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Alfred claims P170-M expenses for COVID-19 response

Region's COVID-19 cases now at 4,550

JOEY A. GABIETA w/ HENRY PUYAT

TACLOBAN CITY-The number of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) of the region continue to increase.

As of Monday, the region's total COVID-19 cases is at 4,550.

On Sunday, the DOH reported of only nine new cases, the lowest in months.

The nine new cases were from Leyte.

Meantime, Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez disclosed that since the start of the pandemic last March, the city government has already spent around P170 million.

In a radio interview, Romualdez said that the money was used by the city government on various spending like the procure-

ment of needed equipment like personal protective equipment(PPEs);construction or improvements of facilities used as quarantine or isolation centers; payment for hotels used as quarantine or isolation facilities; foods extended for those who were placed in quarantine or isolation facilities; and other needed operations like those used in the putting up of checkpoints.

Because of these unexpected expenditures of the city government, several projects and programs have to be set aside, the city mayor said.

"But we can still manage. We still have funds but we are appealing to our national government to help us," Romualdez said during his radio aired over RMN.

Among the affected programs and projects of the city government were the drainage improvement; road maintenance; and lighting project, particularly in the northern part of the city where the resettlements of families affected by Super Typhoon 'Yolanda' in 2013 were resettled.

Romualdez then appealed to the city residents see Region's /page 10 ...



SIMPLE RITES. The 119th Balangiga Encounter was observed on Monday (Sept. 28) in a very simple ceremony amid the threat of the coronavirus disease(COVID-19)pandemic. The commemorative program was led by Mayor Randy Graza with B/Gen.Camilo Ligayo, commanding officer of the 802nd Infantry Brigade, as the guest of honor. (ESTE NEWS/ABOY ABAYAN)

Amid COVID-19 scare 119th Balangiga Encounter marked with low-key activities

TACLOBAN CITY- This year's commemorative program on the Balangiga Encounter, held Monday (Sept.29), was not only a low key one but could be its shortest.

In about an hour, the historic commemorative program was over amid the threat of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Town Mayor Randy Graza led the program with B/Gen.Camilo Ligayo, the commanding officer of the 802nd Infantry Brigade, as the guest of honor.

Fe Campanero, information and tourism

officer of the municipal government, said that the holding of this year's 119th Balangiga Encounter was in compliance of the national government's directive to avoid any mass gathering.

She said that all the necessary protocols were observed during the program which started at 9 am with a Mass held at the St. Lawrence the Martyr Church presided by its parish priest, Fr. Serafin Tybaco, Jr.

A wreath-laying led by Mayor Graza and B/Gen. Ligayo was offered before the statue of local hero,

Valeriano Abanador, who led in the uprising against the American soldiers on Sept. 29, see 119th Balangiga/ page 10 ...



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Tacloban Fil-Chinese Chamber donates PPEs to Tacloban city gov't



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez(center)-receives donation from the Tacloban Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Inc. personal protective equipment to be used by the city's volunteer surveillance officers. Also in photo, among others, were Dr. Gloria Fabrigas, city health officer, and Nicholas Jason 'Colai' Go, director of the Tacloban Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce Inc. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

TACLOBAN CITY- The Tacloban Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce Inc.

led by its Director Colai Go on Friday, September 25, delivered its donation of

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies to the see Tacloban/page 10 ...

Biliran capital restricts movements during fiesta

TACLOBAN CITY- The municipality of Naval in Biliran province has imposed new travel restrictions to avoid mass gatherings during the town fiesta next week.

Through Executive Order No. 029 approved this week, the entry of non-residents to the town center and in the villages of Sto. Rosario and P.I. Garcia are strictly prohibited from Oct. 1 to 3.

Exempted in the travel ban are medical and security front-liners, emergency responders, government employees, and workers in essential establishments.

In compliance with the guidelines of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), all commodities would be allowed access provided their carriers would present corresponding documents as proof prior to business transactions, the local government said.

"Visitors are not allowed especially in households with senior citizens, minors, pregnant, and other vulnerable individ-



DISTANCING. Attendees of a novena mass at the Our Lady of Holy Rosary Cathedral in Naval town, Biliran observe physical distancing. The local government on Friday (Sept. 25) said new travel restrictions to avoid mass gatherings will be imposed from Oct. 1 to 3, as the town celebrates its town fiesta.

(Photo courtesy of Naval Cathedral)

uals. These measures must be implemented to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19," Mayor Gerard Roger Espina said in a statement on Friday.

The town will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary on Oct. 3.

The local government will also strictly impose the

liquor ban and the 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. curfew except for front-liners and other essential workers.

"We remind the public to observe the minimum health standards such as the wearing of face masks, physical distancing, hand hygiene, and proper cough etiquette, especially during religious gatherings," Espina said.

To date, Biliran has no active case of Covid-19 as all its 24 patients have recovered from the disease, based on the monitoring of the Department of Health.

Meanwhile, Eastern Visayas has confirmed a total of 4,419 cases since March, including 3,745 recoveries and 41 deaths.

(GERICO SABALZA/PNA)

Medical staff of Southern Leyte hospital tested negative of COVID-19

TACLOBAN CITY- All the 74 swab samples extracted from the health personnel of the Salvacion Oppus Yniguez Memorial Provincial Hospital in Southern Leyte turned out negative.

These swab samples were taken from doctors, nurses, and other health-care workers, and even from close contacts of patients who were confirmed to have been in-

fectured of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

But despite that negative result of swab test, the hospital management said that they will not immediately open as disinfection is still on process.

In the advisory signed by Dr. Ionne Castellones, medical chief, the hospital temporarily stopped in accepting clients as they continue to disinfect the facility.

"We ask everyone anew to help us share and circulate only authentic and precise facts or information to avoid fright, misperception and misinformation," Castellones said.

She also reminded the public to always strictly observe all the health protocols like hand washing, wearing of face masks, and social distancing.

The hospital urged

residents of the province to work collectively and cooperatively, to ensure the safety of everyone and to stop the spread of COVID-19.

She also asked them to seek or coordinate with their respective local health officers for any health concerns especially if they experience symptoms that are related to COVID-19.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

DepEd-E. Samar to hold 'noise barrage' to signal opening of classes

BORONGAN CITY-Eastern Samar Division Superintendent Carmelino Bernadas said the division will be holding a 'noise barrage' on October 4, Sunday to signal the opening of classes on October 5, 2020.

In a presscon on Thursday, Bernadas said this activity is part of their preparation for the school opening where they will involve the police and the barangay tanod.

On October 5, Monday, will be the first day of classes.

Presently, they have printed 310,092 learning modules for distribution to 158,564 enrolled students from Kinder to Grade 12 including those enrolled in the Alternative Learning System (ALS).

The SDS lamented that they have only reached 95 percent of the expected enrolment adding that they will not stop advocating for education.

"There is no pandemic that can stop education," Bernadas said.

Although the SDS kept on repeating that education this COVID-19 time is a 'work-in-progress,' still he insists that they have explored all avenues to ensure that learning will still happen.

Bernadas acknowledged that Gov. Ben Evardone and Rep. Ma-

ria Fe Abunda helped the schools in the printing of the self-learning modules by providing duplicator machines in every district.

He added that Evardone also hired teachers called Learning Facilitators to help the teachers and parents in using the modules for learning.

When asked how the teaching process will take place with Kinder pupils or Grade 1 who cannot read yet, Bernadas replied that they will employ the Kids-Teaching Kids COVID-19 Version (M-KTK).

This is a home-based beginning reading system utilizing kids in the comfort of their homes, which they called, class homes. Elder kids will gather at least three Kinder pupils and conduct the learning sessions in the class homes. The process was tried first after Typhoon Yolanda and it gained good results, Bernadas said.

