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Mining seen on provincial seal will be removed

Gov. Tan nixes any mining operations in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- Samar Governor Reynolds Michael Tan said that he is opposing to any mining activities in the province saying it contradicts the thrust of his administration.

“We are against mining because it is part of the Samar Spark Agenda that we are against mining. In fact when my mother was still alive during her first term (as governor), an ordinance was approved; a moratorium that prohibits the operation of mining in Samar,” Gov. Tan said.

“So I still stand with that. I do not want that. In fact that is very damaging to the nature (and causes) irreparable damage (to our environment),” he added.

The statement of the governor comes in the heels as a big mining company, Marcventures Holdings Inc. (MHI), is planning to operate a bauxite mining in the province whose mining claims involved the towns of Motiong, San Jose De Buan and Paranas.

Once approved by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), this will make MHI the only firm in the country to mine bauxite mineral.

MHI acquired the



GOVERNOR REYNOLDS MICHAEL TAN

bauxite mine in Samar in 2016 after a merger with Asia Pilot Mining Philippines (APMPC) and the holding company of Brightgreen Resources Corp and acquiring Alumina Mining Phils. Inc. (AMPI) that holds mineral production sharing agreement 179-2002- VIII (Samar Island Bauxite Reservation) with an area of 6, 694 hectares.

Tan said that since the news had come out regarding the operation of bauxite mining in the province, none of the officials from the firm had meet and talked with him to discuss and inform him about their operation.

“If they come to me then I will tell them that I do not want but I will not be reaching out to them as

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Rumor causes panic among residents

Alfred says no lockdown in Tacloban

JOEY A. GABIETA/ LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA



NO LOCKDOWN. Thus said Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez in a short video message released on Monday amid rumor that has been circulating in the city since last week that Tacloban will be on a lockdown this Christmas. Last Thursday, Mayor Romualdez admitted to have acquired the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

TACLOBAN CITY- No lockdown in the city. This was clarified by City Mayor Alfred Romualdez amid rumors that Tacloban will be placed under lockdown this Christmas.

Romualdez said that instead of the rumored lockdown, protocols on the returning residents of the city would be stricter, among other measures.

“The city of Tacloban will not be on a lockdown this December. We will just be more strict on our protocols, (especially) on the returning residents,” Romualdez said on his video message released by the Tacloban City Information Office on Monday afternoon.

Romualdez made this clarification as rumor has been circulating in the city last week that Tacloban will be placed in a lockdown due to its increasing number of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases, sending residents into panic.

The city has now 1,146 total cases with 17 deaths.

Mayor Romualdez has also appealed to the Taclobanons to also observe the health protocols, especially now that gatherings could not be avoided due to the Christmas season.

“Let’s just be careful. Dumadami ang tao sa downtown. Let’s exercise social distancing, wear a mask,” Romualdez, who admitted last Dec.10 that he had acquired the virus, said.

Earlier, both Vice Mayor Jerry ‘Sambo’ Yaokasin and city administrator Aldrin Quebec also dismissed the rumor saying the city would not be placed in a lockdown.

Meantime, Mayor Romualdez gave his appreciation and gratitude to those who have prayed for his fast recovery.

He also said that he is doing well and expected to recover from the ailment and is raring to report for work.

It is not yet cleared how Romualdez acquired the virus.

Meantime, the number see Alfred /page 10 ...

Assessor’s Office conducts real property inventories in the barangays

TACLOBAN CITY- To assist in developing a strong fiscal base for the local government, the City Assessor’s Office (CAO), in the performance of its mandate to declare all real properties within Tacloban City, is conducting real property inventory operations (RPIO) in various barangays in the city.

