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Region's COVID-19 deaths now at 59

1-year old boy dies due to COVID-19

JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY- A one-year old boy from Catarman, Northern Samar is among the latest and the youngest to have died due to complications of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Eastern Visayas.

The boy, who was also said to be suffering from a tumor, died on Oct. 22 just hours after he was swabbed while being confined at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) here in the city, the information office of the Catarman municipal government said.

He was buried the following day (Oct. 23) in a public cemetery in Catarman town. He was said to be a close contact of his father and grandfather, both confirmed to have the infection.

He was the second from Catarman to have died due to COVID-19, the first being a 76-year old man who died last Oct.12.

Catarman, with its rising COVID-19 cases, is now under modified enhanced community quarantine for 15 days which started last Oct. 20.

Also from Northern Samar, a 76-year old man was also reported to have died due to COVID-19 complications.

The elderly from Laoang town was suffering from diabetes, pneumonia and urinary tract infection, died on

Oct.24 while confined at the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital.

Northern Samar has now four COVID-19 related deaths, pulling the region's total deaths due to the dreaded infection to 59.

Meantime, the Allen District Hospital in Allen town, Northern Samar, was closed for 10 days effective Oct. 23 for disinfection after an employee was tested positive of COVID-19.

Also, the regional office of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) based see 1 year /page 2 ...



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez welcomes Justin Yap to his office who paid him a courtesy call. The 24-year old Yap is this year's Mr. Chinatown. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Alfred asks Mr. Chinatown to use title to inform the youth to follow protocols amid COVID-19 pandemic

TACLOBAN CITY- Newly-crowned Mr. Chinatown 2020, Justin Yap, made his courtesy call to City Mayor Alfred Romualdez, one of his first public appearances after winning the prestigious title.

During his call, the 24-year old declared his willingness to help the city government's programs for the children, especially the less fortunate, as this centers his advocacy.

Yap, who met Mayor Romualdez on Oct.22 quoted Luke 12:48 of the Bible and the Peter Parker principle: "With great power comes great re-

sponsibility."

They talked about the COVID-19 situation in Tacloban and how Justin could help in his little way -- to use his influence and tell the youth about being extra careful during these times of pandemic.

"All we have to do is behave for the sake of others", Mayor Romualdez said.

The mayor also told Justin that he should promote the resilience of Tacloban, like MMCP's theme Rise, and say: "And we can do it. We've done it before, we can do it now. It's just a matter of lifestyle."

During the reigning Mr. Chinatown's meet and

greet with the City Hall employees, he expressed his utmost thanks to fellow Taclobanons and Eastern Visayans for the support given during the competition.

The young Chinoy vowed to use his platform to empower the youth and be active in promoting social change.

He believes that the children are game-changers of the future, especially when given equal opportunity.

He says: "Life's reality, is full of challenges. Continue to have a proper mindset and dream, as it is a free see Alfred /page 2 ...

Tacloban council to approve measure institutionalizing policies during pandemic situation

TACLOBAN CITY - An ordinance which will institutionalize policies and measures once there is an emerging and reemerging disease is set to be approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod members of this city.

The proposed ordinance, "Adopting the protective and precautionary measures against infectious diseases during a state of epidemic or public health emergency," aims to institutionalize all the health protocols that are set by the government to prevent spread of virus or diseases in times of pandemic.

"In case another pandemic happens, we already know what should be done, like on quarantine, health



Vice Mayor Jerry 'Sambo' Yaokasin

protocols, disease surveillance unit, border checkpoints. Hopefully this will be used once there is a declaration of public health emergency," Vice Mayor Jerry "Sambo" Yaokasin said.

Yaokasin added that they only tackled the ordinance this time due to flip-flopping of the regulations and guidelines set by the National Inter-Agency

Task Force (NIATF) like the order to install barriers for motorcycle riders to separate the drivers from the back riders.

"If we had enacted this ordinance before and we included that order here,

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## Operations of Allen terminals resume after a day of suspension due 'Quinta'

TACLOBAN CITY- The operation of the three sea terminals in Allen town, Northern Samar resumed at around 5 am Monday(Oct.26)after the no sailing policy was lifted by the Coast Guard due to the threat of tropical storm 'Quinta' that hit parts of Eastern Visayas on Sunday(Oct.25).

Based on the report of the Coast Guard based in Allen town, about 668 passengers, bound for Luzon, were stranded in the three terminals since Sunday- Bhalwartico with 255 passengers; Sta. Clara with 373 passengers; and Dapdap with 40 passengers.

The Department of

Public Works and Highways in the province has also reported that all major roads and bridges were not affected by the heavy rains spawned by Quinta.

However, a portion of the Calbayog-Catarman Road was temporarily rendered impassable after a minor landslide hit in the said area with about 20 cubic meter of rocks cascaded from a hilly portion to the road. Clearing operation was immediately conducted by the DPWH.

Several parts in Calbayog and Catbalogan cities and in Mapanas and Catubig towns, both in Northern Samar,also experienced flooding due to the heavy rains dumped by

Quinta.

Also, four fishermen from Rapu-Rapu town in Albay were rescued off the waters in Barangay Cahayagan, Laoang town, also in Northern Samar.

The rescued fishermen were identified as Michael Bilon, Jessie Adornado, and Rico Alamil. However, seven fishermen were said to be missing.

In Biliran province, two of its major bridges sustained damages due to Quinta's fury.

The Caraycaray Bridge, however, is now passable although only one of its lane while the Catmon Bridge remain not passable.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

## 'Botika ng Bayan' to operate in Eastern Samar town

TACLOBAN CITY- People of Arteche town in Eastern Samar will soon enjoy cheap prices of medicines.

This will happen once the 'Botika ng Bayan' will start its operations which will offer quality but cheaper medicines compared to privately-owned pharmacies.

Mayor Roland Boei Evardone said that the public pharmacy will start its operation once the needed medicines supplied by the Department of Health (DOH) arrives.

The operation of the Botika ng Bayan in Arteche, the first of its kind in the province, is funded by the DOH which will be responsible in the supply of medicine and the salary of the pharmacist.

"We are thankful to

the Department of Health for choosing our town as recipient of this program. The DOH will procure and replenish the supply of medicine while the LGU's role is to dispense (the medicines)," Evardone said.

While it is the DOH that will supply them the medicine, the local government unit will maintain the pharmacy.

The mayor is grateful to the staff of their Rural Health Unit who worked hard to comply all the needed documents and requirements for them to be issued of license to operate.

"This is a great honor to our town to be part of this program as the first town in Eastern Samar to have this especially that most of our residents are living on the poverty level," Evar-

done said.

Evardone disclosed that about 56 percent of the total population of their town are living in poverty.

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way to better one's self".

During his candid sit-down interview, he admitted that though he is well-rested, things have not really sunk in just yet.

After winning, Yap is set for multiple engagements including photoshoots,

## Leyte to give P10,000 to all 86 living veterans in the region

PALO, Leyte - About 86 living World War II veterans from Leyte and the rest of the region would be receiving a cash incentive of P10,000 from the provincial government of Leyte.

This was announced by Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla during the recently-held 76th Leyte Gulf Landings commemorative program.

Of the 86 veterans, the oldest is a 105-year-old who is from the town of Javier, Leyte.

Petilla said that the vet-



This photo dated October 2, 2020 shows House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez welcomes and wishes good luck to Miss Iloilo and Miss Universe Philippines contestant Rabiya Mateo (left) of Iloilo during Mateo's courtesy call to his office at the House of Representatives. Romualdez congratulates Mateo after she was crowned the winner of the Miss Universe Philippines 2020 pageant held in Baguio Country Club, Baguio City. photo by Ver Noveno

and a management contract signing in Manila. He shared that although there are no plans yet, he is not closing his doors to opportunities of representing Tacloban again in another pageant.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

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in Palo town, Leyte, shut down its operation effective Monday (Oct.26) for disinfection after one of its employees was confirmed to be a close contact of a COVID-19 patient.

The regional office of the Department of Health (DOH) reported that Eastern Visayas has now 6,317 COVID-19 cases counting from March this year.

On Sunday, the DOH reported of 32 new cases from the provinces of Leyte with 27 cases; Northern Samar, seven; and two from Samar province.



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## Starting Oct.23, Calbayog City placed under MGCQ due to rising COVID-19 cases

TACLOBAN CITY- Amid the increasing cases of its coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the entire city of Calbayog was placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) effective October 23 until revoked.

The new quarantine status of the city is contained under Executive Order Number 35 signed by Mayor Ronald Aquino.

The city government has deployed 20 personnel at the city proper to monitor the residents' compliance to the order under the EO and basic health protocols against COVID-19.

Violators of the protocols will be penalized from P500 to P1,000 and community service for at least 16 hours for individuals while business establishments will be penalized from P2,000 up to P5,000 and suspension or revocation of their business per-

mits.

