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*The latest to die is a five-year old boy*

# COVID-19 deaths in region now at 82

JOEY A. GABIETA

**TACLOBAN CITY**-The number of deaths due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) complications of the region is now at 82 with a five-year old boy as among the latest to have reportedly succumbed due to the dreaded virus.

Based on the report of the Department of Health(DOH), the five-year old boy is from Maslog town in Eastern Samar who died last November 19.

This raises the province's number of deaths to seven.

Despite of the increasing number of fatalities,

the DOH said that the death toll due to COVID-19 complications is just less than one percent out of the region's total COVID-19 cases.

As of Monday, the region's total COVID-19 cases is now at 8,282 with eight new cases were reported by

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## Market vendor from Guiuan wins P20.39 million lotto prize

**TACLOBAN CITY**-A market vendor from Guiuan town in Eastern Samar could now claim to be among the country's multi-millionaires.

This after he won the P20.39 million 6/42 draw of the Philippine Charity Sweepstake Office (PCSO) held last Saturday (Nov. 21).

His winning number combination was 13, 42, 03, 31, 02 and 22. He bought his winning ticket at P20.

A source from the PCSO-Tacloban told Leyte Samar Daily Express that the man, who was said to be on his 40s' and married, came to the lotto outlet where he bought his ticket last Sunday to verify his winning ticket.

PCSO does not disclose lotto winners for their own security and safety. The lotto outlet where winners bought their tickets also get some financial rewards. Guiuan Mayor An-

naliza Gonzales-Kwan, reached on her mobile phone, said that she hopes that the 'very lucky man' would spend his money wisely.

"He is a very lucky man and I hope he will spend his money wisely. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she said.

The town mayor added that she is willing to advise the man on what to do on his winning.

Gonzales Kwan owns a rural bank in Guiuan town.

The town mayor, however, admitted that he does not know personally that one of her town mates won the country's biggest lottery.

According to her, she only learned about the matter through social media.

Last November one, lucky better from Ormoc City also won the 6/42 regular lotto draw with a prize of P48.7 million.  
(JOEY A. GABIETA)



**ROAD SAFETY.**The Sirakwarayon Eagles Club of Eastern Visayas, led by its president lawyer Neil Sia, left enters a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Health and Land Transportation Office, among others, on road safety advocacy campaign as a way to reduce, if not eliminate road accidents which is now considered as the third cause of death in the country. Story on Page 3.

(Photo Courtesy, LAURA PAJARES)

## Tacloban City Agriculturist's Office holds second planting activity for commercialized dragon fruit production

**TACLOBAN CITY**-At least 176 dragon fruit stem cuttings were planted at the Agriculture Livelihood and Food Resource Development (ALFRED) Center see Tacloban /page 2 ...



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The city government of Tacloban is pushing for planting of dragon fruits for commercial purposes as 176 more dragon fruit cuttings were planted by the City Agriculture Office at the Agriculture Livelihood and Food Resource Development Center (ALFRED).

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



# Couple, once NPA assets, now live peacefully in a village in Samar town

MARABUT, Samar- Two years ago, Virgil and his wife Estreng were ordered by members of the New People's Army (NPAs) to leave their village in Guirang, Basey town after they were suspected to be military assets.

Leaving no choice and afraid of their security, the elderly couple packed up their belongings and hastily sold their properties to their neighbors and moved to the nearby town of Marabut.

Virgil, 70 and his wife 60-year old wife were punished by the NPAs of 'destierro' or by vanishing them out of Guirang on suspicion that they were military informants which they strongly denied.

The couple could still recalled the scenario at that time: several men, armed with heavy firearms, arrived on their village and surrounded their house, directing them to leave their house immediately.

"They arrived at night and told us to leave the village. We're not military informants. We don't know why they did it to us," Estreng said.

## Police faces blank wall on the killing of siblings in Ormoc City

ORMOC CITY-The local police here remain in a blank wall over the killing of two siblings and the wounding of another sister.

This was admitted by Lt. Joseph Inay, officer-in-charge of this city's police station 1.

Redford Judilla, 31 and her younger sister, Riza-lina Cañete, 29, were shot several times last Saturday (Nov. 21) night while they were preparing their dinner in front of their nipa hut in sitio Lanyog

Estreng revealed that she used to collect rice and other foods including cash from their neighbors and gave them to rebels.

While they did this act for almost 40 years, it was out of fear and for their own safety, she said.

She also recalled that when super typhoon 'Yolanda' hit their town, the food aids that they received from the government and private groups were given to the rebels.

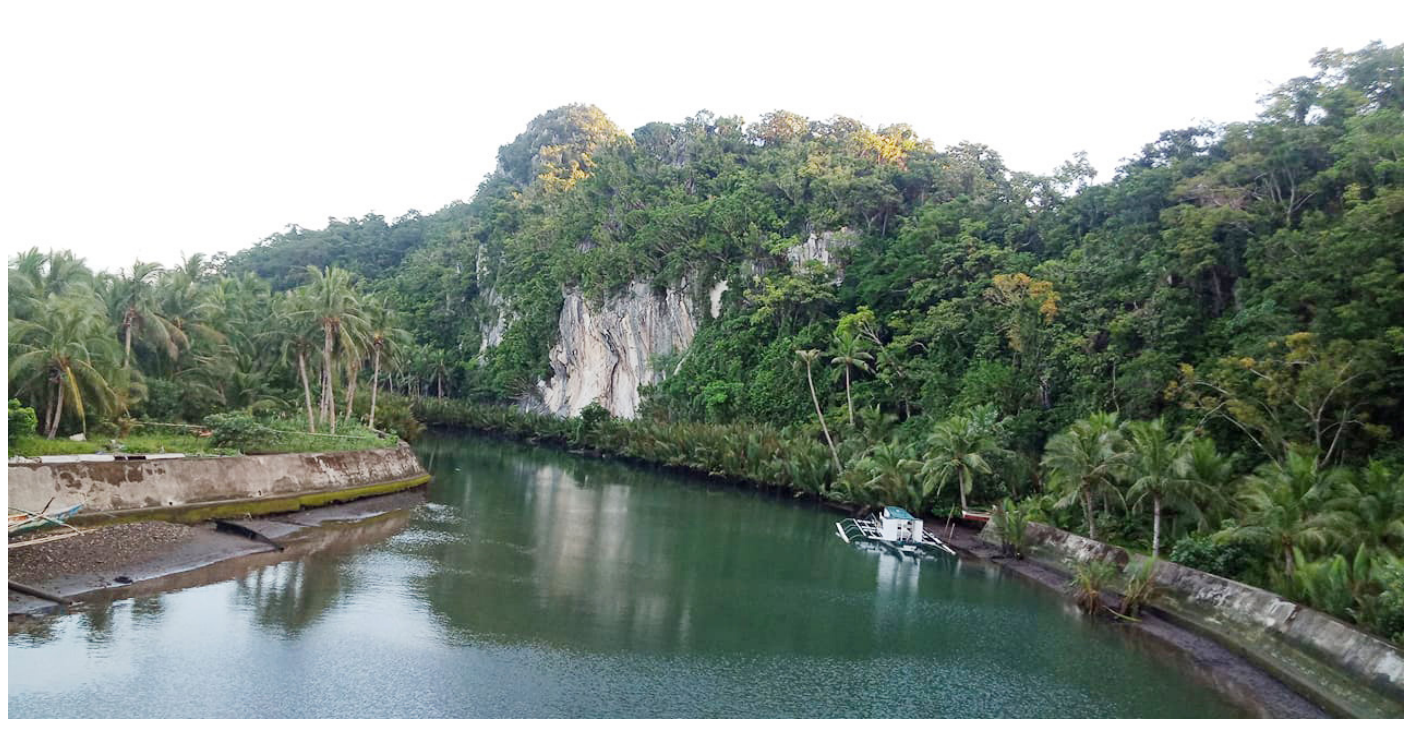
Looking back, the couple said that they have no regret of leaving Guirang as they now feel safe and secure with their new home in Marabut.

The couple, aside from having a variety store, tend to planting root crops, pineapples, and bananas, as their source of income.

The Philippine National Police is also assisting the couple to receive assistance from the national government through the enhanced comprehensive local integration program (E-CLIP).

Incidentally, Brgy. Guirang has been identified as one of the 16 villages as a site for the PNP lead retooled community support program (RCSP).

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



Malopalo Marble Park, located at Brgy. Malopalo, Tinambacan, District, Calbayog City one of the tourist destinations in Calbayog City.

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the DOH last Sunday (Nov. 22).

Meantime, an 80-year old man San Antonio town in Northern Samar is among the latest individuals from the region to have contracted the dreaded virus.

The octogenarian is now confined in one of the private hospitals here in Tacloban since November 19 due to his recurring coughs.

His swabbed result turned to be positive which was released by the DOH last Nov. 20. He is now the fourth COVID-19 patient

of the town.

According to San Antonio rural health office, family members of the 80-year old man are now quarantined being his close contacts.

In Guiuan town, Mayor Annaliza Gonzales Kwan said that all of their 12 contract tracers were quarantined as they were exposed to a person who turned out to be COVID-19 positive.

"But despite of their being quarantined, all our 12 contact tracers are still doing their jobs. They continue to call the close contacts of COVID-19 patients," she said.

Gonzales Kwan also said that the 11 health workers of the town which were earlier isolated after they contracted the virus have resumed their work.

On Monday (Nov. 23), the town mayor lifted the hard lock she imposed across the municipality due to rising number of

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

led by Dr. Alfredo 'Boy' Camposano, head of the City Agriculturist Office (CAO).

This is the second time that dragon stem cuttings were planted at the ALFRED Center as 104 stem cuttings were also planted there last October 23.

ALFRED Center, a 3-hectare farm, now grows, dragon fruit, watermelon, squash, ampalaya (melon gourd), cucumber, eggplant, upo, to name a few, is estimated to accomplish the Plant Nursery, Scion Grove Fruit Development Site, Sunflower Fields, Queen Pineapple Planta-

COVID-19 cases.

