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To stop spread of COVID-19 Leyte, Northern Samar Bans Christmas caroling, parties

RONALD O. REYES/JOEY A. GABIETA



AGREEMENT. The Sirakwaraynon Eagles Club has entered into an agreement with the Philippine National Police in Leyte, Land Transportation Office and Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Leyte Chapter regarding road safety. The agreement was signed on Monday (Dec. 7) by (from left) Lidwino Macariola, LTO assistant regional director; lawyer Neil Sia, president of Sirakwaraynon Eagles Club; Lt. Guillermo Melo, Leyte police director; and lawyer Edgar Octa, president of IBP-Leyte Chapter. Story on Page 2. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

TACLOBAN CITY- Caroling and parties during this Christmas season have been banned in Leyte and Northern Samar provinces due to the pandemic caused by coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

This was announced by Palo town Mayor Frances Ann Petilla, president of the Leyte Mayors' League, who said that the move is to address any further spread of COVID-19 across the province.

"We are expecting every Leyteño to understand and to follow the protocols as we continue our fight against the coronavirus," Petilla said.

Here in Tacloban City, the provincial capital of Leyte though not under the administrative control of the provincial government being a highly urbanized city, Mayor Alfred Romualdez issued an executive order which also prohibits

caroling and other Christmas-related activities that could attract mass gatherings.

Tacloban is the only area in the region to be placed under a strict general community quarantine status until the end of the year due to its high number of COVID-19 cases.

Romualdez, however, said that COVID-19 cases in the city is now under control and declining for the past weeks now.

Other areas in the region have also made similar move like in Northern Samar where Governor Edwin Marino Ongchuan issued Executive Order 12- see Leyte /page 14 ...

Implementation of the 'Gulayan sa Paaralan' program of city government continues to expand



The city government under Mayor Alfred Romualdez continue to expand the 'Gulayan sa Paaralan' program with the residents of St. Francis Village now implementing the said vegetables planting program. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

TACLOBAN CITY- ect. This city's Green Revolution program is strengthened as the St. Francis Integrated School in St. Francis Village begins their 'Gulayan sa Paaralan' project.

ty Environment and Natural Resources Office, the vegetable seeds from National Housing Authority (NHA), see Implementation / page 14 ...

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MIPC maintains that they are not destroying environment Fr. Alvero says he has the support of Archbishop Du in the fight against mining in MacArthur town



MINING OPPOSITION. Fr. Amadeo Alvero (2nd from right), the parish priest of St. Isidore of MacArthur in Leyte says he has the support of Palo Archbishop John Du on his fight against mining activity in MacArthur. The MacArthur Iron Project Corp., however, assures that they will not do anything that will result to environment degradation. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

TACLOBAN CITY- A parish priest who openly opposes mining activity in MacArthur town in Leyte province said that he has the support of Archbishop John Du of the Palo Archdiocese.

Fr. Amadeo Alvero, parish priest of the St. Isidore Parish of MacArthur town, said that the archbishop was aware that there is a black sand activity in the town and one of his reminders to him include to protect and preserve the environment of the town, about 60 kms away from here.

"The archbishop, during his visit to MacArthur, is aware that there is mining activity there and see Fr. Alvero/page 14 ...

EDC-sponsored COVID-19 testing facility in Ormoc City gets green light from DOH

After months of anticipation and practice testing, Ormoc City's first own molecular diagnostic center at the OSPA Farmers Medical Center (OSPA-FMC) that was sponsored by Lopez-led geothermal leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) is finally open to serve Ormocanons and nearby residents who need to get a COVID-19 RT-PCR test.

The center earned its accreditation from the Department of

Health-Research Institute for Tropical Medicine and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation after passing all the necessary proficiency tests late last week.

The testing facility will now enable more timely reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing of COVID-19 swab samples to help stem its transmission, with results released within the day unlike before when it took up to ten days for Ormocanons to get them

from the nearest testing centers in Tacloban City.

OSPA-FMC is in charge of operating and maintaining the facility with the RT-PCR equipment worth almost P27 million that EDC has donated.

"We are glad that our joint project with the Ormoc City local government is finally operational and ready to help our fellow Ormocanons who badly need this testing facility to have a fighting chance against COVID-19," said Erwin

B. Magallanes, head of EDC's Corporate Social Responsibility team in Leyte. "Through our regenerative partnership and with everyone's observance of all the necessary health and safety protocols, we believe that our city of beautiful people will soon be COVID-19 free even before the release of a vaccine."

For EDC, regenerative partnerships are about elevating the state of everything they touch-- whether it's

the environment, their communities, or other co-creators. It is crucial to fulfilling EDC and the Lopez Group's mission of forging collaborative pathways for a decarbonized and regenerative future.

EDC owns and operates the 714-megawatt Leyte geothermal facility, the company's biggest site that straddles between Ormoc City and the Municipality of Kananga and utilizes the largest known geothermal wet steamfield

in the world. In total, EDC generates over 40% of the Philippines' renewable energy output and serves about 10% of the country's overall electricity demand with its installed capacity of 1,499MW. Its 1,200MW geothermal portfolio accounts for 62% of the country's total installed geothermal capacity and has put the Philippines on the map as the world's third largest geothermal power producer. (PR)

Yaokasin assures approval of P1.8 billion Tacloban budget for 2021 before the year ends

TACLOBAN CITY – The proposed P1.8 billion 2021 budget of this city would be approved before the end of this year.

This was assured by Vice Mayor Jerry 'Sambo' Yaokasin, presiding officer of the city council, who said that they will tackle the possible approval of the proposed city budget this Wednesday during their regular session.

During their last regular session last Dec. 3, the council deferred the approval of the city budget due to some discrepancies of some figures as well as with that of the annual investment plan (AIP) for 2021 amounting to P1.8 billion.

"Previously, we had received letter from the Department of Budget and Management on discrepancies on AIP and annual budget, and we don't want to commit the same mistakes again," Yaokasin said.

Although, it may look like the city council are already late in deliberating the budget, Yaokasin said that they will make sure to approve it before the year ends.

"Our commitment here is to pass it before the end of December. We have never done a reenacted budget so we will always do our best to pass it," the vice mayor said.

Yaokasin said that they asked the executive de-



Vice Mayor Jerry 'Sambo' Yaokasin

partment to fix the figures between AIP and 2021 proposed budget and present it again in their session next week.

Once the AIP is approved, the city council will then deliberate on the floor the approval of the city's budget next year which also has the same figure of more than PhP1.8 billion.

Yaokasin said that they are optimistic that the budget will be approved before the end of this year because

the city council has not adapted a recess in their internal rule which means they will conduct session in the whole month of December.

The council has two to three remaining regular sessions before the end of 2021.

"We will need to deliberate the budget in the hall because the committee hearing for it was only done for a half-day," Yaokasin explained.

Under the proposed 2021 city budget of P1.8 billion, P498.76 was allocated to personnel services; P642.13 million for maintenance and operating expenses; P243.27 million for capital outlay; P80.85 million for debt servicing; P73.07 million for calamity funds; and P138,000 for aid to the barangays. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Man nabbed for illegal fishing in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY-Police arrested a 27-year-old man for alleged illegal fishing activity locally known as "palupad" off the seawaters of Barangay Hitaasan, San Sebastian, Samar last December 3, 2020.

The violator was only identified as a resident of Sitio Mombon, Baran-

gay Pangdan, Catbalogan City.

Confiscated from his were motorized fishing boat, several fishing paraphernalia, fine mesh net and assorted fish with estimated worth of P26, 400.

The seaborne patrol operation was conducted by personnel of San Se-

bastian Municipal Police Station, led by Lieutenant Aldrin Luginasin, officer-in-charge, and Bantay Dagat volunteers.

The fisherman was charged for violation of sections 95 and 93 of the Republic Act (RA) 10654, which amends the Philippine Fisheries Code. (RONALD O. REYES)

Agreement on road safety advocacy campaign signed by Sirakwaraynon, IBP, LTO and PNP

TACLOBAN CITY – The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) - Leyte Chapter, Land Transportation Office (LTO-8), Leyte Police Provincial Office (LPPO), and the Sirakwaraynon Eagles Club, have joined forces to conduct a road safety campaign in the province.

A memorandum of agreement (MOA) was held Monday (Dec.7) by representatives of these entities held at the headquarters of the Leyte Police Provincial in San Jose district.

Present during the signing of the agreement were Police Lt. Guillermo Melo, Leyte police deputy director for administration; Edgar Octa, president of IBP-Leyte Chapter; Lidwino Macariola, assistant re-

gional director of LTO; and Atty. Neil Sia, Sirakwaraynon Eagles Club president.

Under the MOA, Sirakwaraynon as the private sector lead convenor will be tasked to file complaints against traffic violators.

The list of violators will be provided by the LPPO and the LTO8 while the IBP-Leyte will provide legal assistance in filing complaints.

First to face complaint on traffic violation was the driver of the eight-wheeler wing van, identified by Tacloban City Police Office as Daniel Bulan, that was involved in a multiple vehicular accident last week in Sabang district of this city.

The group files a complaint against Bula at the

LTO for the cancellation of his driver's license.

'As a transportation lawyer, in the 1,000 vehicular accidents that happened in the past ten years, there are only five to 10 drivers whose license were cancelled or suspended after the victims filed a complaint,' Sia said.

Sia added that even with the present problem on corona virus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, vehicular accident or road crash continue to happen because of reckless driving.

"Now with this MOA, the private sector will initiate move in filing complaints against irresponsible drivers," he said.

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Deaths due to COVID-19 in EV now at 96; latest to die from San Sebastian town

TACLOBAN CITY- Another patient of the coronavirus from Eastern Visayas had died due to the infection, raising its total deaths to 96.

The regional office of the Department of Health (DOH) said that the latest to have died due to complication of COVID-19 involved a 31-year old woman from San Sebastian in Samar province.

The woman died last December 6, the health agency said on Monday (Dec.7).

As this developed, San Sebastian Mayor Eleuterio Mabag issued a memorandum order on Monday stating for the temporary closure of their municipal building.

This after one of the employees was tested positive of coronavirus disease.

Mabag also said that the closure of the entire municipal building would be in effect until all the swab tests taken from direct contacts of the patients would be released.

The town has 19 COVID-19 cases since March of this year.

In Northern Samar, Governor Edwin Marino Ongchuan has also issued an order banning Christmas gatherings or parties in all government offices or agencies and local government to include barangays in the province as a way to avoid further spread of COVID-19.

Meantime, the DoH announced on Monday that the region has now 9,016 COVID-19 cases with 15 additional cases.

The new cases were from Leyte with 10 cases; four from Samar; and one from Eastern Samar.(JOEY A. GABIETA)

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LSDE wins best environment story in this year's PPI civic journalism awards

TACLOBAN CITY- Leyte Samar Daily Express, the only regional newspaper in Eastern Visayas, has won an award in this year's civic journalism awards of the Philippine Press Institute (PPI).

The paper, also known of its initials LSDE, won the best in environment reporting during a virtual award ceremony held on Monday(Dec.7).

In giving the award, PPI cited the paper's 'consistent quality envi-

ronment stories' last year that help increase awareness among the public.

"The newspaper's approach in including potential solutions in most of their environment stories, especially those that are related to typhoons and natural disasters, helps increase awareness public awareness."

The award was received via Zoom by LSDE publisher Dalmacio 'Masse' Grafil who expressed his gratitude to the PPI for giving recognition to the paper.

Winner is



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Scared no more

At the moment, it is clearly observable that people are no longer scared of the coronavirus like they were before. The majority are still wearing a mask in public, plus that face shield to put on, but some

are already doing away with it, or are putting it on wrongly. But as regards social distancing and hand sanitizing, many do not observe anymore unless they are told to do so.

This change of attitude among our people is explained by so many reasons, one of which is the decline of excitement. Nothing about the virus surprises them anymore. It's not anymore big news, or talk of the town when someone is confirmed to be infected though that person is a celebrity or prominent enough. In other words, people no longer pay so much attention to the pandemic as something to dread about.

Another thing that has affected the people's vigilance and caution is the proliferation of alleged discrepancies in swab testing and other laboratory results. These include testimonies of people who had been swabbed twice in a few days

with differing results, of those who turned positive with no symptoms at all, of those who died of other ailments yet were declared to be positive, etc. Add to these the allegations that testing activities that eventually yield positive results are given cash incentives and the people just doubted all the more.

While people are starting to lose trust in legitimate results after learning further that attending health workers and hospitals receive more benefits when there are COVID 19 deaths, they are also developing confidence on what they've heard are effective antidotes for the virus. The warm water with salt used for gurgling or mouth wash, the steam inhalation for breathing, the lemon juice squeezed into an itchy or coughing throat, and some other home treatments have accordingly been working for them.

So now, whether the new number of cases is high or low doesn't matter to many people anymore because, in the first place, they no longer believe those results that much, nor scared of the prevalent virus. What they want is the normalcy of situations in society so they can restore their heavily paralyzed activities.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

A book in progress

In one of my classes while I was yet doing my master's at the University of San Carlos, Dr. Resil Mojarres, my professor in Creative Writing, gave his suggestion for me to write into a book what I shared in class as part of my oral presentation. These were narrative

vignettes based on our personal and family experiences with the so-called balu in vernacular.

I was momentarily jolted by that idea, though I could see its brilliance from a famous and prolific writer himself. As I ponder on it up to this time, such a

project is indeed possible, more so that I have already published seven books to date. But what holds me back is the fear that I might be celebrating and glorifying demons and evil spirits with it. Imagine telling readers how powerful these beings are over us, humans. That would be tantamount to impressing upon them that these unseen beings are some sort of deities that people should fear, obey, and make sacrifices for, which is good as worship.

Since I know from the Bible that we should not serve and worship demons and evil spirits, I was of the opinion then that any form of narrative that exposes these invisible crea-

tures eventually forms part of that service, which the Almighty God prohibits since these are His enemies and we are to side with him as our creator.

On the other hand, I've been thinking that putting these narratives together is advantageous on the part of readers; they will know the diverse ways through which these beings operate. Should they encounter any of the experiences, they will already have hints on what to do. The ideas to learn from would somehow guide them in avoiding or confronting these spiritual forces. No reason for these narratives to be deemed glorification

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What's New
Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Duterte Anti-Red Task
Force Seeking Ouster
of Makabayan Bloc

What started as President Rodrigo Duterte's pronouncement on television, saying that "We are not Red-Tagging you; we are identifying you as "Communist Fronts...!"

The president continued by saying "the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is correct in identifying the left-wing groups as such -- as members in the grand conspiracy comprising all the legal (above-ground) fronts headed by the National Democratic Front or NDF.

Duterte added "Itong mga legal fronts ng mga komunista, lahat yan (These legal fronts of the communists, all of them) -- Makabayan Bloc etc, they are all legal fronts of communists!

Whew, the kind of words our fearless president utters!

On the other hand, National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon, vice-chair of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflicts (NTECLAC) declared that "as congressmen, the Makabayan Bloc members are government employees, who must be able to condemn the New Peoples Army or NPA; so they don't belong in Congress!

But now, with the pronouncement from Malacanang, the government's anti-communist task force is now seeking the disqualification by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) of the left-wing Makabayan Bloc of lawmakers in the House of Representatives in future elections.

Esperon added, "Our belief became stronger in that they should be gone and disqualified by Comelec, because of

their admission that they do not believe the New Peoples Army, which is the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) should be condemned for its violent actions against government forces.

The Makabayan Bloc at the House of Representatives is composed of Bayan Muna Representatives Carlos Zarate, Ferdinand Gaithe and Eufemia Cullamat. ACT Teachers Representative France Castro, Gabriela Women's Party Representative Arlene Brosas and Kabataan Representative Sarah Elago.

At his weekly address a few days ago, President Rodrigo Duterte accused the activist party-list groups of being communist rebels themselves.



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CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

Optimism beyond
numbers

Some people assumed that luck comes from numbers. A few good people I know had maintained betting on the same number combination with the hope of winning. Some good friends had been using the number combination for decades and to this day was not so lucky. The winnings were quite few and the expenses on the betting was so much.

In my Problems Analysis and Decision Making class, I have assigned a reporting topic on Escalation of Commitment which is

Duterte likewise questioned the ideology of communists; saying they no longer have any ideology.

He added, "these communists are nothing. They are only out to grab power. Yet they're stupidly following Sison," referring to exiled CPP founder Jose Maria "Joma" Sison.

Continuing, he said "You, Left-Wing groups are accusing us of red-tagging you? No!!!

The Armed Forces of the Philippines is correct. You are being identified as members of the Communist Party of the Philippines! We know, and that's the truth and we are not red-tagging," said the president.

His statements came after the daughter of Bayan Muna Representative Eufemia Cullamat, Jevilyn Cullamat, whom the military said was an NPA medic, was killed in an encounter between government soldiers and communist rebels in the hinterlands of Marikina, Surigao del Sur province a few days ago.