Bernadas also shared one good news for the teachers.

"The teachers will receive P1,000 as Teachers' Day incentive!"

As of today, Bernadas said that the DepEd Eastern Samar Division is ready for the October 5 opening of the School Year 2020-2021.

(nbq/PIA E. Samar)

Man accused of rape arrested in Southern Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY-A 65-year old most wanted person was arrested in Liloan, Southern Leyte Saturday, September 26, 2020.

Accused, Feliciano Felicilda Palo, has a warrant dated September 14, 2020 for the crime of rape.

Operating unit of Liloan Municipal Police Station led by Staff Sergeant Simeon Lopez, under the direct

supervision of Lieutenant Felipe Francis Gijal, officer-in-charge, arrested him in Barangay Magupas of the said town at 9:00 a.m.

Judge Fabio Albao Jr. of Regional Trial Court (RTC)-Branch 39 in Sogod, Southern Leyte denied bail bond to the accused. (RONALD O. REYES)

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Gov. Petilla administers oath-taking of 2 Leyte town councilors

PALO, Leyte – Governor Leopoldo Dominico ‘Mic’ Petilla sworn into office two new council members of Villaba and Tunga.

The newly-minted councilors were Elly Maria Enevoldsen of Villaba and Jose Uribe.

Enevoldsen, 22, took the post of her mother, Joselita, who had to step down from her post as town councilor due to health reason.

She took her oath of office before Gov. Petilla last September 17. She is a graduate of Bachelor of

Science in Business Administration at San Carlos University Cebu City.

Meantime, Uribe, 52, took the post left vacant due to the demise of Councilor Evelyn Avila who died on May 1, 2020 at the age of 59. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla administers the oath taking of Jose Capoporo Uribe as councilor of Tunga town. The 52-year old councilor replaced the seat left vacant by Councilor Evelyn Avila who died due to a lingering illness. Tunga Mayor Catalina Agda and Uribe’s wife, Ditas, also witnessed the oath-taking held at the Office of Governor at Government Center, Palo. **(GINA P. GEREZ)**

Northern Samar opens 10 scholarship slots for med students

TACLOBAN CITY – The provincial government of Northern Samar has started accepting applications for its scholarship program for aspiring medical doctors in the province this week.

In a statement on Friday, Governor Edwin Ongchuan said they opened 10 slots for the first year of the program’s implementation, which aims to address the health needs of the people by increasing the availability of local doctors.

The scholarship covers tuition and other school fees up to PHP100,000 per semester, plus a PHP35,000 stipend and PHP40,000 book and uniform allowance.

The provincial government will also shoulder the review fees for the medical licensure exam, plus allowances.

An applicant must be a Filipino citizen, a resident of Northern Samar, and not more than 35 years old for incoming freshmen and not more than 50 years old if currently enrolled in a medical school.

The deadline for application is October 23, the provincial government said.

More details about the process and the application form link are posted on the Northern Samar Provincial Information Office Facebook page.

“They will be selected based on a set of criteria

which include financial status and intellectual acuity,” Ongchuan said.

In return, scholars are required to render service in the provincial and district hospitals, depending on the number of years they have availed of the program, he added.

“This coronavirus disease 2019 health emergency has heightened the need for more health professionals; hence we are bent on pursuing the program as soon as possible,” Ongchuan said.

To date, the province has confirmed a total of 150 infections, with 118 recoveries and zero death, based on the monitoring of the provincial health office. **(GERICO SABALZA/PNA)**

Responding to alleged illegal logging activity, 2 cops killed in Northern Samar town

CATARMAN, Northern Samar-Two police officers were killed after their group encountered armed men while responding to a report of illegal activity in San Isidro town, Northern Samar province on Saturday night.

Killed during the armed fight were Patrolmen Jessie Golondrina, 30, and Fernando Velarde, 25 who both

belong to the Regional Mobile Force Battalion based in the said town.

A still unidentified man was reportedly injured in the shoot-out.

Based on the initial report from the San Isidro Municipal Police Station, the group of the two slain police officers went to Barangay Buenavista at around 10:40 pm Saturday

(Sept. 26) to verify report on the presence of armed men said to be transporting illegally cut lumbers.

When the law enforcers arrived in the area, they saw a group of armed men who, without provocation, fired at them which resulted to fire fight that lasted for several minutes.

This resulted to the injury of Golondrina and Velarde who were brought to St. Camillus Hospital based in Calbayog City, Samar where their attending physician declared them as dead on arrival.

Hot pursuit operation is now underway against the armed men.

The town of San Isidro has been identified where illegal logging activity remain to be a serious problem with government forces claimed being backed by the members of the New People’s Army (NPA). **(RACHEL V. ARNAIZ)**

staff of the said school reported to San Roque Elementary School the nearest medium category school under the district to make sure that the school will be ready for the upcoming opening of classes for the new normal School Year 2020-2021.

Tanauanons will together rise as one and continue education as one.

(Note: The author is a Teacher III of Tanauan Central School, Tanauan, Leyte)

Over 400 farmers from Leyte earned certificates from TESDA on animal production, organic farming

TACLOBAN CITY- Amid the pandemic spawned by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, about 400 farmers from different towns of Leyte earned their certificates from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla told reporters that the 433 farmers from several hinterland villages of the province have transformed themselves from traditional to modern farmers practicing the techniques and methods of scientific farming, livestock and poultry productions.

Petilla said that the farmers were TESDA trained-scholars graduates from the Farm School in Villa Conzoilo, Jaro Leyte. He added that the up-

land barangay of Villa Conzoilo, seven kilometers from the town proper, is the pilot site for modern, integrated and diversified organic farming technologies of the province of Leyte.

The governor said that the farmers earned the TESDA National Certificates (NC) for having completed the competency requirements under the Philippine Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) competency assessment and certification system.

Petilla disclosed that of the 433 farmers, 115 of them graduated animal production (Poultry-Chicken) NC II; 90 completed animal production (Ruminants) NC I; 128 finished agricultural crops production NC II; 50 of them for animal production (Swine) NC II; and 50 for organic agricul-

ture production NC II.

He said that after the farmers finished their training, they will be provided assistance for their agricultural activities.

Petilla has been extending financial support and provision of farm implements, agricultural tools and agricultural inputs such as fertilizers and vegetable seeds for the farmers who opted for crop productions. On the other hand, those who chose for animal productions received cash assistance, chicken layers, boar and breeder pigs, goats and other farm animals.

Petilla reported that presently, the farmers are now productive and supplying the local markets with their agricultural products.

Those who opted for crop productions are producing and selling high value crops and vegeta-

Tanauan Central School serves as a quarantine facility

BY: NORILYN P. VALENCIA

The municipal government of Tanauan, Leyte continuously prioritized the health of Tanauanons amid the COVID-19 pandemic by using the school as a quarantine facility.

The facilities, under the supervision of the local government, provides not only the much-needed treatment of COVID-19 patients but also the proper care of locally stranded individuals (LSIs) and returning overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) undergo-

bles harvested from their respective farms such as onions, asparagus, radish, cauliflowers, strawberries, lettuce, broccoli, carrots, among others.

While those farmers who opted for animal productions are now supplying the eggs and other poultry products, swine and goat meats, Petilla added. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

ing mandatory of 14-day self-isolation for the protection of their families.

Tanauan II Central School is located at Barangay Canramos, Tanauan, Leyte is being used as a quarantine facility of the LSI, OFW and other persons coming from other places within the Philippines.

The school being used as quarantine facility was approved since it has a wide classroom space, comfort rooms, lavatory, ventilation, electricity and has enough water supply.