The town remains to be under the status of general community quarantine.

Guiuan has 68 total cases of which 45 remain active with three deaths.

tion, and the Greenhouse Tunnel Tomatoes by next year.

According to Dr. Camposano, said planting activity which is considered a teambuilding activity enables all the employees of the CAO to work and have fun together.

He likewise encourages the Taclobanons, especially those who are interested to venture into farming, to visit the City Agriculturist's Office on weekdays as they are willing to offer the necessary technical assistance. It is not only their obligation but their passion to help develop farms, he added.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



# Sirakwaraynon signs agreement with government agencies on road safety

TACLOBAN CITY-A memorandum of agreement was entered into by Sirakwaraynon Eagles Club with various government agencies on Sunday (Nov. 22) with the aim of at least

helping reduce road accidents.

Lawyer Niel Sia, Sirakwaraynon Eagles Club president, said that their group is one with road safety to ensure that road accidents could be avoided, if not minimized.

"We will serve on the paralegal (aspect) as we have several lawyers in Sirakwaraynon Eagles Club. Road accidents is the number three cause of death in the country. With this partnership, we want to minimize, if not avoid, these road accidents," Sia said in an interview.

Among the govern-

ment agencies that signed the agreement were the Department of Health, Land Transportation Office, the provincial board of Leyte, the city government of Tacloban through Tomeco (Traffic Operations, Management, Enforcement and Control Office).

The signing of the agreement was held coinciding the launching of the road safety advocates last Sunday which also marks the annual observance of the World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Victims.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

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SPECIAL REPORT

*Black sand operations in MacArthur, Leyte*

# Town parish priest ask mining company to shut down its operation; MPIC insist they are not yet doing any mining operations

Catholic priest Amadeo Alvero took to social media to appeal for the stoppage of an alleged ongoing black sand mining operation in the small town of MacArthur in Leyte.

"I am pleading with my bended knees... This appeal I made in behalf of those who love and want to protect our environment," said Alvero on November 19.

The MacArthur Iron Project Corp. (MIPC) was granted a mining permit by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Mine and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) covering more than 2,000 hectares in MacArthur, Javier and Abuyog towns, all in Leyte.

In his open letter, the priest called on the attention of all municipal and provincial officials and concerned national agencies like the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Mine and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

Alvero, the parish priest of the St. Isidore the Worker who is known for offering "door-to-door" confession and communion due

to the pandemic lockdown, also recalled the recent "tremendous and great flooding in Cagayan, Manila, Marikina and many other places" which for him were aggravated by environmental-related destructions.

"If we protect the environment from destructions, the environment will protect us from destructions. If we protect the Mother Earth, our Mother Earth will protect us in return," Alvero posted on his Facebook account.

The open letter, which went viral, gained support from the locals who thanked Alvero for tackling the issue.

"A brave one to express a concern for everyone's welfare! No one will dare to expose this kind of activity for fear," commented one social media user, who also wished for the priest safety and God's blessing in his fight.

"I know and understand we cannot win our battle against the black sand mining without the help of our dear government leaders. And so I am humbly appealing to the deepest of their hearts to help us stop this black sand mining here in MacArthur, Leyte for the

sake of those who have died and those who are still suffering because of the great flooding in Cagayan and many other places, and for the sake of those who will suffer and die in the future if we do not protect our environment," Alvero further wrote.

MacArthur, named after American general Douglas MacArthur who liberated the Philippines during World War II following his historic naval landings in the shores of Leyte, is a fifth-class municipality in the province.

The small town, with a population of over 21,000 in the 2015 census, gained national attention when a fish kill struck its Lake Bito in 2012, decimating the livelihoods of its villagers while raising some questions about nearby mining safety during that time.

In November 2013, the town was also devastated by super typhoon Yolanda, which killed over 6,000 persons mostly in Leyte and Samar areas.

## No to irresponsible mining

Alvero maintained that he is not opposing mining,



but only for the irresponsible ones.

"I am for anti-irresponsible mining, of which all the previous mining operations were irresponsible," he told Leyte Samar Daily Express.

"That is why I oppose any mining, particularly black sand mining without first rehabilitation of all the previous mined areas--Barangays San Pedro, Pongon, Tuyo, and perhaps all the previously mined area in other towns, like Tolosa and Mayorga," he added.

"If the said areas will be rehabilitated, maybe it will soften the heart of the locals," Alvero said.

However, the priest did not identify any names of mining companies operating in the town.

In his Facebook account, Alvero also posted a video

and photos which for him looked like ongoing black sand mining activities in the middle of farmland in Barangay Maya.

He asked whether the mining activities have the necessary government permits.

In a separate interview with Leyte Vice Governor Carlo Loreto, said that the one who would issue black sand mining concessions is MGB central office in Manila.

According to him, the issuance of concessions or permits for black sand mining is already strict and centralized from the start of the then president Benigno Aquino III.

According to MGB, MIPC's processing plant has 4,000 tons of iron sand for debugging purposes and is expected to process 8-10% of its feed with a cut-off grade of 50.

Its process is physical separation of magnetite concentrate from raw sand via magnetic separators and sieve screens, it added.

As this developed, MIPC came forward on November 20, debunking the allegations of Father Alvero.

"The management of MIPC totally denies claims of Fr. Alvero's baseless posts on Facebook generally implying that an existing mining operations in the municipality of MacArthur does not have valid permits and licenses from concerned government agencies," the mining company said in a statement on November 20.

The management maintained that it has "secured all necessary permits, licenses

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## Leyte gov't to introduce hydroponics farming method using container vans

TACLOBAN CITY- The provincial government of Leyte will be launching a pilot farming project that will save farmers from using a wide area of land in cultivating crops.

Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla revealed this saying that the project uses hydroponics farming technique which they will implement in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology,

Atenio De Manila, Arizona State University, and the Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU).

Compared with the traditional gardening, hydroponics is a concept of using less soil, less space, and less water, and proved to have several advantages over solid gardening with a growth rate of 30-50 percent faster, and yield of plants is also greater.

Because hydroponics also uses less soil, it get rid of soil-borne diseases and pests that normally affects the plants.

"The good thing about this project is because we are using container vans. During times of natural calamities and disasters like typhoon, we can transfer the vans to safer place where the typhoon will not directly hit," Petilla said.

Two container vans are to be used in the pilot testing of hydroponics farming where one is going to be place inside the EVSU-Main campus while the other one is at the La Granja De Reyna, a Leyte Economic beneficiary, based here in the city.

The two container vans are provided by the provincial government while the technical aspect of the program are to be provided by its partners.

"Initially, they will try growing lettuce, then eventually they will try other crops like tomatoes, (and) bell pepper," Petilla said.

Other plants that can be grown using hydroponics includes butter crunch, spinach, herbs like basil

and mint, strawberries, cucumber and flowers like marigold.

The governor said that they are targeting to launch the program before the year is over or once the construction of the hydroponic system inside the container vans are finished.

"Our main goal here is to have agricultural resiliency for our farmers livelihood. Even a strong typhoon hits our province, our farmers will immediately resume their livelihood because their crops are protected. They can plant their crops whole year round," Petilla said. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla received the symbolic key from Dr. Exuperia Sabalberino, officer-in-charge of the Departemnt of Health -8, on November 11, 2020 during the turn over of the new buliding of Western Leyte Provincial hospital in Baybay City. The construction of the said building was funded by the DPWH worth P200 million. Joining himwere Dr. Grace Fernandez, chief of hospital ;Dr. Norberto Oja, Baybay City health officer, Diogracias Pernites, Baybay City administrator and Engr. Toribio Udtuhan, DPWH-O and Dr. Minerva Molon former DOH regional director. The turn over was held at the conference room of the Department of Health government center Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)



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## The fate of a sports complex

**W**ith the groundbreaking ceremony for a provincial government complex last November 17 pushing through, the fate of the Samar Provincial Athletic Field, or the Samar Sports Complex locally known as Grandstand was good as sealed. It will be privatized, a soon locale for a Department Store and Supermarket as well as a 1000-seater Samar Provincial Convention Center, plus a terminal and a hotel.

Built in 1953 and regarded by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines as a heritage site for its historical and cultural value, this famous oval had repeatedly been home to historic athletic competitions and cultural presentations in the past. But over the recent decades, the sports complex had deteriorated as evidenced by its old structures that had been falling apart, made filthy by the lack or absence of necessary maintenance.

Despite its historical and cultural significance, this Grandstand obviously has not made it to the provincial government's top priorities for decades, hence its seeming abandonment and non-rehabilitation. Unproductive at that, they might as well transform the

site into a bustling business complex that could generate local employment and help improve people's lives, not to mention the elegance and amenities that it could contribute to the city and nearby towns and villages. Somehow, this will also spare the province of costly repairs that may not yield returns of investments.

But much as the people deserve modern amenities and facilities to enjoy, they also deserve to have this historic site intact, not just as a breathing space from a heavily congested city, but as a source of pride and identity. Old heritage sites are not to be dismantled, like what Greece, Rome, Egypt, China, and many others did—they preserved and maintained their glory and grandeur for the next generations to cherish. Malls and convention centers are great urban embellishments, but they can mushroom elsewhere without necessarily displacing a great landmark whose worth they can never replace.

The mathematical concepts of addition and multiplication would best suit our quest for development and progress. But if we will go for subtraction and mere replacement of existing structures, it could be tantamount to losses. Yes, we gain something new, but we also lose something very important.



**Things To Mind**

**DOMS PAGLIAWAN**

### Pros and cons of human cloning

Of all the questions hurled against cloning since its inception in the 19th century, its version involving humans for subjects has been the most controversial, greeted as it was with ethical debates that eventually reveal both its claimed benefits and the feared drawbacks.