The Makabayan Bloc had accused the military of using the remains of Cullamat's daughter as a "trophy" for propaganda purposes.



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Han Burauen"

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(Nota Musikal ni Mr. Jose Coranes;
Pagkanta ni Mr. Art Aterrado)

I
Ngaran nga Burauen,
burabod gumikan
Igindadasig tubig,
malanhod ug matugnaw
man.

Kanan Himaya halad ha
sitenta y siete nga
baryo,
Ha mga molopyo, iguin
tubyan han aton
Gamhanan.

II
Bulahan ngan Diyosnon
nga Burawanon,
Rayan-dayan han Diyos,
halad nga naangkong
Bahandi, di matutupangan,
Tugoti ayaw, di gud
pagkawangon.

III
An kabugkiran,

rab-hong nga tanaman,
Puy-anan katamsihan ug
mga kahayupan,
Alimyon han bukad,
nakapapas han
kagul-anan,
Bunga han kahoy baton
han
Kagutmanan.

(Chorus)
Bungto han Burauen, na
butnga ka han
Leyte
Nag-aangkong hin
halu-ag nga katunaan,
Tubig nga tab-ang, ma-
tin-aw hi Kikit-an
Rayan-dayan aadto na-
himutang.

IV
Iguin pahirayo ka ha

associated with the paranormal, alongside astrology and similar divinatory arts.

If this article reaches the Editor within the appointed time then, this would see light on December 8, 2020. The feast of the Immaculate Conception. My insignificant numerology know-how will actually see that 12 for December the twelfth month and 8 the eight day of the month will add up to 20, which is also the year 2020. In Numerology his number 20 is a team worker and effective diplomat with a comprehensive point of view, 20 is primarily focused on relationships. It understands the dynamics of relationships better than the essence represented by any other number.

What people will remember however is that 2020 will go down as one of the most brutal year of the century? In fact, we are not even assured that this year will not repeat its dark side next year. The millions of death and millions more of infected people confined and the dreadful experience

of the survivors who fear recurrence of the COVID-19, in the numeral side of it, show that it is a sad year.

In the positive side of things, we should not let numbers decide for our future nor can we allow it to control our lives. The Basic Mass Index tells us we are above the normal threshold, we shall endeavor then to cut on fats, carbs and get exercise. If the blood pressure is a bit high we should do the same, as with the BMI, scale back to healthy habits

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tubig nga ma-arat man
Angay ko ig-rayhak,
salog ug sapa man;
Surok han tubig ha
kabugkiran na tikang
Naglalagid-gid ngan na
tampo ha kadagatan.

V
Daguitan, makaaram-
dok an imo kalinaw,
Inspirasyon han siday
"Ha Pangpang han
Daguitan",
An mangaranon nga
bulkan 'Mahagnaw'
Napungkay ka ha bukid
'Danao'.

(Repeat Chorus)

BRIDGE

Ano daw la an mahana-
bo hinin rayan-dayan?
Kon waray magtagad
binuhatan nga sagkad,
Kanan Makagarahum
hatag ha tidara-on
Mga henerasyon ha
bag-o nga panahon.

(Repeat Chorus. 2X . . .
End . . .)

Pahibaro;
First version of this composition, an entry to the 2017 "Search" for Hymno Han Burauen" - was a virtual 'finalist' after 3 screenings! Hingyap namon na an Burauen magkaada hin kalugaringon nga HYMNO sugad het nababatasanan het iba nga bungto! Per suggestion by the Panel of Evaluators, who did two formal screenings, a 3rd version was prepared for the next evaluation (that did not happen)!

(Syahan ine nga Si-day ni drpacjr - also prepared In a SONG form, Circa 2017, improved in 2020 during the Pandemic period!)

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

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

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



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

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs JOSE ROMERO GAVIOLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Baas, Hilongos, Leyte under TD No. 14006-00169 covered by TCT No. TP-16278 with Cad Lot No. 11105 containing an area of 2,971sq.m.,more or less. Per Doc No. 483, Page No. 97, Book No. 57, Series of 2019. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARIANO ARIZA, SR. AND HON-ORIA NALDA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 8 parcels of land described as Lot Numbers: 3299, 3105, 3055,5419 Tax Dec 569, Lot Nounbers: 3023, 3858 and Lot 2913 all situated at Brgy. Caibaan, TaclobanCity. Per Doc No. 492, Page 95, Book No. I, Series of 1974. A Deed of Sale was executed by the heirs of Mariana Ariza, Sr. and Honoraria Nalda in favor of SOLEDAD R. WADDELL AND WILFREDO A. RUIZ as vendees for a portion of a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3229-C-2F-3 situated at Brgy. Caibaan, Tacloban City, Leyte and the area subject to the sale is 358sq.m., more or less as shown in the sketch plan of Lot 3229-C-2-F-3 (portion) with all improvements thereon from the lots above-described. Per Doc No. 345, Page No. 69, Book No. VIII, Series of 2001 of Notary Public Atty. Edwin B. Jumadio. *LSDE: December 1, 8 & 15, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARGARITO A. FABILLO, SR., extra-judicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land erected on Cad Lot No. 7252, located at Brgy. ISan Jose Palo, Leyte, under Tax Dec. no. 05-30-039-00230, containing an area of 2,219 square meteres 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*

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: Nov. 24, December 1 & 8, 2020*

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 Certific-ates 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 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*

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*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby ALFREDO M. PALENCIA, JR. AND MAURICIA C. PALENCIA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Sitio Bariw Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte denominated as Cad Lot No. 9750-H under TD No. 05468 containing an area of 4,651sq.m., more or less and heirs do hereby name, constitute and appoint LILIAN P. BERNABE, to be true and lawful Attorney-in-fact to act as; 1) To negotiate, facilitate and transact the sale of our aforesaid property, 2) To execute and sign the covering Deed of Absolute Sale of aforesaid property in favor of the buyer; 3) To secure, sign, expedite and process all relevant papers and documents, 4) To secure, expedite and receive personally the agreed monetary consideration for the pertinent sale of or properties be in cash or bank checks. Per Doc No. 135, Page No. 28, Book No. VI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Yako Carolyn C. Watanabe. *LSDE: December 1, 8 & 15, 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 Lot 4833 with an area of 334sq.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-KORNGOLD 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. Viacrucis. *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

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: Nov. 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. I, 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 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*

3 women nabbed for selling agarwood in Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY-

Three women were arrested after they allegedly sold agarwood wedges, locally known as “lanete/lapnisan,” to an undercover police operative in Abuyog, Leyte last December 4.

Police said the suspects, aged 45, 40, and 28, were residents of Barangay New Taligue, Abuyog.

Two of the suspects are plain housewives while the other is self-employed, police said.

Recovered from suspects’ possession were agarwood wedges weighing around 1.2 kilograms with an estimated market value of P70,000, and boodle money composed of 50 pieces of P1,000 bill and one original P1,000 bill used in the entrapment operation.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SEVERINO DELARMENTE AND CRESPULA DEDAL DELARMENTE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2164, Cad 637-D located at Brgy. Linao, Inopacan, Leyte covered by OCT-P79183 with TD No. 08-16013-00143 Tacloban City containing an area of 22,182sq.m., more or less under. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MAXIMA G. VILLAREAL as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 373, Page No. 75, Book No. LXVI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Exzon Mendoza. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MAXIMINO R. FABULAR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 313, TD No. 14036-00141R-13 with OCT No. P-33243 containing an area of 44,911sq.m., situated at Brgy. San Juan, Hilongos, Leyte. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of HERMOCILLA S. CENIZA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 441, Page No. 89, Book No. V, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Josenilo Marquez Reoma. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ALBERTO F. DALMACION, JR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4194 located at Brgy. Diit, Tacloban City containing an area of 27,903sq.m., more or less under embraced by TCT No. T-4394. Per Doc No. 309, Page No. 75, Book No. 106, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Raymond A. Ramos. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

SUMMARY SETTLEMENT AND DEED OF WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BENITO T. PEDRAZA and surviving heir of DOLORES L. PEDRAZA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land particularly described as; **1-A)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2055 under containing an area of 23,723sq.m., covered by TCT No. T-162; 1-B) Lot No. 2144 containing an area of 44,599 sq.m., more or less; **2-A)** A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2141 under TCT No. 2133 containing an area of 72,621sq.m., more or less; **2-B)** Lot No. 2130 under TCT No. T-1007 containing an area of 86,746sq.m., more or less an this was used as collateral with loans of DBP and remain unpaid, and heir mortgagor Dolores L. Pedraza hereby waived whatever rights and hereby cede, transfer and convey all the properties stated above in favor of Pedro L. Pedraza and will pay the Php11,300 loan to DBP, Tacloban branch. Per Doc No. 105, Page No. 22, Book No. V, Series of 1976 of Notary Public Atty. Antonio M. Bolastig and Doc No. 42, Page No. 20, Book No. IV, Series of 1976 of Notary Public Atty. Sinforoso V. Tabamo, Jr. *LSDE: December 1, 8 & 15, 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 AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PAUL JACOB Y. MEDINA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at So. Lero, Brgy. Bacubac, Basey, Samar designated as Lot No. 15, Mod. III, DAR - ADB - ARC Project, CAD 973 - D containing an area of 10,401sq.m., under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. 26568 and heirs do hereby constitute and appoint MA. CAROLINA A. MEDINA, to be true and lawful Attorney-in-fact to administer, enter into SALE or LEASE received payments or whatever proceeds in case of Sale or Lease regarding this property cited, she may apply to title in behalf of the heirs of our decedent. Per Doc No. 052, Page No. 012, Book No. 035, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Demetrio Medino J. Acuba. *LSDE: December 1, 8 & 15, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EUGENIO ROYO SR., extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coco land, designated as Cad Lot No. 11422-A, covered bt OCT No. 95337, situated at Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte, containing an area of 500 square meters and hereby confirm that the above mentioned property was sold by their father, Eugenio Royo Sr., in favor of SPS. CECILIO G. CORDETA and CARMELITA O. CORDETA as vendee, the said is documented under Deed of Absolute Sale notarized by Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar; per Doc. No. 47, Page No. 11, Book No. II, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Caryl Jane P. Villanoza. *LSDE: Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 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*

The arrested suspects were brought to Abuyog Municipal Police Station for proper documentation.

Police also coordinated with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (Menro) in Abuyog for the identification of the recovered wood species.

The entrapment operation was conducted by elements of Regional Special Operations Group (RSOG)-8 led by Executive Master Sergeant Jobert Panaguiton, 805th MC RMFB8 led by Captain Mark Don Alfred Leanza, Leyte Police Provincial Office-Provincial Intelligence Unit led by Major Dinvir Revita, and Abuyog Municipal Police Station led by Captain Antonio Angcay Jr.

The suspects will be facing charges for violation of section 77 of President Decree 705, or the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines, as amended by Executive Order No. 277, Executive Order No. 23, s. 2011 and Violation of Republic Act (RA) 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) earlier said that trafficking of agarwood caused “indiscriminate cutting” of lanete and lapnisan trees, which are included in the national list of threatened plants and wildlife species in the country.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARIA G. NADERA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coco land situated at Brgy. 94, Tacloban City containing an area of 13,211sq.m., more or less under TCT No. T-5334. Per Doc No. 694, Page No. 41, Book No. VI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Enerio M. Sabulao. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TERISITA CABIDOG extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Patong, Pastrana, Leyte designated as Lot No. 3686, Case-27, Cad 821-D covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg CARP2017000805 with Free Patent No. 083741-44969, TD No. 00031 with an area of 73,358sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. CLARK RAMIREZ ALGALLAR AND RAVENA SANTOS-ALGALLAR as vendee of the of a portion of land known as Lot 3686-B containing 40,000sq.m, from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 19, Page No. 5, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Aljim Denver M. Arcueno. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LILIA B. CUBILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3933 with OCT No. 491142 containing an area of 10,519sq.m.,under TD No. 08-32-0019-00225 with an assessed value of Php12,920.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of KRISTINE MAY DIANNE B. CUBILLO as vendee of a parcel of land from the share of inheritance over the parcel of land above-mentioned and all the improvements found thereon. Per Doc No. 487, Page 100, Book No. II, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Virginia A. Brazil. *LSDE: December 1, 8 & 15, 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. ISan Jose Palo, Leyte, under Tax Dec. no. 05-30-039-00230, containing an area of 2,219 square meteres 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*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FLORENCIO PUNZALAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land denominated as Lot No. 9477 located at Brgy. Navarro, Calbayog District. Calbayog City covered by TD No. 99-01030-00214 with OCT No. 8387 containing an area of 32,469sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of CHRISTIAN ANTHONY CABELLA as vendee of the whole above-described parcel of land together with all improvements found thereon. Per Doc No. 396, Page No. 80, Book No. XXXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Alex Gelera. *LSDE: December 1, 8 & 15, 2020*

DEED OF SALE - ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that JERWIN A. COSEP, heirs of the late ANGELES A. COSEP executed a Deed of Adjudication over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Trinidad, Calbayog City denominated as Cad Lot No. 5544 under ARP No. 99-01020-00667 with an area of 778sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of RONALD MARK F. AQUINO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 431, Page No. 87, Book No. XXXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Alex R. Gelera. *LSDE: December 1, 8 & 15, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ENRICA JABINES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land identified located at Cad Lot No. 1050 located at Brgy. Tahud, Inopacan, Leyte under TD No. 08-16013-00281 covered by OCT No. P-35082 containing an area of 3,897sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of VICTORIA DECATORIA FRANKE as vendee of a portion of land containing 2,504sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 523, Page No. 106, Book No. LXXI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros-Phua. *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, containing 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*



Leyte Ggovernor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla recieved Dr. Alvin Culaba, expert scientist to istart (Innovation science and technology for accelarating regional technology base development), professor and balik scientist awardee of the DOST) who visited him. The said courtesy call was held at the Governor’s Office,Government Center in Brgy. Candahug,Palo.Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)

2 farmers escaped shooting in Calbayog City

TACLOBAN CITY- Two farmers escaped from four gunmen after they were shot in Barangay Naga, Calbayog City last December 2, 2020.

Police identified the victims as Ariel Magbutay, 41, and Arvin Ortiz, 30, both residents of Purok-2, Barangay Naga of the said city.

Initial investigation disclosed that the victims were on their way to their farmland when they were shot by the gunmen.

Fortunately, the victims were not hit who ran towards the barangay proper, according to the report.

Authorities have yet to disclose the motive of the shooting.

Police are conducting a hot pursuit operation after they identified the suspects. (RONALD O. REYES)

DOLE calls on unserved, displaced workers to apply online for CAMP 2

CATARMAN, North-ern Samar- The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) - Northern Samar Field Office called on the unserved displaced workers in this time of pandemic to apply online for the COVID-19 Adjustment Measure Program (CAMP) second tranche.

DOLE Labor Employment Officer III Nelson Dela Cruz during the PIA’s “Huruhimangraw sa Pang-inudto” radio program said that workers in the private sector who have been displaced or affected by the pandemic can now apply online of the COVID-19 second tranche cash assistance.

He said the online application system can be accessed at <https://reports.dole.gov.ph>.

He explained that the steps to complete the transaction online are the following: Select the “Apply for CAMP Assistance” and choose the preferred application such as 1.) Apply Establishment; 2) Apply as DOT Accredited

Establishment; and 3) Displaced and Temporary Laid-off Workers.

He pointed out that applicants should submit online their worker’s pay slip or verifiable handwritten pay slip, updated business license permit, and identification card of the author-

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and never the numbers control our happiness.

The zeroes on our salary specially the reduction of those zeroes can pull you down and make our lives miserable. Personally, after losing 30,000 worth of additional salary each month due to reshuffling of assignments stressed me for a week or two. After that, I gained back the appetite for writing and saw myself capable of gaining other peoples trust and helping people more, the loss was a stimulant for a better lifestyle and a better fixation of other good things which was often neglected before. And the numbers lost was being gained back by some

rized representative for the private establishments.

For displaced and temporary laid-off workers or individual online application, he/she may submit his/her certificate of employment, termination,

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other windows of opportunities. The good Lord has enough equilibria dexterity and power in store for you and me.

Some numbers are inevitable though like our age , our waistline , our due dates but taken into account all these makes us stronger , better and equipped for survival . In our lives we have seen due dates go past us and we survived .We saw our age increased and we become older, yet wiser.

It is but the normal course of life designed by the Supreme Being for all of us mortals; F. Scott Fitzgerald was right ; Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by every moment that takes your breath away.

3 most wanted fall in different operations

TACLOBAN CITY-Police arrested three most wanted persons in separate operations from December 1-2, 2020.