Under the MGCQ, individuals are prohibited to leave their homes except during medical emergencies or when such individuals is so allowed by the IATF (Inter-Agency Task Force).

Mass gathering is also strictly prohibited, including outdoor exercises, and liquor ban is also imposed in the affected areas.

Business establishments can operate in full capacity from 5 am to 8 pm except for those related to wellness and personal grooming which can operate up to 50 percent of its venue capacity.

Restaurants and other food establishments are also allowed to operate up to 50 percent of its venue capacity, while hotels, inns, and other accommodation facilities can continue their operations provided that they have certificate of authority

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**Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla and Commissioner Greco Belgica of the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission, led in the cutting of the ribbon during the launching of Philippine moral transformation in the region spearheaded by the Office of the Presidential Adviser for Religious Affairs (OPARA) as part of the local government month of DILG on October 14, 2020. With them were Karl Ceasar Rimando, regional director DILG-8; Dr. Grepur Belgica, presidential adviser for religious affairs; Gilbert Buenafe, PDEA regional director; Lord Byron Torrecarion, OCD regional director, among others. The launching was held at the DILG convention hall, Tacloban City. (GINA P. GEREZ)**

## More than P16 million infrastructure project now serves Abuyog town; seen to enhance economic activity amid pandemic

PALO, Leyte - The infrastructure project constructed in Abuyog town, this province, is now serving the residents in the area.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico L. Petilla told this during an interview adding that the bridge project inaugurated in the early part of this year serves as a

vital link of the farm-to-market-road (FMR) in one of the barangays in the municipality.

He said that the project is a series of box culvert bridge worth P16.95 million located in Barangay Taligue.

Petilla explained that the bridge, which forms part of the FMR, is now serving the farmers in the

area for the transportation of farm products to the market.

Petilla added that the bridge is also helping the residents in the nearby areas for their day-to-day transportation.

"The bridge which serves as link of the FMR provides better transportation not only for the constituents of barangay

Taligue but also the residents of the nearby villages of the town of Abuyog," the governor said.

In effect, the governor stressed, the bridge helps enhance the economic activity of the people in the barangay and its neighboring areas at this time of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) pandemic.

**(RESTITUTO A.CAYUBIT)**

## Teen yields 'shabu,' gun in Tacloban

TACLOBAN CITY- A 16-year old boy was arrested on Friday (October 23) for alleged possession of illegal drugs and a firearm following an alarm and scandal incident here in the city.

Police identified the suspect as an out-of-school youth, single, and a resident of the city.

Seized from the teenager were a caliber .22 revolver loaded with two live ammunition, one piece heat-sealed plastic transparent sachet containing suspected shabu with esti-



mated value of P2,000, and a lighter.

The operation was led by Lieutenant Rey Baldicano Jr. of Tacloban City Police

Office-Station 2 Drug Enforcement Unit under the supervision of Major Daniel Polo, station commander.

**(RONALD O. REYES)**

### 'Botika...

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Based on the 2015 population survey of the Philippine Statistics Authority the town has more than 16,000 population from its 20 villages.

The program was first introduced during the administration of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo but was discontinued sometimes in 2011 due to lack of pharmacists and even supplies of medicines.

The program aims to provide access to free essential medicines for common diseases in the villages targeting the poor people in the community.

**(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

## Southern Leyte mayor signs order prohibiting use of karaoke, videoke to avoid distractions of students attending their online classes

TACLOBAN CITY - The municipal government in Sogod, Southern Leyte has banned the use of videoke and karaoke and other sound and video amplified devices that could distract students during their distance and online classes.

The executive order, issued by Mayor Jose Ramil Golo, is in response to the order of Interior Secretary Eduardo Año early this month for all local government units to enact ordinance that will ban videoke and other loud noise during hour of online class.

Aside from noises coming from videoke and karaoke, Año also urged vehicle owners to avoid unnecessary blowing of horn

This is to avoid distraction to pupils and students and for them to concentrate on their online classes, school works, and

other school-related activities while inside their respective home.

"All persons and establishments are hereby prohibited in operating the videoke/karaoke system and other amplified audio/video devices and other noisy activities from 8 am to 5 pm in order to avoid unnecessary distraction that will greatly disturb the students while doing their school works at home," the EO states.

But the use of these devices will be allowed from 5 pm to 8 pm, subject to the condition that it will not cause loud and disturbing noise among the neighborhood, the EO added.

The order takes effect Monday (October 26) and will remain effective unless it is revoked, repealed or modified, it added.

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## Flood-prone

**W**hether we like it don't, some urban centers in Eastern Visayas are indeed prone to flooding, not just because of a poor drainage system, but due to their geographical locations, that is why they should be taken into consideration by city planners and lawmakers.

During heavy rains when abundant water is poured on land, upstream lakes fail to hold much of these waters, releasing them downstream through rivers and creeks, cascading on the mountains and hills before reaching and eventually joining the seawater below. Upon reaching the plains, the bulk of water is distributed to a certain level based on the plain expanse that there is to accommodate arriving water. The wider is the plain, the less likely that floods will occur there.

So if a town or city happens to be situated in a vast plain, then the chances of floodwater engulfing the place is slim. But if it is found in a narrow valley in between huge and clustered mountains, then the likelihood of onrushing water passing through that place is very likely.

Such is the case of Catbalogan City, the capital of Western Samar. Heavy downpours on its surrounding mountains eventually form rushing flood water that easily overwhelm the drainage system, hence the street flooding that results.

No amount of drainage rehabilitation could solve that recurring problem. So long as the floodwater from the mountains is allowed to reach the city, that problem will persist. The only viable solution to it is to create a huge canal around the city that could receive much water from above and detour the same directly to the ocean, instead of allowing the water to reach the city and its thoroughfares. But such a project would take enormous funds that, again, may just fatten the pockets of corrupt individuals instead of permanently solving the problem.

With this solution close to impossible, urban towns and cities in similar geographical locations will continue to bear with this headache that when torrential rains come, street flooding occurs, thanks to the local lawmakers who do not stop finding ways on how to handle this extant problem in their locality.



**Things To Mind**

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

## Factionalism and all

Factionalism in a workplace is indeed risky for newcomers who are ignorant about what's going on inside. This could cause some kind of stagnation to their career, and even ruin their future. Even if they are careful, their actions without any malice at all, they could be blacklisted among the rank and file employees.

And once marked that way, it could last for a lifetime as far as its authors have it.

That's exactly my experience in a certain agency. I joined it upon the invitation of its president, not realizing that it had a severe factionalism problem, an intense power struggle within. No one had cautioned me about it. All I thought was that everyone was getting along well based on the sweet smiles painted on everyone's face during conferences or meetings.

Having been almost personally hired, I was, of course, loyal to the president who did it. I was like

the president's new and favorite pet. And, honestly equipped with many things that could make one popular, I became—not to brag—like a celebrity, more so when a writer featured me, my talents, skills, qualifications, and achievements in the company paper. While some were all praises of me, I didn't know that there were eyes in the dark that started to follow me, poised to devour me, to ruin me out of, I don't know, envy?

I thought that the people closely surrounding  
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## Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

### Live under God's providence

WE have to remind ourselves strongly about this fundamental truth about ourselves. That's because we are practically forgetting it and are increasingly suffering the dire consequences.

We have to live under God's providence, understanding first of all what providence is. Many of us are ignorant of this basic truth, even if in the many fields of human endeavor, we have reached the highest limits.

As our Catechism puts it, providence are "the dispositions by which God guides his creation toward their perfection...By his providence God protects and governs all things which he has made...(n. 302)

Furthermore, the Catechism says that "the solicitude of divine providence is concrete and immediate; God cares for all, from the least things to the great events of the world and its history." (n. 303)

We need to understand that as God's creatures, our creation is still in the making. We are still being formed and led to our perfection, which is none other than to be God's image and likeness, children of his and sharers of his divine life in the eternity of heaven.

But precisely because of the way God has created us, endowing us with intelligence and will, and giving us his grace, we are meant to correspond to his creative work on us, a work that now includes a redemptive aspect since we messed up the original design God intended for us.

We have to realize then that God is constantly intervening in our lives, a reality that we should always acknowledge and correspond to properly. This is what is meant by God's providence over us. Thus, we should be always aware

that we ought to live under God's providence, corresponding to it as best that we can.

We need to understand that God is always with us and is actively intervening in our lives. There is nothing in our life where God is not present or where he is inactive. This is the objective truth about God and us, whether we are aware of it or not, believe in it or not.

Obviously, we have to try our best to correspond to God's constant presence and interventions. That is why, we need to cultivate our spiritual life, our relation with God which is otherwise called as our religion, that has to be con-

stantly nourished through a life of piety that should be kept as vibrant as possible.