Apart from having humans for subjects, cloning

seems to abound with advantages. Imagine being able to produce plants and animals that identically recreate the originals from which they were derived! This means, from the layman's point of view, that you can be assured of quality plant and animal offspring, in case you are into agriculture, thus resulting in a better harvest and more

income. All you need are healthy sources or parents.

On the surface, cloning is but a way through which animals and plants are reproduced asexually. It started as scientific experiments in the 19th century using salamanders, sea urchins, and frogs. But the word cloning, from the Greek word 'clon', was devised only in the early twentieth century by a plant physiologist Herbert Webber who needed a name for his method of taking a plant's graft then growing it into another identical plant.

This idea extended from plants to humans with science fiction works like Aldous Huxley's Brave New World, which offered the idea of copying human beings. Since then cloning, as applied to humans, has been generating ethical controversies. There are undoubtedly certain benefits of this kind of genetic engineering. A family who lost a father,

for instance, may have him 'back again' through a cloned individual who is genetically identical to him.

But according to Leon Kass, a conservative American ethicist, human cloning distorts the relationships and that sense of human dignity. As an asexual mode of creating progeny, it would impair the sense of family and normal relationships in it. It would further confuse the vital concept of being a father, a brother, a mom, a sister, an uncle, and humanity would undergo some drastic changes.

Another perceived advantage of human cloning is that parents can accordingly choose the traits of their children, and as such, they would go for the most superior qualities—tall, good-looking, strong, brilliant, and many more—hence the enhancement of

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What's New  
Mr. Q?  
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DID'JA KNOW the latest info  
about COVID-19 Vaccines?

DID'JA KNOW THAT Pharmaceutical Industries & Research Centers around the world are now racing to produce effective, with no negative side effects & affordable Anti-Coronavirus Vaccines?

THAT as required by the World Health Organization, all new drugs and vaccines have to go through and pass a series of duly monitored tests that may last from Three (3) to about Six (6) months, at enormous expenses to the concerned pharmaceutical industries?

THAT the 'basic' Test or Phase One only involves a few participants and the individual results are monitored?

THAT in the 2nd Test or Phase Two, several hundred participants are used or inoculated, and the individual results are strictly monitored?

THAT in the 3rd and final Test or Phase Three, several thousands of participants are used or inoculated and the individual results are very strictly monitored and recorded?

THAT once positive results are confirmed, that's the time that the disposal and eventual use of the new drugs and/or vaccines are approved and World Health Certification/s are issued.

NOW, DID'JA KNOW - THAT the following Eight (8) International Pharmaceutical Industries are way ahead in this so-called 'race' to produce acceptable Anti-Coronavirus Vaccines' and are now on their Phase 3 Tests?

Astra-Zeneca Plc of Great Britain, with their AZN.L Vaccine CanSino Biologics, Inc. of China with their Ad5-NcOv Vaccine China Biotech Group of China with their Sino-vac Vaccine Gamaleya Research Institute of Russia with their Sputnik V Vaccine Johnson & Johnson Pharma, Inc. of the United States with their JNJ-784367735 Vaccine

Sinovac Biotech, Ltd. of China with their Sinovac Vaccine

Moderna Pharma Industries, Inc. of the United States, which just announced that their experimental Vaccine -- Covid-19 was shown to be 94.5% effective based on the early results from Phase 3 clinical tests with more than 30,000 participants.

Pfizer Pharmaceutical Industries, also of the United States, in partnership with BioNTech Pharmaceuticals of Germany with their BNT162b2 Vaccines.

The efficacy of this Pfizer-BNT162B2 has been pegged at 90% effective, as demonstrated in Pfizer's 3rd level testing or Phase 3 Study of 43,538 participants from 150 clinical trial sites in Six (6) countries, which included Thirty-Nine (39) States in the United States.

NOW, DID'JA KNOW THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A 100% EFFECTIVE VACCINE?

THAT a Vaccine that is 70% effective is already classified among giant pharmaceutical, science & technical laboratories as a "Very Good Vaccine?"

THAT the fact is, Vaccines for other diseases are only 50% effective; but they are used large scale in many countries all over the world?

THAT the latest information gathered from the so-called "Participants in the World-Wide Race" is the production of the Vaccines that are--

- 1) The Most Effective
- 2) With No Untoward Side-effects on those Inoculated
- 3) And, have Affordable Selling Price/s.

AND LASTLY, DID'JA KNOW --

THAT Secretary Carlito Galvez of the Task Force Anti-Coronavirus Vaccine faces a major problem in that the said Anti-Coronavirus Vaccines require ex-

tremely cold temperatures while in storage?

THAT transporting Vaccines to the Philippines could post a major problem, because containers have to be extremely cold?

THAT the other major problem is that, as of now, the Philippines has no facility to store millions upon millions of such sensitive Vaccines, when they arrive in the Philippines?

THAT the additional major problem would be the installation of these extremely cold storage facilities in the military camp, as proposed by President Rodrigo Duterte?

THAT now, after YOU (dear Reader) have read the above questions, you'll should know now!



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CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

The Pandemic Optimistic  
Psychology

In the depth of winter, I finally learned there was in me  
an invincible summer.  
-Albert Camus

After almost ten months of community quarantine and restrictive movement, with businesses in hibernation and sometimes death, these time of year should have been a good time to be optimistic. Last November 15, we saw the distribution of Year End Bonuses and somehow that created a stimulant and pump prime spending. But now with November in its home stretch and December on the door, the COVID Pandemic had stolen the thunder of the holidays.

The question with the hundreds of thousands civil servants like me is that, now that the Year-end Bonus is gone what is there to look forward beyond the biting gloomy days we still have?

Psychology and Human Resource Management are meshed together by one common thing—people. And rewards, motivation and performance are vital topics in Human Resource Management. Then, the question came to me as a Human Resource Practitioner, what can managers do to engage and illicit performance from its people beyond Year-end Bonus time?

For any manager worth its salt, may it be in the private or public sector it's important to understand that the strategy would be beyond that thing of year-end bonus past. This



Commentary  
FR. ROY CIMAGALA

To be with God is  
always feasible

WE need to constantly remember that we are nothing without God. God is everything to us. We should never dare to think that we can be on our own, relying simply on our own human powers, no matter how good they are according to some human and worldly standards.

God is always with us. Being our creator, he does not only put us into existence, but also maintains us all throughout our existence. He is at the very core of our life which, to be sure, is not only an animal life, but rather a human life, endowed with an immortal soul. We are meant for an eternal life. Our death is only a transition to our definitive life in eternity either in heaven or in hell.

We should do everything to correspond properly to this basic truth about ourselves. We have to consciously live our life with God always, and that is not only possible but also highly feasible, if we only do our part.

We have to learn to live by faith, making many acts of faith during the day so that we would always be aware of our constant need for God. In fact, God begs us to do

needing people. Leyte Normal University, this writer's agency has that avenue and further the Shuttle Service has been in operation since March. Further, these times it would be nice to encourage giving of small gifts that lifts the spirit of people, it's the thought that counts. Well there are many, many more. In fact, this writer is going to conduct a research on this topic and of course space wont suffices.

Just, remember people are the backbone of the company, agency ergo the main cog for the economy. If we take care of them in a caring way, Pandemic times can be conquered victoriously, even beyond the Bonus distribution time. People simply want to know that management is on their side, especially now.

so. "My child, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways," he says in the Book of Proverbs. (23,26)

God offers us everything that we need in whatever situation or predicament we may be in, be it good or bad according to our human terms. And what he provides is always attuned to our ultimate end which is to bring us to a definitive union with him in heaven for all eternity. What he gives does not only have a temporal value, but always an eternal one, one that will always work for our eternal salvation.

God's love for us never ends. Even if we stray from him, he like the Good Shepherd will always look for us, eager to give us mercy. Let's just hope that we on our part would not play hard to find.

We really need to make it something like an instinct to be with God. The first thing that we should do during the day, right after waking up, should be to address God, offering the whole day that is beginning and promising to spend it always with him. Of course, we have to find the appropriate means to make this happen, knowing our limitations and weaknesses in this regard.

We have to boost our sense of divine filiation, that abiding awareness that we are children of God, and not just of our parent, our country or whatever. Like a child to his father, we should feel a certain confidence and healthy familiarity and intimacy with God, as well as sharply aware of how we can uphold that ineffable dignity.

All throughout the day, we may have to make some pauses to remind ourselves of this most fundamental truth about ourselves, given our tendency to take God for granted. We have to sharpen our skills in recognizing God's presence and his continuing interventions in everything that we do or that we get involved in.

To be sure, God is not someone who makes himself hard to find. He's everywhere, and besides that, he is always in love with us. And we can always be with him also!

Prayer for the Nation and  
for Those who Serve in  
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Pray the Holy Rosary daily  
for world peace and conversion of sinners  
(The family that prays together stays together)

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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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAHAPLAG, LEYTE HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT THE SESSION HALL OF THE MUNICIPAL HALL, BRGY. POBLACION, MAHAPLAG, LEYTE.