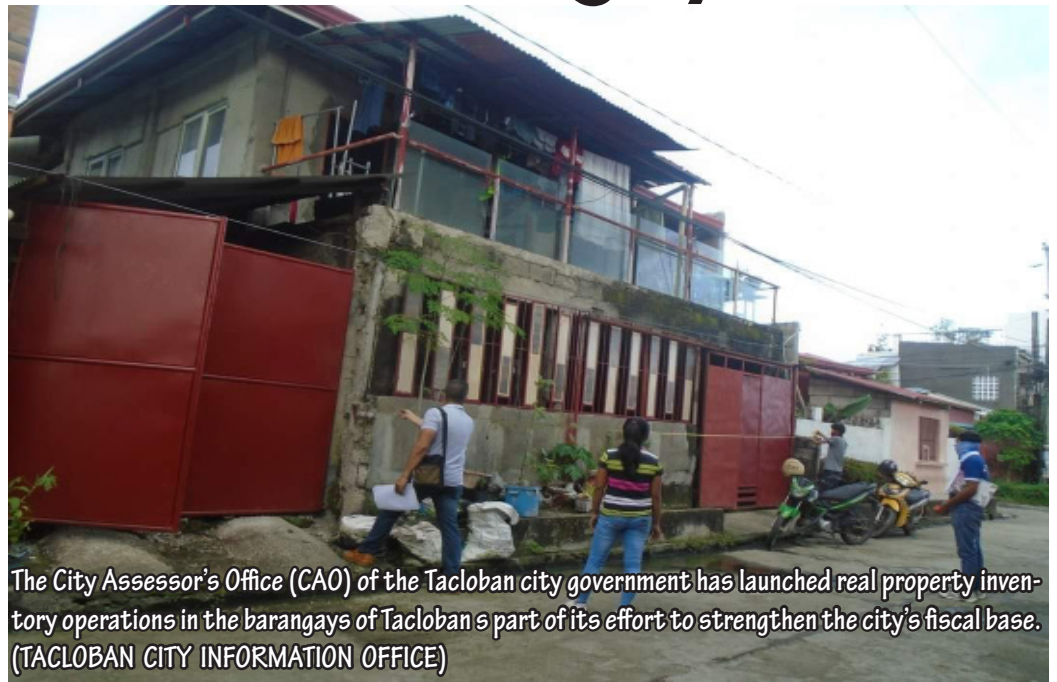
For this week, employees from the said office conducted an appraisal and data gathering at Barangays 84 in San Jose and 3 Upper Nula-tula for issuance of tax declarations

and revenue generation, according to provisions of local laws and Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) assessment regulations.

Since the RPIO kicked off in 2019 to November 2020, CAO was able to declare 1, 163 real property units from 20 barangays out of 138 here.

Meantime, tax declarations with the total assessed value of P127, 086, 040.00 were issued to property declarants.

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The City Assessor’s Office (CAO) of the Tacloban city government has launched real property inventory operations in the barangays of Tacloban as part of its effort to strengthen the city’s fiscal base. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



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Mondejar school donates books for DepEd's MTB-MLE program

The Tacloban City Schools Division of the Department of Education in Eastern Visayas (DepEd-Region 8) on December 3 got an assurance of donation of books from the J. E. Mondejar Computer College (JEMCC) for the implementation of the Mother Tongue-Based Multi-Lingual Education (MTB-MLE) Program, a legislated learning process designed for Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 students.

Lucita Mondejar, currently president of JEMCC and widow of the school founder, the late businessman and journalist Jose "Bing" Mondejar, signed a memorandum of agreement for the school's donation of the books with Tacloban city schools division superintendent Mariza Magan.

Republic Act 10533 (Enhanced Basic Education Act) mandates the implementation of the MTB-MLE program by using teaching materials written in the native language of the primary students in a particular region or place.

Education Secretary Leonor Briones ordered for a nationwide implementation of the MTB-MLE program, with each region having books and



A memorandum of agreement was signed between JEMCC and Tacloban city schools division on December 3, 2020 at JEMCC Conferences Hall. Gretel Laura Cadiong of the Learning Resource Manager represented city schools superintendent Mariza Magan. JEMCC is donating copies of the books to all public elementary schools in Tacloban City as its support on the MTB-MLE program of the Department of Education(DepEd).

modules written in a language exclusive or endemic to that place like Waray for Eastern Visayas.

However, the DepEd-8 earlier mentioned about the lack of books in the Waray language that can be used in schools here in compliance with the MTB-MLE program directive.

This prompted JEMCC, located at Barangay 71 (Naga-Naga) in Tacloban City, to immediately mobilize its resources and talent in producing books, in Waray language, that would answer to the needs of the DepEd-8.

Dr. Bernadette Mondejar-Schlueter, daughter of Bing and Lucita, came up with an illustrated story-

book that has English texts translated into the Waray language, fitting to what the DepEd-8 needed.

The English-Waray illustrated storybook series, starting with one titled Maya and Her Loyal Friends, is published by JEMCC, under the concept of Schlueter.

Helping her in enhancing and promoting the idea of the Maya storybook series was her Zurich-based sister, Minerva Mondejar-Steiner, who also created the website www.thewarayproject.org for the book project.