Accused, Fatima Gawaen, was arrested in Mayorga, Leyte by virtue of a warrant dated November 23, 2020 for grave slander by deed.

Gawaen, who is listed as rank 5 most wanted-municipal level, is arrested by elements of Mayorga Municipal Police Station, led by Captain Niel Fernando Cerdena, acting chief of police.

The warrant was issued by Judge Chona Apostol-Octa, presiding judge of Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC) of MacArthur-Mayorga in in MacArthur, Leyte with recommended bail of P18,000.

In Bato, Leyte, joint police operatives arrested Benjamin Albero Jr, 66, and rank number 6 most wanted-provincial level.

The accused is facing a rape case, according to the warrant dated November 3, 2020, which was issued by Judge Carlos Arguelles, acting presiding judge of Regional Trial Court (RTC)-Branch 18 in Hilongos, Leyte.

No bail bond was recommended to the accused. The operating units involved were from Bato Municipal Police Station led by Lieutenant Steve John Abasolo, PIT Southern Leyte led by Executive Master Sergeant Pablo Yamson Jr, PIT Leyte led by Lieutenant Rolan Maceda, Provincial Intelligence Unit led by Major Dinvir Revita, and 82nd Military Intelligence Company (MICO), Military Intelligence Battalion (MIB)-8.

Police also arrested the rank 8 most wanted-station level in Ormoc City on December 1.

Accused, Charles Del Socorro, 35, was facing a warrant dated October 27, 2020, for violation of section 5 and section 10 (a) of the Republic Act (RA) 7610 or the Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act.

Judge Girlie Borrel-Yu, presiding judge of RTC-Branch 35 in Ormoc City issued the warrant, with recommended bail of P200,000 and P80,000, respectively.

The operation was conducted by Ormoc City Police Station 1 personnel led by Lieutenant Joseph Inay, officer in charge, under the supervision of Colonel Ramil Ramirez.

The arrested persons were brought to the police stations for documentation and proper disposition prior to turn-over to the court of origin.

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3 most wanted fall in different operations

T A C L O B A N CITY-Police arrested three most wanted persons in separate operations from December 1-2, 2020.

Accused, Fatima Gawaen, was arrested in Mayorga, Leyte by virtue of a warrant dated November 23, 2020 for grave slander by deed.

Gawaen, who is listed as rank 5 most wanted-municipal level, is arrested by elements of Mayorga Municipal Police Station, led by Captain Niel Fernando Cerdena, acting chief of police.

The warrant was issued by Judge Chona Apostol-Octa, presiding judge of Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC) of MacArthur-Mayorga in in MacArthur, Leyte with recommended bail of P18,000.

In Bato, Leyte, joint police operatives arrested Benjamin Albero Jr, 66, and rank number 6 most wanted-provincial level.

The accused is facing a rape case, according to the warrant dated November 3, 2020, which was issued by Judge Carlos Arguelles, acting presiding judge of Regional Trial Court (RTNo bail bond was recommended

to the accused.

The operating units involved were from Bato Municipal Police Station led by Lieutenant Steve John Abasolo, PIT Southern Leyte led by Executive Master Sergeant Pablo Yamson Jr, PIT Leyte led by Lieutenant Rolan Maceda, Provincial Intelligence Unit led by Major Dinvir Revita, and 82nd Military Intelligence Company (MICO), Military Intelligence Battalion (MIB)-8.

Police also arrested the rank 8 most wanted-station level in Ormoc City on December 1.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE LATE JAIME J. LUSTICO WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JAIME J. LUSTICO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coco land situated at Brgy. Magsaysay, Bobon, Northern Samar with an area of 16,810sq.m., under Tax Declaration Number ARP No. 12-04-004-00014. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ADONIS H. AGUIRRE as vendee of a portion of land measuring 300sq.m., with a dimension 10mx30m from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 465, Page No. 93, Book No. VI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Octavio A. Matangay. LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARIANO JOSE CUMPIO GARING, JR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposit at Philippine National Bank (PNB) Tacloban - Justice Romualdez Branch, Tacloban City particularly described as: Account Name: Garing, Mariano Jose, Cumpio Jr.; Account No: 594501000011; Nature of Account: Savings Account; and heirs hereby WAIVED, QUITCLAIM and FOREVER CONVEY any right of ownership over the afore-described bank deposit unto EDITA CUIZON GARING, her heirs, assigns and administrators. Per Doc No. 278, Page No. 57, Book No. IV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Granney R. Varona. LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020

Republic of the Philippines Province of Northern Samar MUNICIPALITY OF MONDRAGON -o0o- SANGGUNIANg BAYAN					
Excerpts from the Journal of proceedings of the Sangguniang Bayan, Regular Session held on the ~-17th day of February 2020 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Mondragon, Northern Samar.					
Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hon. Dawn A. Unay – Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer▪ Hon. Myla D. Marquita – Municipal Councilor▪ Hon. Raymundo E. Conge, Jr. – Municipal Councilor▪ Hon. Arthur A. Mananguite – Municipal Councilor▪ Hon. Gil R. Unay – Municipal Councilor▪ Hon. Rudy A. Galing – Municipal Councilor▪ Hon. Ma. Lucia D. Villadolid – Municipal Councilor▪ Hon. Rufo M. Huavas – Municipal Councilor▪ Hon. Lerma H. Madera – Liga President (Ex-officio Member)▪ Hon. Charmaine Angel V. Calunsag – SK Fed. President (Ex-officio Member)					
Absent: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Councilor Melecio E. Chin					
PROCEEDINGS: Session opened at 10:20 A.M. after quorum is declared.					
ORDINANCE NO. 11 Series of 2019					
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN’S WELFARE CODE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONDRAGON, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR.					
WHEREAS, the Philippine Government is a signatory to the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), World Declaration on the Survival, Development, Protection and Participation of the Children; thus the state shall defend the rights of the children to assistance including special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development, proper care, nutrition and education;					
WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 states that municipalities shall exercise and discharge its powers, functions and responsibilities appropriate or incidental to the efficient and effective provision of basic services and facilities, which includes among others, programs and projects on child and youth welfare.					
WHEREAS, the Municipality of Mondragon recognizes that children are important assets of our society and there is a need to coordinate existing government agencies and non-government agencies in providing quality life to children of Mondragon.					
WHEREAS, the passage of this ordinance will strengthen the child-sensitive and child friendly programs and services being implemented in the municipality and eventually improve the present state of the children and eliminate traditional practices which tend to violate children’s rights;					
WHEREAS, in keeping with its duties and commitment to uphold the rights and well-being of children, the Municipality of Mondragon deems it necessary to adopt measures and address these needs.					
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mondragon in Session assembled that:					
ARTICLE I					
TITLE, POLICY, PRINCIPLES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS					
SECTION 1. - TITLE. - This ordinance shall be known as the “Mondragon Comprehensive Children’s Welfare Code”;					
SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES.					
(a) Mondragon is hereby declared as a Child Friendly Municipality. As such it is the policy of the Municipal Government that the rights of the children for survival, protection, participation and development of their full potentials be given priority. It shall support the role of the family in providing for their children, and promote the efforts of parents, other child care and development workers, POs, NGOs and communities to nurture and care of children. Consistent herewith the Municipal Government shall endeavor to strengthen the establishment of a comprehensive children and family support system in the entire municipality and enjoin all the efforts of both the public, POs, NGOs and the private sector to achieve the goals for the survival, protection, development and participation of children.					
Furthermore, it shall ensure that all programs aimed at achieving the goals for survival, protection, development and participation of children are given priority when resources are allocated, thus exerting all efforts to ascertain that these programs are protected in times of economic austerity and structural adjustments.					
(b) Reiterates its adherence to the general principles provided for in the 1987 Constitution that lays down in broad stroke the State’s responsibility to the rights and welfare of children in favor of their development, and as such, the local government of Mondragon shall give utmost priority for its local execution in terms of programs and projects for that purposes;					
(c) Adheres to the general framework the 1989 UN Convention of the Rights of the Child which provides among others four general principles as follows:					
c.1 In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by the public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration;					
c. 2 The States parties are required to “assure the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given weight in accordance with the age of maturity of the child”;					
c. 3 The third principle is that of the survival and development of the child. “Survival” is an amplification of the right to life. The term “development” relates to the individual child and should be interpreted in broad sense. It adds a qualitative aspect to the right to life and implies that law, policy and administrative action must look beyond the physical survival of the child to issues of cognitive, emotional, social and cultural development;					
c.4 The fourth principle is the non-discrimination of children.					
SECTION 3. - DEFINITION OF TERMS. – The following terms used and defined in this Ordinance shall mean:					
a. “CHILDREN” refer to persons below eighteen (18) years of age or persons over eighteen years of age but are unable to fully take care or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination because of physical or mental disability or condition;					
b. “CHILD ABUSE” refers to the maltreatment, whether habitual or not, of the child, which includes any, of the following:					
(1) Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;					
(2) Any act by deeds or words which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;					
(3) Unreasonable deprivation of his/her basic needs for survival, such as food and shelter, or					
(4) Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his/her growth and development or his/her permanent capacity or death.					
c. “SURVIVAL RIGHTS” the rights of the children to demand from the state, their parents or legal guardians for adequate living standard, access to basic health services and social security;					
d. “DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS” pertain to the access of the child to educational opportunities, relevant information, play, leisure, cultural activities and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion;					
e. “PROTECTION RIGHTS” are those rights of children to be protected against all forms of child abuse, exploitation and discrimination in situations where the children are considered in extremely difficult circumstance;					
f. “PARTICIPATION RIGHTS” are those rights the children asserts as described in the 1989 UN Convention for the Rights of Children which says that the children have the freedom to express themselves on matters affecting his or her life.					
g. “SPECIAL CONCERN” are circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children include, but are not limited to the following:					
1. Being in a community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict-related activities;					
2. Working under conditions hazardous to life and morals which unduly interfere with their normal development or working without provisions for their education;					
3. Living in or fending for themselves in the streets without the care of parents or guardians or any adult supervision needed for their welfare;					
4. Being a member of an indigenous cultural community and/or living under conditions of extreme poverty or in an area which is underdeveloped and lacks or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a normal quality of life;					
5. Being with family members or guardians having psychological problems grave enough for them to commit incest, siblings” rape, lascivious acts and other forms of physical and mental abuse;					
6. Being a victim of man-made or natural disaster or calamity;					
7. Being a victim of an illegal transnational union or child trafficking;					
8. Recruitment of children in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, its civilian units or OTHER ARMED GROUPS;					
9. Circumstances analogous to those above stated circumstances that endanger the life, safety or normal development of children.					
h. “COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN’S SUPPORT SYSTEM AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION” refers to the coordinated program of services and facilities to protect the children against:					
1. Child prostitution and other sexual abuse;					
2. Child trafficking;					
3. Obscene publications and indecent shows;					
4. Exploitation;					
5. Other acts of abuse;					
6. Circumstances that treated or endanger the survival and normal development of children as prescribed in the 1989 UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.					
i. “Child At risk” refers to a child who is vulnerable to and at risk of committing criminal offenses because of personal, family and social circumstances, such as, but not limited to, the following:					
(1) Being abused by any person through sexual, physical, psychological, mental, economic or any other means and the parents or guardian refuse, are unwilling, or unable provide protection for the child;					
(2) Being exploited through online sexual exploitation					
(3) Coming from a dysfunctional family					
(4) Being an out of school youth					
(5) Being a street child					
(6) Being member of a gang;					
(7) Living in a community with high level of criminality or drug abuse; and					
(8) Living in a situation of armed conflict.					
j. “COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL PROTECTION (CNDP)” refers to the coordinated program of services and facilities to protect children:					
1. Children in worst form of child labor					
2. neglected and abandoned children					
3. Child prostitution and other sexual abuse;					
4. Child trafficking and or commercial sexual exploitation of children					
3. Obscene publications and indecent shows;					
4. Children in various forms of disability;					
5. children in situation of armed conflict					
6. victim of child abuse					
7. circumstances which threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children.					
k. “ANTI-SOCIAL RELATED ACTIVITIES are those acts against property, chastity and person which include but are not limited to the following:					
1. Petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting, misrepresentations;					
2. Using and pushing prohibited drugs;					
3. Selling or distribution of lewd/obscene reading materials;					
4. Pimping for young and adult prostitutes, sexual perversions and doing or participating in obscene shows;					
5. Gambling of any form;					
6. Rape and incest; and					
7. All other circumstances as defined in the existing laws.					
l. “BENEFIT DANCE” refers to the exploitative dance promoted in the locality wherein young girls or boys who are tagged as benefit dancers are being offered to dance with any partner upon payment of a certain price.					
m. “CULTURALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES” refer to activities showcasing the Filipino culture and tradition such as but not limited to the following:					
1. Ethnic Dance					
2. Historical drama					
3. Folk dancers and					
4. Others					
n. “DAY CARE” is the provision of substitute parental care and stimulating activities for the total development of children up to five(0-5) years old when their parents are unable to take care of them during part of the day because of work and some other situation.					
o. “ CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER” is a facility where day care services are provided by an accredited child development worker particularly for children in form three to five(3-5) year of age brackets;					
p. “CHILD IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW” refers to a child who is alleged as, accused of, or adjudged as having committed an offense under Philippine laws;					
q. “JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE SYSTEM” refers to a system dealing with children at risk and children in conflict with the law, which provides child appropriate proceedings, including programs and services for prevention, diversion, rehabilitation, re-integration and aftercare to ensure their normal growth and development.					
r. “DIVERSION” refers to an alternative, child-appropriate process of determining the responsibility and treatment of a child in conflict with the law on the basis of his/her social, cultural, economic, psychological or educational background without resorting to formal court proceedings.					
s. ‘DIVERSION PROGRAM” refers to the program that the child in conflict with the law is required to undergo after he/she is found responsible for an offense without resorting to formal court proceedings.					
t. “BAHAY PAG-ASA” refers to a 24-hour child-caring institution, funded and managed by local government units(LGUs) and licensed and/or accredited non-government organizations(NGOs) providing short term residential care for children in conflict with the law who are above fifteen(15) but below eighteen(18) years of age who are awaiting court disposition of their cases or transfer to other agencies or jurisdiction.					
u. “MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM(MDT)” shall refer to a team composed of social worker, a psychologist/mental health professional, medical doctor, an educational/ guidance counselor and a Barangay Council for the Protection of Children(BCPC) member. The team will work on the individualized intervention plan with the child and the child’s family.					
v. “CHILD TRAFFICKING” shall refer to the recruitment, transfer or deployment of a child and/or harboring or receipt of a child with or without the victim’s consent or knowledge, through legal or illegal means, fraud or deceit, violence, coercion, intimidation, abuse of position or authority;					
w. “CHILD PORNOGRAPHY” refers to any representation, whether visual, audio or written combination thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of child engaged or involved in real or simulated explicit sexual activities.					
x. “BULLYING” refers to any severe or repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal or electronic expression, or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at another student that has the effect of actual					
y. “SPECIAL EDUCATION” refers to the education of persons who are gifted or talented and those who have physical, mental, social or sensory impairment and cultural differences so as to require modification of the school curricula, programs and special services and physical facilities to develop them to their maximum capacity.					
ARTICLE II					
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHILD					
SECTION 4: All children shall be entitled to the rights herein set forth without distinction as to legitimacy or illegitimacy, sex, social status, religion, political antecedents and other factors:					
1. Every child is endowed with the dignity and worth of a human being from the moment of his conception, and therefore has the right to be protected from this time.					
2. Every child has the right to a family life that will provide him with love, care, understanding, guidance and material security.					
3. Every child has the right to a well-rounded development of his personality to the end that he may become a happy, useful and active member of society.					
4. Every child has the right to a balanced diet, adequate clothing, sufficient shelter, proper medical attention, and all the basic physical requirements of a healthy and vigorous life.					
5. Every child has the right to be brought up in an atmosphere of morality and rectitude for the enrichment and the strengthening of his character.					
6. Every child has the right to an education commensurate with his abilities and to the development of his skills for the improvement of his capacity for service to himself and to his fellowmen.					
7. Every child has the right to full opportunities for safe and wholesome recreation and activities, individual as well as social, for the wholesome use of his leisure hours.					
8. Every child has the right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his					

physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development.

9. Every child has the right to live in a community and society that can offer him an environment free from pernicious influences and conducive to the promotion of his health and the cultivation of his desirable traits and attributes.

10. Every child has the right to care, assistance, and protection of the State, particularly when his parents or guardians fail or are unable to provide him with his fundamental needs for growth, development and improvement.

11. Every child has the right to an efficient and honest government that will deepen his faith in democracy and inspire him with the morality of the constituted authorities both in their public and private lives.

12. Every child has the right to grow up as a free individual, in an atmosphere of peace, understanding, tolerance, and universal brotherhood, and with the determination to contribute his share in the building of a better world.

