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COVID-19 death toll in EV rises to 63

5 pregnant women tested positive

JOEY A. GABIETA/LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA

TACLOBAN CITY- Five pregnant women from the town of Carigara in Leyte tested positive of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

And two of them are scheduled to deliver their babies today(Nov.2) with the three others anytime this month, Maricel Pores, one of the members of swabbing testing group of the local government said in a phone interview, said.

According to Pores, as part of the protocols, the five women were swabbed on October 29 with the positive result released the following day by the Department of Health (DOH).

"As per protocol, these pregnant women were swabbed on October 29. Unfortunately, their results, which were released the following day, turned positive. Immediately, they were brought to our isolation facility together with their husbands," Pores

said.

She, however, could not say how these women, whose ages ranged from early 20s to 30s, acquired the virus.

"Contact tracing is now being done for us to determine where they acquired the virus," Pores added.

She also assured that the doctors and other medical staff at the Carigara District Hospital who will help these women deliver their babies would be protected from possibly acquiring the COVID-19 virus.

She could not also say if the babies of these pregnant women would be tested or be isolated from their mothers.

Pores said that this is the first case in their town wherein pregnant women were tested positive of the virus.

"The last time we conducted swab test to pregnant women last October 19, all the results were negative. This is the first time that we have this kind of situation," she added.

Meantime, the DOH announced that Eastern Visayas has now 6,775 COVID-19 cases since March of this year.

The region posted 24 new cases coming from the provinces of Leyte with 19; Northern Samar, four; and one from Samar province.

The region's death toll due to COVID-19 has now reached to 63 with the latest deaths involving a 51-year old man from Kananga town, Leyte and a 68-year old woman from Las Navas in Northern Samar.

The two died on October 31.



WRATH OF 'ROLLY? At least 50 houses, mostly made of light materials, were destroyed or partially damaged, in a coastal village in Catarman, Northern Samar due to the strong winds and heavy rains spawned by Super Typhoon 'Rolly' on Nov.1. Story on page 3.

(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO: PAUL ADA)



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez(center) personally received more than 2,000 pieces of face masks from the office of Sen. Cynthia Villar and the Villar SIPAG through its representative Barbara Bañez. City Administrator Atty. Aldrin Quebec witnessed the turn over held at the City Mayor's Office boardroom. (ALFRED ROMUALDEZ FACEBOOK)

Green space or a bike lane Tacloban council tosses to DBM for funding two proposed projects

TACLOBAN CITY – The council members of this city approved a resolution endorsing two proposed projects to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

These projects are the Tacloban City Urban Bike Lane, and the development of Green Spaces in Tacloban North. However, the DBM will only choose one of the two proposed projects for funding.

During their last week's regular session, the city council was graced by Tacloban City Engineer

Chief Dionisio de Paz and discussed the Tacloban City Urban Bike Lane project.

"It is very important that we have discussed this in the council to know which is the priority, the urban bike lane or the green space," Vice Mayor Jerry Yaokasin said.

The component of the urban bike lane which the city government is proposing starts from the City Hall grounds to the Tacloban City Astrodome, going to the northern barangay.

Yaokasin also stressed that it is important to know

which of the two proposed projects is needed by the city residents at this time see Tacloban/page 9 ...



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Northern Samar extends GCQ for 2 weeks, suspend LSI arrivals

TACLOBAN CITY- Northern Samar Governor Edwin Ongchuan has extended the implementation of the general community quarantine (GCQ) in the entire province for another two weeks, or from November 4-17, 2020, due to the continuing spike of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases.

The provincial government also suspended the acceptance of locally stranded individuals (LSIs) for the same period of 14 days or until November 17.

"It will help contain and prevent the spread of the disease and guarantee that our LSIs would receive adequate medical attention when they finally return to the province," Ongchuan said in a press statement.

The moratorium "will necessarily give the province and the municipal local government units (MLGUs) time to fully attend to those currently under isolation or quarantine for having contracted COVID-19 or for having been exposed to confirmed cases."



Personnel from Biri Municipal Police Station, led by Lieutenant Mae Ann Erivera, conduct regular information drive to protect the residents from COVID-19 infection. Biri and San Vicente remain COVID-free towns in Northern Samar. (Photo from Biri MPS).

The governor requested for extension since the existing GCQ category of the province will expire on November 3.

The extension of the

GCQ will take effect starting November 4 until November 17 or when lifted by the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force for Covid-19 (RIATF).

As of Monday, the province has 696 total COVID-19 cases with 306 recoveries and seven deaths.

(RONALD O. REYES)

Cops nab 3 'most wanted' in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY- Three most wanted persons were arrested in the region last November 1.

In Biliran, Biliran, police arrested Deolito Abrigo, 68, for the crime of murder and Frederick Estancia, 29, for the crime of rape.

Abrigo is identified as rank number 2 most wanted person-provincial level while Estancia is rank number 6 most wanted.

No bail bond was recommended to the two accused.

Police said the warrants were issued by Judge Luz Navarrete, presiding judge of Regional Trial

Court (RTC) Branch 16 in Naval, Biliran.

In Matag-ob, Leyte, police also arrested the top 1 most wanted person-municipal level for the crime of rape.

The accused was identified as Aljon Precillas, 20, and a resident of Brgy.Sto Rosario in the said town.

Presiding Judge Mario Quinit, of RTC-Branch 12 in Ormoc City, issued the warrant with no recommended bail bond.

All the accused were brought to their respective municipal police stations for documentation prior to turn-over to the courts of origin.

(RONALD O. REYES)

For the second time, PSA office in Catarman shut down due to COVID-19 threat

TACLOBAN CITY - The office of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in Northern Samar has closed its operations for the second time due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

PSA-Regional Director Wilma Perante told reporters that the temporary closure of their office in Catarman town was due to exposure of some of its

employees to COVID-19 patients.

The shutdown of the office started last October 28 until November 8.

With the temporary closure, its workers would be adopting the work-from-home arrangement, Perante said.

Perante said that this is the second time wherein the PSA - Northern Samar

Provincial Office has temporarily closed its operation due to COVID-19. The first was from October 14 - 16 2020 when an employee of the office became positive of the COVID-19 virus.

She informed reporters that at present all PSA - Northern Samar employees, with close contacts up to third degree to the confirmed COVID-19 positive case, are in home quarantine after they immediately reported to their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Team

(BHERT) for proper monitoring.

Perante said that PSA-Northern Samar is currently conducting "disinfection of all its service vehicles and also in coordination with the Municipal Health Office for proper contact tracing."

She further said that PSA would like to assure the public that precautionary measures have been implemented to prevent virus transmission.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, activities for next year's 500 First Easter Mass to be reviewed, says Tiopes

TACLOBAN CITY - The lined-up activities for the 500 years celebration of the First Easter Mass in Limasawa, Southern Leyte will undergo some review amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

This was disclosed by Karena Rosa Tiopes, the regional director of the Department of Tourism (DOT).