The one who served as publishing consultant and book designer was Aaron Almadro, who was an ed-

itor-in-chief of a regional magazine.

Schlueter worked, in a virtual mode, with Northern Samar-based poet Ardeen Tuballas Capate in translating the book to Waray language, for the purpose of complying with the MTB-MLE program.

Renowned Tacloban artist Ed Rompal provided the illustrations, from the cover to every page of the storybook, as well as in the other forthcoming storybooks of the Maya series.

"Our Maya book is in response to DepEd's need for more books in the target language (Waray)," said Schlueter who is herself an

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5 NPA members surrender to PNP leadership; RD de Jesus issues condemnation on the killing of cops by the rebels

TACLOBAN CITY- Five persons alleged to be members of the New People's Army (NPAs) have surrendered to government forces in the region.

Based on the report of the regional headquarters of the Philippine National Police (PNP) based in Palo town, Leyte province, those who surrendered were NPA rebels whose units are operating in Samar, Eastern Samar, and Northern Samar provinces.

The NPAs who de-

cided to return to the government folds were identified only the PNP by their aliases: 'Suyang', 34 and said to be the secretary-general of the People's Surge Alliance-Samar; 'Babi', 26; 'Jepoy', 28; 'Jimboy', 29; and 'Kaskid'.

All the five surrendered on December 8 before the PNP, raising the number of former rebels to give up their arm struggle to 22 since B/Gen. Ronaldo de Jesus, assumed his post as the police regional director

for Eastern Visayas last September of this year.

The former rebels also turned over the firearms that they used while they were still members of the communist armed group. They are still in custody with the PNP.

B/Gen. de Jesus said that the decision of these former rebels to surrender was due mainly to the campaign of the national government for them to return to the folds of the law, particularly on the implementation of Executive Order No.70 which aims to end the insurgency problem in the country through a 'whole-of-nation' approach.

According to the police regional director, the five would receive financial assistance from the government for them to start a

new life.

Meantime, de Jesus condemned the killing of a policeman in Marabut town, Samar, by the rebels last Thursday.

"This brutal and inhuman act stemmed from rebels' twisted beliefs and tainted ideologies. The atrocities and threats they have perpetrated only manifest a blatant disregard of the value of human rights and justice system," he said in a statement.

Cpl. Laurence Hembra died after their service vehicle was ambushed by rebel members as they were on their way back to Marabut after attending a court hearing Basey, also in Samar. A detainee, Nestor Lumagpas, Jr., that also injured on this ambush incident.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Retired cop shot dead in Maasin City

TACLOBAN CITY- Unidentified gunmen shot dead a retired policeman in Barangay Dongon, Maasin City Saturday, December 12.

Authorities identified the victim as Dominico PETERE and a resident of the said barangay.

Initial report said three gunmen wearing bonnet on board an unmarked vehicle shot the victim around 8:46

a.m. Saturday.

The suspects fled the scene after shots were fired.

Police are investigating the incident.

On November 17, unidentified gunmen on board a vehicle also shot and killed a 35-year-old man in Barangay Ibarra, Maasin.

Authorities have yet to identify the suspects. (RONALD O. REYES)

2 cops wounded in an entrapment operation against agar woods illegal traders

TACLOBAN CITY- Two policemen were wounded after they were fired upon by the suspects they were to arrest who were engaging in anti-illegal activity involving agar woods, a highly priced by considered as an endangered species.

Injured were Cpl. Jerome Ortega and Pat. Bernardino Julius Magsambol Jr, both members of the Regional Special Operations Group (RSOG) of the Philippine National Police-8 based in Eastern Samar.

Ortega, who was hit on his lower left side of his waist, and Magsambol, who sustained injury on his left leg, were among the law enforcers who launched an anti-logging operations in Barangay San Rafael, Taft, Eastern Samar, on Sunday (Dec.13) at around 12:45 pm.

Based on the reports of the regional headquarters of the Philippine National Police (PNP) based in Palo, Leyte, one the law enforcers acted as a buyer of the agar woods, locally known as 'lapnisan,' from among the suspects identified as Romeo Recto, 45, and his son Jury, both residents of Brgy. San Rafael; and Ber-

ting Loriga, a resident of Brgy. Binaloan, also of the same town.

During the entrapment operation, the poseur-buyer after identifying the items as agar woods and handing a marked money as a payment, removed his mask to connote that the transaction has been consummated.

This prompted the law enforcers to introduce themselves as police officers to effect arrest.