Tanauan municipal mayor thru the administration of Honorable Pelagio R. Tecson Jr. with his other municipal officials offers hygiene kit, face-mask, faceshield, folding bed and thermometer to every person who are being quarantined inside the classroom.

While the school has been serving as a quarantine facility, the faculty and

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Unmasked

So many anomalies in society are hardly noticed to be in place, and at work, unless focused on for crackdown purposes or the like. Such things are numerous in our country, unnoticed before, till the present administration brought them to light.

In their seemingly sudden emergence, some citizens are tempted to think they just propped up now, that they didn't exist before, and these stains and ills can only be blamed to this present regime for provoking these things into existence. It's quite hard to figure out what kind of perception this is. But let us set politics aside and stick to facts.

Denial and politicking cannot change the fact that many of these "cancers" were already in their worst state but remained hidden due to neglect or lack of political will till

they got unmasked in recent years. The intense corruption in many government agencies, the mind-boggling salaries and wages of high-ranking officials in selected institutions, the deeply-rooted and rampant drug trade, the gross neglect of filthy and rotten historical sites such as the Pasig River and Manila Bay, the clandestine advancement of the insurgency into the seat of power, just to name a few.

All this must have been addressed long ago for they continually drag the nation into the pits of misery. Blame it to the maintenance of the status quo that the past administrations had comfortably settled in. Only big, drastic moves can operate on these worst societal tumors. We don't care what political group they belong to, and who these figures are, so long as they can deliver better services to the nation and make the people's lives better.



**Things To
Mind**

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Sense of responsibility

There is something that Filipinos ought to possess for them to survive and prosper in today's highly demanding world, and that's the so-called sense of responsibility. Sadly, it tends to be disappearing nowadays, especially with the gadgets in hand, not just among young people,

even among adults who get preoccupied with these items.

This virtue is hardly understood and exercised by the majority of our people. No matter how we admire and reward those few who exhibit it in their lives, still we see a great amount of negligence and irrespon-

sibility in diverse areas involving various institutions and agencies, particularly in the area of public service.

It seems to run in our veins, this irresponsible bent. Its results can be seen in various forms—unfinished or poorly done projects, unattended clients, ineffective services, inefficient programs, failed schemes, poor performances, non-working policies, corrupt government officials, extant poverty, broken homes, etc. such that, if you will look for the most irresponsible people in the world, you would probably find all of them here in this country.

With this, one may doubt if the Filipino is indeed worth dying for. In the first place, it's a mere pronouncement of a politician

who may not have meant what he said. We know what politicians are: they say something but mean another thing, mostly for their political interests. But we need not be identified with, nor characterized by, how our politicians behave.

Would one be willing enough to die for a people who deserve to perish for their collective irresponsibility in almost all things? We doubt so. It takes not just a hero but a savior to do that, which is so remote to happen. It's for Filipinos to learn how to be responsible enough, not to just wait for the impossible thing to happen.

It's time the Filipinos learned how to practice that sense of responsibility
see Sense /page 5 .



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Swallowing his pride before the U.N. delegates, with some of whom he had some unsavory words months earlier

Duterte exhorted the United Nations General Assembly that once the Anti-Covid-19 vaccine is finally tested as effective, it should be available to all Nations!

Indeed, it is quite heart-warming to note that our controversial President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, known for his unwavering pride and sometimes uncontrolled tongue, has shown his true love and care for the Filipino people and of course, our dear country!

Speaking for the very first time (since he assumed the Philippine presidency) at the United Nations General Assembly, our President Rodrigo Duterte stressed that the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) Vaccine, once finally tested effective and ready for delivery, should be made available to all nations "as a matter of policy." Wow, well said! (Applause !)

In the international circuit, there is talk circulating that wealthy nations like the United States, China itself, Japan, Germany, France, Great Britain etc. (with several 'appearing as health foundations') have already advanced billions and millions of dollars as "advance payments" to big pharmaceutical companies who are doing advanced testing stages of Anti-Covid-19 Vaccines, so "they'd be given top priority" when these vaccines are finally tested effective and ready for delivery.

In his 20-minute speech before world leaders, Duterte said "co-ordinated international plans & efforts would be needed to overcome the Covid-19 pandemic, which he called "the biggest test which the world and the United Nations faced since World War II"

To quote him, he said "Covid-19 knows no border. It knows no nationality. It knows no race. It knows no gender. It knows no age and it knows no creed!"

And, in order to appease some known critics of his administration, Duterte added --

"The Philippines values the role that the United Nations plays in its fight against the pandemic. As a middle-income country, whose economic advances have been derailed by the pandemic, we welcome the launch of the "United Nations' COVID-19 Response & Recovery Fund," he said.

President Duterte add-

ed "Ensuring universal access to the Covid-19 technologies and products would be pivotal in the recovery from the global pandemic.

"The world is in the race to find a safe & effective Anti-Covid-19 Vaccine," he said.

"So, when the world finds that Vaccine, access to it must not be denied nor withheld. It should be made available to all, rich and poor nations alike, as a matter of policy of the United Nations," Duterte pointed out.

He added "The Philippines joins our partners in the ASEAN and the Non-Aligned Movement/s in raising our collective voices -- That the Covid-19 Vaccine must be considered a global public good. Let us be clear on this!" -- Wow, what terrific & endearing words! (Applause !)

The infectious respiratory disease, which was first detected in the Chinese province of Hubei late last year (hence the Covid-19 name) has so far infected 31 million people worldwide.

In the Philippines, per this Columnist's findings, the total Covid-19 case-load has reached over 292,000, including over 230,000 recoveries and over 5,000 deaths.



Foulshot

AL ELLEMA

Protection

It came as surprise that the country was placed under an extended state of calamity for another year. The issuance of Proclamation 1021 extended the period of the state of calamity all throughout the Philippines due to the corona virus of 2019 declared under Proclamation 929 this same year. Such declaration created a calamitous condition of the entire Philippine archipelago that will last for one year. It is a projected calamity caused purportedly by the covid19 virus that is still prevalent and widespread for several months now.

The aimless moves that keep on failing due to the guesswork that those in charge had taken is now being felt as the economy is in shambles. The need to recover the losses is now getting primordial consideration over the need to recover the health of the people. Orders to be masking faces had been followed under pain of penalty but the covid19 virus keeps on spreading each day. Many are wondering if the masks are effective protection from the covid19 virus. Reports on tests being conducted had positive cases on the rise despite masked



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Filipino Scientists Leap-Frog In Global Innovation Index

In its 2020 publication, the WIPO or World Intellectual Property Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations that deals with patents, copyrights, trademarks and other forms of intellectual property, reported that the Philippines is well-integrated in global trade.

The Philippines leap-frogged four (4) places in the latest edition of the Global Innovative Index (GII), "putting the country in this year's top 50 list of innovator economies" as announced in Geneva, Switzerland by the Philippine Mission to the United Nations and other international organizations .

" WHERE WOULD HE BE"

1

Pages of childhood days revisited

Youngish dream flashes back

Men in brown in view

appeared
Cherished dream, join armed flock.

2

Tutoring, his Alma Mater offered

Grasped an opportunity rare

Initial pay check earned awaited

Science teaching vowed to play.

3

One lazy summer afternoon in reverie

An option dangled lured by evergreens;

Bio-organisms in hues and sizes varied

Inhabiting marine environ, waves beaten.

4

Aquatic research on, energy invested

Locked horns as neophyte vying for fame

Sacrifices paid off, plums coveted

Modest legacy bequeathed all for them.

(GCQ - QC . . . June 01/

people.

After months of mandatory masking, authorities imposed plastic barriers that started with public transportation. Vehicles were required to install plastic dividers that would separate passengers. Such plastic dividers in public transportation are mandated under stiff penalties on the driver and operator. A serious look at the barrier would raise doubts as to its effectiveness in blocking the unseen covid19 virus but people must follow, else, fines will be imposed by law enforcers upon those who do not follow the regulation.