"Unfortunately, the local government unit, the province of Southern Leyte and the Diocese of Maasin will have to review their program because one, we are not sure if next year, people can attend the celebration because we have to consider that probably that time we still have health protocols, and two, we have prepared tours but we are not sure if we have visitors who can enter the province because, as of this time, Southern Leyte is still close to all people from other parts of the region because of the Covid-19 situation," she said.

Before the onset of the pandemic, the Diocese of Maasin sought help from the DOT and stakeholders in the creation of tours under its jurisdiction for people



Karena Rosa Tiopes

ple who will be visiting the province and Limasawa Island for the quinquennial celebration of the First Easter Mass.

The tour was dubbed as "Sinugdan," a local term for beginning.

"As far as Limasawa is concern, definitely, yes we will be celebrating in Limasawa because we cannot really totally separate that this is the religious part of our history; this also the story of our lives which is not religious in nature. Actually they are part of our story," Tiopes said.

Tiopes added that if other activities will not push through due to restrictions, virtual activities will replace the face-to-face events such as virtual lecture series, online exhibition of Guiuan and Limasawa history.

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Northern Samar, business groups in Tacloban extend assistance to victims of Super Typhoon 'Rolly'

TACLOBAN CITY- The provincial government of Northern Samar will be extending assistance to victims of Super Typhoon 'Rolly' in Bicol Region.

Governor Edwin Ongchuan said that food aid coming from their province, which itself also suffered minor damages due to Rolly, will be delivered in particular to the provinces of Albay and Catanduanes.

According to the governor, the people of Northern Samar will be paying the good deeds of the Bicolanos who are always among the first to extend assistance every time the province is placed in a calamity situation.

"It is during these difficult times that we must exhibit solidarity with



Gov. Edwin Ongchuan

other provinces," Ongchuan said in a statement.

The aid will mostly consist of food, water, clothes and other essential damaged on these calamity-stricken areas.

Ongchuan encourages the people of the province to also do their share and help the people of Bicol recover from the wrath of Rolly, considered to be the strongest typhoon in

the world this year.

Meantime, various business groups from Tacloban City are now conducting their own fund drives to help the typhoon victims.

Rhoel Ladrera, one of the organizers of the 'Ride for a Cause: From Yolanda survivors to the people of Bicol,' said that they will deliver their aids consisting of foods, water, canned goods and clothing.

Ladrera said that they hope to deliver their items on Nov.8, in time for the seventh anniversary of Yolanda, considered to be the strongest typhoon to hit inland.

Tacloban City was considered to be the ground zero of Yolanda with more than 2,200 people dead.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

De Jesus welcomes region's 243 new cops



TACLOBAN CITY-Police Regional Director Brigadier General Ronaldo De Jesus has welcomed the 243 new police officers in the region as he urged them to adhere to the organization's ideals of "service, honor, and justice."

"The field of law enforcement is for those with fervent hearts, brave souls, and upright principles. As your Regional Director, I dare you to go the extra mile," said De Jesus.

"Let us put integrity to the public trust and confidence afforded to us," he added.

Out of the 596 applicants, only 243 successfully passed the rigorous process.

The new batch of police officers is composed of 215 males and 28 females.

They will undergo the six-month mandatory training of Public Safety Basic Recruit Course (PSBRC) at the Regional Training Center 8 in San Jose, Tacloban City.

It will be followed by another six-month Field Training Program (FTP).

Lieutenant Colonel Ma. Bella Rentuya, police regional spokesperson, said the recruitment process also adhered to the COVID-19 health guidelines and protocols.

The 243 new police recruits took their oath at the police headquarters in Palo, Leyte on October 30, 2020. (RONALD O. REYES)

The super typhoon did not inflict much damage in EV

Houses destroyed due to onslaught of 'Rolly'

TACLOBAN CITY- Several houses located in a coastal barangay in Catarman, Northern Samar were destroyed after Super Typhoon 'Rolly' hit the town and some parts of Eastern Visayas on Sunday.

Based on the initial report of the Catarman's information office, 50 houses mostly made of light materials were destroyed in Barangay Baybay due to the strong waves and heavy rains spawned by Rolly.

And one of these damaged houses include a family who are into home isolation being close contacts of a confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19) patient.

The affected families were temporarily sheltered at the town's different evacuation centers.

The town had earlier evacuated 554 families comprising of 2,534 individuals from nine barangays which are prone to flooding and landslide.

The local government unit, as part of the current health protocol, provided all the evacuees of face-masks as well as meals.

In San Roque town,

also in Northern Samar, 1,812 families consisting of 8,013 were also evacuated to ensure their safety from the wrath of Rolly.

The local government unit of San Roque also reported that 27 farmers lost their palay covering 17.14 hectares in all.

In Allen town, also in the same province, the Coast Guard lifted its no sailing policy starting past

at 5 pm Sunday.

At least 593 passengers on board of 173 trucks, 74 light vehicles, and 14 motorcycles were earlier reported to have been stranded in the three ports of Allen.

Meantime, the entire town of Biri, also in Northern Samar, remain without power supply.

In Samar province, power restoration in the towns of Villareal, Sta. Rita, Da-

ram, and parts of Calbayog City is ongoing with the rest of the areas in the said province fully energized since Sunday.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the region has prepositioned 17,131 food packs which are to be distributed to the provinces of Samar, Eastern Samar, and Northern Samar.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Cops arrest 6 for alleged illegal cockfighting

TACLOBAN CITY-Six persons were arrested in two separate operations against illegal cockfighting or "tupada" in the different areas here in the region.

In Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar, police nabbed two violators who were caught in the act of engaging in an illegal cockfighting at 1pm Sunday (November 1), in Barangay Camayaan of the said town.

Confiscated from the violators possession were two dead fighting cocks, two pieces gaffs and bet money amounting to P450.

On October 31, police in Kawayan, Biliran arrested four

suspects while engaging in illegal cockfighting activity.

Also confiscated from their possession and control were two dead fighting cocks, one wounded fighting cock, two pieces of gaffs, and P500 bet money.

The arrested violators were brought to their respective police stations for documentation and for proper filing of charges in connection with Presidential Decree 449, or Illegal Cockfighting Law, as amended by Presidential Decree 1602, which prescribes stiffer penalties for illegal gambling.

(RONALD O. REYES)

First batch of November 2020 SSS pensions to be credited starting October 30

The Social Security System (SSS) is set to credit the first batch of November 2020 pension beginning October 30, 2020, through its new disbursement method using the Philippine Electronics Fund Transfer System and Operations Network (PESONet) and other checkless disbursement channels.

