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Calbayog City placed under selective hard lockdown

EV's COVID-19 cases now at over 5,000

ROEL T. AMAZONA

TACLOBAN CITY-At least 84 new cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Eastern Visayas were reported on Friday, bringing its total cases to 5,195.

The new cases were from Leyte provinces with 36; Samar, 20; Northern Samar, seven; and Southern Leyte, one.

Meantime, the Department of Health (DOH) in the region has identified 18 barangays where there are clustering of COVID-19 cases which means there are more than three infected persons in these areas.

Of these villages, nine are from Calbayog City, Samar province; four in Catbalogan City, also in Samar; and one each from Tacloban city and

the towns of Barugo, Palo, Kananga, all in Leyte; and one from Liloan, Southern Leyte.

In Calbayog City, Mayor Ronald Aquino has placed 16 barangays in the city under 'hard lockdown' for 14 days which started Friday at 6 pm.

Placed under hard lockdown by the city government were the villages of Aguit-itan, Bagacay, Balud, Capoocan, Carmen, Central, Dagum, East Awang, Hamorawon, Matobato, Nijaga, Obrero, Payahan, San Policarpo, West Awang, and Rawis.

Aquino said that the city government will provide food pack assistance to the residents who will be affected by the lockdown.

Aquino added that although that it is a tough decision to place the city under selective hard lockdown, this is the only solution that they can think of to decrease their COVID-19 cases attributed to people who are not following health protocols like staying at home.

Business establishments in the city are prohibited to operate except for those
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As the country continue to battle the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), about P20 million fund of the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (Pamana) livelihood component was reverted back to the national coffers. Photo shows a banana chips production in Barangay Bulao, Basey, Samar funded by Pamana. (Photo Courtesy)

Fabrigas asks those who apply for health certificates not to tamper needed documents

TACLOBAN CITY-Please be honest.

This was the appeal of Dr. Gloria Fabrigas, health officer of this city, amid reports that there were those who applied for health certificates tampering their documents.

Applying for health certificate in the city is now through online to avoid physical contact that could result to spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The document is used by individuals for them to travel to other areas in the region due to travel restrictions amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Fabrigas said disclosed that they have re-



DR. GLORIA FABRIGAS

ceived around 100 applications with forged barangay certificates and identification cards.

"Upon verification, for example 500 an naissue namin there are about 93 to 100 na nade-deny, kasi

fine-fake yung brgy certificate and ibang IDs," she said.

"That is why, we deny some applications kasi pinapalitan lang nila ang date nang barangay certificate or yung pangalan," Fabrigas added.

The city health officer also said that some applicants are not also providing their own e-mail address.

Online application of health certificate goes through a process that includes verification of documents submitted online by the applicant.
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Pamana reverted P20 million to national coffers to aid anti-COVID-19 campaign

TACLOBAN CITY - Around P20 million budget for the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (Pamana) implementation in the region was reverted to the national government for funding government intervention against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

This was disclosed by Pamana's regional manager Emilda Bonifacio who added that the national government assured her that this would be replaced.

The fund was intended for the implementation of livelihood projects in areas that are being assisted by the Pamana with the help of national government agencies.

"There was a problem on implementing the livelihood project due to COVID-19 because there is a need for a face-to-face interaction which is not allowed in our present health protocols," Bonifacio said.

"We cannot distribute the funds not unless we are able to meet and talk to the beneficiaries," she added. Bonifacio clarified that their road projects would still continue as funding for these was not stopped.

"We assure our partners that our inter-road projects, particularly those located in Samar provinces, will continue," she said.

Since 2011, the national government through the

Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) in the implementation of Pamana projects had downloaded more than P4.2 billion fund for Eastern Visayas.
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Region registers 8.1 percent unemployment rate in July 2020

TACLOBAN CITY - The unemployment rate of the region has declined to 8.1 percent in July 2020 from a record-high of 14.3 percent in April 2020, a report from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) regional office.

PSA Regional Director Wilma Perante said that the 8.1 percent in July 2020 is 3.9 percentage points higher compared with the 4.2 percent in July 2019.

Perante said that Eastern Visayas ranked 9th among 17 regions in the country with low employment rate.

She explained that unemployment rate is the proportion of unemployed persons to the total labor force while unem-

ployed persons are persons in the labor force who are reported as without work; and currently available for work; and seeking work or not seeking work.

Perante said that out of the estimated 3.1 million population in the region, 15 years old and over in July 2020, about 1.9 million were economically active or in the labor force.

"This number translates to a Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) of 60.9 percent. This figure is 1.1 percentage point lower compared with the 62.0 percent LFPR in the same period a year ago. Among the regions, Eastern Visayas registered the seventh lowest LFPR," she said.

More than 59,000 waitlisted families in the region received SAP from DSWD

TACLOBAN CITY - The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) had distributed so far 59,268 waitlisted beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) across the region.

Out of these number of beneficiaries, 10,317 received the P5,000 cash assistance through direct cash payout while remaining 48,951 through digital payment.

The DSWD had distributed a total of P296.340 million to beneficiaries from 127 local government units.

The waitlisted beneficiaries were from Leyte province with 29,573; 11,057 from Samar; 9,362 from Northern Samar; 3,999 from Eastern Samar; 3,845 from Southern Leyte; and 1,432 from Biliran province.

Among those who received SAP was the 86-year old Consuelo from Allen, Northern Samar who said that at her old age, it is now difficult for her to work for a living.

"I'm thankful to the DSWD for the SAP assistance. I can now buy milk, vitamins, and for my maintenance," she said.

Raymundo from Ormoc City was also thankful to the financial assistance from the government through the DSWD.

"This P5,000 cash assistance is a big help to my family, especially now that it is hard to look for job," he said.

Raymundo said that the will use the SAP assistance to buy food, and medicine for his wife who suffered from stroke and has high blood problem.

Another waitlisted SAP beneficiary from Babatngon town, named Marcelina is also thankful to the assistance given by the agency to her.

Marcelina after receiving the P5,000 immediately went to a store to buy medicine, vitamins, milk, and food.

The SAP beneficiaries comes from qualified poor families who did not received the cash assistance during the first tranche, DSWD Regional Director Marie Angela Gopalan said.

During the first tranche, Gopalan said they released a total of P2.75 billion, serving 550,480 families from the region's 143 towns and cities. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

The PSA official reported that about 1.7 million persons in the labor force of Eastern Visayas were employed.

"This translates to an employment rate of 91.9 percent or 3.9 percentage points lower than the 95.8 percent employment rate recorded in 2019 but 6.2 percentage points higher than the 85.7% in April 2020," she said.

Perante also explained that the employment rate is the proportion of employed persons to the total labor force.

She added that among the employed persons in July 2020, 0.8 percent worked for more than 48 hours per week due to the quarantine measures of the COVID-19 pandemic. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Mayor Romualdez asks Taclobanons to visit cemeteries before Oct.29 closure



TACLOBAN CITY-To mitigate spread of pandemic virus this All Saints and All Souls Days, City Mayor Alfred Romualdez enjoins Taclobanons to visit their dearly departed loved ones before October 29 since all the public and private cemeteries will be temporarily

closed. In a statement, the city mayor confirmed that the temporary closure of cemeteries will start on October 29 until November 4 and in compliance to a directive from the national inter-agency task force.

However, those who

want to visit their loved ones could do so until Oct.24 though cemeteries would only accept at their 50 percent capacities.

And during this time, they are strictly directed to follow all the health protocols during their visit. (GBG-TISAT / CIO)

Cop, 2 civilians hurt in an ambush incident in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY-A police officer and two civilians were injured in an ambush incident reportedly staged by members of the New People's Army (NPAs) that took place in Jiabong town, Samar province at around 8 am Wednesday (Oct. 7).

The injured police officer was identified as Patrolman Ace Denver Aharuddin, 24, who was wounded on his buttock and right shoulder.

He is assigned at the

Pinabacdao police station, also in Samar.

The police officers were on their way to Catbalogan City to serve as escort for an inmate, Dino de la Peña, for his court hearing on arson charge.

The two civilians who were sustained minor injuries during the ambush incident Elma Geli, 58; and Reynaldo Calipis, 52, driver of a passenger van where they were on board.

All were residents of Villareal town, also in Samar.

The other police officers who were on board on their vehicle, Corporal Paul Hadlong, 34; SSG Crisostomo Mabansag, 51; and Corporal Reymart Romero, 30, were unhurt, report from the PNP regional headquarters based in Palo town, Leyte said.

Based on the report, the two vehicles were traversing along Maharlika Highway at Barangay Tagbayaon, Jiabong at around 8 am en route to Catbalogan City, also in Samar, when

an improvised explosive device planted by the rebels at the roadside exploded followed by several gun shots.

All the injured were immediately brought at the Samar Provincial Hospital based in Catbalogan City as members of the 2nd Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company led by Lt.Col. Joy Leanza immediately conducted a hot pursuit operations against the rebels. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

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"Hopefully by 2020, our proposed projects will be funded as these are involves big road network for the promotion of peace and development for Eastern Visayas," she said.

Aside from big road networks and livelihood projects, Pamana also funds farm-to-market roads, and potable water systems mostly in communities in Samar province identified to be affected by the New People's Army influence. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)



Escape rearrested in Biliran town

TACLOBAN CITY- Police rearrested a 43-year-old inmate who bolted from jail in Caibiran, Biliran on Wednesday (October 7).

The escapee, identified as Jaime Bacarisas, requested for a sunning for his health condition when he suddenly ran away from the custodial guard of Caibiran Municipal Police Station around 11:55 am.

Caibiran police led Lieutenant Ruel Sitoy, officer-in-charge, and Biliran Provincial Mobile Force Platoon led by Senior Master Sergeant Ronie Inocentes immediately conducted a hot pursuit operation and rear-

rested the escapee around 1:40 pm on that day at Sitio Banacod, Barangay Victory of the said town.

Bacarisas was accused

for violation of Republic Act 9262 or Violence against Women and their Children. (RONALD O. REYES)

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A native of Biliran NYC Commissioner Del Rosario named as DOLE assistant secretary

TACLOBAN CITY- A commissioner of the National Youth Commission (NYC), Victor Del Rosario, was appointed as assistant secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

Del Rosario, who is a native of Naval, Biliran province, took his oath before Labor Sec. Silvestre Bello III on Thursday (Oct.8) at the DOLE central office in Intramuros, Manila.

In his Facebook post, the newly-named DOLE official expressed his 'utmost gratitude' to Pres. Rodrigo Duterte and Sec. Christopher 'Bong' Go for their trust, confidence and opportunity given to him.

Del Rosario said that while he is now with DOLE, he would continue to carry his "love for the Filipino youth, a sector that is heavily affected by unemployment due to the pandemic."

He also vowed to ad-



Former National Youth Commissioner Victor Del Rosario was appointed as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment who took his oath before Labor Sec. Silvestre Bello III on Thursday (Oct. 8) (Photo Courtesy)

vance and protect the general interest and welfare of the Filipino workers, especially during this time of crisis spawned by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Del Rosario was named as NYC commissioner last August, 2018 and at the

same time, member to the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) Appeals Committee.

He was also once named as a director and later as president/CEO nominee to defunct Philippine Sugar Corporation.

Del Rosario is a graduate of Bachelors of Science in Public Administration and a Master's Degree holder in Development Management and Governance. He is presently taking his Executive Doctorate in Leadership at the University of Makati. **(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

P72-million infra projects seen to boost economy, tourism in a Leyte town

TACLOBAN CITY - The finished infrastructure projects in Leyte town now serve and enhance or boost the economy of the municipality and nearby areas, a report from the office of Leyte provincial governor, based in this city, said.

Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla told reporters in an interview that the concreted road including the bridge and other related infrastructure projects worth P72 million leading to Kalabato Hot Spring, in La Paz town is now serving the constituents and the tourist destination of the town.

Petilla said that the road enhances the economic activity and provides opportunities for residents of the town through easier transport of commodities and products to and from the market.

He added that the infrastructure projects also boost the tourist' destination of the municipality.

In an earlier interview, Tourism Regional Director Karina Rosa Tiopes said that the road in the new-

ly-identified tourism spot in La Paz town will surely attract more local and foreign tourists with the infrastructure now in place.

Tiopes explained that the construction of the infrastructure was made possible through the Tourism Road Infrastructure Projects (TRIP), a project convergence between the Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The Kalabato Hot Spring is located within the Mahagnao Volcano National Park, a protected zone with an area of 635 hectares situated within the boundaries of the municipalities of La Paz, Burauen and McArthur, all in Leyte.

Other attractions of the tourist destination, aside from the hot spring, are the lush forest and the wildlife species like the various kinds of birds, tarsiers and monkeys that abound in the area.

(RESTITUTO A.CAYUBIT)

Ex-city councilor, companion shot dead in Calbayog City

TACLOBAN CITY-A former councilor of Calbayog City was shot dead by still unidentified assailants Thursday (Oct. 8).

Jessie Jackson sustained gunshot wounds at the different parts of his body that caused his instant death.

Jackson's companion, Erika Ygrubay, 20, was also killed during the shooting incident.

The two were riding

a single motorcycle when they were shot by the suspects around 1:50 pm along Maharlika highway of Purok-1 Barangay Cagnipa, Tinambacan District.

Police have yet to determine the motive of the shooting.

A hot pursuit operation was conducted for possible identification and arrest of the suspects.

(RONALD O. REYES)

Student, 2 others yields 'shabu'

TACLOBAN CITY- A student and two other suspects were arrested in three separate anti-drug operations last Thursday (October 8).

The suspects were identified as Alberto Lubat, 50, identified as high-value individual of Calbayog City; John Joseph Dela Cruz, 21, from Tacloban City; and an 18-year-old high school student from Maasin City.

Purchased from Lubat was one piece heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet of suspected 'shabu' while confiscated from his possession and control were 11 sachets of suspected shabu, two pieces medium size sachets of suspected shabu, and buy-bust money.

In Tacloban City, police

operative purchased one piece heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet of suspected shabu from Dela Cruz.

Also confiscated from his possession and control were four sachets of suspected shabu and buy-bust money.

The confiscated pieces of drug evidence have an estimated market value of P37, 000, police said in the report.

Police also nabbed the 18-year-old student after he allegedly sold two pieces of heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets of suspected shabu to an operative in Maasin City.

Also confiscated from his possession and control were 11 sachets of suspected shabu, two pieces medium size sachets of suspected shabu, and buy-bust money.

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EDC continues to support Leyte LGU, donates 2,500 RAT kits

Lopez-led geothermal leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) stays true to its commitment to provide support to its partner and adjacent communities as it recently donated 2,500 rapid antibody test (RAT) kits to various local government units (LGU) in Leyte and Samar to help them combat the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

it began operating in the country.

"We're in business because of the support of the community and the local government here in Leyte and also in Samar. It is our commitment to return the support and share even more of what we have to help them especially during this health crisis," Magallanes said.

The LGUs who have

abel (200 kits); Tacloban City (500 kits) and City of Catbalogan in Samar (500 kits).