Otherwise, there is no other way but to fall into self-indulgence that has no other possible end than tragedy. We would be easy prey to our weaknesses, the many temptations around and sin itself.

That is why the Catechism tells us that "Jesus asks for childlike abandonment to the providence of our heavenly Father who takes care of his children's smallest needs." (n. 305). We should not dare to live solely on our own, something that we need effort to uphold, since our tendency is to think that we can simply be on our own.

This basic truth about our need to live under God's providence should be inculcated on everyone as early as possible, giving out the appropriate means to make this ideal a reality. As the day wears on, we should be asking questions like, "Lord, what do you want me to do now, etc.?"

What definitely a wonderful world we would have if all of us learn to live under God's providence!



## High-Powered Objective

DR. PACIENTE CORDERO, JR.

### Medical Scientists among 11 Filipino 2020 Asian Scientists

We, Eastern Bisayans should be very proud to shout to "the world" that a fellow Waray-Waray is among the 2020 Filipino scientists composing Asia's 100 cream of the crop. Of the 11 Pinoy scientists, Region 8's DR. RAUL DESTURA leads the rest of the awardees. His (Destura's) selection came at the time that the Philippines and the world are reeling due to the pandemic Corona virus 19! Very timely that his research team at UP-Manila received research assistance from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), mandated to conduct meticulous laboratory research on Covid-19 by

easing the health situation of the Filipinos. Indeed, Dr. Destura's team responded quite well and the results have contributed to the advantage of the Philippine health system.

Dr. Destura hails from Northern Samar, a medical science researcher and regular member of the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP-DOST) is also an Outstanding Young Scientist Awardee among his many recognitions from his R&D contributions. It was during my watch as Executive Director that Dr. Destura became an active regular member of NRCP - DOST's Sectoral Council



## What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

### If I were in U.S., whom do I vote for in the November 3 Elections?

*Believe you me, many Fil-Am relatives & friends have been asking me long-dist calls & texts, as to whom prefer for the next American President!*

It's 4:00pm as I write this column today, October 23rd, after the almost 2 hours of exciting debate between U.S. President DONALD TRUMP and former Vice-President JOE BIDEN, the Two (2) Presidential contenders in the November 3 national elections in American.

**This article will be published under this, my regular Column of the Leyte-Samar Daily Express newspaper today, October 27th.**

for Basic Research.

There are, definitely, other young Eastern Bisayans whose contributions and Impact in the various fields of human endeavor have yet to gain national and international recognitions. My comment after the good news above was "allocate and make available more funds for R & D, improve laboratory and library facilities as international linkages with peers in S & T, and the Pinoy scientists will be seen topping, dominating the list of Asian Scientists." Incidentally, among the 11 Filipino scientists not one is a marine biologist (my specialization), and yet we have a rich marine resource being a maritime country! So, sorry that funding source is such a horrible hump to overcome! Maybe, next time! Let's accept the challenge of producing and nurturing more young scientists and develop them to become of international caliber.

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**NEXT TOPIC :** "Talking about OKRA"

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waray-waray Pinoys & Pinays now living in the US, "basi nira cono pag-urosahan pag-suporta ngan pag-butos."

**I LIKE FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT BIDEN !**

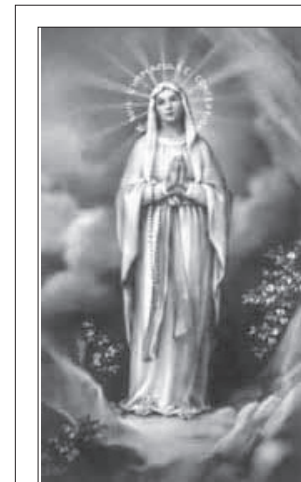
Well, I told them bluntly that I personally like former Vice-President JOE BIDEN, because I am by nature a "dejadista," in that I usually prefer to support the 'Underdog' because this is the kind of life I've had for so many years now....

... mentioning on the side, my preference for the person, whose title had the prefix "Vice," because for several years, I also held that Number 2 position in the city. ( Heheh, Ayaw na gadla camo pag-agrabyo hiton 'hinambog' hini nga ser-nior sixty-cents! )

But several other aspects and incidents also influenced my preference of the "Dejado" Biden, mainly because, of the 2 candidates, President Trump has a clear "bully" personality and arrogance, attributed (by media personalities in US) to Trump's wealth as the billionaire owner of the Trump Empire in the Americans, and billions of dollars worth of real property holdings & businesses in several countries abroad -- even in China, the sworn 'enemy' of the President Trump himself !"

In a visit to a cemetery of fallen war heroes, during his televised speech, Trump even called the world war heroes buried there as "failures & losers" and called Mexicans & Jamaicans who crossed the Rio Grande in order to secretly migrate and/or settle down in the United States as "Low

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

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

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)

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IQ” immigrants who are “murderers & thieves” and despised negroes and colored people as ‘fake Americans.’

And lately, President Trump even called the White House Senior Adviser on Coronavirus Dr. Anthony Fauci an “idiot” because the doctor was insisting that the White House should order the mandatory use of the face mask in order to save lives.

Dr. Fauci declared that the main reason for the death of over 200,000 Americans due to Coronavirus since early this year, and the daily death toll of over 1,000 Amer-

icans, was because of the President’s down-playing of their medical warnings & recommendations, and Trump’s not following his suggestions.

**Dr. Fauci resigned from his medical position in the White House.**

On the other hand, this Columnist believes that the humble and increasingly popular former Vice-President JOE BIDEN, could be a “better Tenant” of the U.S. White House, especially since even most of the Americans declared, after the Presidential Debate held earlier today, that former Vice-President JOE BIDEN is leading in the polls at 52% as compared to the 38% preferential votes of President Donald Trump..

**Tacloban...**

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then we have to amend this again,” Yaokasin explained.

Included in the salient provision of the ordinance include physical distancing, mass gathering, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), establishments to have monitoring on people coming in and out of their establishments aside from regular body temperature, for the city health office to have a disease surveillance unit, contact tracing and establishment the border checkpoints, and every establishments and government offices will have to have their own contingency plan.

Also included in the proposed ordinance are provision of mass gathering. However, they did not specify the capacity due to constant changing of guidelines imposed by the NIATF, including physical

distancing.

The proposed ordinance has also provision mandating all public transport to conduct regular disinfection of the vehicle, proper sanitation, and protective barrier.

Yaokasin said that a penalty is also included in the measure ranging from P500 to P3,000, depending on the gravity of the offense and with community service of eight hours in first offense, 16 hours for second offense, and 24 hours for third offense.

“Because we have seen the effect of pandemic, that if you raise it too high it’s beyond the reach already. So we wanted at this time, it’s not penalty we are after but for everyone to cooperate,” he said.

The city council is targeting to approve the ordinance during their regular session this week.

**(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

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to operate from the Department of Tourism.

Other establishments such as malls may resume their operations but they are off limit to mall goers who are 15 years old and below and 65 years old and above, and must follow all health precautionary protocols.

Operation of public transportation will resume but under number coding scheme and should have a maximum of two passengers per vehicle.

**Factionalism...**

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the president were my allies. We were supposed to be altogether loyal to the same overall boss. Until one day, and in other occasions thereafter, one of my co-loyalists talked to me privately, criticizing the many negative things that were going on in that agency, particularly with regards to administration policies. I was taken aback at first as I could not believe he could do it seeing his closeness to the president. I could not even agree with what he was telling me until, in the next approaches he made to me, I became accustomed to those issues. And after repeatedly cajoling me with his “di ba?” “di ba?”, I reluctantly agreed.

That was it, I must have fallen into a trap. Because since then, to my great surprise, the president was already pissed off with me, as if my presence was something the president could not stand. No more sweet smiles from this boss, just a tiger look as far as my sight was concerned. Unfortunately for me, I also befriended some people in the company whose history with the president I knew nothing about. Our friendship was not because I was helping them maneuver things against the president as there were hon-

The city government also discourages the use of single motorcycle except for frontliners, uniformed personnel, members of the IATF, village officials and tanods, and delivery and courier services.

The city government also deploys 20 personnel at the city proper to monitor the residents’ compliance to the order under the EO and basic health protocols against COVID-19.

As of October 23, Calbayog City has 482 confirmed COVID-19 cases with two deaths.

**(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

estly nothing of that sort that we ever tackled, but it was merely based on our similar propensities and practice of shared arts—music, literary arts, and many others. I didn’t know at first that these people I was in great fellowship with were the faction leaders that were going against the president.

For me, it made things turn from bad to worst. Since then, I was regarded as a dangerous guy, a rebel, a traitor, someone to avoid like a leper. Anyone who could potentially deliver me from that doom would soon have a poisoned mind. I was never entrusted with any “juicy” tasks or positions, just the “dirty” jobs needing technical skills whose accomplishments were harvested as someone else’s glory, not mine. There were times when, due to pressures, I flared up, but it just buried me in the quagmire all the more. The plot to demolish me professionally and all went all the way, utilizing my imperfections until I ended up wallowing in the mud.