SSS President and CEO Aurora C. Ignacio said that those covered by the first batch of crediting are pensioners whose date of

contingency is from the first to the 15th day of the month and are receiving their monthly pensions through PESONet participating banks, e-wallets such as PayMaya, or the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) accredited Remittance Transfer Company (RTC)/Cash Payout Outlet (CPO), currently with M Lhuillier.

"For November 2020, given that its first day is a weekend and a declared holiday, we have completed the funding of the first

batch of pension for November 2020 yesterday, October 29. Upon receipt of the funds, our government partner bank - DBP will release them to other PESONet participating banks, e-wallets, and M Lhuillier before 12 noon today," Ignacio said.

"These PESONet participating banks, e-wallets, and RTC/CPO are expected to make the fund available to pensioners starting this afternoon," she added.

The first batch of November 2020 pension re-

lease covers more than 1.46 million pensioners with combined pensions for the month amounting to over P6.22 billion.

Ignacio said the new pension crediting schedule for PESONet participating banks and other checkless disbursement channels is aligned with SSS Circular No. 2020-024, which was implemented starting October 2020.

The circular states that there will be two pension crediting batches for the new disbursement meth-

od every month. The first batch will be on the first day of the pension month, covering pensioners with dates of contingency from the 1st day to the 15th day of the month.

The second batch will be on the 16th day of the pension month, which covers pensioners whose date of contingency is from the 16th to the last day of the month.

Suppose the credit date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. In that case, the see First batch /page 9 ...

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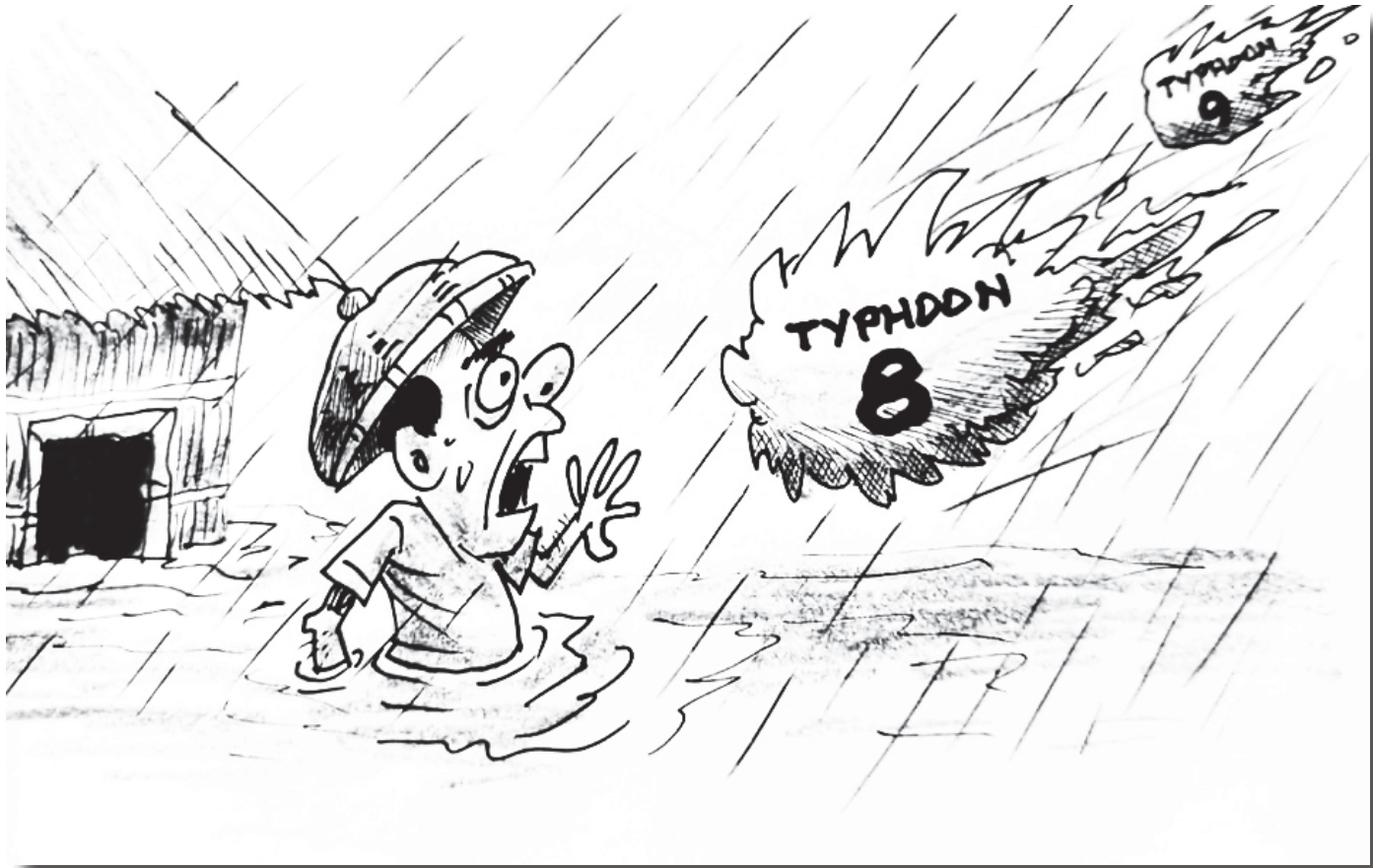
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Plagues in a row

For storms to frequently come our way is not surprising given our location next to the Pacific Ocean, the birthplace of these typhoons. What is sad is that these storms come in a row in time when we are struggling from a global pandemic. Just last weekend, in fact, a destructive super typhoon hammered its way through selected towns, cities, and villages along its path, causing so much damage in the southern Luzon areas.

Our country is barely able to survive from the plague, the budgetary allocations already running dry after releasing billions of relief funds to various sectors stuck in quarantines and lockdowns. Our country is not that rich to be able to afford simultaneous demands for relief funds, unlike other countries with plenty of savings and resources. We live in hand-to-mouth existence, so to speak. At times, we can only make it through calamities when other generous donor countries extend their

help, like what happened during typhoon Yolanda’s onslaught.

But this time, we cannot expect much from donor countries as they, too, have been victims of the killer virus, and should attend to their own needs in the midst of pandemic. It follows, then, that we ourselves should stand on our own, or else we will never be able to recover but go down instead to the threshold of poverty and suffering. Right now, in fact, many places in the typhoon-ravaged localities are begging for help due to the massive devastation they suffered.

The question is, how can the government address all this? Which one to prioritize? This is where the problem lies because the question really is, where would the government source its calamity funds this time when business and other resources are paralyzed by quarantines? Better if disasters come alternately, but if they plague us at the same time, that’s a different story. May we hurdle these calamities victoriously.



Things To
Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

A brewing war

Whether we like it or don’t, any violent confrontation erupting in the West Philippine Sea could potentially drag us into the conflict. Recent development has it that India, Australia, Japan, and the United States are forming a regional al-

liance to stand up against China’s aggressive behavior in recent years.