13. In no case, shall those exercising parental authority, inflict corporal punishment over the child (Art. 233, FC).

SECTION 5: Responsibilities of the Child: Every child regardless of the circumstances of birth, sex, religion, social status, political antecedents and other factors, shall:

- a. Strive to lead an upright and virtuous life in accordance with the tenets of his/her religion, the teaching of his/her elders and mentors, and the bidding of a clean conscience;
- b. Love, respect and obey his/her parents and cooperate with them in the strengthening of the family;
- c. Extend to his/her brothers and sisters love, thoughtfulness and helpfulness and endeavor with them to keep the family harmonious and united;
- d. Exert his/her utmost effort to develop his/her potentials for services; particularly by undergoing a formal education suited to his/her abilities, in order that he/she may become an asset to himself/herself and to society; Respect not only his/her elders but also the traditions and costumes of his/her people, the memory of his/her people’s heroes the duly constituted authorities, the laws of the country and the principles and the institutions of democracy;
- e. Actively participate in the civil affairs and in the promotion of the general welfare, recognizing that it is the youth who will eventually be called to discharged the responsibility of leadership in shaping the nation’s future’ and
- f. Help in the observance of the individual human rights, strengthening of freedom everywhere, the fostering of cooperation among nations in the pursuit of their common aspiration for unity and prosperity and the furtherance of world peace

ARTICLE III

SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 6. - GENERAL FRAMEWORK. - The development and survival of children are determined by both external and internal factors, so that, it is the shared responsibility of the parents, siblings, and relatives which shall be known as the internal factor and the State, civil society, and community which shall be known as the external factor to provide the necessary environment, support, assistance and other initiatives to make children responsive and productive members of the society.

SECTION 7. - The local government of Mondragon, representing the State, shall ensure, to the maximum extent possible, the survival and development of the child by providing facilities, programs and projects for the purpose and at the same time facilitate and mobilize the civil society and the community to reinforce and strengthen the initiatives for the general welfare of the children.

SECTION 8. - The local government of Mondragon shall establish the following programs, projects and initiatives to contribute to the survival and development of the children.

a. **Maintain monitoring of registration of births.** The parents shall cause the early shall cause the early registration of the child with the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of the Municipality. In coordination with the barangays, the municipality shall implement Barangay Civil registration System(BCRS) pursuant to Act Number 3753 of the Civil Registry law in order to promote effective and efficient registration of births and other vital events.

b. **Implement Maternal and Child Health Care and Nutrition Program.** The Local Government of Mondragon shall strengthen the implementation of primary health care and nutrition program that cater to the health of the mother in her pre-natal period to ensure the healthy delivery of a child; and after post-natal period as the same program be provided throughout the early childhood years. The following programs may include in the implementation:

b.1 WOMEN’S HEALTH AND SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROGRAM.

The program shall ensure development with the proper nutrition, health and well-being of the pregnant mother. It may also include a program that would improve access to health facilities with basic emergency obstetric care.

b.2 CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAM.

This program shall provide proper nutrition and complete timely immunization, as safe as safe water for the under-five children for their proper growth and development.

b.3 MALNUTRITION/UNDERNUTRITION AND MICRONUTRIENTS DEFICIENCY PROGRAM.

The program shall be implemented to protect women and children from the dangers and consequences of the dreaded micronutrients deficiency, particularly Vitamin A deficiency, iron deficiency, anemia and iodine deficiency. The implementation of R.A. 8976 “ THE PHILIPPINE FOOD FORTIFICATION ACT of 2000” be enforced to address the problem of micronutrients deficiency. As well, the SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING program be one of the priority programs of the local government to address the malnutrition problem in the locality.

c) **Early Childhood Care and Development Program and Day Care Service Program**

The R.A. 6972, an act establishing a DAY CARE CENTER and instituting a total development and protection of children program be sustained its implementation. Thus, DAY CARE CENTERS shall be set up in 24 barangay to serve children from two (2) to four (4) years and 11 months old which shall

depend on the population level of the community as prescribed under the act.

The Local Government Unit of Mondragon shall adopt Republic Act 8980 otherwise known as the Early Childhood Care and Development Programs (ECCD) and provides funds to initiate care and development programs of children below six (6) years old through the establishment of home based ECCD Programs in the form of, but not limited to SUPERVISED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAY in all barangays such as Barangay Day Care Service Program and the National Pre-School Education Program.

c.1) **Day Care Worker.** A day care worker or child development worker who have rendered ten(10) years and above in the service with good standing shall not be removed from the service unless he/she voluntarily resigned from the position or has committed unlawful act which can prejudice his/her integrity as Day Care Worker/Child Development worker.

d) **Role of Primary Health Care Program in Children’s Health.** - The promotion of primary health care program in the barangays shall give specific emphasis on monitoring the children’s health, *as such, a barangay child health officer shall be employed of which a salary commensurate to the assigned task will be paid.*

To ensure the implementation of the Primary Health Care Program gives specific emphasis on children’s health, the following strategies shall be pursued:

d.1. Apply readily available technology and provide adequate nutritious food and safe drinking water in connection with the health programs intended for the children.

d.2. Establish a comprehensive Parent’s Orientation Development Program which include courses on reproductive health, child health and child rearing practices in the context of Filipino psychology;

d.3. Conduct massive information and education campaign on breast-feeding at the community level, school and LGU level. Whenever possible, the students in all levels shall be required to take breastfeeding course which shall be integrated in the curricula.

e.) **Parenting Orientation Course a Requirement for Marriage License-**Marriage license applicants shall be required to attend in the Parenting Orientation Course I, among other requirements, prior to the issuance of marriage license by the Civil Registrar. This course becomes an integral part of existing Family Training Seminar on Reproductive Course Council, in close coordination with the Municipal Health Office and the Civil Registry Office, shall upgrade the Family Planning Seminar in cognizance of this ordinance.

Parent-applicants for birth certificates of their first-born child(ren) shall be required to participate in Parenting Orientation course II, as a follow-up to the first course, before issuance of Certificate of Live Birth by the civil Registrar without prejudice to the early registration of birth requirement under existing laws.

Modules for these courses shall be designed by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office in close coordination with an NGO child focused program.

f.) **Family and Community Welfare Support.** The Municipal government shall implement and sustain Family Community Welfare Support system for children. The following programs shall form part of the Family and Community Welfare Program which this government shall zealously support;

f.1. Child and Youth Welfare Program. The Municipal government shall establish and support the program which shall include the services such as peer group service, community based services for street children, community based services for child in conflict with the law and services for children in especially difficult circumstances and among other,

f.2. Women Welfare Program. The Municipal government shall recognize the roles of women in the formation of the society as well as the child hence, it shall establish and support a Women Welfare and Development Program, which shall include courses and services such as self-enhancement skills development, maternal and child care, skills training for employment and livelihood support, among other.

f.3. Nutrition Program. The Municipal government shall establish a growth and nutritional monitoring and nutritional feeding and supervision of nutritional intake of children at home and in school. This program shall be under the administration and supervision of the Municipal Health Office. The program on nutrition shall include a monitoring and evaluation system, which shall be established by the said office.

g.) **Female Functional Literacy and Enhanced Child Growth.**

The program shall improve the health caring and seeking behaviour among families of the poor, vulnerable and hard to reach population with the aim to empower women by improving literacy among them as mothers and caregivers.

h.) **Foster Care Program**

The Local Government Unit of Mondragon shall adopt R.A. 10165 for the best interest of the child who is neglected, abandoned, orphaned and victim of other circumstances to be under the care of a licensed foster home and foster family or an alternative family care. LGU Mondragon in its effort to established a community based strategy for the protection of child shall endeavor to institutionalize the foster homes for children with the technical assistance of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Regional Office VIII.

i.) **Out-of-School Youth Program.**

The Local Government Unit of Mondragon shall develop programs such as youth camps, leadership training, disaster related activities, alternative literacy programs and technical skills training for the out-of-school youth and other disadvantaged youth in coordination with the Department of Education, Technical Education Skills Development Authority and other national government and non-government agencies and organizations. This aims to help and assist youths re-integrate to the regular school programs and for them to acquire skills and knowledge that would help them become self-reliant, economically productive and socially responsible citizens.

SECTION 9. TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE SPECIAL PROGRAM ON CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

The training program shall be part of the priority program of the Local Government for the service providers of the special programs, projects and activities for children and to be funded locally, and or in partnership with other national agencies, provincial government and non-government organizations.

ARTICLE IV

PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

SECTION 10. – PROGRAM ON CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION There shall be a comprehensive program to be formulated by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and the Local Council for the Protection of Children after consultation with other government agencies, private sector, non-government organizations and child welfare institutions that are concerned with protection and development of children’s rights and welfare.

SECTION 11. - CHILD PROSTITUTION AND OTHER SEXUAL ABUSE. - Children, whether male or female, who for money, profit or any other consideration or due to the coercion or influence of any adult, syndicate or groups, indulge in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, are deemed to be children exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse.

The penalty as prescribed in Section 5 of RA 7610 shall be imposed upon the following:

a. Those engage in or promote, facilitate or induce prostitution which include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Acting as procurer of a child prostitute by means of written or oral advertisements or other similar means;

2. Inducing a person to be a client of a child prostitute by means of written or oral advertisements or other similar means;

3. Entering into relationship with or taking advantage of a child as prostitute;

4. Threatening or using violence towards a child to engage him or her as a prostitute or participants in indecent shows;

5. Giving monetary consideration, goods or other pecuniary benefit to a child with the intent to engage in child prostitution.

b. Those persons who commit the act as stated in Article III of republic Act 7610 shall be penalized accordingly as prescribed therein.

SECTION 12. - OBSCENE PUBLICATION AND INDECENT SHOWS. - Any person who shall hire, employ, use, persuade, coerce or force a child, whether live or in video, to pose or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials shall suffer the penalty prescribed in RA 7610 in so far or it is applicable.

SECTION 13. Sanctions for Establishment or Enterprises which Promote, Facilitate or Conduct Activities Constituting Child Prostitution and Other Sexual Abuse, Child Trafficking, Obscene Publications and Indecent Shows.

All establishments or enterprises that promote, facilitate child prostitution and sexual abuse and exploitation, trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows, and other acts of abuse shall be immediately closed and their authority or license to operate cancelled, without prejudice to the owner or manager thereof being prosecuted under the ordinance. A sign that says: “CHILD RIGHTS VIOLATOR” will be conspicuously posted outside the establishment(s) or enterprise(s).

SECTION 13-A. - REQUIREMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT TO POST NOTICES AGAINST CHILD ABUSE. - All establishments such as Hotels, Sauna Baths, Motels and Nightclubs shall be required to post notices against child abuse as requisite to renewal/approval of business license.

SECTION 14. - CHILD TRAFFICKING. - Any person who shall engage in trading and dealing with children including, but not limited to, the act of buying and selling of a child for money, or for any other consideration or barter, shall suffer the penalty as prescribed in Article IV of the Republic Act No. 7610.

SECTION 15. - ATTEMPT TO COMMIT CHILD TRAFFICKING. - There is an attempt to commit child trafficking under Section 8 of this Ordinance:

a. When a child, below 15 years old, travel alone to or from Mondragon without clearance issued by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Mondragon or written permit or justification from the child’s parents or legal guardian; Written permits issued should be attested by the Punong Barangay.

b. When a pregnant mother, father or guardian executes an affidavit of consent for adoption for a consideration; or consents, participates or in any manner causes the registration of the birth of such child in the name of another with or without consideration;

c. When a person, agency, establishment or child-caring institution recruits women or couples to bear children for the purpose of child trafficking;

d. When a doctor, hospital or clinic official or employee, nurse, midwife, local civil registrar or any other person stimulates birth for the purpose of child trafficking;

e. When a person engages in the act of finding children among low-income families, hospitals, clinics, nurseries, day-care centers or other caring institutions who can be offered for the purpose of child trafficking; or

f. When any person, authority, agency or institution witnesses who have knowledge but fails to report, transactions related to circumstances in child trafficking.

The penalty prescribed in Article IV of Republic Act No. 7610 in so far as it is applicable shall be imposed upon the principals of the attempt to commit child trafficking under this ordinance. In addition, a one-month community service shall be imposed for the commission and omission of acts under Section 8. Such service shall be defined by the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children.

SECTION 16. - OTHER ACTS AND/OR CONDITIONS PREJUDICIAL TO THE CHILD’S DEVELOPMENT. - It shall be unlawful for any person to sell liquor, cigarette, illegal drugs and other items detrimental to the development of the child.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the penalty for commission of such act as prescribed in Article IV of Republic Act No. 7610 in so far as it is applicable shall be entrusted to the care of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development.

SECTION 17. All establishment selling liquors or cigarettes shall be required to post notices or warning signs that ban selling of liquor and cigarettes to children as a condition for the approval/renewal of their business license.

SECTION 18 - REGULATION ON CHILDREN’S EXPOSURE TO COMMERCIAL VIDEO GAMES. - Commercial establishments which business involved renting of electronic video games are prohibited from catering to children

during school days from 7:00 o'clock in the morning to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Business permit(s) concerned commercial establishment(s) who violate the prohibition shall subjected to suspension for fifteen (15) days during the first offense and one (1) month suspension of the same for the second offense.

SECTION 19: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.–The following are prohibited acts enumerated under RA. 9775 or the Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009.

- 1.) To hire, employ, use, persuade, induce or coerce a child to perform in the creation or production of any form of child pornography;
- 2.) To produce, direct, manufacture or create any form of child pornography
- 3.) To publish offer, transmit, sell, distribute, broadcast, advertise, promote, export or import any form of child pornography;
- 4.) To possess any form of child pornography with the intent to sell, distribute, publish, or broadcast: Provided: that possession of three(3) or more articles of child pornography of the same form shall be prima facie evidence of the intent to sell, distribute, publish or broadcast
- 5.) To knowingly, willfully, and intentionally provide a venue for the commission of prohibited act as, but not limited to, dens, private rooms, cubicles, cinemas, houses or in establishments purporting to be legitimate business
- 6.) For film distributors, theaters and telecommunications companies, by themselves or in cooperation with other entities, to distribute any form of child pornography;
- 7.) For a parent, legal guardian or person having custody or control of a child to knowingly permit the child to engage, participate or assist in any form of child pornography
- 8.) To engage in the luring or grooming of child
- 9.) To engage in pandering of any form of child pornography
- 10.) To willfully access any form of child pornography
- 11.) To conspire to commit any of the prohibited acts stated in this section. Conspiracy to commit any form of child pornography shall be committed when two(2) or more persons come to an agreement concerning the commission of any of the said prohibited acts and decide to commit it; and
- 12.) To possess any form of child pornography.

SECTION 20. EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.- No child below fifteen (15) years of age shall be employed or allowed to work, except when he works directly under the sole responsibility of his parents or guardian, and his employment or work does not in any way interfere with his schooling, or is non-hazardous to him/her. In any of these exceptions, the employer, parent or guardian shall secure first the working child permit before such child is allowed commence work, usually on a short term and per project basis in a family undertaking or business establishment.

A ***non-hazardous work*** is one where the employee or worker is not exposed to any risk which constitutes an imminent danger to his life, safety, health and morals.

- a.) Cases involving working children shall be dealt with pursuant to Republic Act 9231 and other pertinent national statues;
- b.) Children found working in violation of the above provision shall immediately be rescued and provided with appropriate intervention as provided in the Comprehensive Program for Children in Need of Special Protection(CNSP).

SECTION 21. The Local Government Unit of Mondragon through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall intervene in behalf of the child when the parent, guardian, or person having custody of the child fails or is unable to protect the child against abuse, exploitation and or any form of violence.

SECTION 22.- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION UNIT (CPU)- To provide child-friendly facility where forensic interview and medical examination/treatment are conducted. This facility can be the site for team meetings. The CPU will be managed by the Local Multi-Disciplinary Team(MDT). This is a team of caring people who will plan, organize and initiate delivery of appropriate services to CNSP in an integrated and systematic manner. The management of the cases are done in a multidisciplinary team approach, that is collaborative assessment, collaborative planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, termination, advocacy and resource mobilization. The MDT shall be composed of LGU trained and experienced social worker that specializes on child abuse cases, trained Municipal Health Officer, trained Women and Children Protection Desk(WCPD) Officer , other relevant stakeholders.

SECTION 23. - CHILDREN INVOLVED IN ANTI-SOCIAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. - Children who are involved in anti-social or related activities shall be registered in the rehabilitation program that shall assist the children to rebuild themselves and reintegrate them to the mainstream of society.