Another daft move was the order to install barriers on single motorcycles. It entailed another expense on people whose means of transportation is the single motorcycle. Those innovative drivers who made their own barrier to comply with the mandate where still apprehended the barrier are not in accordance with specifications. On public see Protection/page 10 ...

Sense...

...from Page 4

ity, both in our collective private and public lives. It is something that cannot wait. In time when many people are avoiding it, neglecting it, ignoring it. Nobody wants to accept responsibility for something. Just minding their own business.

If we are to inculcate this vanishing sense to our society, we better start it in our homes where children

Sept 09, 2020 . . . drpacjr)

Herewith is the WIPO data on GII performance - thus, "The report finds that the Philippines is well-integrated in global trade , ranking 1st in high-technology imports, 3rd in high-technology exports, 8th in ICT service exports, and 10th in creative goods exports." Further, "the country's innovation profile shows top 25 rankings for indicators such as research talent graduates in science and engineering, and high technology manufacturing."

Indeed, given a bigger budget annually and a sustained/strong collaboration between government-academe-industry sectors, I strongly believe that more records will be improved/broken related to performances in Research, Development and Innovation (RDI).

Indeed, in terms of budgetary allotment, Science and Technology and its concomitant RDI are dependent on the availability research assistance to Filipino scientists. I can talk about our (R & D woes in the science community - FUNDING1

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NEXT TOPIC: "Some C -19 related Issues"

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have now become bosses over their parents and elders. In schools where kids are being molded, same advocacy should be imposed. In workplaces, organizations, companies, this sense must be continually implemented and required.

Why, it is something that we cannot afford to lose if we are to survive and make it in this life. Either we have it, or we perish.

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

LGU: Province of LEYTE
 Period Covered: July 2020

Particulars	NGAS Code	Actual Expenditures					Total
		PS	MOOE	FE	CO		
GENERAL FUND							
General Public Services	1000						
Office of the Governor/Mayor	1011	4,400,278.49	13,816,244.18			18,216,522.67	
Office of the Warden/Maintenance of the Prisoner	1012	3,232,385.50	2,293,127.71			5,525,513.21	
Civil Security	1013	161,951.91				161,951.91	
Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod/Pambayan	1021	3,575,224.96	677,243.66			4,252,468.62	
Office of the Planning and Development Coordinator	1041	550,667.55	6,493.32			557,160.87	
General Services Office	1061	137,877.44	1,240,993.81			1,378,871.25	
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Budget Officer	1071	319,093.07	31,991.88			351,084.95	
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Accountant	1081	159,400.84	34,166.08			193,566.92	
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Treasurer	1091	1,953,682.62	213,125.09			2,166,807.71	
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Assessor	1101	600,233.30	8,165.93			608,399.23	
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Auditor	1111						
Library Services	1122	173,523.64	5,598.00			179,121.64	
Office of the Legal Officer	1131	199,945.72				199,945.72	
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Prosecutor	1141		21,000.00			21,000.00	
Regional Trial Court	1151		334,847.20			334,847.20	
Office of the Registry of Deeds	1161	36,046.08	5,637.38			41,683.46	
Public Order & Safety Department		242,106.02	7,826.68			249,932.70	
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		403,201.00			403,201.00	
Health, Nutrition & Population Control	4000						
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Hospital	4421	1,846,295.56	296,264.93			2,142,560.49	
Office of the Population Officer	4999-1	521,175.08	47,011.68			568,186.76	
Others (HOSPITALS)	4999	23,864,399.67	12,280,005.58			36,144,405.25	
Housing and Community Development	6000						
Maintenance of Plazas, Parks & Monuments	6544	587,124.29	157,134.81			744,259.10	
Social Services and Social Welfare	7000						
Office of the Social Welfare and Development Officer	7611	445,663.54	82,138.33			527,801.87	
Budgetary Reserve							
Others	7999		510,391.91			510,391.91	
Economic Services							
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturist	8711	5,724,322.83	89,772.04			5,814,094.87	
Office of the Veterinarian	8721	157,877.44	5,177.75			163,055.19	
Office of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer	8731	255,743.43	29,726.75			285,470.18	
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer	8751	4,440,810.52	3,403,462.86			7,844,273.38	
20% Local Development Fund	8911		496,200.00			496,200.00	
Others	8912		913,200.00			913,200.00	
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		53,585,829.30	37,410,148.56			90,995,977.86	
OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Particulars	Budget Appropriation	Actual Expenditures					Total
Purchase of Inventory	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO		
Disbursement of Trust Liabilities							
Due to other NGAs							
Due to other GOCCs							
Due to other LGUs			16,000.00			16,000.00	
Due to National Treasury							
Due to BIR			7,411,095.62			7,411,095.62	
Due to GSIS			8,588,746.91			8,588,746.91	
Due to PAG-IBIG			1,610,375.45			1,610,375.45	
Due to PhilHealth			1,213,340.71			1,213,340.71	
Due to Officers and Employees			11,219,158.27			11,219,158.27	
Grant of Cash Advances							
Intra-Agency Payables							
Due to Other Fund							
Other Current Liabilities							
Guaranty Deposits Payable			2,645,034.58			2,645,034.58	
Performance/Bidders/Bail Bonds Payable							
Other Payables			19,266,391.04			19,266,391.04	
Other Deferred Credits							
Payable Accounts							
Accounts Payable			9,836,325.29			9,836,325.29	
Notes Payable							
Dividend Payable							
Interest Payable							
Payment of Prior Year Expenses Debited to PY Adj							
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES			61,806,467.87			61,806,467.87	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		53,585,829.30	99,216,616.43			152,802,445.73	
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND							
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000-1						
General Administration	3311-1						
Others	3999-1						
TOTAL SEF							
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		53,585,829.30	99,216,616.43			152,802,445.73	
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - GF							
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - SEF					4,295,664.16	4,295,664.16	
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - GF							
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - SEF							

Certified correct:

RUTH Y. SURPIA
 Acting Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
 Period Covered: Q3, 2020 (July)