The intention originally is to balance the distribution of power in this part of the world that China has been accused of predominating. While this formerly

“sleeping giant” claims to be doing normal procedures as, accordingly, the rightful owner of the West Philippine Sea—installing military facilities, deploying warships and navy vessels, harassing fishermen from nearby countries—other South East Asian nations look at all this as bullying, the reason being that they, too, are claimants of their own backyards.

But China doesn’t respect other countries’ claims, not even the decision of the international court based on maritime laws. It oozes with confidence in dealing with any possible military conflict because of its superior arms and military might. In short, it uses its arms supe-

riority to silence its rivals in the oil-rich territories. A glaring case of bullying, indeed.

Concerned about this untoward behavior that, if not addressed soon, might result in total Chinese control of maritime navigation in these contested waters, the community of nations have been highly alarmed. But only those that are highly affected are taking the initial steps, hence the formation of this alliance, which is believed to draw more support from other concerned nations should any confrontation break out. The only thing that could weaken its aggressive intention now is China’s resolve to mellow

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Philippine needs to diversify banana industry

Amidst threat of strong competition with other Bananas exported from other countries, the Philippines is challenged to diversify its banana industry.

The call of the PCCI or Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the Philippine government diversify local banana industry “in order to keep up with an increasingly competitive market.” The PCCI director Roberto Amores has urged the government to arrest the “slow and stagnating” growth and development of agriculture, by accelerating its modernization and industrialization programs, especially for banana “to cope with

the growing market competition. “ He (Amores) said “we need to encourage farmers to intercrop and grow Saba (Cardaba bananas) due to growing demand for frozen banana and banana chips.”

The Philippines, acknowledged among world’s top Cavendish banana exporter, is facing stiff competition from Vietnam (with 27.7 million boxes export), Cambodia (6.7 million boxes) and even Laos at 360,000 boxes – these countries are producing the same Cavendish banana variety and quality at a much lower price. Not to mention the stiff competition from Ecuador, even the Philippines has a much wider agricul-

tural land suited for banana plantation.

On the downside, is that the Philippines suffers from a high 30 percent tariff in South Korea and 18 percent in Japan. We are still waiting for the Australian market to include Philippine banana products.

Likewise, our agricultural sector is facing competitiveness problem, demand-supply availability, product development, post-harvest facilities, and access to credit and financing – awaiting solution from the DA management.

In the Philippines, bananas especially Saba, are staple food to marginalized sector side by side with root crops like sweet potato (camoteng baging) and (camoteng kahoy). Banana is one of the agricultural products that helps perk up Philippine economy – the more that we must take good care of saving the banana industry, through diversification!

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NEXT TOPIC : “S & T Issues as affecting Region V”

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and transport slowed and of course predominant problems.

And here in our country, emaciated by an on-going pandemic and typhoons coming in clusters with packed winds as strong as Typhoon Warning Signal No. 5 , the question lingers can we have Smart in Public Service ?

And the answer is yes!

Early on in the millennia perhaps circa 2001 terms like e-commerce, was a hit. In fact research will show that e-commerce has a rich history, starting with primitive electronic data transactions in the 1960s and the first online retail transaction in 1994 all the way up to the present-day popularity of e-commerce giants such as Amazon and eBay, Alibaba, Shopee and Lazada But the point of this column is not about e-commerce but the application of technology to serve the people better, faster and easier. While public service is a very important concept in governance the buzz word of smart has been often been attached to many things like smart city, smart governance and others. It’s see The possibility/ page 10 ...



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Para walang duda, walang kurapsyon!

Duterte says: Let’s purchase anti-coronavirus vaccines thru Government - to Government Negotiation

“The Philipines will purchase Anti-Coronavirus Vaccines through a government-to-government arrangement, once these become available in the market, in order to eliminate corruption,” President Duterte announced the other day.

Initially, the President offered the procurement deal to China, which announced earlier that they already had developed a vaccine; however, Duterte decided to offer the deal to other countries that may produce the highly-awaited vaccine.

“But let this be clear,” the President said -- “that we will pay for the products; we will not be asking for it; and the deal would be a direct government-to-government transaction so corruption will be avoided.”

Duterte informed Health Secretary Francisco Duque III about his decision on the vaccine purchase, through government-to-government transaction and cautioned authorities against dealing with private businessmen in the procurement of the products.

Wow, this is indeed a different story from a news Article this Columnist dug-up from the Philippine Star issue dated January 24, 2018, which reads as follows ...

No less than (then) Philippine President Benigno Noynoy Aquino III, (then) Budget Secretary Florencio Butch Abad and (then) Health Secretary Janette Loreto-Garin were in Paris, France. and personally met with the top officials of the French SANOFI PASTEUR PHARMACEUTICALS for the purchase of Dengvaxia Vaccines.

The triumvirate President Aquino, Budget Sec-

retary Abad & Health Secretary Loreto-Garin were already PERSONALLY NEGOTIATING the purchase of Dengvaxia Vaccines in December 2015...

... when at that same time, the Philippine Research Institute for Tropical Medicines (RITM) WAS STILL CONDUCTING TESTS ON SAMPLE DENGVAXIA VACCINES; and the Stage 3 of said Tests were finished only on September 2016 -- NINE (9) MONTHS AFTER the above-mentioned purchase negotiations were made by the “Triumvirate Team” in Paris, France. (Talang apurado!)

Upon their return to the Philippines on December 2015, Thursday, (9 days after the negotiations in Paris), then Health Secretary Janette Loreto-Garin submitted a proposal to the Dept. of Budget headed by Secretary Abad to purchase Three Million (3,000,000) doses of Dengvaxia Vaccines.

And so, even without the approval of the Philippine Research Institute for Tropical Medicines (RITM); the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) apparently disregarded the RITM, and approved the marketing & sales of Dengvaxia Vaccines. (Talang aprubado lagi...)

Then Malacanang Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa authorized Budget Secretary Abad to realign P12 Billion from the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund (MPBF) provision for “Various Health Projects” in 2015.

And so, DBM issued a Special Allotment Release Order or SARO to the DOH to cover the procurement of the Dengue Vaccine on 29 December 2015.

The Philippine government spent P3.5 Billion for the purchase of the Dengvaxia Vaccines for the mass immunization program, which was rolled out in April 2016, during the term of Loreto-Garin (PhilStar.com - 11 December 2017).

A phrase of the previous sentence has to be emphasized “P3.5 Billion Payment” in April 2016 -- which coincidentally is a month just before the presidential elections.

This Columnist dares to ask “Was the hurriedly-done transaction part of the “Alams na?”

-- Fast-Forward to 2017

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In November 29, 2017. French drugmaker Sanofi Pasteur released a statement, staying that “Their Dengue Vaccine, DENGVAXIA POSED RISKS TO INDIVIDUALS VACCINATED WITHOUT HAVING A PRIOR DENGUE INFECTION.”