SECTION 24. BULLYING- As enumerated under R.A. 10627 or the Anti-Bullying Act of 2013, the following are acts of bullying:

- 1.) Any unwanted physical contact between the bully and the victim like punching, pushing, shoving, kicking, slapping, tickling, headlocks, inflicting school pranks, teasing, fighting and the use of available objects as weapons:
- 2.) Any act that causes damage to a victim's psyche and/or emotional well-being
- 3.) Any slanderous statement or accusation that cause the victim undue emotional distress like directing foul language or profanity at the target, name-calling, tormenting and commenting negatively on victim's looks, clothes and body' and
- 4.) Cyber-bullying or any bullying done through the use of technology or any electronic means.

SECTION 25. ADOPTION OF ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES.- All elementary and secondary schools are hereby directed to adopt policies to address the existence of bullying in their respective institutions. Such policies shall be updated regularly.

SECTION 26. DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Local Government Unit of Mondragon through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall establish a system of diversion or a diversion program wherein children at risk and children in conflict with the law shall be referred to alternative measures without undergoing court proceedings. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and/or the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children as the case may be shall be responsible for the development of a diversion program and shall spearhead the implementation and application of the program.

SECTION 27: PROTECTION OF CHILDREN DURING EMERGENCIES. The municipality of Mondragon shall implement appropriate programs and services to protect children during emergencies such as but not limited to child friendly spaces and psycho-social support or psychological first aid.

SECTION 28. REPORTING AND COVERING OF CASES INVOLVING CHILDREN.

The media practitioners have the duty to maintain the highest and ethical and professional standards in reporting and covering cases of children and should observe that in publicity concerning, the best interest of the child shall be three primordial and paramount concern.

Media practitioners shall at all times adhere to the Department of Justice Guidelines for Media Practitioners on the Reporting and Coverage of Cases Involving Children.

SECTION 29. - CURFEW FOR MINORS. - To protect the children from harm, exploitation and criminal elements, a curfew shall be imposed on them from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. During these hours, the children are prohibited from loitering around the town or sleeping in public places. Unless justified and accompanied by parents, legal guardian(s) or adults and the condition in which the presence of the children does not constitute child trafficking, prostitution and other unlawful activities, this provision will not apply. The penalty for violating this provision for the first offense shall be imposed on the parents and legal guardians that will constitute of a one-day seminar on the duties and responsibilities in child rearing and caring.

For second-time offender(s), a 15-day community service or as determined by the court shall be imposed on parents and legal guardians.

SECTION 30. OTHER ACTS OF NEGLECT, ABUSE, CRUELTY OR EXPLOITATION AND OTHER CONDITIONS PREJUDICIAL TO THE CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT-Any person including the parents of a child who shall use, coerce, force or intimidate a child or any other child to:

- (a) conceal or abandon the child with intent to make such child lose his/her civil status
- (b) abandon the child under such circumstances as to deprive him/her of the love, care and protection he/she needs;
- (c) sell or abandon the child to another person for valuable consideration
- (d) neglect the child by not giving him/her the education by which the family's status in life and financial condition permit
- (e) fail or refuse, without justifiable grounds to enroll the child as required by law;
- (f) cause, abate or permit the truancy of the child from the school where he/she is enrolled, "truancy" as used here means absence without cause for more than twenty(20) school days, not necessarily consecutive
- (g) exploit the child by using her/him, directly or indirectly such as for purposes of begging and other acts which are inimical to his/her interest and welfare:
- (h) inflict cruel and unusual punishment upon the child or deliberately subject him/her to indignations and other excessive chastisement that embarrass or humiliate him/her.
- (i) cause or encourage the child to lead the immoral or dissolute life
- (j) permit the child to posses, handle or carry a deadly weapon, regardless of its ownership
- (k) allow require the child to drive without license or with a license which the parent knows to have been illegally procured;
- (l) cause or allow a child to act as conduit or middlemen in drug trafficking or pushing, and cause the child to participate directly in the conduct of illegal activities shall be penalized.

ARTICLE V

PARTICIPATION RIGHTS

SECTION 31. The Local Government Unit of Mondragon shall encourage and promote the participation of children and youth in socio-cultural and community development activities. It shall also support culturally-relevant activities that will showcase the province and municipality culture and tradition thereby making the children and youth aware of the history.

SECTION 32. - PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. - In deciding what is in a child's best interests, the child's own views must be considered where the child is able to express these. Thus, this ordinance reiterates the second principle stated in 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child that the State' assure to the child who is capable of forming his or her own views the right to express those views freely in all matters affecting the child, the views of the child being given due weight in accordance with the age and maturity of the child'. This principle tends to be viewed somewhat simplistically, and it will be important for any new legislation pertaining to children in Mondragon to ensure that ample opportunity is given for children to participate meaningfully in decisions affecting them.

SECTION 33. MONDRAGON YOUNG ARTISTS ORGANIZATION

The Municipal Office of Tourism shall initiate the formation of the Mondragon Young Artist s Organization that will serve as venue of talented and gifted children to hone their skills and make them excel in their chosen fields. Relative to this a periodic workshop on theatre arts shall be conducted to enhance their inherent talent and skills. A Culture and the Arts Officer shall be designated as a focal person in charge of trainings and similar activities relative to the promotion of the Mondragon culture and heritage, and shall prepare the necessary plans, programs and activities for inclusion in the annual investment plan and budget.

SECTION 34. ORGANIZATION OF BARANGAY YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The Local Government Unit of Mondragon shall help and sustain out-of-school youth organizations to enhance their capabilities and potentials to transform themselves into self-reliant, economically productive and socially responsible citizens able to contribute to the development of their families and communities.

SECTION 35. ORGANIZATION OF CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Local Government Unit of Mondragon shall encourage the organization of children's association in the community and in school and promote their participation in productive activities.

SECTION 36. CHILDREN'S CONGRESS- There shall be a Children's Congress to be held every November every year to be participated in by the Children's representative from all barangays of the local government unit.

ARTICLE VI

SPECIAL CONCERN

SECTION 37. ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (LCPC)- The Local Council for the Protection of Children is hereby institutionalized. It shall become the consultative assembly of Municipal Government of Mondragon for its periodic planning and programming assessment and evaluation. It shall act as a regulatory body for operations of all programs and projects designed for children.

SECTION 37-A MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN. In consonance with the revised guidelines issued by the National Child Welfare Council, the LCPC shall composed of the following:

Committee Chair:
1. Municipal Mayor

- Members:
2. SB Chair, Committee on Social Services, Women and Family
 3. Municipal Planning and Development Officer
 4. Municipal Budget Officer
 5. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
 6. Municipal Health Officer
 7. Municipal Agriculturist
 8. Municipal Information Officer
 9. Three(3) NGO representative
 10. SK Federation President
 11. ABC President
 12. PO representative
 13. PNP Women's Desk Officer
 14. DOLE representative
 15. Child Representative
 16. District Supervisors
 17. MLGOO
 18. Child Protection Policies of Schools

SECTION 38. FUNCTIONS OF THE LCPC. The following shall be the functions of the LCPC of Mondragon.

1. Formulate the Municipal Action Plan for Children, incorporating the projects and programs needing assistance by the barangay, and ensure its integration into the Municipal Development Plan.
2. Monitor and Evaluate the Municipal and Barangay development plans
3. Submit semi-annual status report on the plan and implementation to the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children(PCPC)
4. Promptly address issues and concerns affecting children and youth
5. Advocate for the passage of relevant child and youth protective ordinances
6. Advocate for the increased support and resource allocation for children's programs and projects
7. Provide technical assistance to the community-based frontline workers through the conduct of capability building and human resource development activities;
8. Prepare contingency measures to protect children and their families in crisis situations brought by natural and man-made calamities
9. Advocacy on the promotion of the right and welfare of children
10. Updating of database on children
11. Coordinate with other Local Government Units, national agencies, non-government organizations and other partners for the programs, projects and activities for children
12. Formulation of the following four(4) gifts for children:
 - a. Local Development Plan for Children
 - b. Local Investment Plan for Children
 - c. Local Code for Children
 - d. Local State of Children report

13. Ensure the proper implementation of this ordinance

SECTION 39. POLICIES, PLANS AND BUDGET.

- (a) Policies shall be formulated and recommended for executive or legislative action through resolutions and shall be needs based/demand driven.
- (b) The LCPC shall pass a resolution adopting the PPAs on children for integration to the LGU development plan.
- (c) LCPC's Annual Work and Financial Plan(AWFP) shall be submitted to the LCE before the schedule of budget preparation to ensure funding of the Council's PPAs. It shall be incorporated in the Local Development Investment Plan/Annual Investment Program.

SECTION 40. CHILDREN'S MONTH CELEBRATION. Pursuant to RA 10661 declaring the month of November every year as National Children's Month,

The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children shall conduct child-focused activities promoting the rights and responsibilities of Filipino children specifically in the Municipality of Mondragon.

ARTICLE VII

PROHIBITED ACTS

SECTION 41. Prohibited Acts. In addition to all acts defined and penalized under Republic Act Number 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act), Republic Act No. 7658 (Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children Below 15 years of Age), Republic Act No. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003), Republic Act No. 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004), Republic Act No. 9344 (Act Establishing a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice and Welfare System, Creating the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council under the Department of Justice, Appropriating Funds therefore and for Other Purposes), and other pertinent laws, the following acts shall likewise be prohibited and punishable:

41.1. Using Girls as Commodities in Benefit Dances – Using benefit dance as a means to exploit children by allowing girls to dance with male partners for a fee for each dance;

41.2. Sex Tourism

Offering, negotiating and persuading a child to an activity or program organized by travel and tourism-related establishments and individuals which consists of tourism packages or activities, utilizing and offering escort and sexual services and practices offered during rest and recreation periods for members of the military..

41.3. Pushing/Enticing Children/Minors to Live-In Arrangements

Parents/Guardians who entice. Encourage and/or push their children to live together with any person as husband and wife in exchange for money or any other consideration shall be unlawful.

41.4. Physical and Other Degrading Forms of Punishment

Subjecting a child to physical and degrading forms of punishment such as, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Directing a child to kneel on salt and other similar granular objects
- b. Shaving the head of the child
- c. Whipping the child with stick, belt and other similar object
- d. Tying up the child, placing him/her inside a sack or the like that would result to asphyxiation, locking him/her up in a cabinet or any enclosed struc-

ture, otherwise detaining him/her

- e. Pulling the hair of the child
- f. Throwing objects at the child such as, but not limited to, erasers, chalk and notebooks.
- g. Causing the child to stand under the heat of the sun
- h. Directing the child to stand in front of the class as punishment of an act or omission.
- i. Defamatory utterances directed to the child.
- j. Disallowing latecomers the entrance to school premises and denying attendance in class.

Any person who commits any of the above-mentioned prohibited acts shall be penalized with a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00), or an imprisonment of not less than six (6) months and not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 42. It is also prohibited for all schools in the municipality of Mondragon, elementary or secondary, government or private, to conduct school-related activities at night involving the attendance of its minor students. All schools are encouraged to conduct all activities only during daytime.

SECTION 43. Prohibiting the student’s entry to Internet Café or Computer Shops.

43.1 Students are prohibited to enter Internet Café/Computer Shop and the likes to its premises to make computer works, during school days and school hours. Students shall be allowed only to make research and other school-related works between 4:00 o’clock in the afternoon and 9:00 o’clock in the evening.

43.2 Students in school uniform are strictly prohibited to enter internet café, computer shops, to do computer related works during school days and school hours, provided with a written consent or permit from the school authorities or parents shall be presented for their research and other related online needs.

43.3 Internet Café/Computer Shops shall not offer online and network gaming services during school days & class hours to students.

43.4 Internet Café/Computer Shops shall post a signage at the entrance of their premises with the oriented words “ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING CLASS HOURS”.

43.5 Display necessary warning against access to pornographic and online gambling sites, “INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY AND ONLINE GAMBLING ARE PROHIBITED”.

Penalty Clause – Violators of this section shall be subjected to the following penalties.

• **For Internet Café/Computer Shop owners**

- A. A fine of 1,000 for 1st Offense
- B. A fine of 2,000 for 2nd Offense
- C. A fine of 2,500 for 3rd Offense

• **For minor student**

- A. 1st offense: reprimand/guidance counseling
- B. 2nd offense: parents needed for further counseling
- C. 3rd offense: the parents will be liable and will be meted a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00).

SECTION 44. DISCRIMINATION OF CHILDREN TO ENROLL IN ANY GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS OR INSTITUTIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY.

Discrimination of children by prohibiting and depriving them of formal education, non-formal education and vocational courses under the following conditions:

a. **Discrimination of Illegitimate Children** – For schools to discriminate illegitimate children including, but not limited to, the following:

- Refusal to accept enrolment of illegitimate children in the school by reason of one’s illegitimacy.
- Requiring the marriage contract of parents in the enrolment of the child.

b. **Expulsion by Reason of Pregnancy** – For schools to impose a penalty of expulsion by reason of pregnancy against a child who has complied with all academic requirements.

c. **Refusing a Child to Graduate by Reason of Pregnancy** – For schools to refuse a child to graduate by reason of pregnancy after complying with the academic and all other requirements for graduation.

PENALTY CLAUSE

SECTION 45. PENALTIES.

The penalty for any violation of this Code, which is not penalized elsewhere in other sections of this Code or in any national law, shall be a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00), or an imprisonment of not less than six (6) months and not more than one(1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

For first time offenders of the prohibited acts enumerated in this code, and in cases where the offender is the parent or teacher of the child or a relative within the fourth degree of consanguinity, and admits the offense and is sincere and willing to reform, the penalty may be lowered, subject to the consent of the child and any of the following measures may be imposed:

- a. Attendance in a parenting or counseling sessions
- b. Community service of 10 to 15 days;
- c. Participation in appropriate training courses.

For offenses punishable under Presidential Decree No. 603 (Child and Youth Welfare Code) Republic Act No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act,” as Amended by Republic Act No. 9231); Republic Act No. 7658 (An Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children Below 15 Years of Age, Amending Section 12 of R.A. 7610); Republic Act No. 9206 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003); Republic Act No. 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004); Republic Act No. 9344 (an Act Establishing a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice and Welfare System, Creating the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council under the Department of Justice, Appropriating funds therefore and for Other

Purposes); the Revised Penal Code or any other law as well as this Code, the offended party and/or any party so authorized may file a complaint under the national law, and the penalty in such national law shall be imposed.

ARTICLE VIII

FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 46. IMPLEMENTATION RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR).

Within six (6) months after the approval of this Code, the Local Chief Executive, assisted by the Municipal Legal Officer and the Municipal Prosecutor shall formulate and issue rules and regulations if necessary for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect pending issuance of any rules and regulations.

SECTION 47. PENALTY FOR REFUSAL OR NEGLECT OF ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE.

Any government official or employee, charged with the duty to implement this Ordinance; and who refuses or neglects his duty, shall be punished with six (6) months suspension from the service without pay, provided that due process on administrative discipline as established under the Civil Service Law and other pertinent laws shall be strictly observed before said penalty is imposed to such offender.

SECTION 48. APPROPRIATIONS FOR CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS.

The Local Government Unit of Mondragon shall appropriate funds, as part of its annual budget, for the implementation of children’s programs. The municipality shall allocate funds necessary for the implementation of this Code, including the drafting and publication of the IRR, training and orientation of stakeholders and promotion of this Code to the general public.

SECTION 49. SUPPLETORY APPLICATION.

The applicable provisions of President Decree No. 603 (Child and Youth Welfare Code), Republic Act No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act, as Amended by Republic Act No. 9231), Republic Act No. 7658 (An Act Prohibiting the Employment of Children Below 15 Years of Age, Amending Section 12 of R.A. 7610), Republic Act No. 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003), Republic Act No. 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004), Republic Act No. 10821 (An Act Mandating the Provision of Emergency Situations), Republic Act No. 9344 (an Act Establishing a Comprehensive Juvenile Justice and Welfare System, Creating the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council under the Department of Justice, Appropriating funds therefore and for Other Purposes), the Revised Penal Code and other pertinent laws shall be suppletory to this Ordinance.

SECTION 50. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If for any reason a provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 51. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All Ordinance, Resolutions, Executive Orders and other Local Issuances which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Code are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 52. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This Code shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its full publication in a newspaper circulation within the Municipality of Mondragon, Province of Northern Samar.

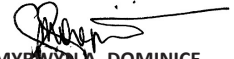
SECTION 53. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE

This people shall apply to all person within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Mondragon and to all persons who may be subjected to the provisions of this Code.


Voting on the foregoing Ordinance was unanimously approved by all the members present.

DATED ENACTED: Feb. 17, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.