Particulars	Acct. Code	Income Target (Approved Budget)	Actual Receipts (July)	Excess of Actual vs Target	% of Over/ (Under) to Target
LOCAL SOURCES					
TAX REVENUES		40,924,347.00	6,592,521.71	2,695,523.47	6.59%
REAL PROPERTY TAX		30,491,488.00	5,289,931.71	3,712,051.26	12.17%
Current Year		19,200,000.00	3,224,403.85	6,497,425.33	33.84%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		191,488.00	11,900.35	-117,101.63	-61.15%
Prior Year/s		10,000,000.00	1,446,052.82	-3,936,008.75	-39.36%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		1,100,000.00	607,574.69	1,267,736.31	115.25%
TAX ON BUSINESS		8,600,000.00	954,734.59	-984,275.95	-11.45%
Amusement Tax		500,000.00	42,847.49	-213,149.31	-42.63%
Franchise Tax		1,500,000.00	17,280.00	967,719.76	64.51%
Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans		1,100,000.00	66,303.50	321,800.50	29.25%
Tax on Sand, Gravel & Other Quarry Resources		5,200,000.00	778,506.00	-2,168,504.50	-41.70%
Fines and Penalties-Business Taxes		300,000.00	49,797.60	107,857.60	35.95%
OTHER TAXES		1,832,859.00	347,855.41	-32,251.84	-1.76%
Professional Tax		250,000.00	138,603.39	96,886.33	38.75%
Real Property Transfer Tax		1,550,000.00	191,468.89	-164,606.19	-10.62%
Other Taxes		32,859.00	17,783.13	35,468.02	107.94%
Fines and Penalties-Other Taxes		0.00	-	0.00	
NON-TAX REVENUES		510,531,930.00	82,463,958.88	-177,506,073.19	-34.77%
REGULATORY FEES (Permits and Licenses)		931,930.00	21,650.00	-501,224.25	-53.78%
Occupational Fees		500,000.00	-	-246,060.00	-49.21%
Other Permits & Licenses		431,930.00	21,650.00	-255,164.25	-59.08%
SERVICE/USER CHARGES (Service Income)		500,000,000.00	78,475,086.66	-193,242,574.75	-38.65%
Clearance and Certification Fees		200,000.00	16,833.00	-120,154.25	-60.08%
Other Service Income		21,500,000.00	1,021,106.49	-11,653,906.58	-54.20%
Fines and Penalties-Service Income		0.00	-	0.00	
Hospital Fees		478,300,000.00	77,437,147.17	-181,468,513.92	-37.94%
Medical, Dental and Laboratory Fees		0.00	-	0.00	
OTHER INCOME/RECEIPTS (Other General Income)		9,600,000.00	3,967,222.22	16,237,725.81	169.14%
Interest Income		9,500,000.00	3,967,222.22	16,334,045.81	171.94%
Miscellaneous - Others		100,000.00	-	-96,320.00	-96.32%
TOTAL INCOME-LOCAL SOURCES		551,456,277.00	89,056,480.59	-174,810,549.72	-31.70%
EXTERNAL SOURCES					
SHARE FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTION		2,552,543,723.00	213,393,025.33	-1,066,630,036.15	-41.79%
INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-1,055,392,561.56	-42%
Current Year		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-1,055,392,561.56	-41.55%
OTHER SHARES FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS		12,543,723.00	1,306,248.41	-11,237,474.59	-89.59%
Share from National Wealth			-	0	
Mining Taxes			-	-	
Utilization of hydrothermal, geothermal and other sources of energy			-	-	
Share from PAGCOR/PCSO/Lotto		12,523,723.00	1,306,248.41	-11,217,474.59	-89.57%
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171)		20,000.00	-	-20,000.00	-100.00%
Others			-	0.00	
EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS/GRANTS/DONATIONS/AIDS		1,000,000.00	-	105,343,389.00	10534.34%
TOTAL EXTERNAL SOURCES		2,553,543,723.00	213,393,025.33	-961,286,647.15	-37.65%
OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS					
Collection Receivables			13,716.25	175,453.12	
Refund of Cash Advances			49,387.75	1,644,653.88	
Collection from Inter-Agency Receivables			-	0.00	
Collection of Trust Liabilities			35,397,302.83	126,526,952.29	
Due from other NGAs			33,578,221.00	119,822,348.90	
Due from other GOCCs			-	0	
Due from LGUs			1,819,081.83	6,704,603.39	
Other Receivables			685,210.67	12,992,100.06	
Collection of Prior Year Income credited to Prior Year Adjustment			-	0	
TOTAL OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS			36,145,617.50	141,339,159.35	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		3,105,000,000.00	338,595,123.42	-994,758,037.52	-32.04%
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND					
SPECIAL EDUCATION TAX					
Special Education Fund		70,000,000.00	7,529,563.27	19,607,883.17	-28%
Current Year		45,000,000.00	4,937,276.66	7,943,391.72	-18%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		1,600,000.00	308,370.92	649,097.71	-41%
Prior Year/s		18,600,000.00	1,581,294.04	9,306,560.23	-50%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		4,800,000.00	702,621.65	1,708,833.51	-36%
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	7,529,563.27	19,548,552.49	-28%
GRAND TOTAL (GF + SEF)		3,175,000,000.00	346,124,686.69	-1,014,306,590.25	-31.95%

Certified correct:

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 Acting Provincial Treasurer

FEATURE

Filipinos turn to centuries-old barter amid lockdowns

RONALD O. REYES



Rhoel Ladera, an online administrator of the 95,000-strong Tacloban Barter Community, exchanges his unused wireless internet router for home-baked lasagna and cookies. (Photo courtesy)

The extended community lockdowns brought by the coronavirus disease pandemic pushed some Filipinos to return to the centuries-old trading system: barter.

“This is just one way of helping people. We are exchanging something without the need for money,” said Rhoel Ladera, a 42-year-old businessman in Tacloban City.

“What’s worthless or not important to some may be a treasure to others,” added Ladera, who was able to barter four times in one month alone.

As one of the online administrators of Tacloban Barter Community, Ladera reminded the over 95,000 members that “as long as both mutually agreed and are happy then a barter is successful.”

“Every member has the right to define barter according to whatever books you read, but it is our right as group managers to define the mechanics of the virtual bartering in this group,” said the thriving barter community in the city.

For himself, Ladera was able to barter his sunglasses for a sack of rice which he later donated to the frontliners; home-baked lasagna and cookies for a wireless internet

router; sugar and water for a cooked shrimp; and a car for a small lot property.

Minor setback

Earlier, the national government announced that the bartering of goods is illegal unless it will be taxed.

Citing a 2018 executive order signed by President Rodrigo Duterte, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said that barter is only lawful in “limited” areas in Mindanao-like in Siasi, Jolo; Sulu and Bonggao, Tawi-Tawi.

“People must resort to regular transactions and pay the corresponding taxes,” Lopez said in a press briefing in Manila last July.

After his pronouncement sparked uproar among online barter enthusiasts, the official clarified his previous statement, saying that “personal transactions, not in the course of trade and business, are not covered by registration requirements.”

Jen Garcia, an administrator of 17,000-strong Leyte Barter Community, said the government “may have the inherent powers to tax but it has to consider the cost versus the benefit.”

According to Garcia, the government “should be happy that in spite of the financial hardship, Filipinos are creative enough to find ways to procure the basic needs without resorting to stealing and corruption.”

The Global Barter Community, of which Tacloban Barter Community is a bonafide member, also issued a statement, saying that they “envision a world where kindness is without borders and humanity is defined by the extent with which every race can help one another to survive the global impact of the pandemic and adapt to the ‘new normal.’”

“We stand in solidarity as different barter communities established by local stakeholders in common

mission to promote barter as part of our way of life as Filipinos. We will strive to establish and redefine the traditional barter system as a new norm of helping one another and shall not in any way promote commercialism and materialism but positive values such as generosity, determination, honesty, patience, integrity, gender sensitivity, equality, and ecological awareness,” it added.

The barter community maintained that what it is doing “is not selling, for the goods or services are not exchanged based on price but value.”

“It is not also donating for the goods are not given without anything in exchange,” it said.

“The price of the item or service is never equal but the happiness and feeling of satisfaction should be equal,” the group added.

Meanwhile, Leyte-based historian Rolando Borrinaga said that Filipinos still have the barter mentality in modern times.

“We just remembered a lot of things about our culture during the lockdown. Many even started gardening. We do not have to make comparisons. The important thing now is that this crisis reminded us to go back to our history and culture in order to come to

terms with our difficulties and to find sane explanations for what is happening,” Borrinaga said.

‘God doesn’t barter’

Amid the popular online barter activities, a Catholic priest reminded that barter is good but not ideal when it comes to Christian teaching and living.

“In the Christian perspective of bartering, Jesus teaches us not to barter, but to give, sometimes give until it hurts,” said Father Kim Margallo of St. Josemaria Escriva Mission Station in Tacloban.

“I am not into bartering. I am into charity and generous giving,” Margallo said in an interview.

From an economic perspective, the priest maintained that there is nothing bad about bartering.

But when it comes to the economy of God, Margallo echoed the teachings of Pope Francis, saying that God doesn’t barter.