This came some time after reports circulated of children dying allegedly from complications associated with the Dengvaxia vaccine.

Soon after, the Department of Health (DOH) suspended the vaccination in schools owing to the said concern.

Hmmm. This Columnist asks -- “Is this the main reason why no

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Automatic for the People

LEMELLE MONTALLANA

The possibility of smart public service delivery

There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an idea whose time has come-Victor Hugo

How can we be SMART in the context of public service? How can public sector be more responsive to the demand of a populace exposed to the danger of an invisible virus, as the general atmosphere of uncertainty hangs in the air?

The use of the term “smartness” in the context of public service delivery indicates an ambition of the public sector to become more agile and resilient through the adoption of emerging technologies

In the European Journal of Information System

Ott Velsberg conducted a study entitled Exploring smartness in public sector innovation - creating smart public services with the Internet of Things. Velsberg paper is relevant to discussions of smartness in public sector innovation as it explores how IoT solutions can be implemented in the public sector.

The thesis statement of the said study Smart Public Service is attainable and doable in Estonia. It’s the locale of the study and the problem in focus was the snow laden hardened roads in this European nation. This study focused in 32 municipalities with slippery, hard snowy roads making accidents request



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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)

EV’s power cooperatives to help Bicol restore its power toppled by Super Typhoon ‘Rolly’

TACLOBAN CITY- At least 100 linemen from 11 electric cooperatives from the region will be helping in the power restoration activities in Bicol after Super Typhoon “Rolly” brought massive brown-outs in the region over the weekend.

“We know the feeling of being devastated by a typhoon, when super typhoon Yolanda hit us. That is why, our team, the Region 8 Electric Cooperatives will immediately send help tomorrow (November 3),” said Allan Laniba, president of National Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives (Nagmec) and Association of General Managers in Eastern Visayas Electric Cooperatives (Agmevec).

The line workers team dubbed as Task Force Duterte - Power Restoration Rapid Deployment (TFD-PRRD) are coming from Don Orestes Romualdez Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Dorelco); Leyte Electric Coopera-

tive (Leyeco)-II, III, IV, V; Southern Leyte Electric Cooperative (Soleco), Biliran Electric Cooperative (Bileco), Samar Electric Cooperative (Samelco)-I,II; Eastern Samar Electric Cooperative (Esamelco); and Northern Samar Electric Cooperative (Norsamelco).

Laniba said 90 percent of poles and electrical power lines were toppled down and destroyed in the Bicol region due to Rolly.

“All Region 8 TFD-PRRD linemen will be working for 15 days in Region V-Bicol bringing with them heavy equipment like boom

trucks and tools to bring back light and hope in the area,” the official said in a statement.

The linemen will also undergo the required health protocols prior to their deployment.

The power restoration is in coordination with the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association Inc. (Philreca), National Electrification Administration (NEA), One EC Network Foundation, and the Federation of Rural Electric Cooperatives in Region 8 (Frecor-8).

(RONALD O. REYES)

2 arrested over illegal fishing in Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY-Police arrested two persons in separate anti-illegal fishing operations in Babatngon, Leyte Saturday (October 31).

The suspects, aged 32 and 28, were both fishermen from Barangay Sangputan of the said town.

The two allegedly violated the municipal fishery ordinance number 281, section 29 or the use of fine mesh net.

Police confiscated their non-motorized bancas, fishing nets, and assorted fish.

They were brought

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down.

But will China ever do that? Can it tame its pride of being a powerful military force of late? Can it allow other countries like the Philippines to claim their exclusive economic zones (EEZ) that it also shamefully claims? That’s rather unlikely. China will not eat its words, but will hold on to its pride, making violent clashes all the more likely. With both sides not giving in, a serious conflict could erupt soon, which may even trigger another world war. Such clashes would eventually drag in the rest of the claimant nations in this expanse of waters, including

the Philippines.

There is no question that China in recent decades has indeed emerged as a new superpower, but it would be wise if it also takes this alliance into account. These are not easy to bully like the rest of weaker nations in the region. These are, in fact, war veterans, battle-tested, and equipped with sophisticated weapons. India is now a superpower, too, with advanced weaponry. Australia has been an active participant in the past world wars. Japan was Asia’s conqueror a few decades ago, were it not for Western interven-

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less than Public Attorney’s Office head Persida Rueda-Acosa has filed charges against both Health Secretary Francisco Duque III and former Health Secretary Janette Loreto-Garin, for the deaths of 101 children who were inoculated with the Dengvaxia Vaccine?

And not only that, no less than Senate President Vicente Sotto III is now insisting that a Senate investigation be initiate in order to find out what happened to the P1.5 Billion that remain unac-

tion. And who would dare belittle the experience and weaponry of the United States in the area of battles? Combine these three and, my goodness, China ought to rather think twice.

Who will be at a loss? Our country, for sure, because ours will merely serve as a battlefield. If they go nuclear, and it’s likely they will, we would have the most number of casualties. Damage to properties would be great. And devastation could bring us backward to the ancient times.

counted for, “since out of the funds that were released for the purchase of the Dengaxia Vaccines, only the amount of P3 Billion was received as payment for the Vaccines,” as stated by Mr. Thomas Triomphe, head of the Sanofi Pasteur for Asia-Pacific.

Gosh, have we just uncovered the so-called “Tip of the Iceberg?” -- Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata!

(Additional Note: For additional news, Catch this Columnist in his Facebook Tente U. Quintero, twice weekly!)



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

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

LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. SPS. DARIO V. MANULAT & NGELITA YAP	JUNE 28, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	T-15366	10067	6.4202	KANANGA, LEYTE	NAGHALIN	NOVEMBER 9, 2020
5. LUCILA PEDERE	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	T-10123	2403-A	2.0000	LA PAZ, LEYTE	CALTAYAN	NOVEMBER 11, 2020
6. JOSE MACASUSI	JUNE 24, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	T-1492	1642	5.0809	ALANGALANG, LEYTE	SALVACION	NOVEMBER 12, 2020
7. JOSEFINA M. MARTINEZ	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	P-31729	Psu-08-005641	7.0164	VILLABA, LEYTE	JALAS	NOVEMBER 12, 2020
8. CONSORCIA TAMAYO	JUNE 19, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	T-11112	1998	5.8801	JARO, LEYTE	MAG-ASO	NOVEMBER 16, 2020

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

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

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Northern Samar
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

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

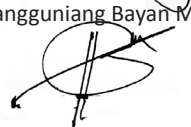
SECTION 11. Separability Clause – If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other part of provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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.