Last July, the company

cessory equipment worth P25 million to enable the City and adjacent towns to have its own COVID-19 testing facility that will



EDC turnover 500 pcs. RAT kits donation to the city government of Ormoc.

EDC's Corporate Social Responsibility Head for its Leyte geothermal facility, Erwin B. Magallanes, said that supporting its partner communities remains one of its top priorities along with environmental preservation over 40 years since

received the RAT kits for the preliminary testing of possible COVID-19 cases were: Municipality of Kananga (500 kits); Ormoc City (500 kits); Municipality of Albura (150 kits); Municipality of Media (150 kits); Municipality of Is-



Kananga Mayor Manuel Vicente Torres and Municipal Health Officer Dr. Sharon Awit received 500 pcs of RAT kits from Energy Development Corporation represented by community partner Jennifer Wenceslao.

signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the City of Ormoc and Ormoc Sugarcane Planters Association-Farmers Medical Center (OSPA-FMC) for the establishment of Molecular Laboratory and testing Center in Ormoc City. EDC donated a state-of-the-art Real-Time Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) machine and ac-

generate results in a much shorter time.

EDC's Leyte geothermal facility that straddles between Ormoc City and the Municipality of Kananga currently supplies more than 30% of the country's installed geothermal capacity.

In total, EDC generates over 40% of the Philippines' renewable energy.

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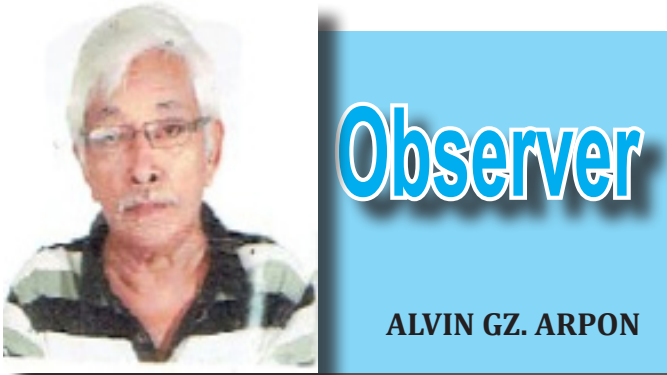
Let congressmen elect their Speaker

The 15-21 gentlemen's agreement for Speaker in the present Congress is an insult to the institution – House of Representatives. It is an agreement between Alan Peter Cayetano and Lord Allan Velasco. The agreement states that Cayetano will serve as Speaker for 15 months and Velasco to serve for 21 months – that means up to 2022 election year. Speaker Cayetano, in compliance to that gentleman's agreement, announced his intention to step down early this month but majori-

ty of the congressmen opposed it. They wanted Cayetano to serve the Speakership up to the end of their term in 2022

Velasco insists that the Speaker should agree with their gentleman's agreement, but it seems that the agreement is not honored by other members of the Lower House.

To resolve the issue let there be voting once and for all to discredit that gentleman's agreement. It is the members of the House of Representatives to decide who they want to lead them as Speaker.



VP Robredo, a government official, elected by the people must serve the people

There is a Cabinet meeting on Monday, October 12 called by President Duterte to discuss and to provide authentic workable responses to the many problems affecting the nation caused by the destructive-killer co-

rona virus that has already affected almost 400,000 victims and has already killed over 4,000 Filipinos.

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Indeed a full Cabinet member- attendance is necessary. The President needs several think tanks to address not only the corona virus pandemic but other problems the nation is facing now. Surprisingly according to the news today (Oct. 15 Thursday) Vice President Leni Robredo is not invited to join the meeting. Bakeeet?

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The Vice President as a duly elected public official is necessary to attend such official gatherings of cabinet members. President Duterte knows this and must recognize people's choice. There is a good reason why the electorates voted for her in spite of the fact that she ran from another party not that of the President's.

Leni is people's choice and along with this the administration has the responsibility to recognize Robredo also as a people's choice, to serve this nation.



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

What's latest news on President Trump?ates

Nope, I'm not a Fil-Am dual citizen; I'm strictly a Filipino "Senior Sixty-Cents." so definitely, I'm not a voter in the United States.

And so in anticipation, I believe you dear readers are now asking -- why is this Columnist writing about what's happening in the United States...

Okay, but before anything else, please be reminded dear readers, that I was once an active politician here, so it's still my second nature to follow political events -- even in foreign countries, like the United States -- the country which has had good links with us for so many years...

But only on issues or happenings that could directly or indirectly affect our country and our economy -- especially OUR ECONOMY, which we should all together try to revive, because of the terrible hardships we are suffering now, thanks to this (*!&#@%\$!*) "coronavicious" pandemic.

Gosh, you'd be surprised that happenings in America and its economic really affects our Philippine economy. That's the hard truth on the matter. Remember the joke which sounded like this 'when the American economy starts coughing, our Philippine economy catches cold?'

To repeat my statement -- that's the hard truth on



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Decentralization

A milestone legislation that empowered local governments was enacted twenty-nine years ago today. The law took effect on the first day of January 1992 as provided in Section 536 of the said law. It was a new law when this writer underwent an in-service training for newly hired operations officers of the interior and local government department. It was an intensive training aimed at preparing field workers deliver quality and efficient service to the local government units. The training was participated in by newly hired workers from all regions all throughout, all eager to be catalysts who share

a common vision of bringing government close to the people.

The Local Government Code of 1991 was barely seventeen days from its effectivity when the new workers gathered in the hallowed grounds of the reknowned Community Development Center inside the University of the Philippines Los Banos (UPLB) in Los Banos, Laguna. The training incorporated the essential topics on human relations, project development, training program design preparation and the most important study of the new Local Government Code of 1991. The entire law was discussed following the four books comprising

the matter!

So, going back to American politics and happenings, so what's the latest news on the ever-proud U.S. President Trump, who is running for re-election ...

... who for months, had been declaring on TV that 'Coronavirus is just a simple case of flu, which will just fade away and disappear in due time, and adding on the side the 'uselessness' of social distancing.

In another TV interview, President Trump declared that "people could do away with wearing face masks"; and even added that if at all, wearing masks should be an "optional thing among Americans."

This Columnist remembers that the last time Trump uttered those words on TV was in September, conveniently disregarding the fact that that was about the time, that over 190,000 Americans had already died of this disease in the States.

But Trump Already Knew of This Covid-19 in February!

Now, in Bob Woodward's book "Rage" about the Trump administration, see What's /page13 ...

the code. Copies of the code came in mimeographed handouts as there was no printed copy off the press at that time.

Reading through the entire code was a tough challenge but was a rare opportunity to view the law and the changes it brings to local governments. The trainees had to bear the burden of sifting through the provisions that carried major changes brought about by the deconcentration of government workers from national agencies to the local governments. Such administrative change caused problems in view of what would later be discovered as unfunded position especially in local governments where the shares of the internal revenue allotment are way below the required budget for devolved positions.

Another change that was introduced by the said law was the devolution of powers from the national government down to the various levels of local governments. The transfer of

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Department of Agriculture infuses P100M for R & D

The National Government, impressed with the DA as the only performing agency during the Pandemic period, is poised to fund its P100 million R & D program to address the diseases and other challenges that the farm sector has been facing the past years.

DA wishes to invest in academic-based R & D by channeling the money to the CAFS or the College of Agriculture and Food Science at UP - Los Banos . R & D activities will focus on the army worm and fusarium wilt or Panama disease on bananas.

The P100 million will be apportioned as follows: P50 million for the Research

Crop Protection Center primarily addressing plant diseases, P30 million for the Institute of Plant Breeding, and P20 million for the establishment pf the packinghouse facility inside the UPLB campus.

To quote Secretary William Dar's contribution to the new normal thrust of the country, he (Dar) said "the sector (Agriculture) needs to focus on the development of models of inclusive agribusiness anchored on value chain systems to engage the youth, digitalization of the sector, and development of demand-driven and market-oriented research and extension systems.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Current state of Waray siday

Our Waray ancestors were known for their fondness of siday, the local term for poetry. Its recitation usually formed part of their important celebrations and festivities. As a child growing up in the rural areas of Samar, I myself was able to witness it in some occasions. In a wedding ceremony of a distant cousin, for instance, sidays were recited by two individuals representing the bride and the groom, taking turns in reciting each paragraph of what seemed to be a conversation between the two parties.

In general, the Waray siday is traditionally structured with strict observance of the rules in versification. It used to employ the elements of meter, rhythm, and rhyme scheme. Syllables in every line were numbered,

and the last words were made to observe a rhyming pattern. Traditional sidays, then, were lyrical, metrical, rhythmical, and rhymed, hence appealing to the ears when recited with feelings. This is the kind of siday that our forebears were attracted to and were fond of. In fact, such inclination is still prevalent until now among

Additionally, P52 million has been earmarked to implement more projects in Lupao, Nueva Ecija as an offshot of the successful Sa Palay at Gulay May Ani. Hanapbuhay, Opportunidad, at Nutrisyon (PAG-AHON) project.

I would have appreciated if the DA Sec Dar involved the Visayas State University (VSU) in the country's New Normal agri-based programs. VSU, ranks next to UPLB in terms of research-trained manpower and infra-structure capabilities and farm machineries as well as laboratory and library facilities. Also, VSU houses some specialized research centers such as on Root Crops, Abaca Plant diseases Animal Husbandry, and Food Technology-related researches.

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modern-day Warays.

With the advent and proliferation of so-called writing workshops run by advocates of postmodern ideas in recent years, however, the traditional siday started to lose its popularity, more so that it is frowned upon by these advocates who aggressively introduced the free verse form, or the poetic style that disregards the essentials of versification and does away with rhyme scheme, rhythm, and the like. Disciples of this trend quickly multiplied such that, when you write a traditional siday nowadays, you are immediately labeled as a lousy writer writing an inferior and ridiculous piece.

Why, what's the big deal about their newly-introduced free verse? And

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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)

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Bulwagan ng Katarungan Tacloban City
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF LEYTE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG) (HDMF), Mortgagee/s, -versus- PAUL JAMES P. ANCAO, Mortgageor/s. EJF No. 4177
For: EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE/ PERSONAL PROPERTY MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, executed by PAUL JAMES P. ANCAO, of legal age, Filipino, with postal address at Lot 5, Block 1, Kas-sel City Subd., Brgy. Abucay, Tacloban City, Leyte, in favor of HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), with principal office at Room 3520, 35th Floor, Petron Mega Plaza,

358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 8, 2020 amount-ed to ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE PESOS AND 24/100 ONLY (P111,665.24) in Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges, but ex-cluding additional interest and penalty charges until fully paid, expenses of collection, 10% of the total indebted-ness as Attorney’s Fees, plus expense of the Foreclosure, Sheriff’s lawful fees, and Expenses for conducting the PUBLIC AUCTION on October 30, 2020 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM at en-trance lobby of Regional Trial Court, Bulwagan ng Katarun-gan, Magsaysay Blvd., Taclo-ban City, to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following prop-erties with all its improve-ments, if any to wit:

TCT No. No. 122-2017002108
A PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5, BLOCK 1 OF THE CONSOL-IDATION-SUBDIVISION OF PLAN PCS-08-000665-D, BE-ING A PORTION OF BLOCK 13, LOTS 1-10, BLOCK 15, LOTS 1-10; BLOCK 17, LOTS 1-17; BLOCK 18, LOTS 25-47, BLK. 24, LOTS 1-14; BLOCK 25, LOTS 1-8; BLOCK 26, LOTS 1-6 AND BLOCK 31, LOTS 31, LOTS 1-6, PCS-08-000527-D, SIT- UATED IN THE BARAN-GAY ABUCAY, CITY OF TACLOBAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, ISLAND OF LEYTE. BOUNDED ON THE:
SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 4, BLOCK 1 OF THIS SUBDIVISION; ON THE
NW., ALONG LINE 2-3

BY LOT 2357, CAD. 22; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 6, BLOCK 1 OF THIS SUBDIVISION; AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY ROAD LOT 11, PCS-08-00527-D. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED “1” ON PLAN BEING S. 70 DEG. 35'E., 490.63 M. FROM BBM# 19, CAD. 220.

CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY FIVE (35) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.
“Including the house/ building(s) and other im-provements now erected or hereafter maybe erected upon.”

PROSPECTIVE BID-DERS AND BUYERS MAY INVESTIGATE FOR THEMSELVES THE TITLE AND ENCUMBRANC-ES, HEREIN ABOVE-DE-SCRIBED REAL PROPER-TIES IF ANY THERE BE.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 06, 2020.

Magsaysay Blvd., Taclo-ban City, Leyte, Philippines. September 24, 2020.

FOR THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OF-FICIO SHERIFF

(Sgd.) **MICHAEL L. YEE**
Sheriff IV
RTC-OCC,
Tacloban City
LSDE: Oct. 3, 10 & 17, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JUAN CASTIN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at P. Inocentes, Naval, Biliran under TD No. 00341 Survey No. 837 with an area of 162 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor SPS. DANILO P. BUNDOC AND MARILOU D. BUNDOC as vendees of a por-tion of land consisting 80 sq.m., from the above-described prop-erty. Per Doc No. 9166, Page No. 955, Book No. XI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Mario Lyndinno R. Opeña.
LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AURORA ORTIZ VELASCO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adju-dicated over a bank deposit with METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY(METROBANK) - Calbayog Branch under Savings Account No. 294-3-29428872-5 with remaining balance of Php419,731.06. Per Doc No 469, Page No. 94, Book No. XXXVI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Alex R. Gelera.
LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ROSITA L. MABAJEN heir of the late Oscar Loreto executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land known as Lot No. 9984, situated in the Bo. of Kansungka, Municipality of Baybay, Province of Leyte, cov-ered by Tax Dec. No. 07-0059-00042 R-13, containing an area of 5,994 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. MARLO D. RONTAL and ANNALYN M. RON-TAL as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 102, Page No. 21, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan
LSDE: Oct. 3, 10 & 17, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DONALD K. HOLCOMB extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicat-ed over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1680-A-1, Psd-08-022236-D being a portion of 1680-A, Psd-08-017916-D situ-ated at Brgy. Naga-Naga, Palo, Leyte covered by TCT No. TP 19718 containing an area of 658sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of CHUCHI JUANA CABREROS SE-VILLA married to JAIME ORCULLO SEVILLA as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 299, Page 61, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy U. Bendoy. *LSDE: Oct. 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that FELICIDAD B. JUSTIM-BASTE, sole heir of the late Valentina Lobrigo-Banadora, ex-ecuted an affidavit of adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land, coveredby OCT No. 17292, situated at Brgy. Sawahon, Dagami, Leyte, identified as Cad Lot No. 208, containing an area of 22,476 square meters, covered by TAX DEC. NO. 08-12-0059-00082. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of NATION-AL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA) represented by its General Manager, MARCELINO P. ESCALADA, JR. as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 138, Page No. 29, Book No. XX, Series of 2020 of Notary Public ATTY. DARWIN M. BAYOTAS. *LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LEON ARAYON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 135 of the subdivision plan Psd-66654 situated at Poblacion, Catbalogan City, Samar containing 66 square meters under TCT No. T-7099 and heir hereby WAIVED all rights, shares and participation over her 1/2 conjugal share unto LOUIE O. ARAYON AND LEROY O. ARAYON. Per Doc No. 13050, Page No. 21, Book No. XXV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid.
LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that BEATRIZ ANDRADE, heir of the late FELIPE AN-DRADE JR. executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land, located at Del Carmen, Dulag, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 9913025-00015, Cad Lot No. 2301, on-taining an areaof 1.0666 square meters, more or less, assessed value of P8,980. The aboved named propertry was acquired by way of Absolute Sale from Macaria Omawas. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of BEATRIZ M. CARPINA and GUILLERMO G. CARPINA as vendee for the above-described property, per Doc. No. 176, Page No. 38, Book No. 143, Series of 2006 of Notary Public Atty. Crizalda Adonis-Balayan.
LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AMADO UY, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot 1, Psd -107405, situated at Brgy. Utap, Tacloban City, Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-17656, containing an area of 500 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JASON U. KO, married to YXARA GEM D. KO and JOHNSON U.KO married to MICHELLE D. KO , as vendees for the above-described property including the conjugal share thereon of surviving wife, per Doc. No. 11, Page No. 4, Book No. V, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Roselle Go Gerena. *LSDE: Sept. 26 & Oct. 3, 10, 2020*