Newcomers to a company must learn their lessons from this article if they want to survive in a new workplace. This was not penned with bitterness; just out of concern for those who are open to suggestions and advice.

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ASSIGNMENT AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MANUEL S. GRANADOS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a condominium unit which he acquired by way of sale from ETON PROPERTIES PHILIPPINES, INC. particularly described as : Unit No. & Type: West Tower/Unit 701- Studio Floor area of 26.92 square meters and heirs hereby WAIVE, SURRENDER, RELEASE, QUITCLAIM, RELINQUISH, CONFER AND ASSIGN all respective rights and whatever legal privileges appurtenant thereto the above described real properties in favor of BRIAN STEVE G. GRANADOS, which waiver is absolute, permanent and irrevocable, per Doc. No. 365, Page No. 73, Book No. VII, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Ferdinand Arthur B. Diaz. *LSDE: October 27, November 3 & 10, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ESMERALDA PALCONIT extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated in Brgy. Julita, Biliran, Biliran, denominated at Lot No. 855-A, Psd-08-031121 (AR), covered by TCT Title No. CAR2017000024, under Tax Dec. No. 00725, with an area of 0.890600 hectares. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of GILDA BASAS CERNIO as vendee for the above-described property, per Doc. No. 424, Page No. 85, Book No. 60, Series of 2020 of Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: October 27, November 3 & 10, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PABLO REÑOLA, SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a residential house and lot more described as: Parcel of residential land situated in San Roque, Biliran, Biliran, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00705 R-11, Survey No. 124, containing an area of 143.57 square meters, with an assessed value of P3,030.00 and Building erected on the above land situated in San Roque, Biliran, Biliran, with an area of 70.00 square meters, covered by ARP No. 00711. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ERNA ALBA COUSINEAU married to Richard Consineau as vendee for the above-described house and lot, per Doc. No. 74, Page No. 15, Book No. 60, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: October 27, November 3 & 10, 2020*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE INTESTATE OF THE DECEASED PERSON, PARTITION WITH WAIVER OF SHARES**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CANDIDA IRINCO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an agricultural land known as Lot No. 544, PLS 481 D situated at Brgy. Cangaehipos, Laoang, Northern Samar under OCT No. 8655 under TD No. 12-09-0025-00051 and heirs hereby WAIVED and RENOUNCED all rights, privileges and interest of the above-described property unto ISIDRO DANDO ESPINA. Per Doc No. 420, Page No. 51, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2017. *LSDE: October 13, 20 & 27, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late HONORIO G. DALUCAPAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 5 parcels of land particularly described as: 1)A parcel of land denominated as Lot No. 1383, PLS-1056-D situated at Brgy. Linongsoran, Sawang, Capul, Northern Samar containing an area of 2,128sq.m., covered by OCT No. P-21013; 2) A parcel of land denominated as Lot No. 1450, PLS-1056-D situated at Brgy. Salucan, Sawang, Capul, Northern Samar containing an area of 7,865sq.m., covered by OCT No. P-21014; 3) A parcel of land denominated as Lot No. 1392, PLS-1056-D situated at Brgy. Linongsoran, Sawang, Capul, Northern Samar containing an area of 2,259sq.m., covered by OCT No. P-21015; 4) A parcel of land denominated as Lot No. 1452, PLS-1056-D situated at Brgy. Sawang, Capul, Northern Samar containing an area of 9,944sq.m., covered by OCT No. P-21016; 5) A parcel of land denominated as Lot No. 1247, PLS-1056-D situated at Brgy. Payapay, Sawang, Capul, Northern Samar containing an area of 9,687sq.m., covered by OCT No. P-21017 and heirs hereby acknowledged the kindness and generosity of our niece hereby agreed, as an act of gratitude and liberty that 2 parcels of land mentioned in Parcel 2 and 4 be waived and adjudicated unto JENNIFER D. CAJANDAB. Per Doc No. 198, Page No. 4, Book No. 27, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Fernando M. Abella, CPA. *LSDE: October 13, 20 & 27, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF REYNATO S. AGUSTO WITH PARTITION AGREEMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late REYNATO S. AGUSTO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 5 of the subdivision plan Psd-08-000630-D being a portion of Lots 2283-B and C (LRC) Pad-181313 situated at Brgy. Diit, Tacloban City covered by TCT No. T-56067 containing an area of 699 square meters, more or less. Per Doc No. 479, Page No. 97, Book No. I, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Juan Manuel B. Cadano. *LSDE: October 20, 27 & November 3, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late REYNATO S. AGUSTO married to LAURA S. AGUSTO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1-B-9 of the subdivision plan Psd-08-019470-D situated at Brgy. Diit, Tacloban City covered by TCT No. T-64643 containing an area of 2,183 square meters, more or less. Per Doc No. 134, Page No. 28, Book No. III, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Leo S. Giron. *LSDE: October 20, 27 & November 3, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF REAL PROPERTY**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOAQUIN CONDRAA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural/residential land located at Parik, Brgy. 01, Pob., Lorente, Eastern Samar covered by ARP No. 11-13001-00490/PIN-037-13-001-06-026 designated as Lot No. 1352 containing an area of 7,197.00 square meters, more or less. Per Doc No. 322, Page No. 66, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA. *LSDE: October 13, 20 & 27, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CRESCENCIA O. GADIN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 bank deposits particularly described as: 1) Savings Dollar account under Account Number 313 261 204 336 with the ending balance \$2,067.93 ; 2) Time Deposit in Dollar in the amount of P5,000.00. Per Doc No. 12444, Page No. 68, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid. *LSDE: October 13, 20 & 27, 2020*

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**PAUNAWA**

Ipinagbibigay-alam na ang **COMMUNITIES LEYTE, INCORPORATED** ng **Camella Leyte Phase 2, Brgy. Campetic, Palo, Leyte** ay naghain sa Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development ng sinumpaang aplikasyon para sa pagbebenta ng mga bahay at lote sa **LESSANDRA PALO** matatagpuan sa **Brgy. Arado, Palo, Leyte** at sinasakop ng **Lot No. 6710-F, Lot No. 6710-E, 6710-D, 6710-C, 6710-B, at Lot No. 6710-A, CSD-08-012143** containing an area of 49,500 sq.m. ng **TCT No. 115-2020000740, TCT No. 115-2020001169, TCT No. 115-2015000670** at **TCT No. 115-2015000669**.

Ang nasabing proyekto ay ginagamit ang **BRIA HOMES NORZAGARAY** na matatagpuan sa **Brgy. Minuyan at Bigte, Norzagaray, Bulacan** pagtutupad sa Seksyon 18 ng Batas ng Republika Blg. 7279.

Lahat ng mga kasulatang kaugnay nito ay maaaring suriin ng sinuman na nagtataglay ng legal na interes dito matapos humiling ng pagsusuri at magbayad ng kaukulang halaga sa tanggapang ito.

Kapag walang sagabal na legal, ang proyektong nabanggit ay ituturing na rehistrado at maari nang bigyan ng sertipiko bilang katibayan nito, pagkalipas ng limang (5) araw mula sa huling paglalathala.

Tacloban City, Oktobre 23, 2020.

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**ENGR. EVELYN A. BOBIER**  
OIC-Regional Director *LSDE: October 27 & Nov. 3, 2020*

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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **COMMUNITIES LEYTE, INCORPORATED** of **Camella Leyte Phase 2, Brgy. Campetic, Palo, Leyte** has/have filed with the Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development a sworn registration statement for the sale of **House and Lot in LESSANDRA PALO SUBDIVISION (Open Market and Economic Housing)** project located at **Brgy. Arado, Palo, Leyte** and more, particularly describe as **Lot 6710-F, 6710-E, 6710-D, 6710-C, 6710-B, & 6710-A, CSD-08-012143** containing an area of 49,500 square meters and covered by **TCT No. 115-2020000740, TCT No. 115-2020001169, TCT No. 115-2015000670** and **TCT No. 115-2015000669**.

The foregoing project is utilizing **BRIA HOMES NORZAGARAY** located at **Brgy. Minuyan & Bigte, Norzagaray, Bulacan** as its compliance to Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7279.

All papers relative thereto, shall upon request and payment of processing fees shall be available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.

Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate, in evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication.

Tacloban City, Philippines, 23 October 2020.