MYRRYN A. DOMINICE
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan


ATTESTED:



HON. DAWN A. UNAY
Vice Mayor/Presiding officer


HON. MYLA D. MARQUITA
SB Member


HON. ARTHUR A. MANANGUITE
SB Member


HON. GIL R. UNAY
SB Member *1/1/20*


HON. MA. LUCIA D. VILLADOLID
SB Member


HON. LERMA H. MADERA
Liga President/Ex-Officio Member

APPROVED: 3 - 5 - 2020
Date Signed



HON. MARIO M. MADERA
Municipal Mayor


HON. RAYMUNDO E. CONGE, JR.
SB Member

(ABSENT)
HON. MELECIO E. CHIN
SB Member


HON. RUDY A. GALING
SB Member


HON. RUFO M. HUAVAS
SB Member


HON. CHARMAINE A.V. CALUNSAG
SK Fed. President/Ex-Officio Member *1/1/20*

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SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Excerpts from the Journal of proceedings of the Sangguniang Bayan, Regular Session held on the --14th day of October 2019 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Mondragon, Northern Samar.

Present:

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| ▪ Hon. Dawn A. Unay | – Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer |
| ▪ Hon. Myla D. Marquita | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Raymundo E. Conge, Jr. | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Arthur A. Mananguite | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Gil R. Unay | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Ma. Lucia D. Villadolid | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Rufo M. Huavas | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Lerma H. Madera | – Liga President (Ex-officio Member) |
| ▪ Hon. Charmaine Angel V. Calunsag | – SK Fed. President (Ex-officio Member) |

Absent:

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| ▪ Councilor Melecio E. Chin | – Sick Leave |
| ▪ Councilor Rudy A. Galing | |

PROCEEDINGS:
Session opened at 9:50 A.M. after quorum is declared.

ORDINANCE NO. 03
Series of 2019

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY FISH LANDING CENTER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONDRAGON, NORTHERN SAMAR.

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Mondragon in collaboration with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Office 8, and in consultation with the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council, has established and constructed a Community Fish Landing Center with end-in-view of:

a. Providing support to the fishery sector primarily the municipal fisher-folk, with post-harvest facilities, marketing assistance and other services such as cold storage and fish processing etc.

b. Poverty alleviation and the provision of supplementary livelihood to municipal fisherfolk and ensure food security thru self-sufficiency and self-reliance.

c. Development and strengthening of marketing facilities and activities including the pricing system with emphasis in collective marketing and minimize middlemen intervention.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 16, of the Implementing Rules and Regulations, pursuant to R.A. 8550 as amended by R.A. 10654, tasked the Municipal government, in consultation with the MFARMC to be responsible for the management, conservation, development, protection, utilization and disposition of all fish and fishery/ aquatic resources within their respective municipal jurisdiction. Hence, must enact appropriate ordinances for this purpose.

WHEREAS, Chapter I, Section 2, of the Fisheries Administrative Order No. 78 s. 2015, Objectives. The establishment of Community Fish Landing Centers is intended to improve the lives and livelihood of municipal fisherfolk through:

a. Providing better post-harvest handling and processing systems, and faster access to markets to reduce post-harvest losses and increase incomes;

b. Sharing of knowledge and information, to improve the quality of the products and increase the fisherfolk’s fair share in the value of the products;

c. Providing access to vital services to ensure clean, safe and legitimate fishing practices, including post-harvest handling and processing technologies, registration and licensing, weather and disaster warning, and the like;

d. Enhancing sustainable fisheries management with the help of science-based monitoring of the condition of the fishing grounds and fish stocks;

e. Facilitating organizational development and strengthening of Fisher-folks, including women so they can effectively participate in decision-making processes and avail of the services that affect their welfare;

f. Providing incentives for aggregating the harvests of small-scale fishers to increase market value and market access.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mondragon, Northern Samar on its session assembled:

ARTICLE I

TITLE, DEFINITION OF TERMS AND SCOPE OF COVERAGE

Section 1. SHORT TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the “*Operations and Management of Community Fish Landing Center of the Municipality of Mondragon, Northern Samar*”

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS – As used in this Ordinance the following terms and acronyms shall have the following meaning:

2.1 Accreditation – is the process of officially recognizing individual/group of individuals to transact business at the Community Fish Landing Center.

2.2 Auxiliary Invoice – issued by the LGUs or their duly authorized representatives prior to their transport of fish and fishery products from their point of origin to their point of destination in the Philippines and/or export purposes upon payment of s fee to be determined by the LGUs to defray administrative costs therefore.

2.3 BFAR RO8 –Bureau of fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Office No. 8.

2.4 CFLC – Community Fish Landing Center

2.5 DTI – Department of Trade and Industry

2.6 Electrofishing – the use of electricity generated by batteries, electric generator and other source of electric powers to kill, stupefy, disable, or render unconscious fisheries species.

2.7 Endangered Species – a species of animal or plant that is seriously at risk of extinction.

2.8 Fish and Fishery/ Aquatic Products – include not only fish but also mollusk, crustaceans, echinoderms, marine mammals and other species of aquatic flora and fauna.

2.9 Fisherfolk – people directly or personally and physically engaged in taking and/or culturing and processing and vending fishery and/or aquatic resources,

2.10 Fisheries – refer to all activities relating to the act or business of fishing, culturing, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and fishery areas, including the privilege to fish or take aquatic resources.

2.11 Fishing – the taking of fishery species from their wild state or habitat.

2.12 Fishing with Explosive – the use of dynamite, other explosive or chemical compounds containing combustible elements which upon ignition detonates that will kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fishery species.

2.13 Fishing with Noxious or Poisonous Substance – the use of any substance, plant extract juice, and sodium cyanide or cyanide compounds in raw or processed form, which will kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fishery species.

2.14 FFO or Fisherfolk Organizations – An organized group, association, federation, alliance or an institution of Fisherfolk which has at least fifteen (15) members, as a set of officers, a constitution and by-laws, an organizational structure and a program of action.

2.15 Gross Tonnage – the vessels closed – in spaces expressed in volume terms on the bases of one hundred cubic feet equals on gross ton. (100cuft = 1gt)

2.16 LGU – Local Government Unit

2.17 LTRFB – Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board

2.18 Local Transport Permit (LTP) – permit for domestic movement or authorizing an individual to bring, carry or ship aquatic wildlife, by-products or derivatives acquired from legal sources from the point of origin to the final destination within the country, which is different from the auxiliary invoice issued by the local governments and/or BFAR for the transport and domestic movement of fish and aquatic products derived from aquaculture or conventional fishing;

2.19 Mollusks – any of invertebrates with soft unsegment body. Ex: shellfish, squid, octopus, cuttlefish etc.

2.20 MFARMC – Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council.

2.21 Monitoring – the requirement of continuously observing (1) fishing effort expressed by the number of days or hours of fishing, number of fishing gears and number of fisherfolk (2) characteristic of fishery resources (gravid and berried fish) and (3) resource yield

2.22 Municipal Fishing – refers to fishing within municipal waters using fishing vessels of three (3) gross tons or less, or fishing not requiring the use of fishing vessels.

2.23 Municipal Waters of Mondragon – technical description of the municipal waters of the LGU

2.24 Transshipment - refers to the transfer of all or any fish or fishery product from one fishing vessel to another.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF COVERAGE – This Ordinance shall cover the 3 adjacent barangays of the Municipality of Mondragon, namely; San Agustin, Makiwalo and Dona Lucia.

ARTICLE II

DESIGNATION AND FUNCTION OF THE COMMUNITY FISH LANDING CENTER

Section 1. Community Fish Landing Center

Section 2. These CFLC buildings are envisioned to provide the fishing community with a simple and cost effective support infrastructure that will serve the following functions:

- a. Trading hub for fresh catch and processed products;
- b. Post-harvest handling and processing center;
- c. Training center for skills development, including data collection for fisheries management;
- d. Information hub for relevant services (such as registration and licensing of fisherfolk, fishing vessels, and hazard warnings;
- e. Hub for community meetings and events.

ARTICLE III

REVENUES, FEES, USAGE AND MANAGEMENT

Section 1. PREFERENTIAL USAGE – The Fisherfolk Organizational shall be given preferential privilege over the use of space and facilities of the CFLC.

Section 2. SERVICES AND FEES – For purposes of fees to be collected in CFLCs:

- a. For CFLC the Mandatory fees are as follows to wit;
- 1) **Berthing/Docking Fee.** The owner of vessel docking in the Makiwalo Community Fish Landing Center shall pay the following berthing fees to the designated collector the following:
 - a. Small Scale Commercial Fishing Boat..... Php15.00/docking
 - b. Medium Scale Commercial Fishing Boat..... Php75.00/docking
 - c. Large Commercial Fishing Boat..... Php100.00/docking
 - d. Other Watercrafts..... Php10.00/docking
 - e. Vessel owned and operated by the National, Provincial, Municipal and Barangay governments are exempt from these impositions.
 - f. Berthing in excess of 1 day shall be charge at the rate of Php10.00 per day.
- 2) **Market Fee.** All fish brokers or supplier who displays fish for sale inside or within the Makiwalo Community Fish Landing Center premises shall pay a market fee of P10/foam for marine/aquatic product intended for local consumption and P15/foam for marine/aquatic product intended for export.
- 3) **Transshipment Fee.** All fish producers or suppliers who transport fish outside the CFLC and traders or viajero buying fish direct from the fish producers or suppliers to be transported outside the locality shall pay a transshipment fee P10/foam and for export quality fish, P15/foam.
- 4) **Water Fee.** Any person fetching water from any faucet or water

outlet inside the CFLC premises shall pay the following schedule of rates:

- a. 20-liter container or less.....Php2.00
- b. More than 20 liters 5.00
- 5) **Comfort Room Fee.** Any person who will be using the CR of the CFLC shall pay the amount of PhP 5.00 for its maintenance.
- 6) **Accreditation Fee.** No person without first paying an annual accreditation fee of Php300.00 to the Municipal Treasurer; and being issued thereto a certificate of accreditation may enjoy any and all privileges of a CFLC client, and transact business inside the CFLC.
- 7) **Entrance Fee.** For purpose of this ordinance. The following entrance fees shall be collected during “operation hours” for CFLC clients.
 - a. 2 to 3 wheeled motor vehicle..... Php10.00
 - b. van/multicab/jeepney..... 20.00
 - c. truck 100.00
- 8) **Space Rentals.** The following shall be collected for occupying the open spaces in the CFLC Building, to wit:
 - a) First Floor Php10.00 per sq. meter/day or fraction thereof; and
 - b) Second Floor Php8.00 per sq. meter/day or fraction thereof.
- 9) **Wharfage Fee:** Any person shall pay the following wharfage fee for the following:

*Fruits/Vegetables -----	PhP 150.00/day or fraction thereof
*Copras/Rice/Corn -----	150.00/day or fraction thereof
*feeds/Fertilizer -----	150.00/day or fraction thereof
*Soft drinks/Beer/Hard drinks -----	150.00/day or fraction thereof
*Scrap and Heavy materials -----	150.00/day or fraction thereof
*Livestock -----	150.00/day or fraction thereof
*Can goods and other commodities ----	150.00/day or fraction thereof

For CFLC buildings used for other purposes, the following fees shall be considered:

- 1) Aquarium Rental ----- P 200.00/day or fraction thereof
- 2) Ice Production ----- 300.00/day or fraction thereof
- 3) Drying area rental ----- 200.00/day or fraction thereof
- 4) Sales/Fee/Rental of Non Fishery Products --- 200.00/day or fraction thereof
- 5) Event Venue Rental ----- 500.00/day or fraction thereof

Section 3. The Local Government Unit shall shoulder the necessary expenses for the operation of the CFLC, such as but not limited to water and electricity bill or repairs until such time the operation and management of the said CFLC shall have been transmitted to the FFO.

- Section 4. INCOME SHARING (FROM NET INCOME)**
 - a. **60 - 40** if subsidized by LGU. Income sharing is 60% for the LGU and 40% for the FFO.
 - b. **90 – 10** if all expenses are shouldered by the FFO. Income sharing is 90% for the FFO and 10% for the LGU.
- *Share is incremental (Annual) for Management Board to decide
- *The LGU has no share for income/revenues coming from business development activities by the FFO.
- b. Fisherfolk patronage Fee computation is based on the total quantity and value of unloaded fish within a given period.

ARTICLE IV

RULES AND REGULATIONS COVERING THE COMMUNITY FISH LANDING CENTER

RULE I – MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS:

Section 1. The community Fish Landing Center shall be jointly managed and operated by the Municipality of Mondragon thru the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist, the Barangay where the Community Fish Landing is situated, and the FFO who shall implement the following Rules and Regulations covering the operation of the CFLC such time that the FFO is fully capable of operating on their own or until the Municipal Agriculturist shall recommend to the Municipal Mayor the capability of the FFO to manage, operate, and develop on a sustainable basis the CFLC based on the following personnel capability and financial capability:

Criteria for Turnover

- a. For CFLC Association**
 - 1. Members should be Fisherfolk Registered (FishR)
 - 2. Association should be DOLE, CDA, SEC, Registered and accredited by the LGU.
 - 3. Undertaken Internal Capital Build-up.
 - 4. Must submit Financial Statement of the CFLC Association determined and verified by the Municipal Accountant.
 - 5. Must have a Good Tract Record certified by the Local Government Unit.
- b. For the LGU**
 - 1. The Local Government Unit shall pursue the turn-over of CFLCs within the maximum period of 3 years.
 - 2. The LGU must provide the necessary capability building training for the FFO.

However, the LGU retains ownership of the Community Fish Landing Center (CFLC).

- 1.1** Mandatory landing, unloading, and weighing of fishery products (Section 14, R.A. 8550) – All fishery products brought into the Municipality of Mondragon shall be landed, unloaded, weighed and inspected at the CFLC; before disposition or distribution by way of sale, or barter or by any other means;
- 1.2** In the scenario where the CFLC is incapable of undertaking the functions of landing, docking, and/or unloading, CFLC may be used for other purposes such as trading hub or processing center other than its main purpose. Specified at Section 2 of Article 2 of this ordinance.
- 1.3** Auxiliary Invoices and Local Transport Permit – All fish and/or fishery product must have an auxiliary invoice issued by the LGU concerned and a Local Transport Permit issued by the BFAR with corresponding official receipt prior to

the transport outside the Municipality/Province. *Provided further* that the auxiliary invoice permit shall be issued in the CFLC by the Local Government Unit personnel.

1.4 All prices of fishery products landed at the CFLC for disposition or distribution shall be subjected for price regulation by the LGU.

1.5 The CFLC shall directly sell the fishery products landed therein to the community/consumers of the municipality in order to cater the needs of the community for fresher and cheaper fish/fishery products.

1.6 Enforcement of Fishery Laws – Fishery product landed at the CFLC which upon inspection are found to have been caught in violation of fishery laws, Fisheries Administrative Order and Fishery ordinance shall immediately reported to the nearest Police outpost or station for appropriate disposition and filing of charges thereafter. Confiscated or ceased products shall be subjected to the Fisheries Law Enforcement Manual.

- 1.7** Illegal means of catching fish and other aquatic product.
 - a. Dynamite Fishing;
 - b. Electrofishing;
 - c. Fishing with noxious or Poisonous substances;
 - d. Catching endangered, rare and/or fishery products thru methods and gears destructive to coral reefs;
 - e. Other means prohibited by law or ordinance.

ARTICLE V
FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Administrative Provisions – The following administrative procedures shall be observed for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

1.1 During the transitory stage of the operation of the CFLC, the Municipal Mayor shall designate from among the Municipal Agriculturists employees who shall assist, teach/train member of the basic procedures, principles and techniques in the operation of the CFLC. After which, when he/she is convinced that the officers/members of the organization are declared capable to run their business, he/she shall recommend to the Chief Executive the names of the persons to manage the CFLC independently but with the supervision of the Municipal Agriculture Officer.

1.2 The manager or person-in-charge of the operation of the CFLC, shall assign (3-shift daily) personnel to:

1.2.1 Weight and record in a log-book provided for the purpose, the following data of fishery product landed at the CFLC.

- a. Date Landed
- b. Kind of Fish
- c. No. of kilos
- d. Means of Capture (Hook and Line, Longline, gillnet, etc. noting for illegally caught fish)
- e. Where caught (_____)
 - e.1 Local – from municipal or outside municipal water
 - e.2 Transient – delivered form another fish port (ask for proof)
- f. Remarks – if product is fit for human consumption, spoiled, disposition as sold, stored at CFLC.
- g. Signature of Fisherfolk delivering the fishery products.

1.2.2 Upon discovery of Fishery Product caught by illegally means, immediately call the Police and/or the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist for assistance and appropriate disposition of the questionable fishery product.

1.3 Requirement in the Monitoring Control and Surveillance of the Philippine Water – The management of the CFLC shall consolidate reports, upon demand by the BFAR, submit these report of fish catch and spoilage, quantity and value of fish landed, and off loaded for transshipment, sale and/or other means of disposal. The report shall be duly certified by the manager or person in-charge of the CFLC which shall be entitled as CFLC report.