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)	
CFN-0002-2020	
Republic of the Philippines	
Local Civil Registry Office	
Province of Leyte	
Municipality of Palo	
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION	
In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that	
<u>LIEZEL E. BORJAL</u> has filed with this office a	
(complete name of the petitioner)	
Petition for change of first name from	
<u>FRANCIS MATTHEWJ</u>	<u>to FRANCIS MATTHEW</u>
(first name to be changed)	(new first name to be adopted)
birth certificate of <u>FRANCIS MATTHEW ENCINA BORJAL</u>	
(Complete Name of Document Owner)	
who was born on <u>November 15, 2014</u> at <u>Palo, Leyte</u> and	
(complete date of birth)	(Place of Birth)
whose parents are <u>ELMER CRUZALDO ISANAN BORJAL</u>	
and <u>LIEZEL FABI ENCINA</u>	
(Name of Mother)	(Name of Father)
Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.	
(Sgd.) EDGAR Y. TAÑALA, J.D.	
Municipal Civil Registrar	
<i>LSDE: October 3 & 10, 2020</i>	

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS GERONIMO ROMAWAK AND JOSEFA BABIANO ROMAWAK extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 153 Case 1, Cad 842-D with OCT No. P-90229 containing an area of 485sq.m., situated at Veloso St., Brgy. Libtong, San Miguel, Leyte. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JULAIN C. LESIGUES, JR. AND MARCIANA C. LESIGUES as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 502, Page No. 102, Book No. I, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Justine Joy Lantajo.
LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that ALDA CAPACIO TAMPIL heir of the late SPS. AN-GELES CAPACIO TAMPIL AND SIMPLICIO TAMPIL executed a Deed of Self-Adju-dication over a parcel of agricultural land and all improvement found thereon situated at Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte denominated as Cad Lot No. 9750-F consisting an area of 3,000sq.m., under TD No. 05466 and heir named, constituted and appointed, and by the presents, do name and appoint my aunt, ASUNCION C. HERNIT as my true and lawfu attorney-in-fact for me, place and stead to do the following acts; 1) To negotiate for sale, transfer and conveyance; 2) To sign, execute and process all relevant documents of sale, transfer; 3) To collect and accept the entire proceeds of the sale of the said property in her name. Per Doc No. 149, Page No. 31, Book No. LXVIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar. *LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late WILIHADO E. BALO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, including the improvement found therein designated as Lot No. 7364 located at Palo, Leyte with an area of 43,697sq.m., under OCT No. P-41440. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. SAMUEL C. NGO AND MARY CHRISTINE L. NGO as vendees of a portion of land consisting of 7,197sq.m., and now designated as Lot 7364-C-1 of the subdivision plan, PSD-08-042459-D from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 285, Page No. 58, Book No. XVI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Enrico D. Asis, CPA. *LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AURELIO I. APOLONIO extrajudi-cially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land covered by TCT No. 116-2018000484 denominated as Lot No. 1755, Pls 766-D situated at Brgy. Tinampo, Palapag, Northern Samar containing an area 59,685 square meters, more or less. Per Doc No. 177, Page No. 36, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Fernando Abella, CPA.
LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SUSANA VALLE, namely: Charlie Raagas Valle and Joseph Raagas Valle extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 72, portion of Lot 2320D, Psd-74888, situated in the City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-13120, containing an area of 240 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of DOMINADOR TA-BONTABON JR as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 215, Page No. 43, Book No. IV, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty Crispin Simoun P. Cercado.
LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND WITH SALE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that ERLINDA TIDULA heir of the late SPS. GREGORIO L. CAJES AND NATIVIDAD B. CAJES executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 2 parcels of land particularly described as; 1) An agricultural cocoland covered with TD No. ARP 5835, Property Identification No. 036-02 situated at Brgy. Burgos, Basey, Samar with an area of 0-18-90 sq.m. assessed value at Php2,840.00 market value at Php8,670.00; 2) An agricultural cocoland covered with TD No. ARP 5834, Property Identification No. 036-02 situated at So. Jonop, Brgy. Burgos, Basey, Samar with an area of 0-15-00 sq.m. assessed value at Php2,140.00 market value at Php6,486.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. OFELIA B. ADORZA AND RONNIE G. ADORZA as vendees of a portion of parcel 1 from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 96, Page No. 20, Book No. VII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Filotea B.M. Estorninos. *LSDE: Sept. 26 & Oct. 3 & 10, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Adelina de la Cruz-Sales who died on October 7, 2006 in Pastrana, Leyte, extrajudicially partitioned and adjudicated over two parcels of land more particularly described as follows: 1) Lot 1661 A parcel of agricultural land consisting of 54,099 square meters (remaining portion) located at Brgy. Cancaraja, Pastrana, Leyte, covered by Tax Declaration No. 5955 in the name of Juliana Cahinde (mother of Adelina de la Cruz). 2) Lot 1662, A parcel of agricultural land consisting of 38,784 sq. meters (remaining portion) located at Brgy. Cancaraja, Pastrana, Leyte, covered by T.D. No. 979 in the name of Juliana Cahinde (mother of Adelina de la Cruz) for and in consideration of the above convenants, the parties herein being of legal age and with full civil capacity to enter into contract, they have hereby mutual agreed to extra-judicially settled and partition among themselves the above-described real properties by dividing the total area of both Lots 1661 and 1662 into four (4) equal parts, that is 23,220.75 sq.m. each, and thus adjudicate each one-fourth (1/4) share thereof, respectively, unto themselves including our Counsel de parte Atty. Joseph N. Escalona; per Doc. No. 08, Page No. 02, Book No. 29, Series of 2011 before Notary Public Atty. Carlos R. Arguelles.
LSDE: Oct. 3, 10 & 17, 2020

DECLARATION OF HEIRSHIP OF ESTATE OF ANDREA MABINI

NOTICE is hereby given that the Surviving Heirs of Andrea Mabulac Mabini that said spouses died intestate leaving no will or testamentary disposition at the time of their deaths, executed an Declaration of Heirship over a parcel of Agricultural land situated in Barrio Ontolan, Municipality of Wright Samar, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 9285 containing an area of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Seven (113,567) square meters, Per Doc. No. 1314, Page No. 89, Book No. XIII, Series of 2020 before Notary Public Atty. Ronelito O. Ticoy. *LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

DECLARATION OF HEIRSHIP OF ESTATE OF THE SPOUSES FORTUNATO ABADIANO GABON AND MIGUELA ABAN

NOTICE is hereby given that the surviving heirs of spouses Fortunato Gabon and Miguela Gabon that said spouses died intestate leaving no will or testamentary disposition at the time of their deaths, executed a declaration of Heirship over a parcel of agricultural land situated in sitio Mugdo, Barrio Pabanog, Municipality of Wright Samar, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 9376 particularly described as follows: An Agricultural land Lot No. 2381, Pls-658-D; situated at sitio, Mugdo, Barrio Pabanog Municipality of Wright, Province of Samar, containing an area of Thirty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Thirteen (37,113) square meters, per Doc. No. 1315, Page No. 89, Book No. XIII, Series of 2020 before Notary Public Atty. Ronelito O. Ticoy.
LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JESUS ORTIZ AND ANA GALIT ORTIZ extrajudicially settled, partition and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1519, Pls-481-D containing an area of 15,825 square meters under TCT No. T-2497. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of NOEMI TENEDERO AMARO married to JEF-FREY G. AMARO as vendes of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 138, Page No. 28, Book No. 8, Series of 2017. Notary Public Atty. Fernando M. Abella, CPA
LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CASIMIRA ANDALIZA & EDUAR-DO ASIS extrajudicially settled, partition and adjudicated over a parcel of land containing an area of 1,238 square meters, more or less under OCT No. 889 / ARP No. 08-024-00350 designated as Cad Lot No. 2656, Cad 434-D, CASE 3. A Deed of Sale was executed in fa-vor of EVA C. ACAYAN as vendee of the 530SQ.M., assigned as Lot No. 3 from above-de-scribed property. Per Doc No. 256 Page No. 53, Book No. XXII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA. *LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE (Portion)

NOTICE is hereby given heirs of the late ALEJANDRA CABIGON and JULIAN AMANTE, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coco land, with Tax Dec. No. 4026, PIN 036-02, situated at Tajawon, Brgy. I Buenavista, Basey, Samar, with an area of 4-98-56, with market value of P102,708.00 and assessed value of P41,080, and heirs of Cresencia Macamay and heirs of Herminia Macamay executed a Deed of Sale, the above-mentioned portions of the subject land in favor of ANNALYN ESTUITA-ORIAS, married to MARIO ORIAS as vendee, per Doc. No. 044, Page No. 010, Book No. V, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Filotea B.M. Estorninos.
LSDE: Sept. 26, October 3 & 10, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER & SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BERNARDA CAMPO extrajudicially settled, partition and adjudicated over a parcel of land containing an area of 32,260 square meters, more or less under TCT No./ARP No. 12012-00916 designated as Cad Lot No. 1847, Cad 418-D, Assessor’s Lot No. 14-066. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of CRISTETA G. ESQUIERDO as vendee of the 1/3 portion from above-described property. Per Doc No. 366, Page No. 75, Book No. I, Series of 2012. Notary Public Atty. Castor A. Gamalo. *LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CALIXTO PASTELERO extrajudicial-ly settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land CAD Lot No. 9750-G situated at Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 4,639sq.m., covered by TD No. 08-30-0023-05068. Per Doc No. 125, Page No. 26, Book No. LXVIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar.
LSDE: Sept. 26, Oct. 3 & 10, 2020

DEED OF DONATION INTER VIVOS

NOTICE is hereby given that a Deed of Donation was executed by VIRGILIO G. ARAYON as donor in favor unto LOUIE O. ARAYON AND LEROY O. ARAYON as do-nees of a parcel of land designated as Lot 137 of the subdivision plan Psd-66654 containing 39sq.m., under TCT No. T-7349 situated at Poblacion, Catbalogan City, Samar. Per Doc No. 111808, Page No. 8, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2020 under Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid. *LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020*



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico ‘Mic’ L. Petilla presided the 15th Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19 wherein it was formally announced that the province will remain to be under the General Community Quarantine status until the end of this month. Among those who were present in the meeting were Vice Gov. Carlo Petilla Loreto and board member Raissa Villasin of the Leyte’s 2nd district. The Oct.1 meeting was held at task force command center located at the Viewdeck, Macarthur Park Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (GINA P.GEREZ)

2 high-value drug personalities nabbed in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY-Police arrested two alleged high-value drug personalities in two separate buy-bust operations in Eastern Visayas.

In Babatngon, police arrested high-value-target Roberto Jerusalem in Barangay District 2 on October 8, 2020.

Purchased from the 38-year-old suspect was one piece medium heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet of suspected shabu.

Joint police operatives also confiscated from his possession and control a pouch containing one piece large heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet of suspected shabu with an estimated street value of P35, 000 and one P1, 000 bill used as buy-bust money.

On October 6, police also nabbed a 23-year-old high-value individual during an anti-drug operation in Purok-2 Barangay Capoocan, Calbayog City.

An undercover agent purchased from the suspect, Mark Joseph Cañete, one piece heat-sealed trans-

parent plastic sachet of suspected shabu.

Confiscated from his possession and control were twelve 12 pieces heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets of suspected shabu, one genuine P500 used as buy-bust money and one bogus P500, according to the police.

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

(RONALD O.REYES)

EDC donates rapid anti-body test to LGUs in Leyte and Samar

ORMOC CITY- Energy Development Corporation (EDC) has been holding true to its promise of providing support to its partner communities especially during this pandemic crisis.

In September, the geothermal company distributed a total of 2,500 rapid anti-body tests as preliminary testing for possible infection of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) to seven local government units in Leyte and Samar to help combat the spread of the disease.

The cities of Ormoc and Tacloban in Leyte, Catbalogan in Samar, and also the geothermal host town of Kananga in Leyte, received 500 units of test kits.

The towns of Isabel received 200 units, Albueva and Merida got 150 units each, all in Leyte.

Erwin Magallanes, head of EDC’s corporate social responsibility(CS-R),said providing support to the partner communities remain the company’s top priority aside from environment preservation for over 40 years since it started operating in the country.

“We’re in business because of the support of the community and the local government here in Leyte and also in Samar. It is our commitment to return the support and share even more of what we have so as to help them especially during this crisis”, Magallanes said.

The Lopez-led steam generator has also donated a state-of-the-art real-time Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reactor (RT-PCR) machine and accessory equipment worth P25 million to provide the city and the nearby towns faster results of the COVID-19 test.

With this donation, the city of Ormoc was able to establish molecular laboratory testing center following to the signing of the memorandum of agreement in July, 2020 between the EDC and the city of Ormoc with the Sugarcane Planter’s Association – Farmers Medical Center (OSPA-FMC).

Previously, the city sends the RT-PCR samples to the regional capital of Tacloban and results took longer time.

The recipients are appreciative of the support from the EDC.

EDC’s Leyte geothermal facility that straddles between Ormoc and Kananga town, currently supplies more than 30% of the country’s installed geothermal power capacity.

EDC is the world’s third largest geothermal power producer generating a total of over 40% of the country’s renewable energy output and serving about 10% of the country’s over-all electricity demand from its installed capacity of 1,499 megawatts.

(ELVIE ROMAN-ROA)

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energy output and serves about 10% of the country’s overall electricity demand with its installed capacity of 1,499MW. Its over 1,200MW geothermal portfolio accounts for 62% of the country’s total installed geothermal capacity, putting the Philippines on the map as the world’s third largest geothermal power producer. (PR)

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trol were two pieces of heat-sealed transparent plastic sachets of suspected shabu, buy-bust money, P28 cash, and one motorcycle.