However, the suspects immediately pulled their firearms and fired towards the operating team prompting them to return fire to defend themselves.

This resulted for Ortega and Magsambol to be hit from the exchange of fire with one of the suspect, the elder Recto, also injured on his left leg and upper left part of his shoulder.

Both Ortega and Magsambol were brought at the Taft District Hospital while Recto was brought at the Casano Hospital in Dolores town, also in Eastern Samar.

The two other suspects managed to elude arrest. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

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Group calls for legislation to end hunger, poverty

TACLOBAN CITY-A group of anti-hunger advocates urged on the immediate passage of laws to help the government achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals on zero hunger in the Philippines.

"We earnestly request the Duterte administration to certify as urgent the Right to Adequate Food Framework Bill, or the Zero Hunger Bill, now pending in the House and the Senate," said Aurea Miclat-Teves, president and convener of National Food Coalition (NFC).

In a virtual press conference on Dec.11, the anti-hunger advocate maintained that food and nutrition "is not yet explicitly recognized in the Philippine Constitution."

"We want to help the nation's leaders push the right policies regarding [hunger and poverty]," she said.

Unlike political rights and civil liberties enjoyed by the Filipinos, the convener said various laws on their rights to food are "non-complementary, inadequately and improperly implemented, incoherent and sometimes in conflict with each other."

In a statement, she said that "actions must be taken" to implement the government's National Food Policy (NFP) that is supposed to address the country's priority concerns of hunger and poverty.

Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, who chairs the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on Zero Hunger, said they had concluded a series of consultations with stakeholders in government and in the private sector on the NFP last week.

"We conducted the consultations thoroughly with as many partners as possible because we wanted a comprehensive and doable set of solutions. We also wanted all stakeholders to actively participate in enforcing the NFP based on their own inputs," the official said.

During the press conference, Nograles maintained that fighting hunger "is a whole nation approach" and that everyone plays a critical role.

According to the cabinet official, the government's efforts on nutrition got a momentum during the pre-Corona virus disease (Covid-19) pandemic in 2018 and 2019.

President Rodrigo Duterte

created the IATF on Zero Hunger through Executive Order (EO) 101 signed on January 10, 2020.

Sustainable food policy
Miclat-Teves said that even as the government has established the task force, "there is a need for legislation to make the national food policy sustainable."

The coalition leader said

a law upholding the right to food and nutrition or RTFN can compel the government "to provide adequate food for all Filipinos at all times."

"This could also serve as a legal back-up to any economic and social program on hunger and poverty," said Miclat-Teves.

"The bill defines the

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Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla has turn over 2 units emergency service vehicle (DOH standard) to the Manuel V. Veloso Memorial District Hospital(MVMDH), Palompon District Hospital(PDH) and Hilongos District Hospital(HDH). The emergency service vehicle is P4.6 million each on December 3, 2020. Joining him were Dr. Lesmes Lumen, hospital consultant; Olive Tiu, regional director of the Philippine Information Agency; board member Raissa Villasin (second district of Leyte); Dr. Honorato Jervoso chief of hospital MVM Hospital; Dr. Julius Dances, chief of HDH and Engr. Arvin Monge, PDRMO. The turn over was held in front of the View Deck grounds Macarthur Park, Candahug Palo, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)

BFAR to enlist college scholars in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY- The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) will enlist 33 graduating senior high school students in Eastern Visayas for its Fisheries Scholarship Program (FSP).

FSP regional coordinator Lourdes Chavez said on Saturday the region has 30 available slots for Fisher-

folk Children Scholarship Grant (FCEG) and three for Fisheries Industry Leaders Grant (FILG) for the school year 2021-2022.

The FCEG is for poor but deserving students whose parents or guardians are registered fisherfolk, while the FILG is a merit-based scholarship for top-ranked students, who will pursue a degree in Bachelor of Science in Fisheries.

"The objectives of the program are to produce sufficient professional manpower to serve the requirements of the government and fisheries industry and to complement and reinforce BFAR's overall goals through manpower development," Chavez said in a phone interview.

On Dec. 5, BFAR held the FSP national competitive examination in different testing centers across the country.

In the region, Chavez said 71 graduating senior high school students in Leyte, Eastern Samar, and Northern Samar took the qualifying test - 60 for FCEG and 11 for FILG.

"BFAR regional and provincial heads and staff

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Soldier, 3 teens killed in separate road mishaps

TACLOBAN CITY- An Army personnel and three teenagers were killed while 26 others were injured in six separate road accidents here in the region last December 1, 2020.

