29

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED SERGIO FUMAR SR. WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS OF A PARCEL OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SERGIO FUMAR, SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 12 parcels of land particularly described as: 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 994 situated at Luntad, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 202 square meters covered by TD No. 9930004-00032; 2) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3796 situated at Cangumbang, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 2.8136 hectares, more or less and covered by TD No. 0230017-000145; 3) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4720 situated at Tacuranga, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 6,662 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 99-30-034-00320; 4) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5210 situated at Cangumbang, Palo, Leyte containing an area of .1187 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 02-30-017-000146; 5) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 8229 situated at Teraza, Palo, Leyte containing an area of .6434 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 02-30-085-000099; 6) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9518 situated at Teraza, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 5,620 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-46028; 7) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9501 situated at Teraza, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 8,974 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-46029; 8) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7617 situated at Capirawan, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 14,444 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-45707; 9) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 576 situated at Cavite West, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 152 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 02-30003-000484; 10) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3563 situated at San Antonio, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 28,364 sq.m., more or less and covered by TD No. 02-30029-000193; 11) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9332 situated at Anahaway, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 2,012 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-45968; 12) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9320 situated at Anahaway, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 16,658 sq.m., more or less and covered by OCT No. P-45969 and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights and participation over Lot No. 994 situated at Luntad, Palo, Leyte in favor of BEACORA E. FUMAR. Per Doc No. 188, Page No. 38, Book No. 45, Series of 2004. Notary Public Atty. Generoso Casimpan.

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