The suspects will be facing charges for violation of sections 5 and 11, Article II of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. (RONALD O. REYES)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province: Leyte
City/Municipality: Carigara

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **AILEEN G. ONG** has filed with this
(Complete name of petitioner)

Office a petition for change of first name from **(Bb. Girl) AILEEN** to **AILEEN** in the Birth
(First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)

Certificate of **(Bb. Girl) AILEEN** who was born on
(complete name of document owner)
January 4, 1974 at **Carigara, Leyte** and whose
(Place of Birth)
parents are **PATERNO BATOC DE GUZMAN** and
(Name of Father)
ADELA MIGALANG
(Name of Mother)

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than,

(Sgd.) **MA. LILIBETH D. ESCOBEJA**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: October 10 & 17, 2020

Pandemic: A challenge to education

BY: CHITO J. LAGRIMAS

NO TO EDUCATION FREEZE!

A shout out from all the educators in the Philippines. Education Department in the country is greatly challenged because of the pandemic.

Lots of issues as to the safety of learners and educators were debated and resolved but, in the end, the DepEd Chief, Leonor M. Briones with the consultation from the different government agencies and the President Rodri-

go R. Duterte made a final decision to begin the new School Year 2020-2021 on October 5, 2020.

And so, on this very date, all public schools in the country officially started the “NO Face to Face” learning modality of our students. In places where internet connectivity is a problem, just like in Leyte and Samar learning activity sheets and modules will be used by the learners.

According to Dr.

Ramir B. Uytico, CESO IV, DepEd RO8, Regional Director, “The Department of Education should be the LAST ONE to SUR-RENDER”.

That is why, after the synchronized flag raising ceremony in every school last Monday, teachers with utmost excitement went to the different assigned Barangays to deliver the LAS and modules.

No extreme heat from the sun and or heavy rainfall or flooding stopped them from going. Much more of the joy and happiness were felt by the teachers when the parents were already lined up and patiently waited for their coming.

Parents were given the learning package and left the venue with a smile on their faces, a smile signifying hope for a brighter future of their children.

(Note: the author is a Teacher III of Sta. Mesa National High School, Dagami, Leyte)

Republic of the Philippines
COURT OF APPEALS
Cebu City
SPECIAL EIGHTEENTH (18TH) DIVISION
CA-G.R. SP NO. 12778 GRACE RODRIGUEZ-YU
Petitioners,
-versus-
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF TACLOBAN CITY, BRANCH 34, REGISTER OF DEEDS OF TACLOBAN CITY, LEYTE, SPS. FERNANDO SUDARIO AND ANALIZA CABIDOG-SUDARIO, SPS. REDENTO T. ASENSI AND ROSEMINDA C. ASENSI AND MARIE ELENA M. UDTUHAN
Respondents.
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ALIAS SUMMONS
TO: SPS. REDENTO T. ASENSI AND ROSEMINDA C. ASENSI—reg.w/rc.
Respondents
Brgy. 71 Naga-naga 6500 Tacloban City
GREETINGS:
Per this Court’s Resolution dated June 4, 2019, the Court resolved to give due course the Petition for Annulment of Judgment filed by petitioner and order for the issuance of summons to be served upon the respondents. Accordingly, a Summons has been issued pursuant thereto.
On February 20, 2020, the Court partially granted petitioner’s Motion for Leave for Issuance of Alias Summons and to Serve by Publication and directing the undersigned Division Clerk of Court to furnish petitioner a copy of Alias Summons, and for petitioner to cause the publication of the Alias Summons in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Leyte and City of Tacloban for three (3) consecutive weeks.
Pursuant to the Court’s Resolution dated February 20, 2020, Sps. Redento T. Asensi and Roseminda C. Asensi are hereby REQUIRED, within fifteen (15) days from notice, to FILE and SERVE your Answer to the Petition for the Annulment of Judgment (copy attached). If you fail to do so, judgment be default shall be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
March 10, 2020.
Very Truly Yours,
(Sgd.) ATTY. ACE VICTOR F. RISMA
Division Clerk of Court
Copy furnished:
The Hon. Presiding Judge-reg.w/rc.
RTC-Branch 34
Bulwagan ng Katarungan
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PETITION FOR ANNULMENT OF JUDGMENT
PETITIONER GRACE RODRIGUEZ-YU, by the undersigned counsel and unto this Honorable Court, most respectfully states:
PREFATORY STATEMENT
An action for annulment of judgment is a remedy in law independent of the case where the judgment sought to be annulled was rendered. The purpose of such action is to have the final and executor judgment set aside so that there will be a renewal of litigation. It is resorted to in cases where the ordinary remedies of new trial, appeal, petition for relief from judgment, or other appropriate remedies are no longer available through no fault of the petitioner, and is based on only two grounds; extrinsic fraud, and lack of jurisdiction or denial of due process. A person need to be a party to the judgment sought to be annulled, and it is only essential that he can prove his allegation that the judgment was obtained by the use of fraud and collusion and he would be adversely affected thereby.
NATURE, PROPRIETY AND TIMELINESS OF THE PETITION
1. This is a Petition under Rule 47 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure of the annulment of the **RESOLUTION dated December 19, 2014** (referred to as “assailed Resolution”) issued by Judge Mario O. Quinit of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 34, Tacloban City in **Cad. Case No. 2013-07-46** in the Petitioner for issuance of second owner’s copy of transfer certificates of **title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674** of the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City, filed by respondent Fernando Sudario.
2. The dispositive portion of the assailed Resolution reads:
“WHEREFORE, having been proved by substantial and clear evidence that the Second Owner’s Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 were lost and beyond recovery, the Registry of Deeds for the City of Tacloban is hereby ordered to issue another Second Owner’s Duplicate Copy of the Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 in the name of the registered owner carrying thereon all entries and encumbrances appearing at the back of the original copy on file with the Register of Deeds and with an annotation that the Second Owner’s Duplicate Copy of the Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 were issued in lieu of the lost one after petitioner shall have paid all fees in connection therewith. Said Second Owner’s Duplicate copy shall be treated with like faith and credit as the lost one.

Furnish a copy of this Resolution to the petition and his counsel, the City Prosecution Office of Tacloban City, the Registry of Deeds for the City of Tacloban and the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.
“SO ORDERED.” (emphasis ours)
3. The assailed Resolution is void and should be annulled for having been issued by the respondent trial Court without jurisdiction and on the ground of **extrinsic fraud** committed by private respondent upon Petitioner herein. Consequently, all other writs and documents issued pursuant thereto are likewise void.
4. No motion for new trial, appeal, petition for relief from judgment or other appropriate remedies could have been availed of by Petitioner.
5. Petitioner discovered the issuance of the assailed Resolution only sometime in October 2018 when she started gathering the pertinent documents in order to transfer to her name the ownership of the foregoing lots.
6. It is hornbook doctrine that **if a certificate of title has not been lost but is in fact in the possession of another person, the reconstituted title or second issuance thereof is void, because the court rendering the decision has not acquired jurisdiction.** It may be attacked at any time. The period from October 2018 up to the filing of the instant Petition is will within the period of four (4) years, and Petitioner is not barred by laches or estoppel as provided under Rule 47 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedures.
THE PARTIES
7. Petitioner **GRACE RODRIGUEZ-YU,** is a Filipino, of legal age, widow and a resident of Rizal Avenue, Tacloban City 6500, Province of Leyte. She may be served with summons and other Court processes through the undersigned counsel, Escalona Law and Notarial Office, with office address at 2F Unit 2, Pang Building, Barangay 77 Fatima, Tacloban City 6500.
8. The **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF TACLOBAN CITY, BRANCH 34** is impleaded as a nominal party being the trial Court which rendered the assailed Resolution in the case In Re: Petitioner for Issuance of Second Owner’s Copy of Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 Register of Deeds of Tacloban City, Fernando Sudario, Petitioner, docketed as Cad Case No. 2013-07-46. The respondent trial Court may be served with summons and processes at its sale in Tacloban City, Province of Leyte.
9. The **REGISTER OF DEEDS OF TACLOBAN CITY, LEYTE,** is impleaded as nominal party for being the government entity charged with the duties of registering decrees, deeds, and issuing second owner’s duplicate copy of transfer certificates of title pursuant to P.D. 1529 (Property Registration Decree) within his jurisdiction. He may be served with summons and other processes at his office in Justice Romualdez St., Tacloban City.
10. Private Respondents, spouses **FERNANDO SUDARIO and ANALIZA CABIDOG-SUDARIO (Spouses Sudario),** are Filipinos, of legal age, and residents of No. 23 Veteranos Avenue Extension, Tacloban City 6500. Fernando Sudario is the petitioner in the petition for issuance of second owner’s duplicate copy of the foregoing transfer certificates of title in Cad Case No. 2013-07046. They may be served with summons and other processes at the said address.

11. Private Respondents, spouses **REDENTO T. ASENSI and ROSEMINDA C. ASENSI (Spouses Asensi),** are Filipinos, of legal age, and resident of Barangay 71 Naga-Naga, Tacloban City 6500. They bought LOT 2185-I, covered by T.C.T. No. T-65674, from Spouses Sudario. They may be served with summons and other processes at the said address.
12. Private Respondent, **MARIA ELENA M. UDTUHAN,** is a Filipino, of legal age, single and a resident of Barangay 62-A Sagkahan, Tacloban City 6500. She bought LOT 2185-J-4, covered by T.C.T. No. T-65543, from Redento T. Asensi, representing Fernando Sudario. She may serve with summons and other processes at the said address.
RELEVANT FACTS AND ANTECEDENT PROCEEDINGS
13. The subject matter of this Petition are nine (9) parcels of land, referred to herein as “subject properties”, with a total area of 2,185 sq.m. located in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-Naga (now,) Tacloban City. They are identified as follows, to wit:
LOT NO. 2185-J-6 (T.C.T. T-65539) -72 square meters;
LOT NO. 2185-J-7 (T.C.T. T-65540) – 72 square meters;
LOT NO. 2185-J-8 (T.C.T. T-65541) – 100 square meters;
LOT NO. 2185-J-3 (T.C.T. T-65542) – 72 square meters;
LOT NO. 2185-I-4 (T.C.T. T-65543) – 72 square meters;
LOT NO. 2185-J-5 (T.C.T. T-65544) – 72 square meters;
LOT NO. 2185-J-9 (T.C.T. T-65545) – 133 square meters;
LOT NO. 2185-J-10 (T.C.T. T-65546) – 144 square meters;
LOT NO. 2185-I (T.C.T. T-65674) – 1,448 square meters
14. The subject properties were first mortgaged by Private Respondent Fernando Sudario with Union Bank of the Philippines. Unable to pay the loan, Spouses Sudario sought financial assistance from Petitioner to pay their loan with the said Bank.
15. On **July 21, 2011,** being a long time customer in the business of rice retail of Petitioner, the latter extended said financial assistance to Spouses Fernando Sudario. The latter wrote an acknowledgment and/or certification whereby Petitioner was given the possession or custody of all the foregoing transfer certificates of title while their existing loan, including the additional amount used in redeeming the mortgage, are paid. Redemption is evidenced by a transaction receipt and other fees issued by Union Bank Tacloban Branch, also dated July 21, 2011. A Certification of full payment dated August 31, 2011 was also issued.
16. On **September 28, 2011,** Spouses Sudario and Petitioner formalized their transaction with the execution of a Real Estate Mortgage covering the subject properties. As a condition of the mortgage, it contained the following:
“Moreover, the above enumerated certificates of title shall be and remain in the possession of the mortgagee Mrs. Grace Yu until the mortgage shall have been redeemed and fully paid including the interest thereon at two (2%) percent per month.” (emphasis ours)
17. On **October 30, 2013,** or week before super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) struck Eastern Visayas on November 8, 2013, Spouses Sudario ultimately decided to sell the subject properties to Petitioner. Accordingly, they executed a Deed of Absolute Sale.
18. Totally devastated by said super Typhoon, Petitioner decided to temporarily stay in Cebu City and sought refuge with her relatives. In her struggle to get back into business

amidst millions of payables, the process of registering the sale and transferring the ownership of the subject properties was the least of her concern.
19. Unknown to the Petitioner, Fernando Sudario filed on **July 11, 2013** a Petition for issuance of second owner’s duplicate copy of the foregoing nine (9) transfer certificates of title covering the subject properties. The filing of said Petitioner was about four months earlier when he and his wife signed the above Deed of Sale on October 30, 2013 in favor of herein Petitioner. His Petition filed with the Regional Trial Court of Tacloban City, Branch 34, reads:
“I. That petitioner, Fernando Sudario, is of legal age, Filipino, married and a resident of Brgy. Naga-naga, Tacloban City, Leyte where he may be served with orders, notices and other Court processes;
2. That petitioner is the registered owner of nine(9) parcels of land all situated in Tacloban City, and briefly described as follows:
Parcel 1
Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-65539
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-J-6 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-020914-D, being a portion of Lot 2185-J, (LRA), Psd 370555, situated in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-naga (now), City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and containing an area of Seventy Two (72) square meters, more or less.
Parcel 2
Transfer of Certificate of Title No. T-65540
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-J-7 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-020914-D, being a portion of Lot 2185-J, (LRA), Psd 370555, situated in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-naga (now), City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and containing an area of Seventy Two (72) square meters, more or less.
Parcel 3
Transfer of Certificate of Title No. 65541
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-J-8 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-020914-D, being a portion of Lot 2185-J, (LRA), Psd 370555, situated in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-naga (now), City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and containing an area of One Hundred (100) square meters, more or less.
Parcel 4
Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-65542
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-J-3 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-020914-B, being a portion of Lot 2185-J, (LRA), Psd 370555, situated in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-naga (now), City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and containing an area of Seventy Two (72) square meters, more or less.
Parcel 5
Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-65543
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-J-4 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-020914-D, being a portion of Lot 2185-J, (LRA), Psd 370555, situated in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-naga (now), City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and containing an area of Seventy Two (72) square meters, more or less.
Parcel 6
Transfer Certificate of Title No. 65544
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-J-5 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-020914-D, being a portion of Lot 2185-J, (LRA), Psd 370555, situated in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-naga (now), City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and containing an area of Seventy Two (72) square meters, more or less.
Parcel 7