- PRESENT:**
- HON. MYRA P. SOLIS - Municipal Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer
  - HON. AIDA L. DIZON - Sangguniang Bayan Member
  - HON. ARLENE O. GIGANTO - Sangguniang Bayan Member
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  - HON. JOSE T. AMARADO II - Ex officio Sangguniang Bayan Member President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation
  - HON. GOMERCINDO V. RAMOS JR.-Ex officio Sangguniang Bayan Member President, Liga ng mga Barangay

- ABSENT:**
- HON. JEFFREY M. RELEVO - Sangguniang Bayan Member
  - HON. LOVE JOY V. ROA - Sangguniang Bayan Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0084

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ON THIRD AND FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE AND OPERATION OF VIDEOKE/KARAOKE MACHINES AND OTHER AMPLIFIED AUDIO DEVICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

On motion by **HON. JOSE T. AMARADO II** and duly seconded by **HON. HARLIN O. GONZAGA**, **HON. AIDA L. DIZON**, and **HON. GOMERCINDO V. RAMOS JR.** and duly approved during the session, there being a quorum, by the votes of in-favor by **ALL OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Mahaplag, be it;

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to **APPROVE ON THIRD AND FINAL READING** the ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE AND OPERATION OF VIDEOKE/KARAOKE MACHINES AND OTHER AMPLIFIED AUDIO DEVICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-007

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE AND OPERATION OF VIDEOKE/ KARAOKE MACHINES AND OTHER AMPLIFIED AUDIO DEVICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, partly states 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 for the promotion of general welfare”;

**WHEREAS**, the start of modified classes (modular/online) have started during the new normal and students are generally on their respective homes for the classes;

**WHEREAS**, the excessive and unnecessary loud sound from videoke/ karaoke machines and other amplified audio devices beyond the limit of unacceptable level within residences and on the streets, is deemed as noise pollution and cause annoyances and disturbances, distractions especially to students who are doing their online/modular classes;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mahaplag, Leyte, in session duly assembled that:

**Section 1. TITLE** – This ordinance shall be known as the **“Videoke Regulation Ordinance of Mahaplag, Leyte.”**

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

a. **Videoke/Karaoke Machine Unit** – Any equipment of musical contrivance comprising of television set or monitor, video player, amplifier, speaker, microphones and any sound system used for sing-along whereby lyrics of a song with accompanying visual backdrops are seen on a monitor or screen.

b. **Noise Pollution** – also known as noise disturbance; is the disturbing or excessive noise level and that which can still be heard after a distance of at least fifty (50) feet from the source.

**Section 3. ALLOWED DAY/HOURS FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF VIDEOKE MACHINES AND OTHER SOUND SYSTEM, AND PROHIBITIONS.**

The use and operation of videoke/karaoke machines and other loud amplified audio devices will only be allowed during Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

No person shall make or cause to be made any excessive, disturbing, unreasonable and unnecessary sound from videoke machine or other sound system such as Karaoke, Radio, CD Player, Television Sets, amplified musical instrument, drums, loudspeaker, or other sound producing device in such manner or with such volume as to annoy, disturb and distract persons especially students who are doing their online/modular

classes.

No videoke/karaoke during regular weekdays, from Monday to Friday, so as not to distract the students from doing their online/modular classes.

Section 4. EXEMPTIONS

a. During special occasions in the community/country such as Christmas celebration, New Year celebration, Fiesta Celebration, and in other similar special occasions in the community/country, the use and operation of videoke/karaoke machines and other loud amplified audio devices will be allowed.

b. During special occasions in the households such as birthday celebrations, family gatherings, anniversary, and other similar special occasions in the households, the use and operation of videoke/karaoke machines and other loud amplified audio devices will also be allowed by securing a permit from the barangay. The applicant must fill out an application form provided by the barangay. The form should include the following information: the nature of the intended activity, the type of audio device to be used, the specific location where the device will be used, and the period of time during which the device will be operated.

Section 5. VIDEOKE BUSINESS

Businesses or establishments that are engage in videoke business will be strictly prohibited.

Non-compliance thereof will be penalized of the following:

a. Fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than ten (10) days or both depending on the discretion of the court.

b. Revocation of business permit upon failure to comply with such requirement after a thorough investigation.

Section 6. ENFORCEMENT AND ABATEMENT

The members of Barangay Tanod on duty shall courteously approach and remind the concerned parties to soften or lower the volume and eventually turn-off the videoke or sound system as the case may be, especially those who have not secured permits from the barangay. However, if such reminder has been obviously ignored or taken for granted by the concerned parties for the second time, the members of the Barangay Tanod shall call the police to intercede for and in behalf of the barangay.

Section 7. PENALTY

Any person found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than Ten (10) days or both depending on the discretion of the court.

Section 8. NO CONTEST PROVISION

Any person who is apprehended or cited for violation of this Ordinance and who does not wish to contest the violation and is willing to pay voluntarily the fine imposable upon him/her prior to the filing of the formal charges with the proper court shall be allowed to pay the appropriate penalty of fine in the Municipal Treasurer’s Office to avoid being criminally prosecuted within three days from apprehension. Otherwise, the case shall be prosecuted in court. In the event that the apprehension is held during a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the voluntary payment of fine shall be made on the next following working day. All proceeds from the payment of the herein penalties imposed shall accrue to the General Fund of the Municipality of Mahaplag.

Section 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision or section of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 10. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, regulations, or local rules and regulations which are inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication once in a public bulletin or newspaper of general or local circulation.

**ENACTED** on this 9th day of November 2020 in Mahaplag, Leyte.

**APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:**

- HON. AIDA L. DIZON**  
SB Member
- HON. ARLENE O. GIGANTO**  
SB Member
- HON. GLENN H. BARTOLINI**  
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President, Liga ng mga Barangay
- HON. JOSE T. AMARADO II**  
President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

**ATTY. JASON L. ALONZO**  
Board Secretary V

ATTESTED BY:

**HON. MYRA P. SOLIS**  
Municipal Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:

**HON. DAISY A. LLEVE**  
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: NOV. 11, 2020



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- ABSENT:**
- HON. JEFFREY M. RELEVO - Sangguniang Bayan Member
  - HON. LOVE JOY V. ROA - Sangguniang Bayan Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0085

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ON THIRD AND FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASK AND/OR FACE SHIELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AS PRECAUTIONARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19.

On motion by **HON. HARLIN O. GONZAGA** and duly seconded by **HON. AIDA L. DIZON** and **HON. JOSE T. AMARADO II** and duly approved during the session, there being a quorum, by the votes of in-favor by **ALL OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Mahaplag, be it;

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to **APPROVE ON THIRD AND FINAL READING** the ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASK AND/OR FACE SHIELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AS PRECAUTIONARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19,”** as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-008

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASK AND/OR FACE SHIELD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AS PRECAUTIONARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, on September 1,2020, to prevent the rise of COVID-19 cases, the country was placed under General Community Quarantine depending on the number of cases in every municipality;

**WHEREAS**, Mahaplag, Leyte has seen the rise of COVID-19 cases in its area of responsibility specially upon the influx of Balik-Probinsya in the municipality;

**WHEREAS**, a uniform implementation of AITF guidelines and health protocols must be observed especially on high-risk areas such as hospitals, wet markets, government offices and workplaces;

**WHEREAS**, the advisory council has seen that there is a dire need to have a stricter implementation of AITF guidelines and health protocols on the wearing of face shield and face mask in all public places in the municipality;

**WHEREAS**, a stricter penalty to violators and higher penalties to delinquents must be imposed in order to deter individuals from violating the same;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Advisory Council authorizes the local police force to strictly implement the mandatory wearing of face mask and face shield in all public places in the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mahaplag, Leyte, in session duly assembled that:

**Section 1. TITLE** – This ordinance shall be known as the **“Face Mask and/or Face Shield Ordinance of Mahaplag, Leyte.”**

**Section 2. MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASK AND/OR FACE SHIELD**

All persons residing, sojourning, travelling, working within the territorial jurisdiction of this municipality shall wear face mask and/or face shield at all times and anywhere except when at home.

**Section 3. ENFORCEMENT**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be imposed primarily by the Local Chief Executive, Chief of Police and any other law enforcement agencies of the government and secondarily by the Barangay Officials in their respective barangays.

**Section 4. PENALTIES**

Any person who violates any of the provision of this ordinance shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense -A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00).  
Second Offense -A fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00)  
Third and Succeeding Offenses -A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,500.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days but not less than ten (10) days, depending on the discretion of the court.

In case of minors, the penalty shall be paid by the parents/guardians.

**Section 5. NO CONTEST PROVISION**

Any person who is apprehended or cited for violation of this Ordinance and who does not wish to contest the violation and is willing to pay voluntarily the fine imposable upon him/her prior to the filing of the formal charges with the proper court shall be allowed to pay the appropriate penalty of fine in the Municipal Treasurer’s Office to avoid being criminally prosecuted within three days from apprehension. Otherwise, the case shall be prosecuted in court. In the event that the apprehension is held during a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the voluntary payment of fine shall be made on the next following working day. All proceeds from the payment of the herein penalties imposed shall accrue to the General Fund of the Municipality of Mahaplag.

**Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.**

If any provision or section of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

**Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE**


All ordinances, regulations, or local rules and regulations which are inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.**

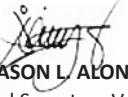
This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication once in a public bulletin or newspaper of general or local circulation.

ENACTED on this 9th day of November 2020 in Mahaplag, Leyte.


APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

 HON. AIDA L. DIZON SB Member	 HON. ARLENE O. GIGANTO SB Member
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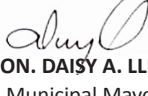
CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
ATTY. JASON L. ALONZO  
Board Secretary V


ATTESTED BY:

  
HON. MYRA P. SOLIS  
Municipal Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:

  
HON. DAISY A. LLEVE  
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: NOV 11, 2020



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**PRESENT:**

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HON. AIDA L. DIZON - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
HON. ARLENE O. GIGANTO - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
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HON. JOSE T. AMARADO II - Ex officio Sangguniang Bayan Member  
President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation  
HON. GOMERCINDO V. RAMOS JR.- Ex officio Sangguniang Bayan Member  
President, Liga ng mga Barangay

**ABSENT:**

HON. JEFFREY M. RELEVO - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
HON. LOVE JOY V. ROA- Sangguniang Bayan Member

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0086**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING ON THIRD AND FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MANDATORY 8:00 PM TO 4:00 AM CURFEW IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AS PRECAUTIONARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19.**

On motion by **HON. JOSE T. AMARADO II** and duly seconded by **HON. CARMELITO C. ALONZO**, **HON. ARLENE O. GIGANTO**, and **HON. HARLIN O. GONZAGA**, and duly approved during the session, there being a quorum, by the votes of in-favor by ALLOF THE MEMBERS PRESENT of the Sangguniang Bayan of Mahaplag, be it;

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to **APPROVE ON THIRD AND FINAL READING the ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MANDATORY 8:00 PM TO 4:00 AM CURFEW IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AS PRECAUTIONARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19,”** as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-009**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MANDATORY 8:00 PM TO 4:00 AM CURFEW IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AS PRECAUTIONARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 1,2020, to prevent the rise of COVID-19 cases, the country was placed under General Community Quarantine depending on the number of cases in every municipality;

**WHEREAS**, Mahaplag, Leyte has seen the rise of COVID-19 cases in its area of responsibility specially upon the influx of Balik-Probinsya in the municipality;

**WHEREAS**, a uniform implementation of AITF guidelines and health protocols must be observed especially on high-risk areas such as hospitals, wet markets, government offices and workplaces;

**WHEREAS**, the advisory council has seen that there is a dire need to have a stricter implementation of AITF guidelines and health protocols in the imposition of 8:00 PM to 4:00 AM curfew in Mahaplag, Leyte;

**WHEREAS**, a stricter penalty to violators and higher penalties to delinquents must be imposed in order to deter individuals from violating the same;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Advisory Council authorizes the local police force to strictly implement the 8:00 PM to 4:00 AM curfew in the municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mahaplag, Leyte, in session duly assembled that:

**Section 1. TITLE** – This ordinance shall be known as **“The Curfew Ordinance of Mahaplag, Leyte.”**

**Section 2. MANDATORY 8:00 PM TO 4:00 AM CURFEW**

All persons residing within the territorial jurisdiction of this municipality shall observe the mandatory 8:00 PM to 4:00 AM curfew except those persons working in the government or private entities which requires them to work at night or as emergency cases arise. All persons aged 60 years old and above and children 18 years old and below are likewise prohibited to

go to public places except on emergency cases.

**Section 3. ENFORCEMENT**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be imposed primarily by the Local Chief Executive, Chief of Police and any other law enforcement agencies of the government and secondarily by the Barangay Officials in their respective barangays.

**Section 4. PENALTIES**

Any person who violates any of the provision of this ordinance shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense - A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00).  
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Third and Succeeding Offenses- A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,500.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days but not less than ten (10) days, depending on the discretion of the court.

In case of minors, the penalty shall be paid by the parents/guardians.

**Section 5. NO CONTEST PROVISION**

Any person who is apprehended or cited for violation of this Ordinance and who does not wish to contest the violation and is willing to pay voluntarily the fine imposable upon him/her prior to the filing of the formal charges with the proper court shall be allowed to pay the appropriate penalty of fine in the Municipal Treasurer’s Office to avoid being criminally prosecuted within three days from apprehension. Otherwise, the case shall be prosecuted in court. In the event that the apprehension is held during a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the voluntary payment of fine shall be made on the next following working day. All proceeds from the payment of the herein penalties imposed shall accrue to the General Fund of the Municipality of Mahaplag.

**Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.**

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**Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE**

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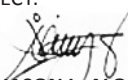
**Section 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.**

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**ENACTED** on this 9th day of November 2020 in Mahaplag, Leyte.


APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

  
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Board Secretary V

ATTESTED BY:

  
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Municipal Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:

  
HON. DAISY A. LLEVE  
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: NOV 11, 2020



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SEGUNDINA M. LICARDO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 4 parcels of land particularly described as; 1) A parcel of land located at Balagtas, Matag-ob, Leyte covered by TD No. 08-260004-00330 containing an area of 0.6120 hectares, more or less; 2) A parcel of land located at Balagtas, Matag-ob, Leyte covered by TD No. 08-260004-00331 designated as 2617-P containing an area of 0.1300 hectares, more or less; 3)A parcel of land located at Balagtas, Matag-ob, Leyte covered by TD No. 08-260004-00124 designated as 2598 containing an area of 0.8530 hectares, more or less covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg P-91206; 4)A parcel of land located at Sto. Rosario, Matag-ob, Leyte covered by TD No. 08-26021-00178 containing an area of 26,836sq.m.,more or less covered by TCT No. T-11276. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of FE RETOR LIGUTAN as vendee of the 4 parcels of land from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 20, Page No. 06, Book No. XXVIX, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Eusebio Otaboy, Jr. *LSDE: Nov. 17, 24 & December 1, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RODRIGO GILLAMAC extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel fo land known as Lot No. 23, Block 15 situated at Brgy. Caibaan, Tacloban City containing an area of 240sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. T-2398. Per Doc No. 550, Page No. 106, Book No. XVII, Series of 2006, Notary Public Atty. Edwin Y. Chua. *LSDE: Nov. 17, 24 & Dec. 1, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VICTORIO YRIGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 2752-A, Csd-08-009761-D situated at Brgy. Dagum, Calbayog City, Samar containing an area of 36,256sq.m., more or less covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo (OCT) Blg. 8591. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of JUN LLADO GUADES AND PAQUITO M. DEBUTON as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 1996, Book No. IV, Page No. 100, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Bea Agnes M. Tampi. *LSDE: Nov. 17, 24 & Dec. 1, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TEODORICO TAMBIS AND GERONIMO T. ASA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Caraye, Javier, Leyte covered by TD No. 08-19-0010-00226 containing an area of 6,627sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of LEONILA P. HAYAG married to BENJAMIN M. HAYAG as vendee of a portion of land measuring 1,200sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 479, Page No. 97, Book No. LX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Joy Estolano-Cerro, CPA. *LSDE: Nov. 17, 24 & December 1, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DANIEL IGNACIO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2244, TD No. 08-31048-00364 R13 with an area of 0.1766 hectares, more or less situated at Brgy. Tinabilan, Palompon, Leyte. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JENNIFER A. GORUMBA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 170, Page No. 34, Book No. XIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Chelissa Mae N. Rojas, CPA. *LSDE: Nov. 17, 24 & December 1, 2020*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that CLARISSA B. ADLAWAN heir of the late FELIX ADLAWAN executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot 421-A of the Cadastral Survey situated at Brgy. II, Poblacion, Jaro, Leyte with TD No. 08-18002-00005 containing an area of 465sq.m., more or less. Per Doc No. 087, Page No. 018, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Sixto G. Azcarraga. *LSDE: November 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION AND SALE OF SHARE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FLORENTINO BRAMIDA, SR AND EMELIANA MANEBLE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 864-C of the subdivision plan, Psd-69877 being a portion of Lot 864, Rec No. 1068 situated at Bo. of Sagacahan, Tacloban City containing an area of 351 sq.m.. The one-sixth portion of SALVADOR BRAMIDA was sold to FLORENTINO BRAMIDA, JR. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. LIBERATO BRAMIDA AND VILLA P. BRAMIDA as vendee of a portion of land consisting of 54.80sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 906, Page No. 81, Book No. VIII, Series of 1982. Notary Public Atty. Teodoro E. Alianza. *LSDE: November 10, 17, 24, 2020*

AMENDED EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF REAL ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Spouses Pablo Cumpio Cinco and Eusebio Mercado Cerena, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a real property and a parcel of land located in Brgy. Sto. Niño, Tanauan, Leyte designated as Cad. Lot No. 16399 and containing an area of 3,887 square meters. Now Pablo Cumpio Cinco, married to Violeta B. Villarosa as his second wife, whereby during their union, facilitated the registration of the above-stated real property in their name as Spouses/owners, now more particularly described as follows: A parcel of cocoland located in Brgy. Sto. Niño, Tanauan, Leyte designated as Lot No. 16399, Case 2, Cad. 505 embraced by Original Certificate of Title No. P-36837 in the name of Pablo C. Cinco covered by Tax Declaration No. 00108-R12 containing an area of 3,887 square meters; per Doc. No. 572, Page No. 104, Book No. VIII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Isagani S. Espada. *LSDE: November 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SEMEONA DALA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coco land situated at Sitio Cogon, Brgy. Loc-soon, Borongan City designated as Lot No. 6671, Block No. 01, Assessors Lot No. 021 containing an area of 910sq.m., with an assessed value of Php250.00 covered by Declaration of Real Property/Tax Dec No. 17753, Property Index No. 037-04-033-01-021. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JOY B. DUNGCA married to ROLLY D. DUNGCA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 521, Page No. 106, Book No. III, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Benly Frederick C. Bergonio. *LSDE: November 17, 24 & December 1, 2020*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that FE L. ZABALA heir of the late DELFIN ZABALA AND GUADALUPE L. ZABALA executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Capangihnan, Tolosa, Leyte designated as Lot No. 1803, Case 12, Cad 822-D under OCT No. P-65375 containing an area of 20,003sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LORNA CAINDOY NEVA married to PETER L. NEVA as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 54, Page No. 12, Book No. V, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Isagani S. Espada. *LSDE: Nov. 17, 24 & Dec. 1, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GAVINA A. BONGCARAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land known as Cad Lot No. 901, Pls-1061-D located at Santarin, Barugo, Leyte with an area of 13,472sq.m., more or less covered by OCT No. P-27379. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JONGIE Q. MADRIAGA AND RIZZA L. MADRIAGA as vendees of a portion of land measuring 750sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 214, Page No. 43, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Aluino O. Ala. *LSDE: November 17, 24 & December 1, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SIMEON ONGBIT, SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Tibak, Sta. Fe, Leyte with an area consisting of 6,377sq.m., designated as Lot 522, Case 5, Cad 495-D with Katibayang ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-57021. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. SERGIO OLEDAN ONGBIT AND MA. RITA F. ONGBIT as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 342, Page No. 70, Book No. V, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Caryl Dane P. Villanoza. *LSDE: November 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARCIAL A. DALIMOT extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a Residential land with Residential building erected thereon, the residential land is designated as Lot 07, Block 11, Pcs-08-00010 situated at Brgy. Caibaan, Tacloban City, Leyte consisting 204sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. T-22610 registered in the name of Government Service of Insurance System and heir, VIRGINIA A. DALIMOT hereby WAIVED, RELINQUISHED AND QUIT-CLAIMED all rights and interest over the above-mentioned property unto MARVIN A. DALIMOT, DENNIS A. DALIMOT, VENUS SHERYL A. DALIMOT-DY, GLADYS A. DALIMOT AND RYAN A. DALIMOT. Per Doc No. 139, Page No. 29, Book No. LIX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Mark Gil M. Tadena. *LSDE: November 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **SHIELA GETA LANANG** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name in her certificate of live birth from **“SHIELA I”** to **“SHIELA”** she was born on February 17, 1991 in Catarman, Northern Samar and whose parents are DEOLITO R. LANANG and ESTER L. GETA.