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Sangguniang Bayan Member


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Sangguniang Bayan Member

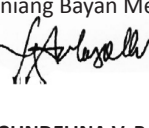

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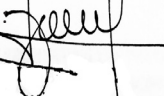

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Liga ng mga Barangay Federation
Vice President, Ex-Officio Member


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

751 violators arrested in 2-day police operation in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY- Law enforcers in the region have apprehended 751 persons engaging in various illegal activities during the two-day simultaneous anti-criminality law enforcement operations on October 27-28.

“We have just started launching ‘Project Rikupo’ but we were already able to arrest significant

number of individuals who are involved in various illegal activities,” said Brigadier General Ronaldo De Jesus, police regional director, in a press statement.

“In the coming operations, we will target more lawless elements so we can look forward to a more peaceful Eastern Visayas,” De Jesus added.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ZACARIAS FALLER AND JANUARIA GRAMA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at Ponong, Carigara, Leyte identified as Lot No. 10418 with TD No. 08-11006-00319 with lot area of 236.26 sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JOSE F. HAMTIG AND ANGELES S. HAMTIG as vendees of the 3/4 share of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 852, Page No. 170, Book No. 21, Series of 2013. Notary Public Atty. Edgar J. Tonolet. *LSDE: November 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GREGORIA NAZARET extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a portion of a parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 12441-B located at Brgy. Binolo, Tanauan, Leyte covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-87392 and TD No. 38014 00236 R13 containing an area of 300 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MICHAEL BENJAMIN P. TELMO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 245, Page No. 50, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Vicente B. Cañas. *LSDE: November 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE WITH PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RODOLFO BORBON ADEL, SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-CLOA-3888 situated at Brgy. Old Rizal, Cataman, Northern Samar containing an area of 19,697 square meters, more or less. That Lot 646-D-1 is adjudicated in favor of RODOLFO G. ADEL, JR.; Lot 646-D-2 is adjudicated in favor of JOY ROUMELIA G. ADEL; Lot 646-D-3 is adjudicated in favor of ROMEL G. ADEL; Lot 646-D-4 is adjudicated in favor of JEAN ROEL G. ADEL; Lot 646-D-5 is adjudicated in favor of IVY FLEDAH M. ADEL Per Doc No. 171, Page No. 35, Book No. II, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Arturo M. Cebujano. *LSDE: November 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

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 laye 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

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*

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 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*

Leyte SP approves P3.14 billion 2021 budget, fund allocated for COVID-19 response

TACLOBAN CITY – The members of the provincial board of Leyte has unanimously approved the annual budget of the province for next year in the total amount of P3.14 billion which is almost the exact amount of the current budget.

Based on the budget submitted by the office of Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla to the provincial board, 27.4 percent of the budget will be allocated to the development fund, 25.21 percent to the special purpose appropriate, 18.81 percent to health which covers hospitals, nutrition, population development and social welfare, 15.19 percent to general public service, 8.04 percent to economic services, and 5.04 percent to the local disaster risk reduction and management fund (LDRRMF).

Out of the P3.14 billion, Php2.7 billion is sourced from the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) share of the province while the remaining amount came from local taxes and hospitals income which are projected at P60 million and P250 million respectively, and P130 million from receipts due from PhilHealth for medicines and drugs as reimbursements to patients for PhilHealth availability.

In his letter to the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP), headed by Vice Gov. Carlo Loreto, Gov. Petilla enumerated his priorities and programs

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ELPIDIO ESTAVILLO SIBAYAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land and 1 commercial building particularly described as: 1) Commercial building situated at Salvacion Street, Brgy. Sabang-Tabok, Lavezares, Northern Samar. Commercial Lot with an area of 502 sq.m., more or less under TD No. 005-00086 2) Commercial building with an area of 30sq.m., under TD No. 005-00087 situated at Salvacion Street, Brgy. Sabang-Tabok, Lavezares, Northern Samar; 3) Rice land situated situated at Brgy. MacArthur, Lavezares, Northern Samar with an area of 1.5376 hectares covered by TD No. 014-00277. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of PAUL B. SIBAYAN AND SUSAN TADONG as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 2655, Page No. 63, Book No. 59 Series of 2020 Notary Public Atty. Garry Franco C. Puaaso. *LSDE: November 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EDUARDO GAYTANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 6073 with TD ARP No. 11-090030-00158 with an area 1,804sq.m., more or less located at Bayarong Brgy. Road, Brgy. Cantahay, Guiuan, Eastern Samar and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights, shares and participation unto MILAGROS GAYTANA PAGATPATAN over the above-described property. Per Doc No. 435, Page No. 87, Book No. 1, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Vincent A. Cableo, CPA. *LSDE: November 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that LILIA BERMEJO NIEDO heir of the late ANDRES BERMEJO NIEDO, JR. executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a car vehicle particularly described as: MV FILE NO: 0801-00000259520; ENGINE NO: 2GD4668542; CHASSIS NO: MHFGB8GS2K0896078; BODY TYPE: SUV; MAKE: TOYOTA; SERIES: FORTUNER 4X2 V; YEAR MODEL: 2019; PLATE NO: HAB4600 and heir hereby WAIVED all rights and shares in favor of ANNABELLE BERMEJO NIEDO over the above-described property. Per Doc No. 382, Page No. 77, Book No. 63, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Sherry Mae A. Arcales. *LSDE: November 3, 10 & 17, 2020*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MARIA MILAGROS C. PEREZ heir of the late DEAN-NA C. PEREZ executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot 213, Case 1, Cad 505 located at Brgy. Licod, Tanauan, Leyte covered by OCT No. 04885 containing an area of 180 square meters. Per Doc No. 100, Page No. 21, Book No. XII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Kenneth Spice M. De Veyra. *LSDE: November 3, 10 & 17, 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 riceland 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*



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Region VIII

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.

ENGR. EVELYN A. BOBIER
OIC-Regional Director

LSDE: October 27 & Nov. 3, 2020

for next year.

This includes the provision of livelihood projects to the people of Leyte mainly through farming and agri-fishery and non-agriculture projects; reduction or elimination of malnutrition among children in the province; improving health care through upgraded hospital facilities and competent doctors and personnel; implementation of infrastructure projects and facilities in the municipalities and barangays which is vital to local and national progress; establishments of drug education/rehabilitation centers for the prevention and treatment of drug users/dependents and campaign against illegal drug abuse in pursuance with the Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act (RA

9165); and lastly, for combating coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and provisions of initiative for social recovery plans.