“He is the ultimate giver, the giver who does not require something in return. That is what we are supposed to do and whom we should imitate,” the priest said.

However, Margallo reiterated that the church does not ask people to stop bartering.

“Barter is not a sin. It is a personal decision to engage

in it, as long as no law, rights, and morality are violated. Even Jesus did not force the rich young man in the Gospel. To give and to be charitable is an individual’s decision, using his intellect and will,” he said.

Charitable giving

Margallo also reminded the Catholic faithful about charitable giving, saying that “we are asked to give and not expect something in return.”

“We are just stewards of the earthly goods, and the instruction of the owner of the goods that we are administering and stewarding is to give,” he said.

“In the end, the Church teaches us to do charitable acts by giving to people who are in need, helping them not because you have something to give and in return, you demand something in exchange, but rather you give because you knew how it is to have nothing, and it is your responsibility to help those in need by virtue of our baptism,” added Margallo.

According to him, the Church’s teaching on bartering is based on teaching charity and generosity by “giving out of love not out of need.”

DPWH completes flood control project in Leyte



LA PAZ, Leyte – Another flood control structure has been completed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) - Leyte Second District Engineering in Hibuga River, Barangay Sta. Ana, this town.

The P37.63 million project covers the construction of 930-linear meter river

wall with slope protection consisting of reinforced concrete structure, riprap and masonry work stretching the Hibuga River.

“This project will reduce the probability of flooding during onslaught of heavy rains and typhoons resulting to loss of livelihood and damages to properties,” said OIC-Assistant District Engi-

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local government to equip the volunteer surveillance officers (VSO) here working to respond the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez and Acting City Health Officer Dr. Gloria

neer Francisco E. Robin, Jr.

“River banks will also be protected from further damages due to soil erosion and scouring,” he added.

Construction of this project started in February of this year to September 17.

This project is among the seven priority flood control structures of the district of which six were completed under the 2020 regular infrastructure program amounting to P125.077 million. (PR)

Fabrigas formally received the donations at the City Hall Grounds.

The donation, which consists of protective gear and hygiene kits, includes 15 units of automatic alcohol dispenser; 15 gallons of alcohol; 5,000 pieces face-mask; 500 face shields; 10 boxes of surgical gloves; 8 units thermal scanner, and 200 pieces of ethyl alcohol.

The group likewise provided supplies such as, 300 pieces of ballpen, 400 notebooks, 300 plastic envelopes as well as 100 umbrellas for the VSOs, composed of Barangay Health Nutrition Scholars, Barangay Service Point Officers, and other volunteers at the community who have signed up to help the government address this health crisis.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Jacobs Engineering donates \$10,000 to KEITECH

The community and the environment both benefit when two companies that both strive to go beyond business come together. When Lopez-led geothermal leader Energy Development Corporation's (EDC) Mahanagdong B geothermal power plant in Leyte was badly hit by a 6.5 magnitude earthquake in 2017, it was Jacobs Engineering that helped the company to not just restore it but to build back a better facility.

This September 2020,

Jacobs Engineering has donated \$10,000 to EDC-initiated KEITECH Educational Foundation, Incorporated (KEITECH) to help fund its student-trainees' tuition and fees.

"The successful Mahanagdong project delivery in 2017 was underpinned by the positive working relationship between the two companies with shared safety and sustainability values and a commitment to work towards a zero-carbon future. We are pleased to partner with EDC, which is one of the world leaders in geothermal energy," said Aaron Hochwimmer, Jacobs Engineering's Director of Operations-Power, in his message during the recently held virtual donation turnover ceremony.

He further emphasized: "Our team was delighted to recognize KEITECH and to leave an enduring legacy with the community. The fundamental lessons on values that KEITECH teaches are also fundamentals for us in Jacobs and we think that they were instrumental to the success of our project with EDC."

KEITECH is a techni-

cal-vocational school established in 2009 by geothermal leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) in partnership with the local government of Kananga in Leyte and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to help address the high poverty incidence and unemployment rate in the municipality of Kananga in Leyte by enabling qualified youth to acquire the top skills that are locally and globally in-demand. KEITECH has played a role that shaped not only the future of its over 1,000 graduates but also the true meaning of public-private partnership.

Each student receives a full scholarship including uniforms, shoes, safety gears, school supplies, and is given accommodations and meals for the duration of their training. KEITECH's 10-month training program is tailor-fit to the most in-demand jobs in construction, metals and engineering, and hotel and restaurant services.

What makes KEITECH a cut above the rest *see Jacobs /page 10 ...*

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII
G/F Uyttingkoc Building
Senator Enage St., Tacloban City

RE: Application for issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to the 2014 Amendments to the Revised Rules and Regulations implementing R.A. No. 9295 or the IRR of 2014.

CASE NO. MRO8 20-029

EUSEBIO C. YMATA,
Applicant
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ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with the Calbayog Satellite Unit (CSU) on **04 September 2020** and received by this Office on the same date, to wit:

NAME OF SHIP'S OWNED **SERVICE TO BE OFFERED**
MBCa "EURE MY GRACE" *For the carriage of Passengers*

ROUTE TO BE SERVED
Route 1 San Juan, Lavezares-Lavezares (all of Northern Samar) and vice versa
Route 2 San Juan, Lavezares-Lavezares-Biri (all of Northern Samar) and vice versa

Origin	DEPARTURE		ARRIVAL		Day
	Time	Day	Destination	Time	
For Route 1					
San Juan	6:30 AM	Monday	Lavezares	7:20 AM	Monday
Lavezares	4:00 PM	to Friday	San Juan	4:50 PM	to Friday
For Route 2					
San Juan	6:00 AM	Saturday	Lavezares	6:50 AM	Saturday
Lavezares	7:30 AM	& Sunday	Biri	8:20 PM	& Sunday
Biri	1:30 PM		Lavezares	2:20 PM	
Lavezares	4:00 PM		San Juan	4:50 PM	

LINKS	SCHEDULE OF RATES PER LINK	
	PASSENGER RATE	CARGO RATE PER *LINK Item Rate/Unit
San Juan-Lavezares	P50.00	Rice/Cement P25.00/sack
Lavezares-Biri	P60.00	Asstd. Grocery Items P15.00/box
San Juan-Biri	P50.00	Steel Bar P10.00/piece

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **06 October 2020, Tuesday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at this Office, G/F Uyttingkoc Bldg., Senator Enage Street, Tacloban City.

The applicant shall publish this Order once in any newspaper of general or regional circulation in the Philippines at least **five (5) days** before the hearing.

The applicant shall submit a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE) during the hearing or **five (5) days** thereafter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Administrator, this **24th day of September 2020** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **EFREN JUAN B. BORCI, JR.**
Regional Director

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SFSU Issuance No. O-NOH-1-2020-049
Reference No. TMRO-2020 20-047

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LIBRADO E. RUIZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Lot 6314, Case 2, Cad 407 located at Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-96215 containing an area of 276sq.m., and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares, rights and participation over the above-described property unto MA. LEAH B. RUIZ, Per Doc No. 72, Page No 15, Book No. VII, Series of VII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Lemuel R. Montes. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

DEED OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF LAND
NOTICE is hereby given that CLEO BORDALLO heir of the late ARTURO G. BORDALLO executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5094 situated at Brgy. San Policarpo, Calbayog City, Samar covered by TD No. 99-01017-01771 containing an area of 3,166.00 square meters. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of GREGORY PAUL D. YULO as vendee of a portion of land consisting 467sq.m., from the above-described property Per Doc No. 6000, Page No. 1200, Book No. XII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Hernando M. Hernandez, Jr. *LSDE: Sept 15, 22 & 29, 2020*