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

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

*LSDE: Nov. 24 & Dec. 1, 2020*

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION OF SOLE HEIR

NOTICE is hereby given that FELICIDAD NIALA heir of the late CANDIDO NIALA executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over 2 parcels of property particularly described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot 6642, Cad 710-D situated at Brgy. Sto. Niño, Villareal, Samar containing an area of 6,976sq.m., under TD No. 05-21035-00204; 2) A parcel of land designated as Lot 6485, Cad 710-D situated at Brgy. Sto. Niño, Villareal, Samar containing an area of 1,420.23sq.m., under TD No. 05-21035-00209; Per Doc No. 11876, Page No. II, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid. *LSDE: Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LUCRESIO PIEZON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land under TD No. 06002600250 situated at Brgy. Punong, Bato, Leyte designated as Ass. Lot No. 2508-F with total area of 187sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ALFONSO JR. PALARAN ACENAS as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 202, Page No. 41, Book No. I, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Josenilo Marquez Reoma. *LSDE: Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ELIZABETH NARDO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 11 parcels of land described as: **1)** Lot 5482, situated in the Poblacion, City of Tacloban City, Leyte, under TCT No. T-12854, containing an area of 267 square meters, more or less; **2)** Lot No.3668-B-4-A, Psd -361023, situated in Brgy. Brgy San Jose, Tacloban City, Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-50901, containing an area of 200 square meters, more or less; **3)** Lot 3668-B-4-B, Psd-361023, situated in the Brgy of San Jose, Tacloban City, under TCT No.T-50902, containing an area of 150 square meters, more or less; **4)** Lot 3668-B-4-C, situated in the Brgy of San Jose, Tacloban City, containing an area of 300 square meters, more or less, under TCT No. T-50903; **5)** Lot 3668-B-4-D, situated in the Brgy San Jose, Tacloban City, under TCT No. T-50904, containing an area of 212 square meters, more or less; **6)** Lot 3668-B-4-E, situated in Brgy. San Jose, Tacloban City, Leyte, under TCT No. T-50905, containing an area of 84 square meters, more or less; **7)** Lot 3668-B-4-F, situated at Brgy. San Jose, Tacloban City, Leyte, under TCT No. T-50906, containing an area of 200 square meters, more or less; **8)** Lot 3668-B-4-G, situated in Brgy. San Jose, Tacloban City, Leyte, under TCT No. T-50907, containing an area of 150 square meters, more or less; **9)** Lot 3668-B-4-H, situated in Brgy. San Jose, Tacloban City, under TCT No. T-50908, containing an area of 300 square meters, more or less; **10)** Lot 3668-B-4-I , situated in the Brgy. San Jose, Tacloban City, under TCT No.T-50909, contaning an area of 164 square meters, more or less; **11)** A parcel of unregistered agricultural land Lot 1 (6097-A) situated in the Brgy 74, City of Tacloban City, Province of Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 2012-02-0025-00167, containing an area of 29,610 square meters, more or less, and heirs do hereby agreed and covenanted to freely, waived our rights in favor of co-heirs CAROLINA N. DY, NANCY NARDO, ROSALIE NARDO over parcel No. 1, which described as TCT No. T-12854, together with the improvements found thereon; per Doc. No. 64, Page No. 14, Book No. I, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Bernadine M. Abella-Chua. *LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020*

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ARNULFO N. MURALLA, heir of the late Melecio Muralla executed an affidavit of Self Adjudication over a parcel of land, located at Balite, Kawayan, Biliran consisting an area of 0.721,300 hectares, with Tax Dec No. 00066. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. KRIEL ERIC JAN & NATALIA RENEGADO as vendees for the above-described property including all improvements found thereon, per Doc. No. 377, Page No. 78, Book No. 1, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. *LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DIONISIA VILLALINO married to BONIFACIO FUMAR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land (Lot no. 1623 of the Cadastral Survery of Tacloban) with the improvement thereon, situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Tacloban City, containing an area of 352 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-6600, per Doc. No. 60, Page No. 13, Book No. VI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Aljim Denver M. Arcueno. *LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE hereby given that heirs of the late BONIFACIO PONTILAN JR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No.1243-E-1-A Psd-156856, containing an area of 302 square meters, more or less and covered by TCT No. 28344 of the Registry of Deeds of Tacloban City and heirs do hereby by these prents, name, constitute and appoint WILFREDA B. PONTILAN, to be true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, to sell, to make sign, execute and deliver all and whatsoever document and papers needed to be executed signed and delivered necessary in attaining an purpose, per Doc. No. 43, Page No. 13, Book No. 317, Series of 2020of Notary Public Atty. Arturo C. Cloma. *LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FRANCISCO SABITCHANA AND PONCIANA M. SABITCHANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Marcatubig, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City designated as Lot No. 4736 containing an area of 6,493.38sq.m., with an assessed value of Php6,720.00 under TD No. 99-03008-00032. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of RA-QUEL Y. SUMAYO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 13462, Page No. 93, Book No. 338, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: November 17, 24 & Dec. 1, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DELFIN DICO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Cansamada, Dagami, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-43106 containing an area of 6,002 sq.m., Lot 4316, Case 22, Cad 503-D. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of ROBERTO MORALES as vendee of a portion of a certain parcel of agricultural land from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 239, Page No. 48, Book No. II, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Gil D. Mengullo. *LSDE: November 10, 17 & 24, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MANUEL LABONITE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coco land designated as Lot No. 6009 covered with OCT No. 8224 and TD No. 99-01020-00124 containing an area of 3,347sq.m., more or less situated at Brgy. Trinidad, Calbayog City, Samar. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of BASILIO S. ABAYON, JR., as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 4608, Page No. 22, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Joseph G. Dinoy, RN, RM, MAN. *LSDE: Nov. 17, 24 & Dec. 1, 2020*

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

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

CASE NO. **MRO8 20-036**

**PLACIDO C. TAN, JR.,**  
Applicant  
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ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on **17 November 2020**, to wit:

<b>NAME OF SHIP’S OWNED</b> <b>“MBca “MARVIN TWO”</b>	<b>SERVICE TO BE OFFERED</b> <b>For the carriage of Passengers</b>
<b>ROUTE TO BE SERVED</b> <i>Rama-Cinco-Conhawan Gote-Buluan (all of Catbalogan, Samar) and vice versa</i>	

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS					
Origin	DEPARTURE Time	Day	Destination	ARRIVAL Time	Day
<i>Rama</i>	<i>5:00 AM</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Cinco</i>	<i>5:15 AM</i>	<i>Daily</i>
<i>Cinco</i>	<i>5:35</i>		<i>Canhawan Gote</i>	<i>5:50 AM</i>	
<i>Canhawan Gote</i>	<i>6:10 AM</i>		<i>Buluan</i>	<i>6:25 AM</i>	
<i>Buluan</i>	<i>6:45 AM</i>		<i>Catbalogan</i>	<i>7:45 AM</i>	
<i>Catbalogan</i>	<i>1:00 PM</i>		<i>Buluan</i>	<i>2:00 PM</i>	
<i>Buluan</i>	<i>2:20 PM</i>		<i>Canhawan Gote</i>	<i>2:35 PM</i>	
<i>Canhawan Gote</i>	<i>2:55 PM</i>		<i>Cinco</i>	<i>3:10 PM</i>	
<i>Cinco</i>	<i>3:30 PM</i>		<i>Rama</i>	<i>3:45 PM</i>	

SCHEDULE OF RATES PER LINK			
ROUTE/PORTS LINKS	PASSENGER RATE	CARGO RATE PER LINK	
<i>Rama-Catbalogan</i>		<i>Item</i>	<i>Rate/Unit</i>
<i>Cinco-Catbalogan</i>	<i>P70.00</i>	<i>Rice/Salt/Cement</i>	<i>P25.00/sack</i>
<i>Canhawan-Catbalogan</i>		<i>Sofidrinks</i>	<i>P20.00/case</i>
<i>Buluan-Catbalogan</i>		<i>Fresh Fish</i>	<i>P80.00/foam</i>
		<i>Various Cargoes</i>	<i>P20.00/box</i>
		<i>Copra</i>	<i>P50.00/sack</i>

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **27 November 2020, Friday**, at **10:00 o’clock in the morning** at this Office, G/F Uyttingkoc Bldg., Senator Enage Street, Tacloban City.