The 2021 budget also aims to increase collection of local revenues through vigorous tax collection efforts and massive tax campaign and improve the health care services; provide youth or high school graduates with an education program on modern information and communication technology and introduction of livelihood programs; expansion and coverage of the Comprehensive Leyte Economic Development Program (Leyte Economics) in agriculture and fishery to cate more barangay; pursue tax mapping and re-

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Publication Notice
RA. 10172

Republic of the Philippines
City Civil Registry Office
Province of Eastern Samar
City of Borongan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby serve to the public that **ROSA ARTELE A. GLOBIO** has filed with this Office a **Petition for Change of Child’s first name** from **FLORO RUBEN** to **RUBEN**, in the Certificate of Live Birth of **FLORO RUBEN SABATE APURA**, who was born on **MAY 7, 1962** at **Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **SIMPLICIA DADIA SABATE** and **BENITO BEBITA APURA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file written opposition with this office not later than **13 Nov. 2020**.

(Sgd.) **MA. LUISA M. AZUL III**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: Nov. 3 & 10, 2020

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT
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Region VIII

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.

ENGR. EVELYN A. BOBIER
OIC-Regional Director

LSDE: October 27 & Nov. 3, 2020

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to ensure that the fund to be utilized are used properly and would benefit the people most.

“We are leaving it to the DBM to decide, instead us deciding what is best for our city. I think we should look at it in a way which is more important, the bike lane but what the DBM approves is the green space or the green space but they approved the proposal for

First batch... ...from Page 3

pension will be credited to the pensioner’s accounts on the last working day before the Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

The retiree-pensioners’ date of contingency is the date of their operation, sickness, or disability, as evaluated by the SSS. In contrast, for survivor (death) pensioners, this is the date of death of the deceased member.

On the other hand, the schedule of crediting of accrued pensions for the resumption of suspended pension due to non-compliance with the Annual Confirmation of Pensioners (ACOP) program is on the 16th day of the following month after compliance with the ACOP has been received and encoded. The pension run for the resumption is done every 20th day of the month.

Meanwhile, pensioners who are still receiving their pensions through non-PESONet participating banks or checks will continue to receive their pensions through their accounts until further notice. Their pensioners’ crediting schedule will follow the previous disbursement schedule, based on their date of contingency.

This gives them ample time to enroll in a PESONet bank, e-wallet, or RTC/CPO disbursement account with the SSS and their banks to pursue PESONet participation.

For further information on the disbursement of pension through PESONet and other checkless disbursement channels and its corresponding schedule of releases, click on this link <https://bit.ly/2HHaV12>, follow the SSS on Facebook at “Philippine Social Security System,” Instagram at “mysssp,” Twitter at “PHLSSS,” or join the SSS Viber Community at “MySSSPH Updates”. (PR)

the urban bike lane,” the vice mayor said.

“Hopefully if this will be implemented, this could help in easing traffic situation and also in the safety of bikers,” Yakasin added.

The proposed Tacloban Urban Bike Lane will cost P21.79 million and will cover a total of 28 kilometers from the city downtown area to astrodome then to the park near the GMA Kapuso Housing, according to Tacloban City Engineer Chief Dionisio de Paz.

Prior to creating the proposal, the city government had called for a meeting with different bike organizations, de Paz said.

Included in the proposal is the construction of a waiting shed, bike parking area, and structures that will separate motorists to bikers, and bike lanes in road designated as one way street.

Protective equipment are to be installed like the structural barriers to protect the bikers who are traversing bike lanes located along the national highways.

“We have structures that will separate vehicles from bike lane; there are also areas

where we will use paint as markings,” De Paz said.

“In Anibong, since residents of this area are to be relocated, road will be extended for the construction of bike lane,” he added.

De Paz added motorcycles are not allowed to use the bike lane.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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vision of real property tax assessments; and grant and establishments of non-agricultural industry as value adding to existing livelihood of farmers.

“We will continue to deliver to our constituents the services necessary for the upliftment of the economic lives of the Leyteños which has been displayed in the past six years,” Gov. Petilla said.

“We also commit to expand the implementation of infrastructure programs, to put this province in the limelight of peace, security, progress, and development,” he added.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)
CFN-0004-2020

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that MA. JOCELYN E. MONGE has filed with this office a (complete name of the petitioner)

Petition for change of First name from MARIA JOCELYN to MA. JOCELYN in the (first name to be changed) (new first name to be adopted)

Birth certificate of MA. JOCELYN ELARDO MONGE (Complete Name of Document Owner)

who was born on July 22, 1966 at Palo, Leyte and (complete date of birth) (Place of Birth)

whose parents are Teodoro Monge and Angeles Elardo (Name of Father) (Name of Mother)

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

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

LSDE: Nov. 3 & 10, 2020

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She added that if connectivity becomes a problem, another possible way is by documenting the events and upload them on social media sites like Facebook.

Although lined-up activities for the event next year are already in place, the tourism official disclosed that the infrastructure component of the program did not materialized due to budget constraint after the fund was re-aligned for COVID-19 response of the national

government.

“We also have a structure that we asked for funding from TIEZA (Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority) but unfortunately due to COVID-19 the budget was realigned. So TIEZA is hoping that next year this will be continued,” Tiopes said.

The town of Guiuan in Eastern Samar is on finalizing stage of its activities, she added. The group of Ferdinand Magellan landed in Homonhon Island on March 16, 1521 before proceeding to Limasawa.

“They were waiting for

EDC, ASUS distribute laptops to Leyte scholars, support students in “new normal”

Thirty four SIKAT scholars of Lopez-led geothermal leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) recently received their brand new ASUS laptops last 22-23 October as the learning environment in the country shifted to online and modular classes due to threats of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

EDC tapped Taiwan-based multinational computer and electronics company ASUS to provide laptops for free to the SIKAT scholars in Kanaunga, Leyte and Ormoc City as they venture towards the new normal of online learning.

EDC Corporate Social Responsibility Head for its



sity, expressed her utmost gratitude to EDC and ASUS for their support in achieving her dreams of completing tertiary education. “Words cannot describe how thankful

will help the students attend synchronous classes, execute their class assignments and do research for their class requisites.

Moreover, each student beneficiary of the laptops also received one unit of pocket wifi from EDC to enable them to connect to the internet and have hassle-free remote learning access and environment.

SIKAT is EDC’s flagship education program that aims to help the youth in EDC’s host communities to have access to quality education and enable them to become productive citizens and change-makers in our society.

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

In total, EDC generates over 40% of the Philippines’ renewable 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)



Leyte geothermal facility, Erwin Magallanes, said it has always been the company’s top priority to support unprivileged but deserving students through its newly branded flagship education program SIKAT.

Magallanes, likewise, expressed his gratitude to ASUS for its laptop donation to SIKAT scholars. “We thank ASUS for their support to our program, which will definitely help our students in obtaining quality education despite the current remote learning set-up,” he said.

One of the recipients, Rica Baring, Batch 2018 BS Mechanical Engineering from Visayas State Univer-

we, SIKAT scholars, are for receiving the laptops. Through this, we can accomplish and perform our school tasks efficiently. We are eternally grateful for the support that the companies have provided us. This will serve as our inspiration to strive harder in chasing our dreams,” Baring said.