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**ENGR. EVELYN A. BOBIER**  
OIC-Regional Director *LSDE: October 27 & Nov. 3, 2020*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AMANCIO PEÑARANDA AND heirs of the late Sulpicio Peñaranda, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located at Brgy. Bacong, Babatngon, Leyte, Lot No. 1283, containing an area of 1.1868 hectare, covered by Tax Dec. No. 2008-04005-00076. That the Tax Declaration is the name of Penaranda, Sulpicio Amancio but the truth was co-owned by the above name deceased, per Doc. No. 196, Page No. 41, Book No. 01, Series of 2016 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. De Veyra. *LSDE: October 27, November 3 & 10, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIALPARTITION**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. VICENTE SR. & LEONILA CURSO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of irrigated rice land situated at Sto. Nino, Naval, Biliran, Survey No. 260 and Lot No. 016 under ARP No. 00287, containing an area of 0.5587 has. more or less; per Doc. No. 146, Page No. 30, Book No. 52, Series of 2016 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: October 27, November 3 & 10, 2020*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ENCARNACION YAPAN-CORPIN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated in Brgy. Julita, Biliran, Biliran, denominated as Lot No. 735 and assessors Lot No. 12, under Tax Dec. No. 00644, with an area of 2.125063 hectares. The succession of heirs of Encarnacion Yapan-Corpin became the co-owners hereof, which she inherit one seventh (1/7) portion of the above-described property. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of BERNARDO YAPAN as vendee for the above-described one-seventh (1/7) portion, per Doc. No. 489, Page No.98, Book No. 47, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty Redentor Villordon. *LSDE: October 27, November 3 & 10, 2020*



STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: Province of LEYTE  
 Period Covered: August 2020

Particulars	NGAS Code	Actual Expenditures				
		PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>						
General Public Services	1000					
Office of the Governor/Mayor	1011	3,577,763.42	9,612,370.89		2,555,913.93	15,746,048.24
Office of the Warden/Maintenance of the Prisoner	1012	2,898,652.76	2,701,739.97			5,600,392.73
Civil Security	1013	158,756.47				158,756.47
Sanguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod/Pambayan	1021	3,152,684.98	754,891.85		49,980.00	3,957,556.83
Office of the Planning and Development Coordinator	1041	575,338.32	33,429.72			608,768.04
General Services Office	1061	175,877.44	2,056,606.03			2,232,483.47
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Budget Officer	1071	366,634.76	9,854.00			376,488.76
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Accountant	1081	142,400.64	28,588.32			170,988.96
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Treasurer	1091	1,873,361.85	91,972.61		159,647.24	2,124,981.70
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Assessor	1101	920,777.57	3,703.88		89,586.00	1,014,067.45
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Auditor	1111		13,741.25			13,741.25
Library Services	1122	109,807.37	1,299.00			111,106.37
Office of the Legal Officer	1131	419,163.48				419,163.48
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Prosecutor	1141					
Regional Trial Court	1151		289,000.00			289,000.00
Office of the Registry of Deeds	1161	4,000.00	6,276.36			10,276.36
Public Order & Safety Department		240,106.02	4,884.17			244,990.19
Aids to Barangay						
20% Local Development Fund	1912					
70% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						
Disaster Prevention and Mitigation						
Disaster Preparedness						
Disaster Response						
Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery						
Procurement/Acquisition of Disaster Equipment for Disaster Response and Rescue Activities						
30% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						
Others	1192					
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>						
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000					
Others	3999		2,511,111.41			2,511,111.41
Health, Nutrition & Population Control	4000					
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Hospital	4421	1,830,156.23	38,237.55			1,868,393.78
Office of the Population Officer	4999-1	488,900.96	61,161.29			550,062.25
Others (HOSPITALS)	4999	18,076,717.41	10,659,054.58		740,260.00	29,476,031.99
Housing and Community Development	6000					
Maintenance of Plazas, Parks & Monuments	6544	406,030.58	104,397.21			510,427.79
Social Services and Social Welfare	7000					
Office of the Social Welfare and Development Officer	7611	423,626.41	56,830.84			480,457.25
Budgetary Reserve						
Others	7999					
Economic Services	8000					
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturist	8711	4,827,113.15	193,649.81			5,020,762.96
Office of the Veterinarian	8721	154,877.44	20,480.23		15,000.00	190,357.67
Office of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer	8731	255,743.43				255,743.43
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer	8751	4,175,268.81	3,242,071.02		6,672,203.41	14,089,543.24
20% Local Development Fund	8911					
Others	8912		1,060,540.00			1,060,540.00
<b>Debt Service</b>						
Principal						
Local Development Projects						
Loan Amortization-Domestic (Debt Service-Principal)						
Interest and Other Charges						
Interest Payment - Domestic (Debt Service-Interest)			15,993.62			15,993.62
<b>TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>45,253,759.50</b>	<b>33,571,885.61</b>		<b>10,282,590.58</b>	<b>89,108,235.69</b>
<b>OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>						
Particulars	Budget Appropriation	Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
Purchase of Inventory						
Disbursement of Trust Liabilities						
Due to other NGAs						
Due to other GOCCs						
Due to other LGUs			3,285,185.78			3,285,185.78
Due to National Treasury						
Due to BIR			14,886,452.87			14,886,452.87
Due to GSIS			11,969,385.97			11,969,385.97
Due to PAG-IBIG			1,026,554.61			1,026,554.61
Due to PhilHealth			846,593.52			846,593.52
Due to Officers and Employees			2,616,524.91			2,616,524.91
Grant of Cash Advances						
Intra-Agency Payables						
Due to Other Fund						
Other Current Liabilities						
Guaranty Deposits Payable			298,715.16			298,715.16
Performance/Bidders/Bail Bonds Payable						
Other Payables			21,822,754.05			21,822,754.05
Other Deferred Credits						
Payable Accounts						
Accounts Payable			7,664,190.01			7,664,190.01
Notes Payable						
Dividend Payable						
Interest Payable						
Payment of Prior Year Expenses Debited to PY Adj						
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>			<b>64,416,356.88</b>			<b>64,416,356.88</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>45,253,759.50</b>	<b>97,988,242.49</b>		<b>10,282,590.58</b>	<b>153,524,592.57</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND</b>						
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000-1					
General Administration	3311-1					
Others	3999-1					
<b>TOTAL SEF</b>						
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>45,253,759.50</b>	<b>97,988,242.49</b>		<b>10,282,590.58</b>	<b>153,524,592.57</b>
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - GF			4,335,809.99		10,845,923.72	15,181,733.71
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - SEF						
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - GF					295,581,213.49	295,581,213.49
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - SEF						

Certified correct:

**RUTH Y. SURPIA**  
 Acting Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

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

Particulars	Acct. Code	Income Target (Approved Budget)	Actual Receipts (August)	Excess of Actual vs Target	% of Over/ (Under) to Target
<b>LOCAL SOURCES</b>					
<b>TAX REVENUES</b>		<b>40,924,347.00</b>	<b>3,195,050.13</b>	<b>5,890,573.60</b>	<b>14.39%</b>
<b>REAL PROPERTY TAX</b>		<b>30,491,488.00</b>	<b>2,535,315.32</b>	<b>6,247,366.58</b>	<b>20.49%</b>
Current Year		19,200,000.00	1,665,259.13	8,162,684.46	42.51%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		191,488.00	19,890.22	-97,211.41	-50.77%
Prior Year/s		10,000,000.00	634,495.17	-3,301,513.58	-33.02%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		1,100,000.00	215,670.80	1,483,407.11	134.86%
<b>TAX ON BUSINESS</b>		<b>8,600,000.00</b>	<b>465,501.00</b>	<b>-518,774.95</b>	<b>-6.03%</b>
Amusement Tax		500,000.00	-	-213,149.31	-42.63%
Franchise Tax		1,500,000.00	-	967,719.76	64.51%
Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans		1,100,000.00	10,045.00	331,845.50	30.17%
Tax on Sand, Gravel & Other Quarry Resources		5,200,000.00	421,788.00	-1,746,716.50	-33.59%
Fines and Penalties-Business Taxes		300,000.00	33,668.00	141,525.60	47.18%
<b>OTHER TAXES</b>		<b>1,832,859.00</b>	<b>194,233.81</b>	<b>161,981.97</b>	<b>8.84%</b>
Professional Tax		250,000.00	23,632.50	120,518.83	48.21%
Real Property Transfer Tax		1,550,000.00	133,527.22	-31,078.97	-2.01%
Other Taxes		32,859.00	37,074.09	72,542.11	220.77%
Fines and Penalties-Other Taxes		0.00	-	0.00	
<b>NON-TAX REVENUES</b>		<b>510,531,930.00</b>	<b>27,095,102.57</b>	<b>-150,410,970.62</b>	<b>-29.46%</b>
<b>REGULATORY FEES (Permits and Licenses)</b>		<b>931,930.00</b>	<b>19,800.00</b>	<b>-481,424.25</b>	<b>-51.86%</b>
Occupational Fees		500,000.00	-	-246,060.00	-49.21%
Other Permits & Licenses		431,930.00	19,800.00	-235,364.25	-54.49%
<b>SERVICE/USER CHARGES (Service Income)</b>		<b>500,000,000.00</b>	<b>27,075,302.57</b>	<b>-166,167,272.18</b>	<b>-33.23%</b>
Clearance and Certification Fees		200,000.00	16,751.30	-103,402.95	-51.70%
Other Service Income		21,500,000.00	792,208.64	-10,861,697.94	-50.52%
Fines and Penalties-Service Income		0.00	-	0.00	
Hospital Fees		478,300,000.00	26,266,342.63	-155,202,171.29	-32.45%
Medical, Dental and Laboratory Fees		0.00	-	0.00	
<b>OTHER INCOME/RECEIPTS (Other General Income)</b>		<b>9,600,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,237,725.81</b>	<b>169.14%</b>
Interest Income		9,500,000.00	-	16,334,045.81	171.94%
Miscellaneous - Others		100,000.00	-	-96,320.00	-96.32%
<b>TOTAL INCOME-LOCAL SOURCES</b>		<b>551,456,277.00</b>	<b>30,290,152.70</b>	<b>-144,520,397.02</b>	<b>-26.21%</b>
<b>EXTERNAL SOURCES</b>					
<b>SHARE FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTION</b>		<b>2,552,543,723.00</b>	<b>212,086,776.92</b>	<b>-854,543,259.23</b>	<b>-33.48%</b>
<b>INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT</b>		<b>2,540,000,000.00</b>	<b>212,086,776.92</b>	<b>-843,305,784.64</b>	<b>-33%</b>
Current Year		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-843,305,784.64	-33.20%
<b>OTHER SHARES FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS</b>		<b>12,543,723.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-11,237,474.59</b>	<b>-89.59%</b>
Share from National Wealth			-	-	
Mining Taxes			-	-	
Utilization of hydrothermal, geothermal and other sources of energy			-	-	
Share from PAGCOR/PCSO/Lotto		12,523,723.00	-	-11,217,474.59	-89.57%
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171)		20,000.00	-	-20,000.00	-100.00%
Others			-	-	
<b>EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS/GRANTS/DONATIONS/AIDS</b>		<b>1,000,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,343,389.00</b>	<b>10534.34%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXTERNAL SOURCES</b>		<b>2,553,543,723.00</b>	<b>212,086,776.92</b>	<b>-749,199,870.23</b>	<b>-29.34%</b>
<b>OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS</b>					
Collection Receivables			60,000.00	235,453.12	
Refund of Cash Advances			10,520.00	1,655,173.88	
Collection from Inter-Agency Receivables			-	-	
Collection of Trust Liabilities			1,094,165.49	127,621,117.78	
Due from other NGAs			-	119,822,348.90	
Due from other GOCCs			-	-	
Due from LGUs			1,094,165.49	7,798,768.88	
Other Receivables			306,098.48	13,298,198.54	
Collection of Prior Year Income credited to Prior Year Adjustment			-	-	
<b>TOTAL OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS</b>			<b>1,470,783.97</b>	<b>142,809,943.32</b>	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>3,105,000,000.00</b>	<b>243,847,713.59</b>	<b>-750,910,323.93</b>	<b>-24.18%</b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND</b>					
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION TAX</b>					
Special Education Fund		70,000,000.00	6,732,413.83	12,875,469.34	-18%
Current Year		45,000,000.00	5,689,579.15	2,253,812.57	-5%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		1,600,000.00	179,605.42	469,492.29	-29%
Prior Year/s		18,600,000.00	694,624.28	8,611,935.95	-46%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		4,800,000.00	168,604.98	1,540,228.53	-32%
Other Receipts			-	59,330.68	
Interest Income			-	48,391.28	
Other Business Income (Miscellaneous)			-	10,939.40	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND</b>		<b>70,000,000.00</b>	<b>6,732,413.83</b>	<b>12,816,138.66</b>	<b>-18%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL (GF + SEF)</b>		<b>3,175,000,000.00</b>	<b>250,580,127.42</b>	<b>-763,726,462.</b>	

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MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN JOSE, NORTHERN SAMAR HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

- PRESENT: Hon. Raul T. Robles - Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Silvino T. Balasolla - Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Harlan A. Tomenio, Sr. -do-
Hon. Ernesto E. Nualla -do-
Hon. Virgilio V. Esidera -do-
Hon. Marcelino A. Mora -do-
Hon. Elected P. Somoray, Jr. -do-
Hon. Jose Agripino S. Ballesta -do-
Hon. Ma. Gundelina V. Balasolla - Liga ng mga Barangay Federation Vice President
Hon. Joebert A. Evaristo - Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan President
ABSENT: Hon. Merlita S. Evangelista - Sangguniang Bayan Member

Ordinance No. 17
Series of 2020

Sponsor: Hon. Harlan A. Tomenio, Sr.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of San Jose, Northern Samar in session assembled that:

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PRESENCE OF ASTRAY ANIMALS IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, NORTHERN SAMAR, AUTHORIZING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CARANGIAN POUND AND THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR THE USE THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that: Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things the xxx promotion of health and safety xxx;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of San Jose, Northern Samar is committed to protect the health and well-being of its citizens, while at the same time ensure that responsible ownership and humane treatment of animals be practiced;

WHEREAS, improper and irresponsible care and protection of domesticated animals pose a grave threat to the safety and security of our constituents;

NOW THEREFORE, after thorough deliberations and discussions and upon motion of HON. ELECTORADO P. SOMORAY, JR. with secondment of HON. HARLAN A. TOMENIO, SR., this Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled hereby ordains that -

SECTION 1. Title - This ordinance shall be known and cited as "Anti-Astray Animal Ordinance of the Municipality of San Jose, Northern Samar".

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms - As used in this Ordinance, the following definition of terms shall apply, to wit:

- a. Astray animal - refers to any domesticated animals such as dogs, cats, goats, poultry, rabbits, carabaos, cows, horses and the like without being accompanied by an owner or tamer at loose elsewhere roaming freely in public places within the municipality.
b. Carangian pound - a fixed enclosure complete with some personnel and facilities where animals found to be astray in public places within the municipality are kept or seized for the time being.
c. Domesticated - tamed or trained for household use.
d. Public Places - areas designated solely for public use such as municipality streets and national highways within the municipality, public plazas, public market, public schools and other as may be designated by virtue of an ordinance or statute.

SECTION 3. Declaration - Pursuant to Article 100 paragraph (a), of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code, it is hereby declared that:

- a) All municipal streets and other public places within the municipality shall be free from astray animals;
b) Owners of dogs, cats, goats, poultry, rabbits, carabaos, cows, horses and other domesticated animals shall keep such animals within their household; and
c) Any violation hereof shall be penalized as prescribed hereto or in accordance with other applicable laws.

SECTION 4. Prohibited Acts

a.) No person shall allow or neglect his/her animal to wander or go astray in all public places within the municipality of San Jose, Northern Samar. If his/her astray animal is captured and kept in the Carangian Pound, and s/he fails to claim it within seven (7) days from notice for such purpose, s/he is liable for the penalty provided for under Section 9 hereof. Relative to this, the Police assigned in San Jose Police Station, Barangay Officials and Tanods are hereby deputized to capture any animal found to be astray and to immediately commit such animal to the Carangian Pound. Any other person may

also do the capturing and commit the same to the Carangian Pound;

b.) Immediately after such animal has been committed to the Carangian Pound, the Municipal Agriculture Office shall cause the finding of the whereabouts of its owner and/or tamer. S/he shall cause such owner and/or tamer to be formally notified of the capture and detention of his/her animal and thereby direct such person to forthwith claim the same. Said owner and/or tamer shall be made to pay the prescribed fees required for the release of his/her detained animal as provided for under Section 7(d) hereof;

c.) It shall be unlawful for any person charged with the custody of captured astray animals to maltreat, torture, poison or inflict any suffering or harm to such animals. This prohibition applied to any private person. This prohibited act is penalized under Section 9 hereof;

d.) No farmer or non-governmental organization, people's organization who was chosen as beneficiary of the astray animals as provided for under Section 5© hereof shall dispose of, sell, maltreat, torture or kill such animal, except if the killing/slaughtering is permitted under the law;

e.) It shall be unlawful for an owner/tamer even if s/he accompanied the said animal/s to urinate or poop in public places.