In Leyte, Army Private First Class Ronald Anota, 25, was declared dead on arrival at the hospital after his driven motorcycle had a head on collision with another motorcycle with four persons on board along the national road of Barangay Calsadhay, Bu-

rauen around 5:15 pm

Injured during the incident was driver Marvin Daclan and his three back riders.

In Southern Leyte, police said the 52-year-old driver of a red Montero Sports GLX 1 lost control of the steering wheel and bumped into an incoming motorcycle with three teenagers on board.

The incident happened around 8:40 pm along the national highway of Barangay Poblacion of Liloan town.

Police identified the

driver of the sports utility vehicle (SUV) as Judy Lasala Maamo, who was immediately brought to the hospital for medical attention.

The driver will be facing charges on reckless imprudence resulting to multiple homicide.

While the three victims were only identified as residents of Barangay Anilao, Liloan.

In Northern Samar, a 47-year-old police officer on board his Toyota vehicle accidentally bumped a carabao that suddenly crossed the national highway of Barangay Dale of San Roque town around 10:30 pm.

The policeman, who was unharmed during the incident, was in convoy with other personnel for an intelligence monitoring activity.

In Burauen, a motorcycle hit another single motorcycle around 2:00 pm at the corner of San Agustin and San Joaquin Street, District 2.

Initial investigation disclosed that Roger Tismo, 36, was traversing San Joaquin Street going to La Paz, Leyte while Nelson Cedenia, 35, was in an opposite direction when the latter accidentally hit Tismo upon reaching the said area.

Cedenia sustained injury on different parts of his body after he slammed into the pavement.

The other driver was unharmed, police said.

However, both drivers were not able to present their license and proper documents of their vehicles during the incident.

A 34-year-old public school teacher on board a single motorcycle also accidentally bumped an eight-year-old child after the latter suddenly crossed the road along Barangay Cabadsan in Alangalang, Leyte around 1:30 pm.

Both the driver and the victim were brought to Leyte Provincial Hos-

pital for medical treatment.

In Tacloban City, a road accident involving multiple vehicles happened around 4:20 pm along Barangay 36, Sabang Bridge.

Police said a defective brake caused an 8-wheeler Isuzu wing van truck, driven by Daniel Bulan, to crash into a Suzuki multicab with nine passengers on board upon reaching a descending portion of the roadway of the said area.

The impact also caused the passenger multicab to swerve left before colliding with the incoming Toyota Revo.

While the 8-wheeler truck was still in motion,

it hit the left rear portion of another private Nissan Navara vehicle which caused it to spin to the left and hit a motorcycle from the opposite direction.

The truck then ploughed through another multicab with two passengers on board, a private Toyota Vios, and a government-owned Toyota Prius vehicle driven by a police officer.

All the injured persons were brought into different hospitals for immediate medical attention, while vehicles involved incurred damages, police said in the report.

(RONALD O. REYES)