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NOTICE is hereby given that CLEO BORDALLO heir of the late ARTURO G. BORDALLO executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5094 situated at Brgy. San Policarpo, Calbayog City, Samar covered by TD No. 99-01017-01771 containing an area of 3,166.00 square meters. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of JAY VINCENT R. YULO married to MA. GINA D. YULO as vendees of a portion of land consisting 500sq.m., from the above-described property Per Doc No. 5891, Page No. 1179, Book No. XII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Hernando M. Hernandez, Jr. *LSDE: Sept 15, 22 & 29, 2020*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION
NOTICE is hereby given that SUSANA TAN y REDONA heir of the late CLOTILDE BANTULA REDONA and MACARIO REDONA executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 14385, Case 43, Cad 505 under OCT No. P-56218 situated at Brgy. Guinguan, Tanauan, Leyte containing an area of 12,256 square meters and I hereby name, appoint and constitute RODOLFO V. MUSCA or LILITH S. CATAMPONGAN to be my true and lawful attorney/s-in-fact, for us in my name and stead, to do and perform with full powers any of the following acts and deeds, to wit: 1) To personally observe the subdivision proceedings and act in accordance to my interest; 2) For subdividing, to execute and sign any and all documents; 3) To sell share or a portion of land; 4) To process, secure and sign for ROD, DAR, BIR, PSA and other governmental or private entit; 5) To file and institute; 6) To register this Special power of Attorney with proper authorities; 7) To do any and all acts necessarily. Per Doc No. 922, Page No. 66, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Mendoza. *LSDE: Sept 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that VENECIA MAZO TABIRAO, heir of the late SIN-FROSIO MAZO executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land known as Lot No. 8972 containing an area of 2,728 square meters, more or less covered by TCT No. T-13729. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MARLYN D. RONTAL as vendee of a portion consisting of 475sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 459, Page No. 92, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan. *LSDE: Sept 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

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, 2020*

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that RICARDO SALAS executed an Affidavit of Absolute Sale in favor of SPS. GENTHOR SALAS AND MARIA THERESA SALAS over a parcel of land situated at Smo. Rosario, Naval Biliran covered by TD No. 00543 containing an area of 57.32sq.m.; Per Doc. No. 4227, Page No. 416, Book No. X, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lyndinno R. Opeña. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PASCUALA ELLORANDO AND ADRIANO ELLORANDO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Borongan City, Eastern Samar covered by ARP No. 08-022-00472, Survey No. 2722 containing an area of 2,509sq.m., and heirs hereby CONFIRMED the said sale of the above-mentioned property in favor of DONA ANGEL C. GALVE; Per Doc No. 23, Page No. 5, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Celestino A. Cabato. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2020*

ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that LEONILA C. RESURRECCION heir of the late WENEFREDA DELA ROSA executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of residential land located at San Juan Street Ext, Brgy H, Borongan City covered by ARP No. 08009-00059/PIN: 037-230-009-02-035 designated under Survey No. 603, Lot No. 035, Block No. 02 containing an area of 97.56sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ROMUALDO C. ALGO & ROWENA A. ALGO as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 875, Page No. 76, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2020*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION
NOTICE is hereby given that DAISY LOURDES SAING DAVIES heir of the late ANTHONY JONATHAN DAVIES executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a personal bank deposit/savings account at BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Robinsons Tacloban Branch, Tacloban City with account number 963 911 2087. Per Doc No. 323, Page No. 66, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Aljim Denver Montallana Arcueno. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BONIFACIO CARIAS SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential lot situated at Brgy. New Rizal, Catarman, Northern Samar under TD No. 55667 containing an area of 400 square meters. Per Doc No. 18, Page No. 5, Book No. 1, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Amador A. Estigoy Jr., CPA. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late REMEDIOS PULGA COLAPO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 4 existing and outstanding bank deposit with 1) Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), 2) Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI), 3) Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and 4) Northern Samar Development Workers Credit Cooperative (NSDWCC). Per Doc No. 289, Page No. 59, Book No. IX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Franco Archie N. Tonog. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ELADIO COBREROS AND MERLITA T. COBREROS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land covered by Katibayan Ng Orihinal Titulo Blg P-23785 designated as Lot 1129, Cad-1116-B situated at Brgy. Magsaysay, Bobon, Northern Samar containing an area of 14,184sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LI DE GUIA CHAN as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 333, Page No. 68, Book No. II, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Franco Archie N. Tonog. *LSDE: Sept 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEPOSITS WITH WAIVER
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIPE CABANIT CAMBE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a foreign currency deposit with Metrobank Calbayog City, Samar amounting to \$10,043.25 under Foreign Currency Account No. 294-2-29400496-8 and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares, rights and participation of the above-described bank deposit unto BEATRIZ T. CAMBE. Per Doc No. 23, Page No. 2, Book No. VII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Atty. Rolando P. Tejerero. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

Publication Notice
R.A. 10172

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Date: September 16, 2020

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1. Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **HENEDINA GUIMBAOLIBOT-SON** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the day of birth from **"March 1, 1957"** to **"March 16, 1957"** in the certificate of live birth of **CYNTHIA ACOSTA CABALITAN**, born on **March 1, 1957** at Guiuan, Eastern Samar and whose parents are **Dominador B. Cabalitan** and **Maria I. Acosta**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 4, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **ESTER R. GERMINAL**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: September 22 & 29, 2020

United States and Philippines sign new P10.5-Billion agreement to boost economic growth and development

MANILA-The United States, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Philippine Department of Finance (DOF) signed a new, five-year bilateral assistance agreement valued at more than Php10.5 billion (\$213 million) to boost the country's economic development and growth.

This agreement enables USAID and the Philippines to deepen their commitment to accelerate inclusive, broad-based economic growth through policies that increase investment and trade throughout the Philippines. New programs and activities will promote inclusive, market-driven growth; improve the business environment; expand economic opportunities through private-sector led innovation for medium and small businesses; and increase information and communications technology access for the digital economy that benefits both producers and consumers.

Activities also include strengthening local civil society organizations to advance locally-led programming and policy-making in the Philippines and facilitating coalitions and partnerships between government and other stakeholders toward data-driven decision-making. Additionally, USAID will continue to support Philippine government objectives by improving public sector transparency and accountability; advancing the rule of law and the justice system; and boosting local governments' responsiveness to Filipinos' needs.

"This new USAID and Department of Finance bilateral agreement will

expand our support to help the Philippines achieve long-term, private sector-led economic growth and strengthen economic governance. These programs will create jobs and help ensure more inclusive, broad-based economic development," said USAID Mission Director Lawrence Hardy II.

This bilateral agreement with the DOF is one of four new, five-year USAID-Government of Philippines Development Assistance Agreements launching in 2020, with an anticipated total value of Php32.7 billion (\$675 million) over five years. The other new agreements include:

Department of Health: To improve underserved Filipinos' health by strengthening health systems while improving the quality of health services, especially in treating tuberculosis, providing ac-

cess to those who seek family planning services, and community-based drug dependence treatment;

National Economic Development Authority: To protect ecosystems by promoting sustainable use of natural resources, enhance energy security, and build capacity to mitigate risks and respond to natural disasters; and

Department of Education: To improve early grade reading, expand science and mathematics curricula, and increase out-of-school youths' access to education, professional, and technical skills development that will lead to new job opportunities, and strengthen education governance.

Over the past 20 years, the United States has provided nearly Php228.8 billion (\$4.5 billion) in total assistance to advance the country's development goals. **(PR)**

Bishop Varquez presided the blessing of new Homonhon Church

TACLOBAN CITY - Bishop Crispin Varquez of the Borongan Diocese led in the solemn blessing and dedication of the new parish church in the historic island of Homonhon, off Guiuan town, Eastern Samar last Sept.26.