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 65545
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-J-9 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-020914-D, being a portion of Lot 2185-J, (LRA), Psd 370555, situated in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-naga (now), City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and containing an area of One Hundred (100) square meters, more or less.
Parcel 8
Transfer Certificate of Title No. 65546
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-J-10 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-020914-D, being a portion of Lot 2185-J, (LRA), situated in Barangay Utap (before) Naga-naga (now), City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and containing an area of One Hundred Forty-Four (144) square meters, more or less.
Parcel 9
Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-65674
A parcel of land designated as Lot 2185-I of the subdivision plan (LRA), Psd 370555 approved as non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 2185 Cad 220, Tac. Cad. L.R.C. Record No. 1068, situated in Barangay Utap , Municipality of Tacloban City, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte and containing an area of One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eighth (1,448) square meters, more or less.
3. That petitioner paid the last annotated loan obligation with Union Bank of the Philippines. A copy of the Affidavit of Redemption is hereto attached as ANNEX “A” and made an integral part hereof;
4. That the owner’s duplicate copies of the said titles were released to herein petitioner who kept possession thereof;
5. Thereafter, petitioner inadvertently misplaced the owner’s duplicate copy of these TCT Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674. He exerted exhaustive and diligent efforts to locate the missing titles but the same could still not be found;
6. That the original of these Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 still exist in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City evidenced by issuance by this Office of a certified machine copy of each title and that only the owner’s duplicate copies are missing. Electronic copies of these titles are hereto attached as Annexes “B” to “J” and made integral parts hereof;
7. That the subject titles were neither offered as security for any pending loan, before any person, bank or entity, because the loan obligation with Union Bank of the Philippines have already been settled nor were said titles presented to the Register of Deeds for the purpose of registering any transaction involving the property covered by these titles. The said titles were also not used as bonds for any case, civil or criminal, with any court;
8. In view of the loss of the owner’s duplicate of said titles, petitioner notified the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City of such fact of loss by way of registration of her Affidavit of Loss executed on May 21, 2013. A copy of the Affidavit of Loss is hereto attached as Annex “K” and made an integral part of this petition;
9. Herein petitioner is praying that a new owner’s duplicate for Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 be issued similar in faith and credit as the original thereof with the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City.
WHEREFORE, it is most

respectfully prayed that, after due notice and hearing, this Honorable Court renders judgment:
1. Declaring as null and void the lost owner’s duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Titles Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 and
2. Ordering the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City to issue a new owner’s duplicate of Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 in the same terms and conditions as the original thereof and in all intents entitled to like faith and credit as he original of said title.
Tacloban City, April 25, 2013.” (emphasis ours)
20. After reception of the evidence, respondent trial Court issued the assailed Resolution, dated December 19, 2014, the dispositive portion of which reads:
“WHEREFORE, having been proved by substantial and clear evidence that the Second Owner’s Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 were lost and beyond recovery, the Registry of Deeds for the City of Tacloban is hereby ordered to issue another Second Owner’s Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 were issued in lieu of the lost one after petitioner shall have paid all fees in connection therewith. Said Second Owner’s Duplicate Copy shall be treated with like faith and credit as the lost one.
Furnish a copy of this Resolution to the petitioner and his counsel, the City Prosecution Office of Tacloban City, the Register of Deeds for the City of Tacloban and the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.
“SO ORDERED.”
21. Thereafter, the respondent trail Court issued a Certificate of Finality declaring that the assailed Resolution granting the petition for issuance of second owner’s duplicate copies became final and executor on February 6, 2015.
22. Pursuant to the assailed Resolution, the Registry of Deeds of Tacloban City issued a second owner’s duplicate copy of TCT Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 in the name of Fernando Sudario.
23. Moreover, Petitioner was utterly dismayed to discover from the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City that, LOT 2185-I, now covered by second owner’s duplicate copy of T.C.T. NO. T-65674, was sold by Fernando Sudario to REDENTO T. ASENSI on December 30, 2015. Thereafter, said buyer caused its subdivision into twelve (12) lots, whereby each lot was issued a transfer certificate of title (TCTs) by the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City, viz:
23.1 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000591;
23.2 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000592;
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23.3 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000593;
23.4 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000578;
23.5 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000595;
23.6 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000596;
23.7 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000597;
23.8 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000598;
23.9 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000599;
23.10 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000600;
23.11 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000601;
23.12 T.C.T. No. 122-2017000602;
24. Fernando Sudario also executed a Special Power of Attorney in favor of Redento T. Asensi to sell, transfer, dispose or convey by way of sale or mortgage the subject properties, as early as September 29, 2011.
25. Redento T. Asensi then sold in favor of MARIA ELENA M. UDTUHAN LOT 2185-J-4, covered by T.C.T No. T-65543, as early as September 27, 2011. A transfer certificate of title was later issued in favor of said buyer, per T.C.T. No. 122-2017000706.
26. Petitioner, confronted with the foregoing fraudulent acts, was advised to execute an Affidavit of Adverse Claim, dated November 20, 2018. She filed said adverse claim with the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City on December 3, 2018.
GROUND IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION
I.
The proceedings in Cad. Case No. 2013-07-46 for the issuance of second owner's duplicate copy of T.C.T Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674, and other derivative transfer certificates of title that were issued are null and void because the Regional Trial Court has no jurisdiction over the case considering that the said enumerated certificates of title were not in fact lost, but were in lawful possession of Petitioner as a bona fide mortgagee and ultimately as buyer thereof.
II
Respondents committed extrinsic fraud in the proceedings for issuance of second owner's duplicate copies of transfer certificates of title (TCTs) Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674.
III
Petitioner is entitled to the award of moral damages, exemplary damages, attorneys fees and litigation expenses.
ARGUMENTS AND DISCUSSION
I. The proceedings in Cad Case No. 2013-07-46 for the issuance of second owner's duplicate copy of T.C.T. Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674, and other derivative transfer certificates of title that were issued are null and void because the Regional Trial Court has no jurisdiction over the case considering that the said enumerated certificates of title were not in fact lost, but were in lawful possession of Petitioner as a bona fide mortgagee and ultimately as buyer thereof.
27. In a catena of cases, the Supreme Court has held that where the original owner's duplicate of transfer certificate of title is not lost, because it is in the passion of another person or buyer, the trial Court does not have jurisdiction over a petition for the issuance of new owner's duplicate copy thereof. Consequently, such second owner's duplicate copy is itself void once the existence of the original owner's copy is

unquestionably demonstrated and presented.
28. In the case of Strait Times Inc., represented by Atty. Rafael M. Iriarte v. Court of Appeals and Regin Peñalosa, G.R. No. 126673, decided on August 28, 1998, the Supreme Court held:
“It is judicially settled that a **trial court does not acquire jurisdiction over a petition for the issuance of a new owner's duplicate certificate of title, if the original is in fact not lost but is in the possession of an alleged buyer. Corollarily, such reconstituted certificate is itself void** once the existence of the original is unquestionably demonstrated.” (emphasis ours)
29. The High Court said further:
“Petitioner insisted before the Court of Appeals, and now before this Court, that the allegedly “lost” duplicate certificate of title has been in the possession of Atty. Iriarte all the while. Thus, citing Demetriou v. Court of Appeals, petitioner argues that the trial court had no jurisdiction to issue a new title because the original title was not lost.
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The point of petitioner is well-taken. In Serra Serra v. Court of Appeals, the Court ruled that if a **certificate of title has not been lost, but is in fact in the possession of another person, then the reconstituted title is void and the court that rendered the decision has no jurisdiction**. This was reiterated in Demetriou vs. Court of Appeals and New Durawood Co. Inc., v. Court of Appeals. In the present case, it is undisputed that the allegedly lost owner's duplicate certificate of title was all the while in the possession of Atty. Iriarte, who even submitted it as evidence. Indeed, private respondent has not controverted the genuineness and authenticity of the said certificate of title. **These unmistakably show that the trial court did not have jurisdiction to order the issuance of a new duplicate, and the certificate issued is itself void.**” (emphasis ours)
30. Petitioner came into possession of the foregoing certificates of title since July 21, 2011 when the Union Bank of the Philippines released them in her favor after she accommodated and paid the loan of Fernando Sudario, pursuant to their agreement. These certificates of title remained in Petitioner's possession up to the present.
31. In other words, they were never lost; because all the while, petitioner as mortgagee, then ultimately as buyer thereof, was in lawful possession of these certificates of title.
32. In the case of Salvador Serra Serra, et a., vs Court of Appeals and Salvador Serra Serra, et al., vs. Hon. Judge Nestor B. Alampay, is was declared that when the duplicate certificate in fact exists, the new certificates of title issued pursuant to a petition in Court are a nullity because the Court that issued the order has not thereby acquired jurisdiction.
“Thus, if no such original title in fact exists, the **reconstituted title is a nullity and the order for its reconstitution does not become final because the court rendering the order has not acquired jurisdiction. It may be attacked at any time. The same rule applied if in fact there is an earlier valid certificate of title in the name of in the possession of another person/s.** (emphasis ours)
33. In a related case of Antonio Demetriou, et al vs. Court of Appeals, it was held that:
“But a judgment otherwise final may be annulled not only on the ground of extrinsic fraud but also because of lack of jurisdiction of the court which rendered it. In Serra Serra v. Court of Appeals, on facts anal-

ogous to those involved in this cause, this Court already held that **if a certificate of title has not been lost but is in fact in the possession of another person, the reconstituted title is void and the court rendering the decision has not acquired jurisdiction. Consequently the decision may be attacked any time.** Indeed, Rep. Act No. 26, S 18 provides that “in case a certificate of title, considered lost or destroy be found or recovered, the same shall prevail over the reconstituted certificate of title.” It was, therefore, error for the Court of Appeals to dismiss the petition for annulment of judgment of the petitioners.” (emphasis ours)
II. Respondents committed extrinsic fraud in the proceedings for issuance of a second owner's duplicate copies of transfer certificates of title (TCTs) Nos. T.C.T. Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674.
34. Fraud is extrinsic where the unsuccessful party has been prevented from exhibiting fully his case, by fraud or deception perpetrated on him by his opponent, as keeping him away from court, a false promise of a compromise; or **where the defendant never had knowledge of the suit, being kept in ignorance by the acts of the plaintiff;** or where an attorney fraudulently or without authority connives at his defeat; these and similar cases will show that there has never been a real contest in the trial or hearing of the case are reasons for which a new suit may be sustained to set aside and annul the former judgment and open the cause for a new and fair trial.
35. Respondents Spouses Sudario, Spouses Asensi, and Maria Elena M. Udtuhan employed extrinsic fraud to prevent herein Petitioner from discovering the proceedings relative to issuance of second owner's copy of the foregoing titles and to keep the latter ignorant of the case, including their previous transactions.
36. Spouses Sudario and Spouses Asensi conspired in defrauding Petitioner, because during the period that the forgoing nine (9) certificates of title were turned over to Petitioner as a condition of the mortgage as early as July 21, 2011, Fernando Sudario executed an SPA in favor of Redento T. Asensi to sell, encumber or mortgage the subject properties on September 29, 2011, or a day after Spouses Sudario formalized their mortgage with herein Petitioner on September 28, 2011.
37. Also, on September 27, 2011, or a day before Spouses Sudario formalized said mortgage with Petitioner on September 28, 2011, he (Fernando Sudario) already sold LOT 2185-J-4 with T.C.T. T-65543 to Maria Elena M. Udtuhan, through Redento T. Asensi.
38. It was the obligation of Spouses Sudario to inform Petitioner about the SPA in favor of Redento T. Asensi, and/or cancel the same; and not to include LOT 2185-J-4 when they mortgaged the subject properties to Petitioner on September 28, 2011, and ultimately in the sale in favor of same Petitioner on October 30, 2013, because as said, it was already sold to Maria Elena Udtuhan on September 27, 2011. But they concealed this fact with no other reason but to deceive Petitioner.
39. Respondents, Spouses Sudario likewise maliciously concealed from herein Petitioner the petitioner for issuance of second owner's copy of titles of the subject properties that was filed on **July 11, 2013**, when they executed on **October 30, 2013**, a Deed of Sale in favor of herein Petitioner covering the same subject properties.
40. Knowing fully well that the owner's copy of these

certificates of title are with Petitioner, under the circumstances above narrated, the filing of the petition for issuance of second owner's copy is clearly unfounded. Rather, it was malicious, unlawful and done in utter bad faith to Petitioner.
III. Petitioner is entitled to the award of moral damages, exemplary damages, attorney fees and litigation expenses.
41. Due to the wanton acts of respondents in filing the unfounded petition for issuance of second owner's copy of title and, thereafter, used these second owner's copies in dealing with co-respondents, the integrity of the Torrens system was adversely affected. Also, said deceitful conduct and bad faith by respondents have caused Petitioner wounded feelings, anxiety, sleepless nights and besmirch reputation in the business community, for which moral damages of Php 2,000,000.00 and exemplary damages of Php 1,000,000.00 should be imposed against respondents in favor of herein Petitioner.
42. As a consequence of the said acts of the respondents which are unfounded, malicious, and done in gross and evident bad faith, herein Petitioner was compelled to secure the services of counsel to enforce and protect her rights and interests to the subject properties for a fee of Php 500,000.00; and to further incur litigation expenses in no less than Php 300,000.00.
PRAYER
WHEREFORE, premises above considered, it is respectfully prayed of the Honorable Court that judgment be rendered:
I. DECLARING the entire proceedings in Cad. Case No. 2013-07-46 for issuance of second owner's copy of TCT Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674 before the Regional Trial Court of Tacloban City Branch 34, as well as the issued second owner's copy thereof in the name of Fernando Sudario and, all its derivative certificates of title, viz T.C.T. No. 122-2017000591; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000592; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000593; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000578; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000595; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000596; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000597; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000598; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000599; T.C.T. No. 2017000600; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000602 – all issued in the name of Redento T. Asensi, and T.C.T. No. 122-2017000706 issued in the name of Maria Elena M. Udtuhan, NULL AND VOID.
2. ORDERING the Register of Deeds of Tacloban City to CANCEL the issued second owner's copy of TCT Nos. T.C.T. Nos. T-65539, T-65540, T-65541, T-65542, T-65543, T-65544, T-65545, T-65546 and T-65674, and its derivatives T.C.T. No. 122-2017000591; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000592; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000593; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000578; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000595; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000596; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000597; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000598; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000599; T.C.T. No. 2017000600; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000601; T.C.T. No. 122-2017000602 & T.C.T. No. 122-2017000706.
3. ORDERING respondents to pay herein Petitioner the amounts of Php 2,000,000.00 as moral damages, Php 1,000,000.00 as exemplary damages, Php 500,000.00 as attorney's fees and Php 300,000.00 as litigation expenses.
OTHER reliefs just and equitable are likewise prayed for by Petitioner.
Tacloban City for Cebu City, May 7, 2019.
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Barangay 62-A Sagkahan, Tacloban City 6500
EXPLANATION ON SERVICE AND FILING BY REGISTERED MAIL
(Pursuant to Sec. II, Rule 13, 1997 Revised Rules and Civil Procedure)
A copy of the foregoing Petition for Annulment of Judgment were sent to the above-mentioned parties and their respective addresses, thru registered mail because of lack of office messenger to effect personal service. Receipts of mailing are hereto attached and made integral parts hereof.
(Sgd.) JOSEPH N. ESCALONA
Republic of the Philippines)
City of Tacloban) S.S.
Province of Leyte
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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING
I, GRACE RODRIGUEZ-YU, Filipino, of legal age, widow and a resident of Rizal Avenue, Tacloban City 6500, under oath, hereby depos-