Kanaunga town Mayor Matt Torres facilitated the turnover of 20 laptops to SIKAT scholars in Kanaunga, Leyte while 14 laptop units were given to scholars from Ormoc City.

The laptop units, with memory capacity of 1 TB HDD and runs an Intel Core i3-1005G1 Processor,

the National Quincentennial Commission (NQC) to guide them on what they should do,” Tiopes said.

Among activities prepared by the LGU is the tour dubbed as “Alagayam” a local term for “to care” which reflects what had happened 500 years ago when the locals provided food to the fleet of Ferdinand Magellan.

“We are supposed to have a meeting early part of this year. We requested for a meeting with the NQC, and the concern local government units and the provincial government of Eastern Samar and Southern Leyte, unfortunately we had this quarantine that is why this did not push through,” she added.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



N. Samar town execs request their area be placed under MECQ due to spike of COVID-19 cases

TACLOBAN CITY - The municipal inter-agency task force (MIATF) in Mondragon, Northern Samar had requested the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force to place six of its villages under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) from November 2 until November 15.

The request, signed by Mayor Mario Madera as head of the council, is due to the spike of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in their town.

The MIATF agreed to declare the six barangays that have active cases to be placed under MECQ,

thereby imposing stricter protocols on the movement of persons within the respective barangays," the resolution said.

The municipality has recorded 53 COVID-19 cases of which 40 are still active cases while 13 are already classified as recovered.

Villages to be placed under 14-day MECQ are Bugko, Chitongco, Eco, Imelda, Makiwalo, and Nenita.

"This will help ensure that prevention of the spread of the virus and the delivery of essential health care services to the affected residents," Mayor Madera said, citing the reason why

these barangays are to be placed under MECQ.

"This will also allow the local government unit to better manage and implement its COVID-19 response and mitigation mechanisms," he added.

Based on the data of the LGU, in Bugko village, 17 residents are confirmed infected by the disease where they have 104 identified close contacts and 12 secondary contacts.

Chitongco has five confirmed cases, Eco has four, Makiwalo has seven, while Imelda and Nenita both have two confirmed cases. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

The possibility... ...from Page 5

my view that for our public officials today whether elected or appointed, tenured or not must harness the power of technology, internet and even attached concepts like robotics to better serve the people.

Recent innovations like Radio Frequency Identifications (RFID), Bar Codes, Motion Sensors, FB Messengers, Viber, and Various Cellular Phone Applications must be infused into governance and service delivery.

Prior to the onslaught of Super Typhoon 'Rolly,' the strongest for this year, obvious multimedia clutters

with proactive actions from Mayors who does not only wants to convey a strong message of preparedness but was also willing that their efforts can be copied and emulated. Mayor Roland Evardone of Article Eastern Samar vividly show the preparatory like meetings of the NDRRMC, Prepositioned Relief Goods and Evacuation efforts. In Tacloban City, information was shared fast, aimed on giving warning to the city the ground zero of the epoch of a typhoon in Haiyan. While, the tracing app in Tacloban called QR Code continue to be an effective tool for tracing the virus carrier and isolating them. These things are

often relegated as something trivial and not so important. But taken away from the daily lives of people, it's without a doubt that life will be hard. It will even be catastrophic because these are little things that are vital to the way of doing things.

While the locale of that Velsberg study is Estonia, the concept of Smart Public Service is viable and applicable here in the Philippines. And while many of our public officials this is the exception and rarity and not the rule.

Having innovations, harnessing the power of the internet and mainstreaming access and involvement of the people using available technology is an innovative and inclusive governance mechanism that would not only be advantageous but would create the impact it needs. In a nutshell, Smart Public Service is an idea whose time has come.

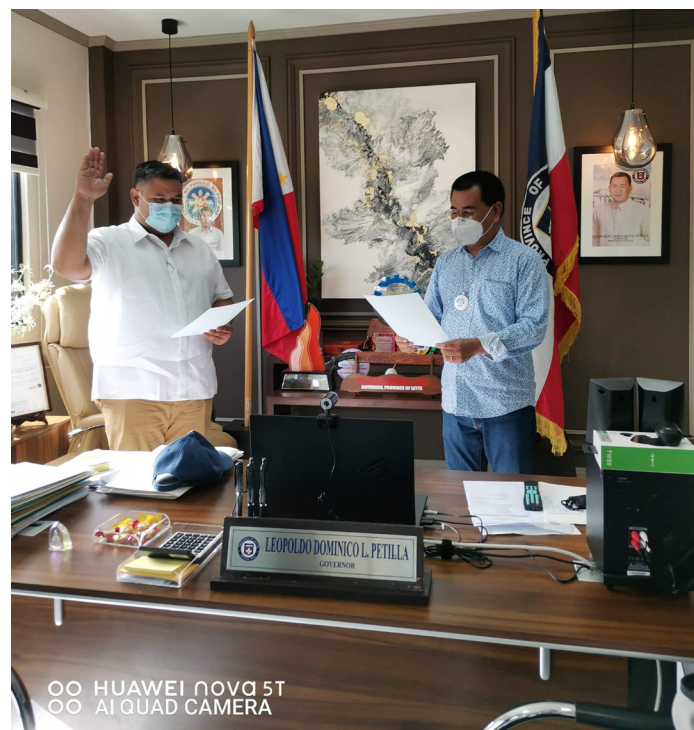
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Gov. Petilla administers oath of new Baybay city councilor

TACLOBAN CITY - A new councilor in Baybay City has taken his oath and assumed office as one of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) members of the city, a report from the Leyte Governor's Office said.

Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla told reporters in an interview that he administered the oath taking of Ramon Ronald Veloso as the new councilor of Baybay City, replacing his father, Vicente Victor Veloso, who resigned his post.

Petilla informed reporters that the oath taking ceremony which was attended by some officials of Baybay City and from the province of Leyte was held October 27, 2020 at the Governor's Office at the Government Center, Palo town. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico 'Mic' L. Petilla administered the oath-taking of Ramon Ronald Jabines Veloso as councilor of Baybay City, replacing his father, Vicente Victor Veloso. The simple ceremony was held on October 27 at the Governor's Office at the Government Center, Barangay Candahug, Palo town. (GINA P. GEREZ)

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The 751 personalities were involved in illegal gambling, illegal fishing, illegal logging and violators of municipal ordinances across the region.

According to De Jesus, the project "encompasses preparation, validation, investigation, and intervention phases in order to ensure the systematic conduct of operations."

The implementation of anti-criminality operation led to the arrest of 252 individuals in Leyte; 127 in Southern Leyte; 112 in

Eastern Samar; 98 in Ormoc City; 84 in Biliran; 39 in Northern Samar; 24 in Samar; and 15 in Tacloban City.

The arrested persons,

along with the confiscated items, were brought to their respective police stations for filing of criminal charges.

(RONALD O. REYES)

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