The St. John the Baptist Parish Church was constructed through a donation from a local parishioner but is now based in Manila and is into construction business.

The new church, built at a cost of P7 million and located in Barangay Casuguran, took two years to complete and could accommodate 250 persons.

"We are thankful for this celebration because I

know the community is now happy," Varquez said during the blessing attended by priests and residents of communities in Homonhon.

The new church, according to the bishop, is a fitting gift to the parish community as it welcomes the 2021 Quincentennial anniversary of the arrival of the Christian faith in the Philippines 500 years ago.

Homonhon, located more than 20 kilometers from the coast of Guiuan town, is one of the historic islands in the country and where Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan landed on March 16, 1521. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

Phone technician yields 'shabu' in Maasin City

TACLOBAN CITY- A joint police operative resulted to the arrest of a 34-year-old phone technician during a buy-bust in Maasin City on Sept.26, 2020.

The suspect was identified as

Jay Flores, a resident of the city. An undercover agent was able to buy five pieces of heat-sealed plastic sachets containing white crystalline substance suspected to be *see Phone /page 10 ...*



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 Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

Please be informed that the landholdings described below had been placed under coverage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) per Notice of Coverage as indicated below:

LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. CIRIACA COSTIBOLO	JUNE 19, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	T-3845	3916	1.2674	JARO, LEYTE	STA. CRUZ	OCTOBER 15, 2020
2. RUTH HINOQUIN	FEBRUARY 26, 2013 / THE PHIL. STAR	T-3218	296	7.9662	CAPOOCAN, LEYTE	STO. NIÑO	OCTOBER 15, 2020

In this connection, may we invite you or your authorized representative to participate in the Conduct of Joint Field Investigation as scheduled on the above date at 8:00 in the morning.

Your failure to participate in the Field Investigation shall be a waiver on your part to question the findings thereof.

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

(Sgd.) RENATO G. BADILLA, MPMRD
 PARPO II

119th Balangiga...
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1901. This year's commemorative program had a theme 'In unity, we succeed. Harnessing the spirit of 1901 in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.'

Graza, in his speech during the commemorative program held at the town's gymnasium, expressed his gratitude to all health workers and frontliners who are doing their all to help combat the pandemic.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who, in one way or another, has contributed in the

fight against this pandemic, especially our frontliners who are risking everything," he said.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the event of 1901 and how we are appealing this pandemic are physical lens as to what unity can do. These events show that the people of Balangiga can unite for the reason, for justice, and for the well-being of our beloved town," Graza added in his speech.

The Balangiga Encounter, known earlier as 'Balangiga Massacre,' is considered to be the worst single defeat by the Americans at the hands of Filipino guerrillas during the Fil-Am War as 54 American soldiers

have died during the surprised attack.

In turn, American general Jacob Smith, outraged by the attack, ordered his men to turn Balangiga into a 'howling wilderness' where young boys above 10 years were killed and communities burned.

They took the town's three bells and kept them at US possession for 117 years.

In December 15, 2018, the bells were finally returned to Balangiga with Pres. Rodrigo Duterte leading the turnover of the historic bells now placed at the local church's grounds.

(JOEY A. GABIETA/ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Jacobs...

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is that all graduates have achieved a 100% passing rate in TESDA's National Certification. Its values formation and skills training program and aggressive placement program has been a big boost to the graduates' employability.

"We express our deepest gratitude to Jacobs Engineering Group not only for their generous donation to KEITECH but more importantly, for being EDC's partner that seeks to elevate its beneficiaries," said James Arnold Villaroman, former business unit head of EDC's Leyte Geothermal Facility and current head of the company's Long-term Strategy Group.

"The financial assistance that Jacobs Engineering has provided to the student trainees of KEITECH is another proof of how it strives to ignite economic prosperity among impoverished

communities through education, which we in EDC also believe is the greatest equalizer. As EDC and the rest of the Lopez group embark on our new chosen path of fostering collaborative pathways for a decarbonized and regenerative future, we are honored to have like-minded partners like Jacobs," Villaroman added.

EDC's Leyte geothermal

facility has been supplying power to the province of Leyte and the rest of the Visayas region for almost 40 years. The company's over 1,205-megawatt total installed geothermal capacity accounts for 62% of the country's generated renewable energy and is responsible for putting EDC and the Philippines on the map as the world's 3rd largest geothermal producer. **(PR)**

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shabu worth P4,000.

Seized from the suspect were four pieces of P,1000 bill consisting of one genuine and three pieces boodle money used as buy-bust money, police said in the report.

The operation was led by the Southern Leyte Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit headed by Lieutenant Maja Beringuel, together with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and

Maasin City Police Station.

The suspect was turned over to Maasin City Police Station while awaiting formal charges.

(RONALD O. REYES)

Protection...

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opposition of the requirement, mainly on grounds of safety consideration, the policy was still enforced until such time when accidents happened due to the barrier.

In a manifest act of admission to policy error as to the usefulness or the mask, plastic dividers in public transport and barriers in single motorcycles, people were required to shield their already masked face with plastic that were manufactured and sold at high prices. After all the imposed protection from the covid19 virus, positive cas-

Ormoc's pride
Casimero retains his title WBO bantamweight at US arena

ORMOC CITY- John Riel Casimero, a native of this city, is indeed a world-class pugilist.

On Sunday, he soundly defeated his rival, Ghanaian Duke Micah, for the World Boxing Organization (WBO) title he got hold in 2019.

The 31-year old Riel got the WBO bantamweight title when he won against African boxer Zolani Tete last year who was also knocked down at the third round.

Casimero gave the undefeated Micah a remarkable bout for giving him his first taste of defeat at the arena of Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, USA, September 27, 2020, Sunday morning, Philippine time.

He threw Micah with his left hook dropping the African to the ground during the second round and ended the fight on the third round with a knock out.



CHAMP.The Ormoc City-born John Riel Casimero retained his World Boxing Organization bantamweight title by defeating Sunday Ghanaian Duke Micah.

Showing the world that his winning is of no-sweat, he did one-hand pushups.

Casimero and his team have been staying in the US awaiting for a previously scheduled fight, against Japan's Naoya Inoue, that was deferred due to the pandemic.

With this winning, the long wait has been over

with a very impressive happy ending.

Casimero said he conditioned and prepared for this most awaited bout, determined to bring home the belt and make the whole nation proud.

Team Casimero is due to arrive the county once safe travel is available.

(ELVIE ROMAN ROA)

Region's...

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to seriously heed the warnings of the government by following all the health safety protocols to help decrease the city's COVID-19 cases.

At present, Tacloban has 719 total COVID-19 cases of which 152 were classified as active cases. The city has also 11 COVID-19 related death

In related information, the Our Lady of Porziuncola Hospital in Calbayog City temporarily shut down the operations of its emergency room and out-patient

es are still up and counting. People are seemingly resigned from all such mandated protection. The last resort is always the omnipotent power of God as the most effective protection from the covid19 virus.

comments to allema@yahoo.com

department that started on Sept.24 until Sept.28, Monday.

This after a doctor was confirmed to have been infected of the virus after he was said to have been exposed to a COVID-19 patient.

The closure of hospital's emergency room and out-patient department is for purposes of disinfection.

However, based on the advisory of the hospital, its laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, ultrasound, and dialysis center will continue to operate.

"To our soon-to-be patients, we would like to request to please inform us

honestly about your medical condition, your travel history and your exposure to COVID-19 patients for us to act based on the given health protocols. Please answer honestly all the questions that our triage officers require from you," part of the advisory said.

In Biliran, Governor Rogelio Espina also confirmed that one of their latest COVID-19 patients involved an employee of the provincial government.

Thus, he advised the public to refrain from visiting the provincial capitol until the contact tracing is complete.

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