es and says:
1. I am the Petitioner in this case.
2. I have read the foregoing Petition and the averments contained therein are true and correct of my own knowledge and/or bases on authentic records.
3. I attest to the authenticity of the annexes thereof.
4. I have not commenced any other action or proceeding involving the same issues in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or Different Divisions thereof, or any other Tribunal, Body or Agency of Government.
5. Aside the above-mentioned case, there is no other action or proceeding pending in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or different Divisions thereof, or any Tribunal, Body or Agency of Government.
6. I herein Petitioner learned that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, or different Divisions thereof, Tribunal, Body or Agency, I hereby undertake to notify this Honorable Court within five (5)kj days from knowledge thereof.
(Sgd.)GRACE RODRIGUEZ-YU
Affiant/Petitioner
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of May 2019 in Tacloban City, with affiant exhibiting to me evidence of his identity, being; I.D. No. 0006-0941865-3 issued on____ at Tacloban City.
(Sgd) ATTY. JOSEPH N. ESCALONA
Notary Public for and within the Province of Leyte and Tacloban City
Under RTC Tacloban City's Jurisdiction
N.C. No. 2016-02-45; 02-24-16; until December 31, 2017
Roll of Attorney's No. 40336; May 11, 1995
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Doc. No. 391, Page No. 80, Book No. 27, Series of 2019.
Republic of the Philippines (City of Tacloban City) S.S.
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF PLEADING
I REYNOLD SHEAN N. ESCALONA, Filipino, sin-

gle and a resident of Brgy. 92, Apitong, Tacloban City, Leyte, after having been sworn to an oath in accordance with law, hereby deposes and says, THAT:
I am the secretary/messenger of **ESCALONA LAW OFFICE**;
On 14 May 2019, I caused the service of the foregoing Petition for Annulment of Judgment to:
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF TACLOBAN CITY BRANCH 34
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By: Registered mail effected by depositing a copy in the post office, in sealed envelope, addressed to said addressee at his present address appearing in the records, with postage fully pre-paid, and with instruction to the postmaster to return the mail to sender after 10- days if undelivered, as per registry receipts hereto attached. Proof of receipt by the addressed will be submitted later:
Absense of personal courier.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of May 2019 at Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines.
(Sgd.) REYNOLD SHEAN N. ESCALONA
Affiant
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 14th day of May 2019 at Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines.
(Sgd.) ATTY. JOSEPH N. ESCALONA
LSDE: Sept. 26, Oct. 3 & 10, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late OSCAR NEE DONES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land described as:1) A parcel of land, situated at Poblacion, Catbalogan, City with TD ARP No. 01-0004-00128, PIN No. 229-01-0004-080, having an area of 92.0000 square meter and with an assessed value of Php230,000.00; 2) Parcel of Agricultural land, situated at Kiwalo, Daraga, Albay, with TD No. 2017-04-0029-00070, PIN No. 0310402901312, having an area of .2812 square meters/25Fbt and assessed at Php650.00; 3) Parcel of land, situated at Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon city with TD/ARP No. 2014-13-0012-007-20, having an area of 98 square meters and assessed at Php9,702.00; 4) Parcel of land, situated at Panggang, Sorsogon City, with TD ARP No. 2011-03-0013-07095, PIN No. 189-03-0013-055-05, having an area of 130.00 square meters, assessed value of Php15,600.00; 5) Parcel of land, situated at Penafraancia, Daraga, Albay, with TD No. 2017-04-0042-00693, PIN No. 0310404202465, having an area of 0.1618 square meters, with assessed value of Php2,260.00; 6) Parcel of land, situated at Bascaran, Daraga, Albay, with TD No. 2002-010-1844, PIN 0310401003110, having an area of .1097 square meters with assessed value of Php3,720.00. 7) Residential building, located at Brgy. 0043, Maulong, Catbalogan City, with TD ARP No. 01-0043-014-94, PIN No. 229-01-0043-01-067-1022, having an area of 33.0000 with an assessed value of Php80,300.00; 8) Residencial/commercial building located at Brgy. 04, Poblacion, Catbalogan City, Samar with TD ARP No. 01-0004-00129, PIN No. 229-01-0004-02-02-080-10, having an area of 84.4200/168.8400, with an assessed value of Php744,790.00; 9) Parcel of agricultural land, situated at Penafraancia, Daraga, Albay, with TD No. 2002-010-1846, PIN No. 0310401003112, having an area of 3086 square meters with an assessed value of Php10,470.00, This settlement except the bank balance of and Savings and Joint account with RCBC, per Doc. No. 710, Page No. 142, Book No. I, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Alma Uy-Lampasa. LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CARLOS T. ROSILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 4474 located at Brgy. Minuhang, Barugo, Leyte containing 408 square meters, Survey No. Pls-1061-D, Case 4. Per Doe No. 454, Page No. 63, Book No. XV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Bella Mercedes G. Mendiola. LSDE: Sept. 26, Oct. 3 & 10, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH PARTITION WITH SALE (PORTION)

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARCIANA UY VDA. DE CASAUS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land situated in Alang-alang, Leyte, described as: 1) Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-2875 of the Register of Deed of Leyte, consisting of (a) Lot 1166 of the Cadastral Survey of Alang-alang, Leyte, containing an area of 97,305 square meters, more or less; b) Lot 1238, containing an area of 7,283 square meters, more or less and 3) Lot 1291 containing 4,768 sq.m.; 2) Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-2876, consisting of: a) Lot 1215, containing an area 5,164 sq.m.; b) Lot No. 1225, containing an area 3,090 sq.m. more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of of the Estate and identified as Lots 1166-C and 1166-D of the TCT No. T-2875 (Lot 1166), and Lot No. 1225-C of TCT No. T-2876 in favor of WALTER ROSTAN GARCIA, JR., as vendee for the above described portion, without improvements, containing a sum total of 30,000 square meters only; per Doc. No. 499, Page No. 101, Book No. I, Series of 2018 of Notary Public LEO S. GIRON. LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AMADO UY, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot 2 of the sub plan, Psd-107405, being a portion of Lot 2480-E-3-A, situated at Brgy. Utap, Tacloban City, Leyte, under TCT No. T-17657, containing an area of 500 square meters , more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JASON U. KO married to YXARA GEM D. KO and JONHSON U. KO married to MICHELLE D. KO, as vendees for the above-described property including that of the conjugal share thereon of the surviving wife; per Doc. No. 9, Page No. 3, Book No. V, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Roselle Go Gerena. LSDE: September 26, October 3 & 10, 2020



House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez (3rd right) with his Deputy Majority Leaders Rep.Jam Baronda (right) and Rep. David “Jay Jay” Suarez (2nd right) talks with Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea (left) after the deliberation of the 2021 Budget of the Office of the Executive Secretary at the plenary of the House of Representatives.photo by Ver Noveno

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political powers that used to be exercised by the central government empowered the local governments in defining its priorities and direction of its development goals. There too was the debureaucratization of proprietary functions that government has to transfer to the private sector.

All that the Local Government Code has brought in terms of empowerment of local governments has not even been attained in full. The code has yet to implemented to operationalize the decentralization policies that were introduced by the said law. The only amendments that had been introduced by far has to do with the composition of local legislative bodies where election was made by district instead of being at large. The other amendment was the resetting of the election following the term extension of local and youth officials. A year less than three decades since the enactment of the Local Government Code, there is still much hope to look forward to in local governance.

comments to alellema@yahoo.com

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VITALIANO KEMPIS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Cad Lot No. 9766, Lot 039, Blk No. 7 situated at Brgy. Highway, Dulag, Leyte under TD No. 08-13-0007-00383 containing a total area of 1,084 square meters. Per Doc No. 443, Page No. 90, Book No. XXXIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy Bendoy.
LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Northern Samar
Municipality of Catarman

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **JOEY C. POSO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name in his certificate of live birth from **“JOSE”** to **“JOEY”** he was born on December 23, 1959 in Catarman, Northern Samar and whose parents are BUENAVENTURA P. POSO and REMEDIOS B. CASIGURAN.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than (10) days after this publication.

(Sgd.) **DARWIN B. BEROS**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: October 10 & 17, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ROSARIO M. MAULA heir of the late VICENTE MAULA executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Cad Lot No. 9920 consisting an area of .0787 sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of CRESCENCIO FABELLA married to MARIA FABELLA as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 266, Page No. 27, Book No. V, Series of 2007. Notary Public Atty. Oscar Mendoza.
LSDE: September 29, October 3 & 10, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CRISOLOGO VILLEJO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 871, C-3, Cad 566-D located at Brgy. San Juan, Hilongos, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-40628 containing an area of 2,404sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JOSELI-TO YAN FLORES AND EMILIANA MAYOR FLORES as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 496, Page No. 100, Book No. XLVIII, Serie sof 2018. Notary Public Atty. Exzon Mendoza.
LSDE: September 29, October 3 & 10, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FLORITA ORQUE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Cad Lot No. 24, Psd 9511C situated at Poblacion, Catbalogan, Samar containing an area of 937 sq.m., covered by TCT No. 8335. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MARIE ROSE ORQUE BALABAT as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 167, Page No. 34, Book No. III, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Alexander P. Bolok.
LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION OF SOLE HEIR WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that AILENE F. PALACIO heir of the late ROGACIANO D. PALACIO executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 295 registered in his name for taxation purposes with an aggregate area of 19,963 square meters situated at Brgy. Naga-asan, Babatngon, Leyte under TD No. 2008-04014-0050. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of CYNDELL G. TABUNGAR as vendee of a portion of land containing 972 sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 425, Page No. 85, Book No. XIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Ferdinand Arthur B. Diaz.
LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the Civil Registrar
Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **HILARIA MAE CLAROS OBAOB** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **Bb. Girl** to **HILARIA MAE** in the Birth Certificate of **Bb. Girl CLAROS OBAOB** who was born on **OCTOBER 12, 1999** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **LIZA C. CLAROS** and **VICENTE C. OBAOB**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 23, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: October 10 & 17, 2020

DPWH-SLDEO implements “No QR Code, No Entry” policy

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Public Works and Highways-Southern Leyte District Engineering Office (DPWH-SLDEO) based in Maasin City is now requiring the quick response (QR) code for individuals entering the premises of the field office here in an effort to prevent and contain the spread of the coronavirus disease.

DPWH-SLDEO chief Ma. Margarita Junia said that this move supports the safety and health protocols of the employees working under the “new normal” setting.

“We coordinated with the city government of Maasin regarding the use of this QR code. Its main purpose is to help in contact tracing. So here in the office, before you could enter our premises, a security guard assigned at the entrance will scan the QR code of every individual to verify their identity. We imposed the “No QR Code, No Entry” policy so regardless if you’re an employee here or not, you must comply with this directive,” Junia said.

Junia explained that the QR code aims to gather pieces of relevant information to determine COVID-19 signals of symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals.

The application will either prompt that the registered person is clear or notify and alarm when a known COVID-19 positive, probable, or suspected person is about to enter, in which case, he or she will be denied entry.

She added that apart from the implementation of the QR code, individuals not wearing face mask and face shield will not be permitted to enter the DPWH premises.

Also, a thermal check for everyone at the entrance of the building is mandatory.

She added that her office has been intensifying its precautionary and hygiene measures to contain and prevent the spread of infection by observing cleanliness and undertaking proper hand hygiene, social distancing, and cough etiquette.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DOMINGO LABITIGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Cad Lot No. 137, Cad 973-D situated at Brgy. Bacubac, Basey, Samar containing an area of 5,812 sq.m., covered by OCT No. 24781. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of WILLIA R. GREFIEL married to EMMANUELITO GREFIEL as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 268, Page No. 54, Book No. 6, Series of 2011. Notary Public Atty. Samuel C. Lagunzad.
LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER OF SHARE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ILUMINADO SABAYAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at Brgy. Cavite East, Palo, Leyte designated as Cad Lot No. 65 with an area of 162sq.m., under TD No. 08-30-0002-00564 and heir hereby waived all shares, participation and conform the partition of the above-described property unto Lilibeth S. Acebedo, Lot 65-A, 72sq.m., Edwin J. Sabayan, Lot 65-B, 45 sq.m., Myla S. Docil, Lot 65-C, 45sq.m., Per Doc No. 436, Page No. 89, Book No. XX, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy U. Bendoy.
LSDE: Sept. 26, & Oct. 3 & 10, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FRANKLIN DAVINES GARCIA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a BDO Equity Fund Certificates with Confirmation of Participation Nos.: 9900726747/ 9900745329/ 9900762361/ 9900781456/ 9900860219/ 9900876254/ 9900892050/ 9900907369/ 9900923046/ 9900941167/ 9900958552/ 9900976785 maintained at BDO Tacloban - Justice Romualdez Branch in the amount of Php120,000.00 and heirs hereby WAIVED all share in the aforementioned BDO Equity Funds in favor of our mother, EVELYN LIM GARCIA. Per Doc No. 1735, Page No. 348, Book No. N, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Ramon N. Pedrosa, Jr.
LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF CONFIRMATION OF DEED OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that VERNA M. FERNANDEZ, EDWIN P. MALAKI AND EVANGELINE P. MALAKI heirs of the late PORFERIO MALAKI AND MILAGROS MALAKI executed an Affidavit of Confirmation of Sale unto EDGAR MALAKI over a motor vehicle particularly described as: Make: MITSUBISHI FUSO, Type of Body: PRIME MOVER, Engine No. 8M20-S18587, Serial/Chassis No: FP411D-540136, Plate No: HVP548, Cert of Reg: 5301413-D DATED 8-9-2007. Per Doc No. 167, Page No. 35, Book No. I, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Rhea P. Reli.
LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EDUARDO L. MONTILLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4265-C, Psd-249414 covered by TCT No. T-12187 containing an area of 195sq.m., situated at Barrio Utap, Tacloban City and heir ESTRELLA A. MONTILLA hereby waived all conjugal partnership by own volition, hereby cedes all shares in the conjugal partnership to the compulsory heirs. Per Doc No. 32, Page No. 7, Book No. IV, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Lemuel R. Montes.
LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PEDRITO E. MEGENIO, SR. extrajudicially settled, partition and adjudicated over a portion parcel of land containing an area of 4,825, which is taken and segregated from a parcel of land containing an area of 31,966 square meters under TCT No. EP-T-170. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of BEATRIZ N. AMANDE as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 305, Page No. 62, Book No. XL, Notary Public Atty. Albert P. Yruma.
LSDE: October 3, 10 & 17, 2020

We deserve better internet connectivity: Senator Grace Poe

(Shane Lawrence C. Ty)

“We deserve more, we deserve better, we deserve faster internet (connectivity).”

We have long been deprived of good internet connectivity and services. Telecommunication companies advertising promising offers that eventually end up into frustrations and lags. With our neighbors enjoying faster and more affordable internet, Philippines ends up last and has the slowest and most expensive internet per megabyte.

According to the latest study of Akamai Technologies’ Global State of the Internet Report, Philippines continues to have one of the slowest internet connection speeds across the Asia Pacific.

Our country falls 2 mbps short from the global average of 7.2 mbps. This to consider that Filipinos are the heaviest internet users worldwide and has been tagged previously as the

social media capital of the world.