SECTION 5. Disposal of unclaimed animals

a.) All animals found to be astray shall be seized and impounded at the Carangian Pound until such time that the said animal is properly claimed by person(s) purporting to be its owner and/or tamer or until time that such animal is sold to any interested parties after seven (7) days following notice to the owner of its capture or after seven days from notice as provided under Section 5 (e);

b.) All unclaimed astray animals at the Carangian Pound are entitled to proper custody, care, shelter and sustenance;

c.) No such animal shall stay detained at the Carangian Pound for more than fifteen (15) days after notice to the owner or notice to the public as provided under Section 5 (e) hereof. If astray dogs, cats are not sold to any interested party within the same period, the same shall be offered to any duly accredited Non-Government Organization (NGO)/People Organization (PO) or animal lovers for care and proper disposition. In the case of poultry, rabbits, horses, cows, carabaos, goats, the same shall be turned-over to the Municipal Agriculture Office for proper disposition to deserving farmers for this purpose, if there be any. The beneficiary NGO/PO or farmer, as the case maybe, is prohibited from disposing, selling, maltreating, torturing or killing of the said animal, except if killing/slaughtering is permitted under the law;

d.) The Municipality of San Jose, Northern Samar shall have the right to auction any unclaimed animals detained at the Carangian Pound, the proceeds of which shall accrue to the coffers thereof. After seven (7) days following notice to the owner or tamer thereof or notice as posted in accordance with Section 5(e), the animals detained at the Carangian Pound shall become eligible for auction to any interested parties if the same remained to be unclaimed by the owner and/or tamer, or that no person purports to be its owner or tamer;

e.) The Municipal Agriculture Office which has charge of administering the Carangian Pound shall make public the list and picture of all unclaimed animals and their corresponding general description which shall include their kind, breed, color, markings if any, and their characteristics for the information and interest of all concerned. The list and picture shall be posted at said office, lobby of the municipal hall and other barangay halls of all barangays of the municipality. Upon the capture of the astray animal, it shall likewise immediately post a written notice on the aforesaid places which notice shall contain the kind, breed, color, markings, if any, and other characteristics and requiring the owner or tamer thereof the claim the astray animal within seven (7) days from date of notice. For proper identification of animals, the Municipal Agriculture Office in coordination with the Barangay should conduct an animal survey for every household and consequently inform the owners to register their respective animal.

SECTION 6. Establishment of Carangian Pound and Purchase of Impounding Cage/Vehicle

a.) There shall be established as Carangian Pound at which captured astray animals shall be kept for the time being;

b.) There shall be an Impounding Vehicle that will carry the impounded animal/s to the Carangian Pound;

c.) The Barangay is encouraged to have an Impounding Cage to serve as temporary Impounding area while waiting for the impounded animal/s to be carried to Carangian Pound wherein the said animal/s shall be transferred by the Municipal Agriculture Office within the day of impoundment;

d.) The Carangian Pound shall be situated at a definite site within the Municipality which environment is conducive and not harmful to animal health and safety. Such site shall be determined and designated by the Municipal Mayor and shall not be contrary to the Zoning Plan or Zoning Ordinance of the Municipality;

e.) The Carangian Pound shall be administered by the Municipal Agriculture Office and shall consists of facilities necessary to properly carry-out the purpose and functions of an animal pound;

f.) Fund necessary for the establishment and operation of the Carangian pound and purchase of Impounding Vehicle shall be appropriated in the Municipal Annual Fund Budget or any appropriation ordinance, subject to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and other applicable, laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 7. Custody and Release of Astray Animals

a.) The Municipal Agriculture Office shall be responsible to secure for the life, health and safety of all animals detained at the Carangian Pound;

b.) To insure the general welfare of animals detained at the Carangian Pound, the Municipal Agriculture Office with the assistance

of the Provincial Veterinarian, after conducting regular diagnosis to each, shall have the exclusive discretion to order the segregation and seclusion of any such animals found to have afflicted by contagious diseases either at the time of its findings or during detention. Should an animal die during detention, the same shall be buried in a place and manner that the health and safety of the public are not endangered;

c.) The Municipal Agriculture Office shall prescribed for the regular/daily dietary consumption and supplements of all animals detained at the Carangian Pound, taking into consideration the capacity of the Municipal Government to provide of such necessities and requirements. Should an animal die during detention, the same shall be buried in a manner and place that it should not endanger the health and safety of the public;

d.) All animals at the Carangian Pound shall be released to their respective claimants only upon showing of proof that they are owners or tamers and upon payment of an Impounding Fee in the amount of Three Hundred Pesos (Php 300.00) per day of detention per animal, regardless of kind, breed or size.

SECTION 8. Disbursement of Impounding Fee - Fees collected and accumulated as a consequence of the enforcement of this Ordinance shall be held in trust by the Municipal Government of to be allocated only for the purpose of financing the maintenance and operation of the Carangian Pound, or other activities relative thereto.

SECTION 9. Penalty - Any person found to have violated this Ordinance shall pay a fine of:

- First Offense - Fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00);
Second Offense - Fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00); and
Third Offense - Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) and/or imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months depending upon the discretion of the court.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or part thereof, provisions of which are in conflict with, or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other part of provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect after posting in a public and conspicuous place in all sixteen (16) barangays of San Jose, Northern Samar.

APPROVED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled this 5th day of October, 2020 at San Jose, Northern Samar.

HON. SILVINO T. BALASOLLA Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. HARLAN A. TOMENIO, SR. Sangguniang Bayan Member
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HON. MA. GUNDELINA V. BALASOLLA Liga ng mga Barangay Federation Vice President, Ex-Officio Member
HON. JOEBERT A. EVARISTO Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan President, Ex-Officio Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance of the Sangguniang Bayan of San Jose, Northern Samar held on October 5, 2020 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall.

Atty. CECILIA A. TOMENIO-LOPEZ Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested: Hon. RAUL T. ROBLES Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer

Approved: Hon. ATTY. CLARENCE E. DATO Municipal Mayor



# Mayor Agda imposes hard border lockdown as Borongan logs two new COVID-19 cases



MAYOR JOSE IVAN DAYAN AGDA

TACLOBAN CITY - Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda has placed Borongan City under hard border lockdown beginning Sunday (Oct. 25).

The hard border lockdown, which will be in effect for nine days, is for purposes of extensive contact tracing, Agda said as he signed Executive Order 006-1020.

The order came into effect as the city recorder two new cases of COVID-19 of which the city government is now conducting contact tracing of their close contacts.

Under the order, only essential travels will be allowed in going to and from the city, including travel

by government employees, medical and health emergencies, and other necessary travels to purchase food and medicine.

The entry of food

items, basic goods and commodities will not be hampered despite of the border hard lockdown but during the delivery of these goods, only a maximum of five

personnel including the driver would be allowed to enter the city.

Also, a maximum of 10 individuals from each municipality within Eastern Samar province, excluding authorized persons outside their residence (APORs), will be allowed to enter the city daily.

Throughout the nine days, all forms of mass gathering, and drinking in public is prohibited, and restaurants and other food related business will only allow and accept takeout orders.

Tourism sites, wellness and personal grooming establishments are also temporary close.

All public transportation from other municipalities are also not allowed to enter the city not unless they have authority from the local police station in their town.

The city government also imposes curfew from 8 pm to 5 am. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

## NFA Region 8 readies rice stocks for calamities

TACLOBAN CITY - The National Food Authority (NFA) has enough stocks of rice in case local government units will need more supply in preparation for typhoon season in the latter part of the year, an official said.

NFA Eastern Visayas regional manager Arlene Tanseco said current stocks in NFA warehouses will last until early 2021 based on current demand for government rice in the region.

"Our transport facilities in different regions are ready to deliver stocks if in case Eastern Visayas needs more. But for now, our inventory is enough to supply the requirement this typhoon season," Tanseco told the Philippine News Agency in a phone interview.

As of Friday, NFA warehouses have stored 209,424 bags of rice.

Among provinces, Leyte has the most stocks with 59,774 bags, Samar with 44,708 bags, Northern Samar with 37,377 bags, Eastern Samar with 32,803 bags, Southern Leyte with 28,076 bags, and Biliran with 6,686 bags.

"Our inventory will last for about seven days if NFA

is the only source of rice in the region, but that is not the case since we have a lot of rice kept by private traders and households especially this harvest season," Tanseco added.

As of Oct. 21, the grains agency has already procured 19,158 bags of palay (unhusked rice) from local farmers this May to October cropping season, nearly triple the volume purchased in the same harvest season last year.

Tanseco said more farmers sell their produce to the government this harvest season due to low trading prices offered by millers.

The NFA buys clean and dry palay at P19 per kilogram, up from the P12 price set by private traders.

Wet palay can be dried for hours in the compound of NFA buying stations through solar pavements.

Tanseco has encouraged rice farmers who benefitted from government assistance to sell at least 10 percent of their produce to the NFA to ensure the availability of quality staple food to local consumers during off harvest months.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

## Stakeholders to review Eastern Visayas tourism plan

TACLOBAN CITY - Tourism stakeholders in Eastern Visayas would go back to the drawing board to come up with a short-term plan, taking into consideration the impact of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic to the industry.