1.4 Appropriations – the amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from any available funds of the LGU, or any line agencies or any financial institutions.

1.5 Supervision and Issuance of IRR. The Municipal Mayor thru the Municipal Agriculturist shall monitor, administer and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective and efficient implementation of this ordinance.

1.6 Where to Pay. The fee imposed in this ordinance shall be paid to the Municipal Treasurer’s office or the duly authorized representative.

Section 2. PROHIBITED ACTS – In addition to the preceding mandatory provisions hereof the following acts are hereby prohibited.

- 2.1 Transshipment as defined in Section 2.24 of this ordinance.
- 2.2 Sale of Fishery Products outside the public market without landing at the CFLC.
- 2.3 Landing of illegally caught fishery products and protected or endangered species.

Section 3. RESTRICTIONS

- 1. Gambling of any form, drinking of intoxicating liquor and smoking are strictly prohibited inside the CFLC.
- 2. No endangered marine species/products that are prohibited under existing laws and local ordinances shall be allowed to land or to be traded in the fish landing center and its premises.
- 3. No major repair and/or construction of fishing vessels is allowed within the fish landing center and its premises.
- 4. All owners and operators of fishing vessels that dock in the fish landing center shall maintain the cleanliness and seaworthiness of their vessels and avoid all forms of pollution within the fish landing center and its immediate docking areas.

Section 3. PENAL PROVISIONS – Any person who shall violate or impede the implementation and any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished. Administrative cases shall be filed at the BFAR adjudication committee, without prejudice to the filing of any criminal cases in the regular courts.

National and Local Officials and employees charged with the duties under this ordinance or who by the nature of their positions, have the duty to uphold this ordinance but failed or refused to do so shall be subjected to disciplinary actions under the Section 60, Paragraph 1 of RA 7160 for effective government officials and under the civil service law and rules for non – elective government employee.

Section 4. SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE – Applicable provisions of the implementing rules and regulations pursuant to R.A. 8550 as amended by R.A. 10654, and other laws related hereto, shall be supplementary to this ordinance.

Section 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid by competent authorities, the remaining provisions hereof

non-affected by such declarations shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6 – REPEALING CLAUSE – All Ordinances, resolutions, issuances of parts thereof in consistent to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. – EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.
Voting on the foregoing Ordinance was unanimously approved by all the members present.

DATED ENACTED: October 14, 2019


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


MYRWYN A. DOMINICE
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

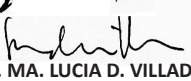
ATTESTED:



HON. DAWN A. UNAY
Vice Mayor/Presiding officer


HON. MYLA D. MARQUITA
SB Member



HON. ARTHUR A. MANANGUITE
SB Member


HON. GIL R. UNAY
SB Member


HON. MA. LUCIA D. VILLADOLID
SB Member


HON. LERMA H. MADERA
Liga President/Ex-Officio Member

APPROVED: 10-21-19
Date Signed


HON. MARIO M. MADERA
Municipal Mayor

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SANGGUNIANIANG BAYAN

Excerpts from the Journal of proceedings of the Sangguniang Bayan, Regular Session held on the 17th day of February 2020 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Mondragon, Northern Samar.

Present:

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| ▪ Hon. Dawn A. Unay | – Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer |
| ▪ Hon. Myla D. Marquita | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Raymundo E. Conge, Jr. | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Arthur A. Mananguite | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Gil R. Unay | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Rudy A. Galing | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Ma. Lucia D. Villadolid | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Rufo M. Huavas | – Municipal Councilor |
| ▪ Hon. Lerma H. Madera | – Liga President (Ex-officio Member) |
| ▪ Hon. Charmaine Angel V. Calunsag | – SK Fed. President (Ex-officio Member) |

Absent:

- Councilor Melecio E. Chin

PROCEEDINGS:
Session opened at 10:20 A.M. after quorum is declared.

ORDINANCE NO. 14
Series of 2019

REGULATING THE USE OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS AND BRIDGES AND THE USE AND DISPLAY OF BUSINESS SIGNAGES ALONG THE STREETS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONDRAGON, NORTHERN SAMAR.

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), pursuant to the directive of His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte during the 2019 State of the Nation Address, had issued a Memorandum Circular No. 2019-121, enjoining all local officials to exercise their power to reclaim public road which are being used for private ends;

WHEREAS, despite the effort made by the local officials to implement the Memorandum Circular of the DILG, there are still continuous construction of illegal infrastructures along the public roads in the Municipality of Mondragon including those illegal vendors and placing of signages in front of business establishment that is considered part of public roads and which block the pathways for pedestrians and affecting the flow of traffic;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the state to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare, consistent with the principles of environment management and control; and to this end, make it purpose of this Ordinance to regulate the use and maintenance of sidewalks and setbacks and to clear the same of illegal commercial and private structures, in order to facilitate the safe and convenient use thereof, pursuant to Book I, Chapter 2, Section 16 and Chapters 3, Article I, Section 455, paragraph (b) (3) (VI) of the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, to solve the pressing problem of improper use of streets,

sidewalks, alleys, and bridges, formulation of an Ordinance is necessary for the sake of the people of the Municipality of Mondragon, Northern Samar.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mondragon in Session assembled that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the **STREET REGULATION ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONDRAGON.**

SECTION 2. PURPOSES – This Ordinance has the following purposes:

- To make all public roads and sidewalks safe and convenient for the use of pedestrians;
- To improve the flow of traffic; and
- To minimize illegal vendors on streets.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – for purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the corresponding meaning:

a) Public Roads means all streets, roads, bridges, highways and other thoroughfares constructed and maintained by the national government or by any Local government unit: provided, that any road or sidewalk not falling under this definition but which upon determination by Municipality of Mondragon Local Government Unit, deemed vital to pedestrian access or safety, shall be deemed a public road sidewalk for the purposes of this ordinance.

b) Sidewalk Obstruction means any structures, whether permanent or temporary, immovable or movable, erected along, standing on, adjoining, or in any manner impeding safe and convenient passage through any public road and or sidewalk; the conduct of business by sidewalk vendors; and any belonging or thing found therein, which shall all be deemed nuisance per se and treated as trash, subject to summary abatement and/or disposal, as provided for under this Ordinance. Provided, that the property of the government, including road signs and structures erected and installed, for the purpose of regulating the flow of traffic, shall not be considered as such.

c) Sidewalk Vendor means any person who sells or offers for sell any consumer products, whether agricultural or manufactured, cooked foods and/or dry goods, items or articles, including any person who attends to these products intended to be sold at any temporary location, sidewalk, alley vacant space or portion thereof.

d) Setback is the horizontal distance, measured from the utmost face of the building/structure to the property lines that must be absolutely free of all forms of physical obstructions, that can negatively affect natural light and ventilation, or that can impede access to the sides and near area.

SECTION 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS – The use of streets, sidewalks, avenues, alleys, bridges, parks and other public places in the Municipality of Mondragon for commercial and personal purposes shall be prohibited except *tiangge* during fiesta. Such prohibited acts include but not limited to the following:

a) Selling of goods by sidewalk ‘vendors of offering for sale of foods, beverages, magazines, newspaper, cigarettes, jewellery, shoes and other foot wear and other analogous items;

b) Use of sidewalks, portion of streets, setback for storage of construction materials, equipment, sand and gravels and other materials for private use. Must be cleared within 24 hours upon delivery;

c) Installation of sign or signboards on or above sidewalks and detached from the business establishment;

d) Putting of tarpaulin, posters and business signages on trees along the streets;

e) Storing of household appliances and furniture, as well as junks and recyclable materials along sidewalks;

f) Use of sidewalks and portion of streets for vehicle garage or for the conduct of vehicle repair/cleaning business;

g) House extension or store extension, including extension of roofs and canopies, awnings and the like along sidewalks;

h) Installation of permanent fence or gate along sidewalks;

i) Use of sidewalk in constructing pens or cages of animals or animals on leash;

j) Dumping garbage and litter along sidewalks and portion of streets;

k) Parking of vehicles on sidewalks;

l) Drying of Palay, Copra and other agricultural products along the streets, and sidewalks; and

m) Playing types of sport games on the street.

SECTION 5. EXISTING PERMANENT ROOFS ON SIDEWALKS – Any permanent roofs or coverings either detached by the violator from buildings existing on any public roads and sidewalks should be removed. Retention maybe allowed, provided that there is a permit secured from the office of the Municipal Mayor in accordance with the specifications set forth in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. OBSTRUCTION AS TO NUISANCE PER SE – All obstructions along public roads and sidewalks are hereby presumed or declared nuisances per se and, as such are subjects to summary abatement without need of judicial proceedings.

SECTION 7. SUMMARY ABATEMENT – The Municipal Mayor is hereby authorized to donate the confiscated items to the Municipal Philippine National Police, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office. Also the Municipality and its component Barangays are hereby authorized to summarily abate, forfeit and dispose any obstruction, found within their respective territorial jurisdiction.

PROVIDED, that, enforcers of the local government unit and barangay tanods shall be free from any liability, arising from the lawful forfeiture and disposal of sidewalk and setback obstructions and prescribe herein.

PROVIDED, further, that all the costs, related to the abovementioned forfeiture and disposal, shall be charged at the expense of the violator of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VIOLATOR – The violators either the owner or lessee or occupant of both residential or commercial establishments are mandated to clean and clear from obstructions the sidewalks, passageway and setbacks, fronting their establishments.

It shall be the responsibility of the above-cited persons to place their garbage and litter in sanitary garbage, placed inside their yards and/or building and bring the same out only when the garbage collector passes by. Failure to do so shall make the violator liable under this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. EXEMPTION – Tiangge shall be exempted provided that, necessary permit has been obtained and only for a maximum of 2 weeks and only during fiesta or special occasion or activity of the LGU.

SECTION 10. PENALTIES – Any person, firm, association or entity, found violating this Ordinance or its implementing rules, shall be imposed a fine, which shall accrue to the Local Treasury, as follows:

Sidewalk Vendors:

- 1st Offense: Written warning.
- 2nd Offense: Confiscation of items (for donation to DSWD, PNP, or other institutions upon decision of the Municipal Mayor); and
- 3rd Offense: 2,500.00 fine.

Business Signages:

- 1st Offense: Written warning
- 2nd Offense: Confiscation and Dismantling of signages/signboards/tarpaulin and the like; and
- 3rd Offense: 2,500.00 fine and suspension/non-renewal of business permit if the violator is a business operator.

Construction Materials:

- 1st Offense: Written warning with an order to clean the construction materials within 24 hours receipt of the same;
- 2nd offense: Confiscation for donation; and
- 3rd Offense: 2,500.00 fine and suspension/ non-renewal of business permit if the violator is a business operator.

Parking of vehicles on the street or sidewalks:

- 1st Offense: Written warning.
- 2nd Offense: 1,500 fine and
- 3rd Offense: 2,500.00 fine and the vehicle will be towed by the enforcer of this ordinance.

Drying of Palay, Copra and other agricultural products:

- 1st Offense: Written warning.
- 2nd Offense: Confiscation of items (for donation to DSWD, PNP, or other institutions upon decision of Municipal Mayor); and
- 3rd Offense: 2,500.00 fine.

Installation of permanent fence or gate along sidewalks/House extension:

- 1st Offense: Written warning.
- 2nd Offense: 1,000.00
- 3rd Offense: 2,500.00 fine and demolition of fence or gate/ house extension.

Dumping of garbage and littering along sidewalks and portion of streets; and playing sport games on the street.

- 1st Offense: P1,000.00 or 8 hours community service
- 2nd Offense: P2,000.00 or 16 hours community service
- 3rd Offense: P2,500.00 or 40 hours community service

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The Municipal Mayor through the Municipal Treasurer, Municipal PNP, and the MLGOO shall promulgate the rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

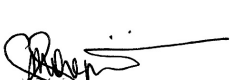
SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY/REPEALING CLAUSE – If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provision not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect, or inconsistent with national law, rules and regulations, the same shall prevail and all previous ordinances, rules, regulations, executive order or memoranda are hereby superseded and modified.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinances shall take effect upon approval and compliance with the mandatory posting and publication requirement, prescribed under R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.


Voting on the foregoing Ordinance was unanimously approved by all members present.

DATED ENACTED: February 17, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


MYRWYN A. DOMINICE
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

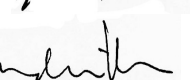
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HON. DAWN A. UNAY
Vice Mayor/Presiding officer


HON. MYLA D. MARQUITA
SB Member



HON. ARTHUR A. MANANGUITE
SB Member


HON. GIL R. UNAY
SB Member
8/3/2020


HON. MA. LUCIA D. VILLADOLID
SB Member


HON. LERMA H. MADERA
Liga President/Ex-Officio Member

APPROVED: 3-5-2020
Date Signed



HON. RAYMUNDO E. CONGE, JR.
SB Member


(ABSENT)

HON. MELECIO E. CHIN
SB Member

(ABSENT)

HON. RUDY A. GALING
SB Member


HON. RUFO M. HUAVAS
SB Member


HON. CHARMATINE A.V. CALUNSAG
SK Fed. President/Ex-Officio Member
1/6/2020


HON. MARIO M. MADERA
Municipal Mayor

Fr. Alvero... ...from Page 1

saw personally its bad effects. He asked me to oppose any such activity and he has given me his support on this,” Alvero said on Monday during a press conference.

On Monday, Alvero led a motorcade from MacArthur to the offices of DENR-MGB (Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Mines and Geosciences Bureau) to express their protest on the mining activity in MacArthur.

The DENR-MGB has granted MacArthur Iron Project Corp. (MIPC) a mining claims of 2,000 hectares September of this year.

The 2,000 mining claims covers the towns of MacArthur, Javier and Abuyog. In MacArthur, MIPC mining claims is around 500 hectares located in Barangay Maya.

Alvero said that he is opposing the mining activity as this could lead to the destruction of the environment like flooding in Maya, which he described as a ‘prime agricultural area.’

Januar Ong, community relation manager of the MIPC, said that their company is not yet engaging in commercial operation but still on a ‘test run’ of their equipment.

Ong said that while they were granted the

MPSA or the mineral production sharing agreement by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) back in 2007, they have not actually conducted their commercial operations.

“What we have right now is test run and debugging activity of our equipment and in our plant. We have not started or conducted any mining activity or actual commercial operations,” he said.

The company also asserted that they have all the necessary permits from concerned government agencies.

Ong also said that there is no possibility that flooding could result to their mining activity saying that a creek located nearby has been dredged by the company to ensure that in case of heavy rains, it would not overflow.

Also, they have planted bamboos along the creek as part of their river bank stabilization program.

Ong, however, could not say as when they could actually conduct their business operation except to say that China is one of their markets.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)



Agreement... ...from Page 2

Macariola, for his part, said that there are three factors or reasons of road crash incidents in the country.

These includes human factor, mechanical failure, and road condition.

Of the three, human factor has the most number according because of lack on road safety education of drivers, he said.

“So, the agency started making reforms on the issuance of medical certificate by applying through online, introduction of accredited driving schools, and now the implementation of motor vehicle inspection center,” Macariola said.

Moreover, LtCol Melo said that this partnership is timely to put road safety in the frontline for the sake of younger generation.

“We hope that the road safety advocacy will reach other parts of the municipality in order to safeguard the future generation when it comes to road safety,” Melo said.

“If we will work together to educate ourselves and the generation after us surely we can make a way toward making that number lower and lower each year and saves thousands of lives as a result,”he added.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Leyte... ...from Page 1

01 last Monday.

Ongchuan bans any holding of Christmas parties in all government offices and by all local government units to include in the barangays.

In Ormoc City, its molecular laboratory which examines swab samples has started its operation on Saturday.

The Ormoc Molecular Diagnostic Center is located at the Ormoc Sugarcane Planters Association (OSPA) - Farmers Medical Center where it could process up to 1,200 swab samples.

It is now the region’s third such facility accredited by the Department of Health (DOH).

The two first molecular laboratories in the region are the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) and at the Divine Word Hospital, both in Tacloban City.

On its first day of op-

Minor, 2 others nabbed over illegal gambling

TACLOBAN CITY-Police arrested three individuals, including a 15-year-old minor, for engaging in illegal gambling locally known as “cara y cruz” in Rosario, Northern Samar, last December 3.

Operatives from Rosario Municipal Police Station, led by Lieutenant Ma. Edlyn Encina, officer-in-charge, arrested the

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of demonic forces since they are to be depicted as villains, not as heroes. It is their evil doings that are to show, their cunning ways of deceiving, tricking, and harassing people.

Yes, their supernatural powers will indeed show, but since they don’t utilize these for the people’s welfare but for their destruction, instead, there is no way readers will come to appreciate them, or revere them with worshipful regard. Rather, readers will realize they are spiritual foes to battle with, not with their own strength, but with the power of the God whom they recognize as the all-powerful creator and supreme being in the entire universe.