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

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

**WITNESS**, the Honorable Administrator, this **19<sup>TH</sup> day of November 2020** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

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

COPY FURNISHED:

Applicant, Placido C. Tan, Jr., Brgy. Cinco Sierra, Catbalogan City, Samar  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Vill., Makati, MM File  
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SFSU Issuance No. O-NOH-1-2020-059  
Reference No. TMRO-2020-20-057

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication <b>LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD</b> Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte	In the present application, applicant request authority for Change of Party/Name of Applicant of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s. <b>NOTICE</b> is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on <b>DECEMBER 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.</b> at its office of the above address. At least <b>TEN (10)</b> days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation. This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence. WITNESS the Honorable <b>GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO</b> , Regional Director, this <b>18<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2020.</b>
<b>R8-CN-UV-2020-11-0291</b> <b>Ref. Case No. VIII-2014-2459</b>	(Sgd.) <b>GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO</b> Regional Director

Application for **Change of Party/Name of Applicant** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **UV EXPRESS** service

**SIDNEY M. ZOSA-Old Party Applicant**  
**VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION - New Party Applicant**  
Applicant/s

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from **SIDNEY M. SOZA to VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION**, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **UV EXPRESS** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **TACLOBAN CITY-ORMOC CITY & VICE VERSA** with the use of **THREE (3) unit/s** which Certificate is valid and subsisting until **JANUARY 30, 2023.**

Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR**  
Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ALBERTO JR. P. JAUCIAN** has filed with this (Complete name of petitioner) Office a petition for change of first name from **ALEX** to **ALBERTO JR.** in the Birth Certificate (First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)

of **ALEX PABILONA JAUCIAN** who was born on **JUNE 11, 1969** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **REMEDIOS B. PABILONA** and **ALBERTO M. JAUCIAN.**

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

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

*LSDE: Nov. 24 & Dec. 1, 2020*





# Villar: DA has over P25-billion to fund 2 rice programs needed to spur agri growth, help farmers

Senator Cynthia A. Villar said the Department of Agriculture (DA) has two rice programs to boost the country’s rice sufficiency and augment the income of farmers and other stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

Villar, Chairperson of the Senate committee on agriculture and food, said these programs are the National Rice Program and the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF).

She said Congress has appropriated P15.5 billion for the National Rice Program and P10 billion for the Rice Enhancement Fund.

“The National Rice Program is one of the banner programs of the DA, which focused on rice farming under the Office of the Secretary. It has been there since 1986 under six Presidents,” said Villar.

She said DA classifies it as subsidy to accelerate the adoption of modern

rice technology toward increased yield, increase income and disaster risk reduction.

The First Rice Program: The National Rice Program For 2021, Villar said the Php 15.5- billion National Rice Program has to be spent as follows:

Hybrid Seeds P6.2 B, Inbred Seeds P 375 M, Fertilizer P4.4 B, Others P858.7 M, Training P998.2 M, P658.7 M, Equipment P1 B, Irrigation P745.9 M,- TOTAL P15.5 B.

“However, this computation of allocation for rice through the years should have included the budgets for the irrigation through the NIA averaging P31 B a year and that of NFA which is subsidized yearly by P7B for the Buffer Stocking Program in times of calamities, fortuitous events, or shortfall in production,” noted Villar.

She also pointed out that the poverty situation in rural areas has not significantly changed during the past



SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR

34 years.

“The reduction was quite modest in comparison with that of other ASEAN countries. Thus, the strategic goal of the rice sector development program should be to increase total farm productivity and income rather than rice production alone in order to optimize total farm income” she added.

The Second Rice Program: Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF)

Villar said under the RCEF, which started in March 2019, government removed the quota system on rice importation and replaced it with tariff through the passage of RA 11203 starting on March 5, 2019 until 2024.

She said the tariff is pegged at 35% if rice importation is from within ASEAN; to180% if above the MAV and from a non-ASEAN country.

The law guaranteed a P10 billion funding for the program starting in 2019 with or without collection and this is in addition to and separate from the budget for the National Rice

Program.

This amount is allocated to assist rice farmers who will be negatively affected by the expected increase in the inflow of cheaper rice imports of similar quality into the country and make rice production in the country competitive.

The RCEF in 2021 has a budget P10B, to be spend as follows:

1. P5B for Mechanization by PhilMech in the form of Machineries and equipment to farmer’s co-operatives and association or to the LGUs of rice producing towns with at least 100 hectares of rice farm lands;
2. P3B in the form of quality inbred seeds given to farmers listed in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA)

*see Villar /page 16 ...*

## Former town councilor arrested in a buy-bust operation in Eastern Samar town

TACLOBAN CITY-A former councilor of Hernani town, Eastern Samar province was arrested in anti-drug operation last Sunday (Nov.22) by the elements of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) together with the anti-drugs unit of the provincial and municipal police.

Arrested in a buy-bust operation was Marcos Abaloyan,60, in Barangay 4 of the said town at around 3:15 pm.

Confiscated from the former town official, considered to be a high-value target, were five pieces heat-sealed transparent sachet containing of alleged ‘shabu’ weighing 0.24 grams with an estimated value of P1,655.

Abaloyan, now detained at the Hernani lock-up facility, will be charged for possession of illegal drugs and selling.

He was said to be ranked 14 in the most wanted list in drug watch list in the province.

**(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

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and approvals necessary to bring the business operation to its current stage.”

It added that, as of the moment, “there is no commercial production yet” in the mining area.

“Equipment necessary for production has recently been assembled and are undergoing commissioning and debugging which makes shipment impossible as wrongly implied in social

media,” the company said.

MIPC also reassured the public and all its stakeholders in Leyte, saying “we have performed our business operations within the bounds of law including all its pertinent policies and regulations, and we all continue doing so during the course of our business operations.”

“This includes the responsibilities of MIPC towards stakeholders by our operations and the environment around us. We will, especially, make good of

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SABAS S. PONTO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 5-B-2-B-1, Psd-08-015738-D being a portion of Lot 5-B-2-B, Psd-08-018523-D situated at Lonoy, Kananga, Leyte with an area of 285sq.m., under TCT No. TP-22590. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JESSA MAASIN GARSTAD as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 23, Page No. 5, Book No. LVI, Series of 2016. Notary Public Atty. Allan R. Castro.

LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF PARCEL OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BRAULIA JORDA-ENCARNACION extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land consisting 35,414sq.m., more or less situated at Brgy. San Miguel, Palompon, Leyte under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg P-76283. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of NELIA OMEGA-KORN-GOLD as vendee of the above-mentioned property. Per Doc No. 308, Page No. 62, Book No. 20, Series of 2016. Notary Public Atty. Dante Luz N. Viacruis.

LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020

### AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that ROSITA C. APOSTOL heirs of the late NOE B. APOSTOL executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land consisting 35,414sq.m., more or less located at Burauen, Leyte particularly described as TCT No. T-23000. Per Doc No. 180, Page No. 37, Book No. II, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Vicente B. Cañas.

LSDE: November 10, 17 & 24, 2020

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of **ATTY. HAYDEE M. ABRERA** shall be held on **December 11, 2020** at the Session Hall of the Regional Trial Court Branch 15, Burauen, Leyte at 8:30 o'clock in the morning. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, to be filed with this Court before the date of the summary hearing.

Hall of Justice, Burauen, Leyte, November 16, 2020.

**(Sgd.) CATHERINE JANE L. VANILLA**  
Presiding Judge

Republic of the Philippines  
Philippines  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
8th Judicial Region  
BRANCH 15  
Hall of Justice, Burauen, Leyte  
IN RE: PETITION FOR NOTARIAL COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC OF JULITA AND TABONTABON IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE  
**HAYDEE M. ABRERA,**  
Petitioner  
**ADM. MATTER NO. 20-11-036**  
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RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)  
CFN-0002-2020

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

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act. No. 9048, and in compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **ARKIE NICO M. MARTIJA** has filed with this office a Petition for correction of clerical error of child’s SEX from **“FEMALE”** to **“MALE”** in the certificate of live birth of **ARKIE NICO MONTUBIG MARTIJA** of Palo, Leyte, Philippines and whose parents are **Domingo Mendiola Martija** and **Sarah Cobacha Montubig.**

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. 24 & Dec. 1, 2020

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communication  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Regional Office No. VIII  
Palo, Leyte

**R8-CN-UV-2020-11-0290**  
**Ref. Case No. VIII-2014-0165**

Application for **Change of Party/ Name of Applicant** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **UV EXPRESS** service

**SIDNEY M. ZOSA-Old Party Applicant**  
**VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION - New Party Applicant**  
Applicant/s

x- - - - -x  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from **SIDNEY M. SOZA** to **VS GRAND TOURS CORPORATION**, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **UV EXPRESS** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **TACLOBAN CITY-CATUBIG**

**VIA CATARMAN & VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until **FEBRUARY 19, 2024.**

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

**NOTICE** is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **DECEMBER 15, 2020** at **10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

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

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

WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **18<sup>th</sup>** day of **NOVEMBER, 2020.**

**(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**  
Regional Director

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late REMEGIA GOTARDO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land identified as Cad Lot No. 524 located at Brgy. Tinago, Inopacan, Leyte under TD No. 08-16020-00372 covered by Certificates of Title No. P-86478 with total area of 7,776sq.m., To Maria Rosario A. Nabora - Lot 524-A with 1,254sq.m.; To Ruben S. Acompañado - Lot 524-B with 1,254sq.m.; To Estela D. Balo - Lot 524-C with 1,254sq.m.; To Benigno P. Acompañado - Lot 524-D with an area of 1,254sq.m., To Vicente A. Villacorte, Jr. - Lot 524-E with an area of 1,254sq.m.; To Grace L. Sumabong - Lot 524-F with an area 1,254sq.m., Per Doc No. II, Page No. 03, Book No. LXIX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros-Phua.

LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MEDARDO M. FUENTES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposit account with Metrobank. Per Doc No. 483, Page No. 98, Book No. XXXV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy U. Bendoy.

LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JACINTO PROJO AND DANILO PROJO ESCANO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land identified as Cad Lot No. 238 located at Brgy. Esperanza, Inopacan, Leyte under TD No. 02-1608-00423 with an area of 4,164sq.m., Per Doc No. 233, Page No. 46, Book No. LXXI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros-Phua.

LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020

### DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ANDRES G. YU, JR., extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 bank deposits and 2 properties particularly described as; 1) Bank Deposit at Land Bank of the Philippines Savings Account No. 1736397192; 2) Bank Deposit at Union Bank (GSIS eCard) 49121602465; 3) PNB Saving Account No. 314010152078; 4) Toyota Fortuner (SUV) Motor 2KD6727294; Serial/Chassis No. MHFZR69G603020952; Year Model: 2011; Plate No. PQR390; MV File No. 1391-00000104572, Color: Lithium Silver; 5) A parcel of land with TCT No. 014-2017000930 (Lot 3 Block 24 of Subd. Plan PSD 007603-026258-D being a portion of Lot 1 (LRA) PCS-30966 LRC Rec. No. 6137 situated at Bo. Poblacion, Mun of Muntinlupa, MM with an area of 157.50sq.m., Per Doc No. 229, Page No. 47, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Tyrone B. Tutaan.

LSDE: Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2020

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LOURDES Y. LILI extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land under Tax Dec No. 08-06-0024-00352, situated at Brgy. Osmena, Bato, Leyte, designated as Lot No. 5652-Part, with an area of 14,243 square meters and the share of LOURDES Y. LILI; portion of Lot 5652-Part with an area of 1,051 square meters; per Doc. No. 26, Page No. 6, Book No. V, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Josenilo Marquez Reoma.

LSDE: November 24, December 1 & 8, 2020

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARGARITO A. FABILLO, SR, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land erected on Cad Lot No. 7252, located at Brgy. 1San Jose Palo, Leyte, under Tax Dec. no. 05-30-039-00230, containing an area of 2,219 square meters more or less; per Doc. No. 9, Page No. 2, Book No. III, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Crispin Simoun P. Cercado.

LSDE: Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2020



# In Catbalogan City

## Gov. Tan shuts down Imelda Park as big crowd troops to the Christmas décor facility

TACLOBAN CITY - A total of 400 sparkling Christmas lanterns are illuminating the Imelda Park at the capitol grounds of Samar province in Catbalogan City.

These Christmas lanterns were made by teachers and students from different school districts of Department of Education Samar Division Office, according to John Michael Cristobal, provincial tourism operation officer.

The annual event of transforming trees inside the Imelda Park into a colorful and well-lighted Christmas theme park was suspended this year due to the on-going construction activity of concrete food stalls.

Instead Christmas lanterns are hang around the capitol grounds to light the area every night.

Christmas lanterns or 'parol' are used by Filipinos to decorate their homes during Christmas as reminder of the star of Bethlehem that guided the Three Wise Men on their way of searching for the Child Jesus.

This also uplifts the spirit, instills pride and hope and also brightens the Filipino way of celebrating Christmas amidst problem on calamities, disaster, and present problem on health pandemic.

"The light a tree continues this year with the theme spreading holiday cheers during this pandemic,"Cristobal said.

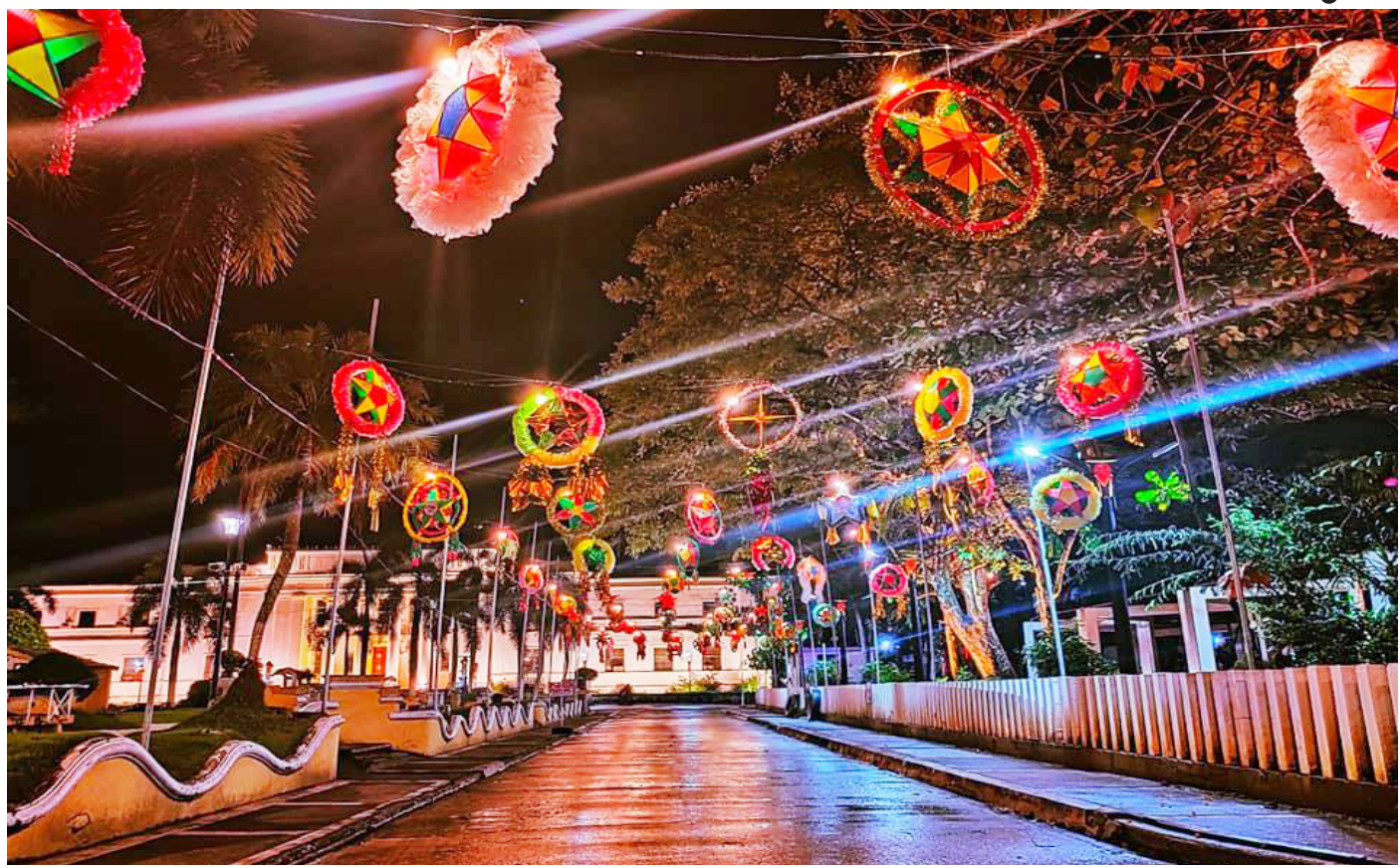
A 34-feet Christmas Tree is also erected in the capitol ground. Christmas tree is among the prominent decorations on yuletide season which represents or a sign of everlasting life with God.

The Christmas decors around the capitol ground aims to make the people feel the spirit of the yuletide season despite the whole world still facing and battling the effects of coronavirus disease COVID-19) that greatly affected the daily routines and lives of every human being.

Since the decoration was lighted over the weekend, numerous number of city residents who visited the Imelda Park were observed to have violated the minimum health protocols imposed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

This prompted the provincial government to issue an announcement last Sunday (Nov. 23) to temporary shutdown the area from November 23 to 25.

"The overwhelming crowd, no matter how persistent our gentle reminders, does not heed our call



Samar Governor Michael Reynolds Tan closed temporarily closed Imelda Park in Catbalogan City after the people who went to the park did not observe social distancing as required during this time of pandemic. Ironically, the park was turned into a Christmas village as a way to serve as a respite amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo: El Racab

### Villar...

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by PhilRice; each shall receive a maximum of four bags at 20 kilograms per bag, depending on farm size, from 0.5 to 2 hectares.

3. P1B credit facility with minimal interest available to rice farmers and/or their Cooperatives divided equally between Land Bank and DBP;

4. P1B extension Support implemented by PhilMech, PhilRice, ATI and TESDA for Training rice farmers on quality inbred rice production, modern rice farming techniques, farm mechanization and technology transfer through the different accredited farm schools nationwide.

The senator said RCEF every year until 2024 is focused on the 55 rice producing provinces across the country, covering 947 municipalities.

In 2020, the Bureau of Customs reported a tariff collection of P3 billion – represented taxes collected by from January to September 2020 in excess of the threshold set by the RTL which mandated the first P10 billion.

The law also provides that, collections in excess of P10 billion may be allocated to other programs on rice, including financial assistance to small rice farmers – during its first 6 years of implementation.

A joint resolution proposes to use all rice tariff collections beyond P10 billion as financial aid to the farmers owning one hectare and below numbering around 1M rice farmers,

The fixation on putting the blame on RCEF and tariffication for the failure of the National Rice Program to meet its goals is an attempt to muddle the issue and is being used by some vested interests who do not want to correct and empower the rice farmers.

"The problem of rice

for safety protocols,"Governor Reynolds Michael Tan said.

"Please remember COVID-19 is still here and it is everyone's responsibility to be cautious as we head towards the new normal,"he added.

Of the six provinces in the region, Samar has the most number of confirmed Covid-19 cases with a total of 2, 468 as of November 18 with 2, 337 had already recovered.

Its capital city Catbalogan as of November 21 has a total of 836 cases of which 813 had already recovered, 19 active cases and four recorded deaths.

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farmers should not be blamed entirely on the RCEF. It has been just over a year for it to create such a huge impact, because the law was passed in February 2019 while the National Rice Program has been there since 1986," further stressed Villar. (PR)

### Pros...

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individuals and the improvement of the human race. But experts look at it as morally troubling in that its purpose is to create an offspring of a certain kind. Children here are then viewed not as divine gifts, but as projects of the will, or as objects for happiness, dreams, and satisfaction.

Habermas, a philosopher known for his communicative action theory, insists ominously that human cloning would cause humanity's demise. We treat one another equally as no one is somebody else's maker; but he thinks that with human cloning, this will change. Clones are 'known' to their designers, and could never be their equals, thus ending human progress and development.

It's up to people which one they would choose between the pros and cons. What matters most is that the issue has been cited repeatedly as morally wrong, as its advantages seem far short from its many disadvantages.



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