To further urge telecommunication companies to improve internet connectivity and services, Senator Grace Poe along with Senators Manny Pacquiao and Ralph Recto filed Senate Bill 1831 or the Better Internet Act. This allows them in three years time to provide the following minimum internet speeds:

Rural Areas – 3 mbps for fixed broadband; 2 mbps for mobile broadband

Highly-urbanized cities – 10 mbps for fixed broadband; 5 mbps for mobile broadband

Other cities – 5 mbps for fixed broadband; 3 mbps for mobile broadband

“Telcos need to improve internet services now more than ever. Education is [the] key in lifting people out of poverty. Keeping them deprived of internet services is akin to condemning them to poverty,” Poe emphasized.

At the hearing, Poe invited various government agencies to provide information on the compliance of telcos to the regulation.

The following franchisees were at the agenda of the hearing: Bayan Communications Inc., Cruz Telephone Company Inc., and Tandag Electricity and Telephone Company Inc.

“We grant a franchise only after establishing that there is a public need for such a service and that the applicant has the means to adequately provide it. We want to make sure that all applicants are fit to offer their avowed public service so as to encourage competition and drive companies to provide better service,” Poe added.

The telcos were asked to present targets and concrete plans in rolling out infrastructure in the remaining months of the year to ensure they are taking advantage of the supportive regulations to better their services. The senator also called on big corporations to strengthen partnerships with local telcos in order to help those in remote areas.

DPWH in Leyte’s second district has a new chief

CARIGARA, Leyte – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) - Leyte Second District Engineering Office is now headed by Engr. Leo Edward Oppura, replacing Engr. Gerald Pacanan.

Pacanan is now assigned as assistant regional director of DPWH-Regional Office V, or Bicol Region.

Oppura started his career in DPWH-Leyte 4th DEO as laborer.

In 1997, he moved to Leyte 3rd DEO in Villaba, also in Leyte where he got his permanent position as Engineer II. He then was promoted as OIC-Assistant District Engineer in December 11, 2014.

Later in January 10, 2019, Oppura was appointed as the OIC-District Engineer of Capiz 1st DEO, Regional Office VI.

With his utmost dedica-



ENGR. LEO EDWARD OPPURA

tion and hard work towards his job, he is now assigned to maneuver the Leyte 2nd DEO in Carigara, Leyte by virtue of Special Order no.65 series of 2020 dated September 7, 2020 signed by Secretary Mark A. Villar.

“I am grateful to work with you and I ask for your full-support, trust and dedication so that we will have a harmonious goal in achieving our targets,” said Oppura.

He assumed office on September 28 after completing the 14-day quarantine health proto-

col set by the Department of Health due to covid-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, Francisco Robin, Jr. will be his OIC-Assistant District Engineer. (LIZBETH ANN A.ABELLA)

P92M access leading to Germohenes Falls in Biliran completed

NAVAL, Biliran- The road opening and concreting of access road leading to Germohenes Falls in Pinangomhan Village in Biliran town is now completed, District Engineer David P. Adongay Jr., reported.

The Germohenes Falls is one of the undeveloped tourist destinations in the province because of the inaccessibility to the site. Estimated walking time to reach the said waterfalls takes about 4-5 hours.

According to Adongay, the P92 million project covers a total length of 2.90 kilometer road opening and concreting including the construction of 100-meter length spillway and a rehabilitation of 60-meter existing local road that was washed out by tropical storm Urduja in 2017.

The completed road project leading to Germohenes Falls will encourage more local and foreign tourists to visit the place. From 4-5 hours of hike,

travel time will be reduced to just 5-10 minutes of vehicle ride and another 30 minutes of walk to reach the said waterfalls.

“This project also provides a safe and faster transport of farm products to the market centers such as coconut, rice, and corn and a convenient travel for the residents and farmers in going to Naval, the capital town and to other neighboring municipalities,” Adongay said. (PR)

Current...

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what’s wrong with the way traditional siday is written by neophytes nowadays? Let me shed light on this.

Free verse, when used to pen a siday, spares you the trouble of scouting for rhyming words, of counting the syllabic number per line, of choosing the proper foot and line, etc. Instead, it allows you to focus more on the drama, the conflict, the emotional effect, and the point to drive home at the end. It enables you to freely use the kind of language that is appropriate for the persona to utter. And most of all, it helps you concentrate on developing imagery, symbolism, suggestion, and other powerful figurative expressions that could create multiple layers

of meaning in your siday, hence its recent acceptance and preference.

The writing of traditional siday, on the other hand, has further deteriorated at the hands of newbies, the reason being that, in their representative attempts, preoccupation with meter, rhythm, and most especially the rhyme scheme has been alarmingly extant, while grossly neglecting the other poetic essentials that determine poetic content, that the free verse advocates are arming themselves with. In short, present-day writers of traditional siday zero in on the external aspect as the sole source of their works’ strength, thus ending up with superficial outputs whose language is purely literal they would make good essays if not for the rhyme scheme that is

heavily in place.

Personally, I see no reason for these two factions to clash. I am for both, though most of my sidays are penned in free verse. But for commissioned sidays that would be read before an audience, I use the traditional style because, as I have repeatedly observed, people prefer the traditional form to the free verse style when they listen to it. My aim, then, has been to combine the strengths of the two, as is obvious in my latest works, knowing that in unity, there is real strength. I’m not inviting followers—that’s not my style—but if, as a poet, you buy my idea on this issue, then come, let’s join hands together and form another movement in the writing of Waray siday.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FORTUNATO PENARANDA CAJEFE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of agricultural lands both located at Babatngon, Leyte particularly described as: 1) Lot 2287, Case 6, Cad 497-D, Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. CARP2016000820 with an area of 3,764 sq.m.; 2) Lot 2288, Case 6, Cad 497-D, Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. CARP2016000077 with an area of 5,460sq.m., Per Doc No. 401, Page No. 82, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Ester T. Villarin. LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER OF SHARE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JUANA GUEVARRA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Cutay, Sta. Fe, Leyte designated as Cad Lot No. 1424 with an area of 6,071 square meters embraced by TD No. 08-35-0009-00331 and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights, interest and shares in favor of ROWENA M. GADITANO. Per Doc No. 442, Page No. 90, Book No. XXXIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rafael Greggorre T. Pajares. LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EUFEMIA MIRALLES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 agricultural lands particularly all situated at Brgy. Badiangay, Sta. Fe, Leyte described as: 1) Lot No. 502, containing an area of 15,910sq.m., covered by TD No. 08-35-0005-00246; 2) Lot No. 478, containing an area of 13,577sq.m., covered by TD No. 08-35-0005-00248. Per Doc No. 8, Page No. 3, Book No. XVI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Rafael Greggorre T. Pajares. LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020

RA 9048 Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)
CFN-0003-2020

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Palo

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MARY JANELLE L. TERRADO** (complete name of the petitioner)

a Petition for change of First Name from **JANELLE** to **MARY JANELLE** in the (first name to be changed) (new first name to be adopted)

Birth certificate of **MARY JANELLE LIPORADA TERRADO** (Complete Name of Document Owner)

who was born on **April 7, 2001** at **Palo, Leyte** and (complete date of birth) (Place of Birth)

whose parents are **EDGARDO GARRIDO TERRADO** (Name of Father)

and **CYNTHIA TORIBIO LIPORADA** (Name of Mother)

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(Sgd.) **EDGAR Y. TAÑALA, J.D.**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: October 10 & 17, 2020

Fabrigas...

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Aside from barangay certificate and identification card, the applicants are also asked for their QR code.

“Marami ang nagre-reklamo na hindi sila nakakakuha ng health certificate but upon verification marami po ang hindi totoo yung kanilang brgy certificate at yung kanilang QR code,” Fabrigas said.

Fabrigas then asked city residents to plan ahead when they are applying for health certificate as they can only issue 500 a day.

Cases of applicants using tampered barangay certificate and fake IDs are forwarded to the City Legal Office.

City Administrator Aldrin Jude Quebec said that they are bent in filing appropriate actions against people who are using fake documents in applying for the health certificate.

“This will only take time because of our process but definitely we will take action to discipline these people,” he said.

Quebec added that it is important for the city government to enforce protocols and policies to prevent the transmission COVID-19. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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Palo, Leyte

R8-CC/EV/PA-PJ-2020-09-0269
Case No. VIII-2020-0269

Application for **Consolidation with
Extension of Validity** of Cases
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

**MACROHON MAASIN TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE (MMTC)**
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-Cooperative is a grantee of
FIVE (5) Certificate of Public Convenience
namely: **Case Nos. VIII-2014-4638, 2014-
1048, 2014-1188, 2014-0401 and 2015-1123**
to operate a **PUJ** Service for the transportation
of passengers and freight on the route: **SO-**

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Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2020-10-2144457
Case No. VIII-2014-4457

Application for **Extension of Validity**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

PABLITO A. CANDELA,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a
PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers
and freight on the route: **TACLOBAN CITY-
SAN JOSE-AIRPORT & VICE VERSA** with
the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is
valid and subsisting until **OCTOBER 26, 2020**.
In the present application, applicant
request authority for extension of validity of
the said certificate using the same number of
unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.
At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the
above date, applicant/s shall cause the
publication of this Notice of Hearing once in
a newspaper of local circulation.
This application will be acted upon by
this Board on the basis of its records and
documentary evidence submitted by the
parties, unless the Board deems it necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral
evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **5th** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

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FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
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Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-CN-PJ-2020-09-0257
REF. CASE NO. VIII-2014-1004

Application for **Change Name of Applicant**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

CARMILO A. ADOBAS-Old Party
Applicant
MACROHON MAASIN TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE (MMTC)-New Party
Applicant,
Applicant/s
x-----x

**TACLOBAN V AND G CALANIPAWAN
DRIVERS AND OPERATORS
TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE
(TAVAGCADOTCO),**
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Con-
solidation of a Certificate of Public Conve-
nience to operate a **PUJ** Service for the trans-
portation of passengers and freights along the
line: **TACLOBAN CITY-V&G (PHASE 2 &
3) & VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1)**
unit/s, as addition to the **THREE (3)** unit/s in
the petition previously filed. Re: *Application
for the Consolidation with Extension of Validity
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
PUJ Service.*

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.
At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the
above date, applicant/s shall cause the
publication of this Notice of Hearing once in
a newspaper of local circulation.
This application will be acted upon by
this Board on the basis of its records and
documentary evidence submitted by the
parties, unless the Board deems it necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral
evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **5th** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

GOD-MALITBOG & VICE VERSA with the
use of **FIVE (5)** unit/s for each Certificate which
Certificates are valid and subsisting until **JUNE
30, 2020**, respectively.

In the present application, applicant-
Cooperative request authority for
Consolidation of Cases with Extension of
Validity for the said certificates using the same
number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of
this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of
local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records and
documentary evidence submitted by the parties,
unless the Board deems it necessary to receive
additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **1st** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

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Palo, Leyte

R8-NC/PA-TH-2020-10-0271
Case No. VIII-2020-0271

Application for **Issuance**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **TRUCK FOR HIRE** service
with prayer to adopt trade name as
JCT VENTURES

JENIFER C. TIU,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Issuance
of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a **TRUCK FOR HIRE** for the transportation of
passengers and freights along the line: **“FROM
ORMOC CITY, LEYTE TO ANY POINT IN
REGION VIII”** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s.
NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of
this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of
local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records and
documentary evidence submitted by the
parties, unless the Board deems it necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral
evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **5th** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

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Palo, Leyte

R8-CN-PJ-2020-09-0257
REF. CASE NO. VIII-2014-1004

Application for **Change Name of Applicant**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

CARMILO A. ADOBAS-Old Party
Applicant
MACROHON MAASIN TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE (MMTC)-New Party
Applicant,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the
approval of Change Name of Applicant from
CARMILO A. ADOBAS to **MACROHON
MAASIN TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE** of a
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a
PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers
and freight on the route: **MAASIN CITY-BRGY.
LIBERTAD & VICE VERSA** with the use of
ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and sub-
sisting until **FEBRUARY 14, 2022**.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for Change Name of
Applicant of the said certificate using the same
number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of
this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of
local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records and
documentary evidence submitted by the
parties, unless the Board deems it necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral
evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **1st** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LEONA SABORRIDO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land declared under ARP No. 498 located at Diaz St., Brgy. Lawaan, Basey, Samar consisting of 114.75sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ALFREDO A. AMASCUAL as vendee of the above-describe property. Per Doc No. 158, Page No. 33, Book No. 1, Series of 2005. Notary Public Atty. Wilfredo O. Estorninos. *LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EVARESTO LABITIGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 55 located at Brgy. Bacubac, Samar consisting of 1,919sq.m., under Title No. 27199 and TD No. 1344 A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of WILILIA R. GREFIEL married to EMMANUELITO GREFIEL as vendees of the above-describe property. Per Doc No. 14, Page No. 04, Book No. VI, Series of 2012. Notary Public Atty. Dario O. Suarez. *LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

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Palo, Leyte

R8-CN-PJ-2020-09-0258
Ref. Case No. VIII-2015-0978

Application for **Change Name of Applicant**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

ALDWIN C. BANATE-Old Party
Applicant
MACROHON MAASIN TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE (MMTC)-New Party
Applicant,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for
the approval of Change Name of Applicant
from **ALDWIN C. BANATE** to **MACROHON
MAASIN TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE** of a
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a
PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers
and freight on the route: **MAASIN CITY-SO-
GOD VIA LUNAS & VICE VERSA** with the
use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid
and subsisting until **JUNE 22, 2021**.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for Change Name of
Applicant of the said certificate using the same
number of unit/s.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for Change Name of
Applicant of the said certificate using the same
number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of
this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of
local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records and
documentary evidence submitted by the parties,
unless the Board deems it necessary to receive
additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **1st** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

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R8-CN-PJ-2020-09-0261
REF. CASE NO. VIII-2014-0877

Application for **Change Name of Applicant**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

FILOTE0 M. UDARBE-Old Party
Applicant
MACROHON MAASIN TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE (MMTC)-New Party
Applicant,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the
approval of Change Name of Applicant from
FILOTE0 M. UDARBE to **MACROHON
MAASIN TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE** of a
Certificate of Public Convenience to operate
a **PUJ** Service for the transportation of
passengers and freight on the route: **MAASIN
CITY-INOPACAN & VICE VERSA** with the
use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid
and subsisting until **NOVEMBER 9, 2021**.
In the present application, applicant
request authority for Change Name of
Applicant of the said certificate using the same
number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of
this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of
local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records and
documentary evidence submitted by the
parties, unless the Board deems it necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral
evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **1st** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TEODORO ABELLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Provincial Road, Brgy. Lalawigan, Borongan City, Eastern Samar covered by ARP No. 08-031-00815/ PIN: 037-230-031-14-153 containing an area of 11,009.00 square meters under Survey No. 6476 PRT H and heirs hereby WAIVED ownership, interest and interest of the above-mentioned property in favor of BRUNO E. ABELLA. Per Doc No. 458, Page No. 93, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA. *LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARIANITO ABOY extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 8312 R.P. located at Cabiton-an, Brgy. Maybacong, Borongan City, Eastern Samar consisting of 4,878sq.m., under Tax Declaration of Real Property A.R.P. No. 08-034-00048. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ARCHIBAL B. LATOJA, JR. as vendee of the above-describe property. Per Doc No. 487, Page No. 99, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rhoda Montes Cebricus. *LSDE: October 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

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BOARD**
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-CN/EV/PA-PJ-2020-09-0262
REF. CASE NO. VIII-2014-0762

Application for **Change Name of Applicant**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service with prayer to
adopt trade name with **Extension of Validity**

FE C. NALZARO-Old Party Applicant
MACROHON MAASIN TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE (MMTC)-New Party
Applicant,
Applicant,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the
approval of Change Name of Applicant from **FE
C. NALZARO** to **MACROHON MAASIN
TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE** of a Certif-
icate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUJ**
Service for the transportation of passengers
and freight on the route: **BANTIG-MAASIN
CITY-HILONGOS & VICE VERSA** with the
use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid
and subsisting until **JUNE 30, 2020**.