Department of Tourism (DOT) Regional Director Karina Rosa Tiopes said that the health crisis' impact would compel them to come up with one-year to two-year plan for local tourism starting next year.

"We have to consult with stakeholders since it is not any more realistic to follow the 15 percent annual growth rate. We might go back to the 2011 projections of seven percent annual growth in arrivals," Tiopes told reporters.

For 2020, the DOT expected to breach the two million mark in arrivals for Eastern Visayas or a growth of 15 percent from the previous year's tourist receipts.

"Practically, we are almost zero this year since we don't have vis-

itors since March. Tourism is the most affected industry by these movement restrictions. We don't know when will this end unlike Super Typhoon Yolanda wherein our tourism businesses managed to reopen after a week," Tiopes added.

At least three hotels in Leyte have formally notified the DOT of closure while several accommodation facilities sought an authority to operate from tourism department, but remained closed due to local government restrictions.

Under the 2017-2022 Regional Tourism Roadmap, industry players are eyeing at least 1.31 million to 3.23 million annual tourist arrivals.

From a 6 percent to 7 percent annual growth target, stakeholders increased it to at least 20 percent annually for both domestic and foreign guest arrivals.

In 2016, the region ushered 1.22 million visitors, a significant increase from the measly 365,000 arrivals in 2011.

The region consists of the provinces of Biliran,

Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, Samar, and Southern Leyte, and the cities of Baybay, Borongan, Calbayog, Catbalogan, Maasin, Ormoc and Tacloban, the Eastern Visayas' regional center.

Among its popular destinations are Kalanggaman Island, San Juanico Bridge, Leyte Landing Memorial in Leyte; Sambawan Island in Biliran; dive sites in Southern Leyte; Calicoan Island in Eastern Samar; Sohoton Cave and Natural Park in Samar; and Biri Rock Formations in Northern Samar.

The region remains relatively under-the-radar compared to other tourist destinations in the Philippines, but this has been slowly changing in the past years as demand for raw nature tourism grows, according to Tiopes.

More and more people visit the region in pursuit of rugged coasts and landscapes, secret caves and waterfalls, and fascinating histories.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

## Eastern Visayas sees slower economic growth in 2020, hopes for 'faster recovery'

While Eastern Visayas will experience a slower growth this year, the region could recover faster because it is less dependent on tourism.

The agriculture sector remains the strength of Eastern Visayas with the pandemic having lesser impact on the tourism and manufacturing sectors, said Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla.

"Tourism in the Visayas is focused on Western and Central Visayas. Agriculture remains our strength," said Petilla during the online conversation Mugstoria Ta aired on the Facebook page of the Office of the Presidential Assistant for the Visayas.

Among the three regions in the Visayas, Region 6 is much less dependent on tourism as an economic driver, he pointed out.

Petilla noted, however, that the region's economic recovery would highly depend on how fast the

country can also rise from the economic downturn.

"There is a forecast from the World Bank that it will take for economies to recover, about three to five years (before returning) to 2019 levels. We are dependent on the rest of the country, including Cebu. So, our recovery will depend on the recovery of the Philippine economy," the governor said.

Petilla, however, noted that Eastern Visayas could recover in about two to three years faster than the World Bank's projection.

Before COVID-19, Eastern Visayas has registered economic gains in the past years, said Amelito Domingo, supervising economic development specialist at the National Economic and Development's Authority (NEDA) in Region 8.

"Before COVID, our growth trajectory was quite strong as evidenced in our GRDP (gross regional domestic product)," Domingo said.

In 2018, the economy of Eastern Visayas grew by 5.9 percent due to accelerated performance of services sector.

The services sector accounted for 44.4 percent of the regional economy. About 53 percent of the region's labor force is employed by service providers.

On the other hand, the industry sector and agriculture contributed about 41.6 percent and 14 percent to the regional economy as of 2018.

Domingo recalled that Region 8 had managed to create more job opportunities with the expansion of economic activities and consequently improve its poverty rate.

But the pandemic crisis might have reversed this trend now, he said.

The region is composed of the provinces of Leyte, Samar, Biliran, Southern Leyte, Eastern Samar and Northern Samar.

(OPAV/PIA)

# Biliran police camp to be named after a Cabucgayan native

NAVAL, Biliran- After 23 years of establishment of the Biliran Police Provincial Office (BPPO) without any distinctive name like other police provincial offices in the country, soon it will have a name of its own after the joint members the BPPO's Technical Working Group (TWG) and the Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) passed Resolution No. 5 naming the police provincial camp after a Cabucgayan town native.

The BPPO Headquarters located in Barangay Larrazabal in Naval, Biliran will be named Camp Private Andres P. Dadizon as per TWG and PAC Joint Resolution No. 5.

This initiative was highlighted in the welcome message of PCol Julius M. Coyne, BPPO provincial director with the presence of the new Regional Director of the Police Regional Office 8, PGen. Ronaldo F. De Jesus, in his visit to the BPPO on September 25, 2020.

The resolution mentioned that Dadizon was a native of Cabucgayan and a World War I veteran, who commissioned himself as an enlisted man of the US Army.

He died fighting with the US Army and has

exhibited ultimate courage having carried the US flag over German lines to defend its sovereignty and territory against the Central Powers of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey during the raging battle in France on April 6, 1917.

In that battle, as pictured out in the resolution, Private Dadizon, although seriously wounded, was still able to plant the flag in front of the enemy's trenches, which display of courage bolstered the morale of his comrades, and fought the enemy fiercely until they had overrun the German position. He died on July 31, 1918 and was buried in San Francisco National Cemetery in San Francisco, California, USA.

In the 1930s, the Americans honored Private Da-

dizon by naming a street after him in Tacloban City and erected a statue at the compound of the former Camp Bumpus inside the present Leyte Park Hotel, the resolution mentioned.

At present, a replica of the statue of Private Dadizon can be found in Barangay Bunga in Cabucgayan after several attempts made by former Cabucgayan Mayor Andres Igano in 1980 to bring the original statue after its displacement from its original location with the construction of the Leyte Park Hotel on that same year.

In 2004, the Biliran Historical and Cultural Society sent a petition to the Department of Tourism in Region VIII, seeking support for the retrieval of his original statue, the resolution stated.

The naming of the BPPO after his name is one way of giving honor and as an inspiration of the future generations to be proud of and worthy of emulation. (Idl/rsv/PIA Biliran)



# Iloilo City bet wins Miss Universe Philippines 2020

Rabiya Mateo of Iloilo City bested more than 40 candidates to win the Miss Universe Philippines 2020 title.

The 23-year-old beauty queen was crowned during the grand coronation held at the Baguio Country Club in Baguio City Sunday (Oct.25).

Miss Universe Philippines 2019 Gazini Ganados crowned Mateo.

Besides the crown made of diamonds, yellow pearls, sapphire, ruby and topaz, Mateo also won a brand

new car and various endorsement deals.

Mateo graduated cum laude from the Iloilo Doctors College with a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy. She currently works as a coordinator and lecturer for a Manila-based review center.

The Filipina-Indian beauty was among the top contenders. She won the Best in Swimsuit in the preliminary competitions.

On pageant night, Mateo charmed the panel of judges that included Miss Universe 2012 first runner-up Janine Tugonon, Miss Universe 2013 third runner-up Ariella Arida, ACT-CIS Rep. Eric Yap, Palace spokesman Harry Roque Jr., Baguio first lady Arlene Magalong, Jackie Aquino, Samuel Salonga Versoza Jr., Raymond de los Santos, Venus Navalta and Arthur Peña.

She further stood out when asked "If you could create a new paper currency, with the image of any Filipina on it — dead or alive — who would it be and why?"

Mateo answered, "If I were given the chance I want to use the face of Miriam Defensor-Santiago. For those who don't know, she was an Ilongga, but what I admired about her is that she used her knowledge, her voice to serve the

country. And I want to be somebody like her, somebody who puts her heart, her passion into action."

A unique twist to the competition, Mateo was immediately asked of the generic question that other competitors also had to answer, "This pandemic has made clear our priorities, essential or non-essential. Where do pageants stand in this time of crisis?"

"As a candidate, I know I'm not just the face of Iloilo City. But I am here, carrying hope and as a symbol of light in the darkest times. And as of the moment, I want to help my community, I want to use my strength to make an impact. And that is the essence of beauty pageant — it gives us the power to make a difference."

The other winners were Maria Ysabella Ysmael of Parañaque City, first runner-up; Michele Gumabao of Quezon City, second runner-up; Pauline Amelinckx of Bohol, third runner-up; and Billie Hakenson of Cavite, fourth runner-up.

Biliran's Skilly Ivory Florida managed to sneak in the top 16.

Mateo will represent the country in the upcoming Miss Universe, the date and venue of which are yet to be announced.

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