Indeed, our experienc-

erations, it processed 69 laboratory results of which 16 turned positive with the remaining were tested negative.

The Energy Development Corporation (EDC) donated the testing equipment worth P27 million while the Philippine Associated Smelting and Refining Corp (Pasar) donated the testing kits.

EDC, the country’s biggest geothermal company, operates in Kananga and Ormoc City while Pasar, which is into copper smelter and refinery, is based in Isabel town also in Leyte.

Meantime, the number of COVID-19 cases in Eastern Visayas has breached the 9,000 mark as the DOH reported of 15 new cases on Monday.

This means, the region’s total COVID-19 case since March of this year is at 9,016 cases.

The new 53 cases were from Leyte province with 10 cases; four from Samar and one from Eastern Samar.

suspects around 12:50 pm Thursday in Barangay 1 Commonwealth of the said town.

Police confiscated from their possession two pieces P1 coin used as dice and bet money amounting to P80.

Corporal Ma. Kristel Turla of the Women and Children Protection Desks (WCPD) turned over the minor to the Municipal So-

es with those evil spirits beg for documentation. I’ve been itching to write them so they could be preserved for future generations. Perhaps those are common as well to many people, but they just tell their stories orally then the same are quickly gone. I personally don’t want it to happen that way as far as my ancestral family experiences are concerned. I want to capture them, put them on paper, so readers would know such things really exist and are not just figments of imagination.

In the place where we experienced many of these episodes, I was a bit surprised as yet a child then why we were seemingly the only ones being harassed by these harrowing creatures. Now I can figure out why. It must have been allowed by God so that their

Implementation... ...from Page 1

the school administration and the parents (most of whom are 4 Ps/MCCT beneficiaries), they have converted the vacant lot inside the school property into a vegetable garden.

Monitored by the school head Jennifer Babiano, and the Gulayan sa Paaralan coordinator, Elma Lopez, the group of parents work in the garden every Wednesday and Friday.

Inspired by Mayor Alfred Romualdez’s desire for food security and sustainability in Tacloban City, Gulayan sa Paaralan has set up a calendar of appropriate vegetables to grow per season.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JULIAN PULGA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 4332, TD No. 201-03-0004-00294, PIN No. 156-03-0004-003-22 containing an area of 33,541sq.m.,more or less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LIZA B. AVORQUE, MARITES Q. VERGARA, HANNAH THERESA C. SY & ZANDRO T. MORABE as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 179, Page No. 35, Book No. VII, Series of 2015. Notary Public Atty. Aldrin Jude Quebec. *LSDE: Dec. 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DIOSCORO NEGROS, JR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a constructed house on a rented Agricultural land, residential house situated at Brgy. Teraza, Palo, Leyte issued with TD 08-30-0035-00194-R13 on August 14, 2007 with an assessed value of Php25,000.00 imposed without tax whatsoever, erected on Cad Lot No. 8206 owned by him but now said land was bought by Jennifer Negros-Rimando and registered in her name with Title No. TP-18051 and Issued TD No. 08-30-0035-00193. Per Doc No. 75, Page No. 13, Book No. VII, Series of 2016. Notary Public Atty. Ultimo C. Servande. *LSDE: Dec. 8, 15 & 22, 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 1st Amendment 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 to effect Permanent Change in Sailing Frequency/Schedule of Trips.

CASE NO. MRO8 19-014

GINO E. MAGDUA,
Applicant
x-----x

ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on **1 December 2020**, to wit:

NAME OF SHIP'S OWNED <i>MBca "JASPER"</i>	SERVICE TO BE OFFERED <i>For the carriage of Passengers</i>
ROUTE TO BE SERVED <i>Candugue-Tugas-Cansaganay (all of Daram, Samar)-Babatngon, Leyte and vice versa</i>	

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS					
Origin	DEPARTURE Time	Day	Destination	ARRIVAL Time	Day
<i>Candugue</i>	<i>7:00 AM</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Tugas</i>	<i>7:20 AM</i>	<i>Daily</i>
<i>Tugas</i>	<i>7:30 AM</i>		<i>Cansaganay</i>	<i>7:50 AM</i>	
<i>Cansaganay</i>	<i>8:00 AM</i>		<i>Babatngon</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	
<i>Babatngon</i>	<i>3:30 PM</i>		<i>Cansaganay</i>	<i>4:30 PM</i>	
<i>Cansaganay</i>	<i>4:40 PM</i>		<i>Tugas</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	
<i>Tugas</i>	<i>5:10 PM</i>		<i>Candugue</i>	<i>5:30 PM</i>	

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **14 December 2020, Monday, 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 **7TH day of December 2020** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

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

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Snubbed on first invite, Tacloban council to invite again Leyte Prime Waters execs, says Yaokasin

TACLOBAN CITY—Apparently exasperated over the failure of the officials of the Leyte Prime Water to attend before the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Vice Mayor Jerry 'Sambo' Yaokasin disclosed that they will be inviting them again during their next regular session.

Yaokasin said that despite of their invitation, no officials from the privately-run water facility appeared before them.

According to the vice mayor, who presides the city council, there is a

pressing need for the executives of Leyte Prime to appear before them and shed lights to several issues hounding them since it took over the operations of the then Leyte Metropolitan Water District.

The vice mayor said that no officials from the Leyte Prime have showed up on grounds that they were 'busy' of their field works.

"We wanted them to share the update on their pipeline project in the city as well as updates on the water system to the northern part of the city especially to the resettlement site," Yaokasin said.

"They should explain, clarify update so we will know. My office received information that accidents happened because of the unfinished road repairs in some areas of the city being implemented by the water district," he added.

The vice mayor said that the officials of Leyte Prime have obligation to explain to the people of Tacloban what they are currently doing considering that they are involved that is of public interest.

Yaokasin also said that they would like also to ask the Leyte Prime officials on the update of the P42 mil-

lion worth of aid from the national government intended for providing water supply in the northern part of the city.

During his visit in 2018, Pres. Rodrigo Duterte directed the water agency and the National Housing Authority to provide water supply to residents living at the resettlement sites located in the northern part of the city.

"We really wanted to know when this pipe laying will be finished," he said.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

Catanduanes governor expresses thanks to Leyte for its P1 million donation

TACLOBAN CITY – The governor of Catanduanes has expressed thanks to Leyte for its P1 million donation to his province.

In a Facebook post, Catanduanes Governor Joseph Cua said that he personally called Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla to express his gratitude for the P1 million donation as his province was ravaged by super typhoon 'Rolly'.

"Lubos na nagpapasalamat ang Probinsiya ng Catanduanes sa Probinsiya ng Leyte sa pinaabot na tulong. Dios Mabalos!" Cua said.

Gov. Cua revealed that more than 90 percent of his province infrastructures were destroyed in-



Catanduanes Governor Joseph Cua (right) calling Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla (left). (FB photo)

cluding more than 10,000 houses.

Reports also said that electric posts and communication lines destroyed were valued at P7.2 billion while P2.3 billion on crops and livestock were also

damaged

The provincial government of Leyte extended the cash assistance to the people of Catanduanes last Dec.4.

Petilla earlier said that the P1 million assistance

was the "only amount" that the province could afford to give considering that Leyte is also preparing for possible typhoons that may hit the province before the end of the year.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

38 child offenders attend formal school in Leyte rehab center

TANAUAN, Leyte – For the first time since its establishment 39 years ago, children in conflict with the law (CICL) can now attend formal classes inside the Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth (RRCY) here.

This after the Department of Education (DepEd), in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the local government of Tanauan, opened formal classes for regular junior and senior high school programs inside the facility in October.

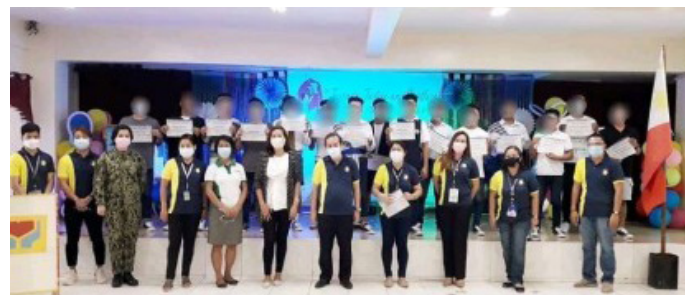
RRCY is a residential facility that provides intensive treatment for the rehabilitation of male CICL,

whose sentences have been suspended and serves as a nurturing out-of-home placement to enhance their psychological, emotional, and psychosocial well-being.

Georgina Bulasa, RRCY Eastern Visayas officer-in-charge, said 38 out of 48 CICL under its care are enrolled in Grades 7 to 11 for the school year 2020-2021.

"This is the first time that we have an in-house formal class and we are so happy for this opportunity. Before our CICL attend classes in nearby high schools but it was difficult," she said in a virtual press conference on Friday.

The DepEd Leyte division has assigned six teachers for the regular high school program inside the rehabilita-



HOPE FOR CICL. Children in conflict with the law (CICL) residing at the Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth (RRCY) in Tanauan, Leyte receive their certificate of recognition for winning the verse choir competition of the DSWD's Juvenile and Welfare Council on Nov. 23, 2020. The RRCY on Friday (Dec. 4, 2020) said 38 out of 48 CICL under its care are enrolled and attending formal classes for the regular junior and senior high school programs of the Department of Education inside the facility. (Photo courtesy of DSWD)

tion center that serves as a special class of nearby Tanauan School of Arts and Trade,

where the CICL are officially enrolled.

Since they have been out

Eastern Visayas police nab 567 wanted persons in November

TACLOBAN CITY—Police here in the region arrested a total of 567 wanted individuals, composed of 506 other wanted persons and 61 most wanted persons, in various anti-criminality operations in the region from November 1 to 30, 2020.

"We will not allow any let up in our campaign against wanted persons who are still on the loose," said Brigadier General Ronaldo De Jesus, director of Police Regional Office (PRO)-Eastern Visayas.

"Our manhunt operations will continue as these criminals might take advantage of the holidays," he added.

Biliran Police Provincial Office (BPPO) arrested 39 individuals, with 32 other wanted persons and seven most wanted persons; Eastern Samar Police Provincial Office (ESPPO), 53, with 46 other wanted and seven most wanted; Leyte Police Provincial Office (LPPO), 221, with 205 other wanted and 16 most wanted; Northern Samar Police Provincial Office (NSPPO), 77, with 71 other wanted and six most wanted; Ormoc City Police Office (OCPO),

21, with 16 other wanted and five most wanted; Samar Police Provincial Office (SPPO), 43, with 32 other wanted and 11 most wanted; Southern Leyte Police Provincial Office (SLPPO), 73, with 68 other wanted and five most wanted; and Tacloban City Police Office (TCPO), 40, with 36 other wanted and four most wanted.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Colonel Ma. Bella Rentuaya, police spokesperson, said the regional office has created the Special Investigation Task Group (SITG) "Samar" to conduct a follow up investigation to the unsolved cases on heinous and sensational crimes from January 1 to Sept 30, 2020 that transpired in the Province of Samar.

The task group is headed by Colonel Edwin Buenaventura Wagan, deputy regional director for operations.

According to Rentuaya, the SITG conducted a series of case conferences at SPPO headquarters in Catbalogan City "in order to gather new evidence and support in the filing of appropriate cases in court."

(RONALD O. REYES)

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and a scanned selfie picture holding his valid identification card.

As of November 30, 2020, there are 160 establishments with 3,033 workers that have submitted their application through online. Out of the 160 establishments, 23 establishments with 299 workers are

for final evaluation while two establishments with 39 workers are ready for disbursement, he said.

A total of 88 establishments with 1,326 workers are now remitted to the payment center that amounted to P1,930,000. Concerned individuals will be informed through text of their scheduled payout, he concluded.

(TBC/PIA Northern Samar)

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border control points and establishments and would help us track, whenever necessary relative to contact tracing, the history of travel of a particular individual regarded as high risk," he said.

of school for a long time, Bulasa said the CICL attend half-day face-to-face classes three times a week.

"This was the recommendation as they were observed and assessed to have difficulties in understanding the self-learning modules," she added.

The DSWD, which manages and maintains the facility, converted its old buildings into classrooms for the youth.

Meanwhile, Bulasa urged the public not to easily judge CICL as they too are victims who need special protection and assistance.

"Let us not judge them

because we don't know the story behind and for parents, we should not only provide food for our children, but also their psychological and emotional needs to make them a better person in the future," she said.

Earlier, CICL in RRCY Tanauan joined the verse choir competition of the DSWD's Juvenile and Welfare Council and received P20,000 for being top three out of 16 participating groups from different youth care facilities in the country.

Bulasa said the youth are also now working with their own newsletter for publication. (GERICO SABALZA/PNA)

Borongan City boosts contact tracing via QR code system

TACLOBAN CITY – The city of Borongan in Eastern Samar is requiring all persons within its borders transacting at any public and private establishment to present a QR (quick response) code to boost contact tracing.

After a series of technical reviews, name encoding, and data sorting, the city government officially implemented the QR code system on November 30 with more than 103,000 registered names as of December 4.

“This will boost our contact tracing to mitigate the spread of (the) coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19). The border control, business establishments, churches, schools, and government and private offices shall deny entry of those who do not have a QR code, valid identification card, and face mask and shield,” Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda said in a statement on Friday.

Agda said everyone could generate a unique QR code through the SAFE Borongan mobile application for free.

Village officials have been directed to assist residents in activating their

codes, while non-residents, including authorized persons outside residence, who intend to travel to the city, could secure them at the border control point or directly from the <https://safe-borongan.today/> website.

This would also serve as an additional requirement for returning residents, including locally stranded individuals and overseas Filipino workers, which would be issued by the city disaster risk reduction and management office, he added.

All establishments must register at the City Hall or through safeborongan.today@gmail.com, and provide a mobile phone to be used as a scanner.

The local government will impose a PHP5,000 fine on establishments that fail to register and implement the QR code system and another PHP5,000 fine plus revocation of business permit for the second offense.

Meanwhile, Agda assured that all information stored in the QR code system would be solely used for contact tracing.

“This would be used in lieu of the logbook system employed presently in

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Castriciones delivers CLOAs in remote Leyte villages despite heavy rains



ALANGALANG, Leyte – Despite the sudden heavy downpour, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Brother John Castriciones did not back out from his original plan of delivering the Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs) to six agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in a remote village here under the “DAR to Door” program.

Upon his arrival on Wednesday (November 25) in Tacloban City, Castriciones went directly to this town, which is some 30 kilometers away.

Accompanied by his deputies, Undersecretary

David Erro of the Field Operations Office and Undersecretary Carim Panumpang of the Special Concerns Office, Castriciones proceeded to Barangay Lourdes, which is still about five kilometers away from the town proper.

While in the middle of his talk with ARB Francisco Catindoy in the land the latter is tilling, heavy rain suddenly poured. But Castriciones patiently waited in a nearby house of Bernardo Lagaday, another ARB, for the rain to subside to continue with his purpose of delivering the CLOAs to the homes of the four other recipient

farmers in the area.

From Barangay Lourdes, Castriciones went also to Barangay Bobonon to deliver the CLOA of Alicia Tabernero, who became emotional when she received the land title.

Tabernero, as she thanked Secretary Castriciones, shared that she had been wishing for a long time that the land she was tilling would be hers someday, and that her wish is now being realized. She added that she valued much that land especially the time that she was sending her children to school.

On the following day, Castriciones went back to this town and distributed in a formal rite at the municipal covered court 1,280 more CLOAs covering an aggregate area of over a thousand hectares to 1,042 ARBs from other farming villages in this

municipality as well as from the towns of Barugo, Burauen, Capoocan, Carigara, Dagami, Jaro Kananga, and Pastrana.

According to Castriciones, “kaya ako ay lumilibot sa buong Pilipinas upang palakasin ang pag-asa ng ating mga magsasaka sapagkat alam ko na sa panahong ito ay dapat silang bigyan ng pag-asa, bigyan sila ng motibasyon para magpatuloy sa paghahanapbuhay bilang mga magsasaka.

Castriciones described the farmers as true heroes of our nation.

He emphasized “malaki po ang utang na loob ng ating bansa sa ating mga magsasaka lalo na ngayong may pandemya. Dahil sa kanila may pagkain ang ating mga mesa.”

Meanwhile, MAAL-SADA-Farmer Irrigators Service Cooperative (FISCO) was honored on the same occasion as outstanding agrarian reform beneficiaries organization (ARBO) in the region for garnering the highest product sales encompassing both the traditional and institutional markets, at 13.3-million from March to October this year.

However, Reynaldo Peja, chairman of the MAALSADA-FISCO, begged to increase the buying price of rice. At present, a kilo of rice is sold at P12 only.

(JOSE ALSMITH SORIA)

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