In the present application, applicant
request authority for Change Name of
Applicant with Extension of Validity of the
said certificate using the same number of
unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of
this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of
local circulation.

This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records and
documentary evidence submitted by the
parties, unless the Board deems it necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral
evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **1st** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and
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FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
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Palo, Leyte

R8-CN-PJ-2020-09-0263
REF. CASE NO. VIII-2014-0116

Application for **Change Name of Applicant**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service

ALDWIN C. BANATE-Old Party
Applicant
MACROHON MAASIN TRANSPORT
COOPERATIVE (MMTC)-New Party
Applicant,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant-vendor request authority for the
approval of Change Name of Applicant from **AL-
DWIN C. BANATE** to **MACROHON MAAS-
IN TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE** of a Cer-
tificate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUJ**
Service for the transportation of passengers
and freight on the route: **MAASIN CITY-TOMAS
OPPUS & VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE
(1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting
until **FEBRUARY 20, 2024**.
In the present application, applicant
request authority for Change Name of
Applicant of the said certificate using the same
number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at its
office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
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evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this **1st** day of **OCTOBER 2020**.

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President Trump admitted to him (Woodward) during the interview, that as early as February, White House doctors already briefed the President that 'the Coronavirus was a dangerous, infectious airborne disease; and one could easily be infected by just inhaling the virus which was in the air.

Trump even called Coronavirus "a deadly stuff."

However, a couple of months later, President Trump appeared on national television, with Dr. Anthony Fauci, the White House Advisor on Coronavirus, and Dr. Christopher Murray of the Institute of Health on Health Metrics Evaluation, who declared that "We are facing a deadly December especially in Europe, Central Asia and in the United States."

On the side, White House Staff maneuvered to stop Dr. Fauci from negating President Trump who openly declared that "Coronavirus is negligible."

Then in early September, Trump who was now being pressured TV commentators and many newsmen, finally admitted on national TV, that "as early as last February, he already knew how dangerous Coronavirus is/was, but he knowingly downplayed the coronavirus threat, and Trump was quoted when he said "I did not want to create any panic among Americans."

The Presidential Debate

This Columnist feels that he does not have to go to specifics here, since many people all over the word witnessed the said Presidential Debate last month.

A Few Days Later, the Unthinkable Happened

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Again, for accuracy's sake, this Columnist quotes the internet report from the White House as follows

"WASHINGTON -- President Trump revealed early Friday (October 2nd) morning that he and the First Lady Melania Trump had tested positive for the coronavirus, throwing the nation's leadership into uncertainty, and escalating the crisis posted by a pandemic that (by then) has already killed more than 207,000 Americans and devastated the economy.

"Mr. Trump, who for months has played down the seriousness of the virus; and hours earlier on Thursday night (October 1s), told an audience that "the end of the pandemic is in sight," will quarantine in the White House for an unspecified period of time, forcing him to withdraw, at least temporarily, from the campaign trail, only 32 days before the election on November 03, 2020.

"The dramatic disclosure came in a Twitter message just before one o'clock in the morning after a suspenseful evening, following reports that Mr. Trump's close adviser, Ms. Hope Hicks, had also tested positive.

"The White House physician said the President could carry out his duties "without disruption" from the Executive Mansion of the White House.

The Transfer to Walter Reed Military Hospital Again, for accuracy's sake, this Columnist quotes the Internet report from the White House as follows --

"October 04, 2020 - The US President Donald Trump was flown for treatment at the Walter Reed National Military Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, after testing positive of Coronavirus, as announced by Dr. Sean Conley, a White House physician.

"For the record, the White House announced that there had been no transfer of power to Vice-President Mike Pence.

Again, for security's sake, not much as been known about the treatment of the President at the Walter Reed Hospital, except that "President Trump was being given a five-day medication course of the anti-viral drug REMDESIVIR, one of the doctors treating the president said Saturday, October 03.

Remdesiir is a Giliad Sciences drug currently being used for moderately and severely-ill patients. The treatment is intended to shorten recovery time.

Hmm, the 5-day medication course of the anti-viral drug REMDESIVIR could be the reason why President Trump stayed at the Walter Reed Military Hospital only a few hours after the second day ! (-- At most 58 hours -- Mr. Q)

NOTE: THIS COLUMNIST WROTE ABOUT THIS WONDER DRUG FOR CORONAVIRUS PATIENTS -- KNOWN AS REMDESIVIR -- IN

Coca-Cola enables online learning with Desktop Donation; 200 units provided to employees for the online education needs of their children

MANILA, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 – In order to ease how COVID-19 has been reshaping our way of life, Coca-Cola Beverages Philippines, Inc. (CCBPI) has intensified its People First policy—extending continuous support to its associates and employees. Most recently, the Company donated 200 desktop units to its rank-and-file employees, serving as valuable tools for families struggling to facilitate distance learning for their children, as face-to-face classroom sessions remain on hold.

The selection of associates was based on criteria such as employee attendance and performance, as well as the number of their children attending virtual classes.

"Because distance learning at this scale is unprecedented, not everyone is prepared for it," said Gareth McGeown, CCBPI President and CEO. "But by providing these desktops, we hope to help enable effective learning among the children of our associates, and aid in the transition into this new setup. We're doing our part to help ensure that no one gets left behind."

This is the latest in the Company's employee support



Alberto Escalera, Delivery Service Representative of the Coca-Cola Tagbilaran Plant, receives a personal computer (PC) from CCBPI. The PCs are being distributed to help the families of Coca-Cola employees following the shift to online learning due to the pandemic.

port initiatives, on top of the provision of almost Php 2 billion worth of assistance funds so employees continue to receive their salaries during quarantine, deferred loan payments to cooperatives, and has facilitated the advanced pay-out of 13th month pay, along with full HMO coverage in the event that any associates or dependents contract COVID-19.

CCBPI remains committed in protecting and supporting its 10,000 em-

ployees and their families across the Philippines, while simultaneously pursuing initiatives that serve local communities and help the national economy—in the face of the new normal.

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folio and employing over 10,000 Filipinos in over 19 manufacturing facilities and more than 60 distribution centers nationwide. As part of its long-standing commitment to the country, Coca-Cola continues to #GOBEYONDGOOD as a business by continu-



Leonardo Cueto Jr., Delivery Service Representative of the Coca-Cola Antipolo Distribution Center, receives his personal computer provided by the Company as part of its employee support programs. 200 desktop units were donated by the Company for associates, helping provide valuable tools for their childrens' online learning.

freshing Filipinos and making a difference in the Philippines for 108 years. The Philippines was Coca-Cola's first market in Asia to begin local bottling operations. Today, the Coca-Cola system in the Philippines has evolved into a total beverage company, offering 19 brands in its beverage port-

ously supporting safe water access programs in over 200 communities, empowering over 200,000 women entrepreneurs through training and peer mentoring, and accelerating packaging collection and recycling under its global World Without Waste initiative. (PR)

Northern Samar cops adopt 636 indigent families

TACLOBAN CITY-At least 636 indigent families have received food assistance in Northern Samar

HIS COLUMN WHAT'S NEW MR. Q, IN THE 7 JULY 2020 ISSUE OF THE LEYTE-SAMAR DAILY EXPRESS.

(Ehrmmmm !)

President Drump Back at the White House

October 06, 2020, President Donald Trump left the Walter Reed Hospital; and is now at the White House, tackling his presidential duties.

However, White House doctors declared that it was still unclear when the President would no longer be able to infect others.

In effect, doctors openly declare that the US President Trump could still spread the dangerous Conavirus disease.

Wow.... and so, as I usually end any "unfinished issues", aba, eh -- Abangan ang susunod na kabanata!

towns following the "Adopt a Family" program of the Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel in the province

"This unit will endure helping until we are able to survive this dilemma, and hopes to increase distribution of these services to accommodate more families who are truly in need of support," said Major Edwin Oloan Jr., commander of the First Northern Samar

Provincial Mobile Force Company.

"This is also in consonance with the advocacy of this unit which is 'No one will sleep with an empty stomach' during this dilemma," he added.

Aside from the distribution of relief goods to 636 identified poor families in Northern Samar's first congressional district, the police also supplied food to 10 other indigent families weekly.

In a statement, Oloan thanked the "benevolent acts" of his personnel and other stakeholders for their support.

The 205,000 strong PNP launched the "Kapwa Ko, Sagot Ko!" Adopt a Family program in April this year "to help the poor sustain stricter lockdown measures" as the country is battling to contain the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic.

(RONALD O. REYES)

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providing essential goods like pharmacy and drug store, grocery, water refilling station, bakeshop, and other food needs.

Public transportation is also prohibited to operate to limit the mobility of the affected residents and spread of the virus.

According to Councilor Christopher Corsiga, who is the ground commander of the city's inter-agency

task force, said that these villages have high cases of COVID-19 reason why these areas are to be placed under hard lockdown.

Corsiga, who is a councilor, added that by placing these villages under hard lockdown for 14 days, they hope that COVID-19 cases on these areas would go down.

"The hard lockdown will only for 14 days as this is one way to decrease our COVID-19 cases. We need your cooperation, especial-

ly the barangay officials. If there is a need for them to put up a checkpoint, they can do it. We want to lessen the mobility of our people (in these areas) as viral transmission will be limited," Corsiga said in a radio interview.

Residents of these villages would be barred from leaving their homes unless for essential and work purposes.

Currently, Calbayog has 336 COVID-19 cases with two deaths.

Gov't to support 8 TF-ELCAC focused barangays in E. Samar town

BORONGAN CITY-- The national government is soon providing interventions and programs to eight Task Force - End Local Communist Armed Conflict (TF-ELCAC) focused barangays of Dolores town.

With Dolores 41 barangays, eight of them are listed under the TF ELCAC and are slated for several government interventions.

On October 7, Dolores town Mayor Shonny Niño Carpeso was visibly thankful for the promised assistance. Representatives from the different national government agencies met to listen to the Barangay Development Plans of the eight concerned barangays.

Carpeso though enumerated some infrastructure projects that the LGU extended to the different barangays.

"We just have so much budget from the IRA that we cannot possibly give them all their needs, but through the TF-ELCAC, these barangays will be assured of the needed support from the national government," said Carpeso.

We have provided them infrastructure like concrete roads, waiting shed, water system, street lights and in the livelihood part, we have given them swine dispersal project, Carpeso added.

When asked how

many kilometers more of access road the town needed, Carpeso said they need some 45 kilometers more to connect the distant sitios and barangays.

It is only through the Dolores River that the eight barangays can be reached.

These trips require them to sail for three to four hours just to reach the poblacion to deliver their goods or to obtain some services, the mayor said.

Jonathan Capacite, punong barangay of Sta. Cruz said that the only local government structure they have is their barangay hall. "This even needs repair," he said.

The barangay hall, he said serves as day care center, health center, evacuation center all rolled into one. Capacite though is proud that the DILG has given them a water system under the Salintubig project, but he still needs electricity connections for his three distant sitios.

Aside from Brgy. Sta Cruz, Dolores barangays included in the eight TF barangays are Aroganga, Buenavista, Cagla-an, Denigpi-an, Rizal, San Isidro and San Roque.

Meanwhile, Mayor Carpeso is hopeful that the government interventions to be poured to these eight barangays will make them appreciate the government better.

(nbq/PIA 8 E. Samar)

Guiuan stages two-day surfing competition; organizers say they were given go signal by local inter-agency task force

TACLOBAN CITY – The municipality of Guiuan in Eastern Samar province staged a two-day surfing competition on Calicoan Island, marking the first time that such competition was held during this time of quarantine.

The surfing completion, which ended on Friday (Oct.9), was participated by 64 local surfers.

Guiuan, at present, is under Modified General Community Quarantine which allows it to host sporting events like surfing, an outdoor non-contact sports which the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) allows under its coronavirus disease (COVID-19) guidelines.

"We asked the permission first from the Guiuan IATF if we will be allowed to have this competition, and they gave us permission," Janet Israel-Ramos, Guiuan municipal tourism officer said.

Of the 64 competitors, 39 competed for the long board and short board, 17 in the beginner division, six at junior division, and five at Wahine division.

The tourism officer added that they also opted to host the event because this month falls with the town's yearly surfing competition.

"Our mayor (Annaliz Gonzales-Kwan) wish to slowly open again our town for tourism activities. But of course this is limited to Guiuananon surfers and Eastern Samar audience. Surfing is allowed as it is not a contact sport so we decided to have this competition," she said.



A two-day surfing competition was held in Guiuan town, Eastern Samar with the organizers of the event that ended last Oct.9 saying they had the permission from the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force. Sports competition, especially involving close physical contacts, are not allowed during this time of pandemic.

Ramos added that the surfers were among those who were displaced tourism stakeholders since quarantine measures were imposed due to COVID-19 health problem.

"We wanted to help them also to enhance more their skills and developed among them healthy competition and camaraderie among local surfers," she said.

This is the second year that Guiuan hosted surfing competition after the municipality stopped the event after super typhoon 'Yolanda' on Nov. 8, 2013 flattened the town and destroyed the paradise island of Calicoan, a favorite destination of surfers.

Last October, 2019, the surfing competition returned to Guiuan town after six years of absence with the Visayas leg of the national surfing events organized by the Philippine Surfing Championship Tour (PSCT).

Calicoan, unlike other popular surfing destinations in the country, is known for its left-handler waves which surfers would dream of surfing.

Calicoan is one of the islands in Guiuan town. It boasts of miles of white sand beaches. The place has been identified as surfer's paradise with its powerful swells rolling in from the Pacific over the 10,000 meters Philippine Deep. The season for the best waves is

generally from October to March.

The eastern part of the island offers a beautiful view to welcome sunrise while its western part can give tourism a picturesque sunset view. In the middle of the island are six lagoons ringed by forest, the largest being 30 hectares in size.

At the cliffside margin of Calicoan's forests are dozens of caves. On the northern tip of Calicoan are wetlands like the Everglades, teeming with fish, shrimp, and crabs.

The best resort that can accommodate tourist while they stay in Guiuan are also located in Calicoan Island.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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