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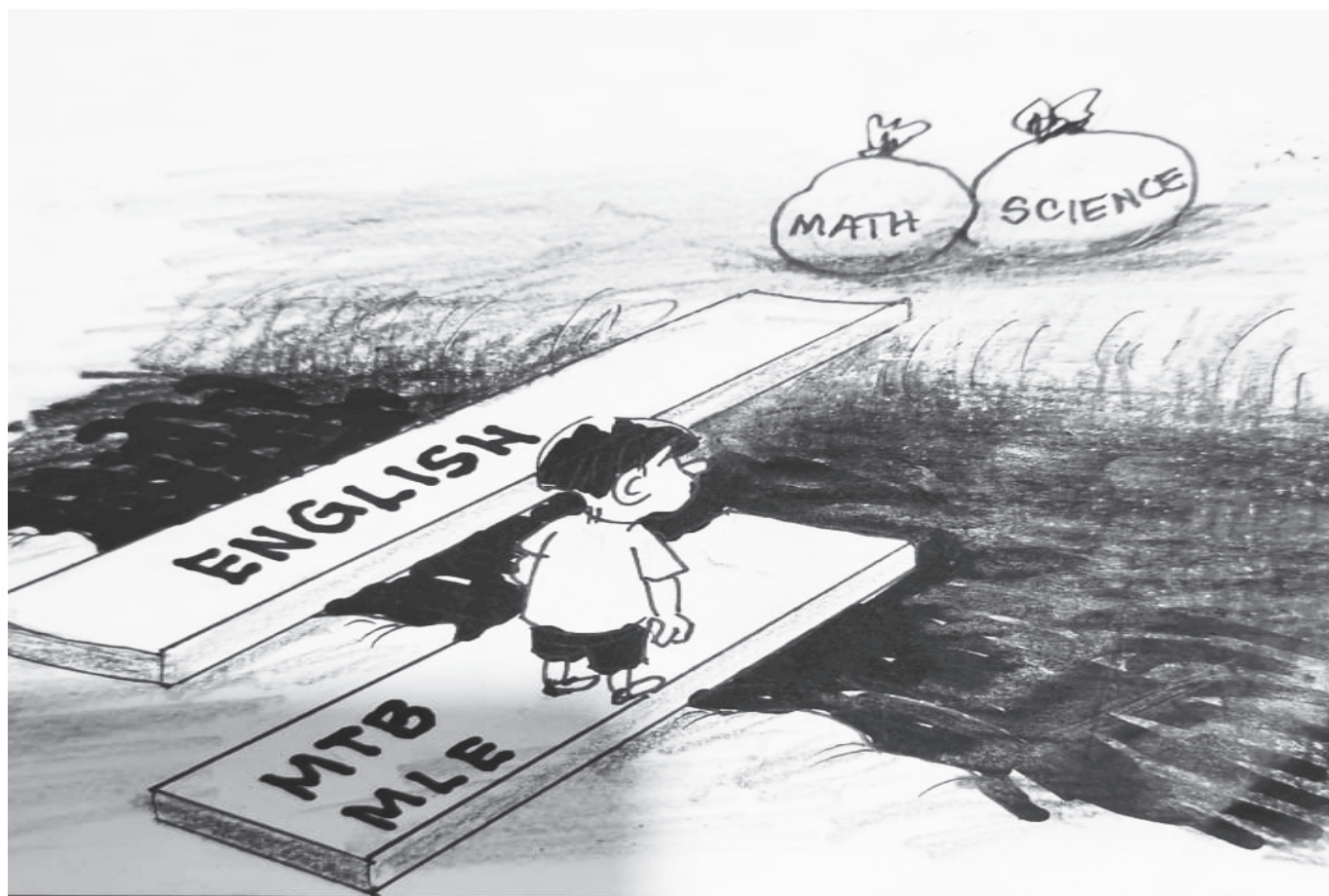
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Defeated purpose?

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eastened on by Filipino netizens on Facebook is the news that, in a recent global assessment revealed last December 8 by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study 2019, the Philippines ranked last among the 58

countries that participated in Grade 4 math and science assessments. This, according to the teachers in the field who gave the most number of comments and know their students better than anyone else, is caused by the implementation of MTB-MLE.

It can be recalled that, due to the insistence of language experts armed with research studies, the mother tongue-based multilingual education was adopted by the country’s education system, teaching the mother tongue in schools and using it as a medium of instruction in basic education, from kindergarten to Grade 3. The purpose was noble—to make scientific and mathematical theories and principles, that are normally difficult, easier for pupils to grasp in the language that they understand the most, which is their native language.

While this implementation had urged the nationalistic and patriotic spirit among young learners, it had likewise distanced them from English, the international lingua franca of business and industry, including the academe. The focus on the mother tongue has been unnecessarily intense that, up to Grade 3, young

learners are still bombarded with it while remaining ignorant about English—its alphabet sounds, vocabulary, sentences, etc. So when they enter Grade 4, they are still non-readers of English. How can they, therefore, solve scientific and mathematical problems expressed in English when, in the first place, they cannot read in this language?

And since the sounds of the alphabet and their reading are only taught in the lower years of basic education, the learners from Grade 4 onward whose lessons are now tackling more advanced principles never get the chance anymore to learn the sounds of letters necessary for them to learn how to read. Up to the time they reach high school, and even up to college, some of these students now are still non-readers of English. Good at their mother tongue, yes, but illiterate when it comes to English and other subjects that use it.

The challenge now is for the Department of Education to remedy this problematic situation. If MTB-MLE cannot anymore be removed from the curriculum, then let the English subject form part of the basic education curriculum, highlighting the need for reading and the teaching of math and science with English as the medium of instruction. Anyway, when explaining difficult concepts, the teachers can always use the mother tongue in doing so, just making sure the English terminologies for these concepts are introduced and not in any way neglected or ignored.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Beauty and the Buwisit

One of the fringe benefits of working in the media is being able to learn different stories of people from various walks of life. This is one advantage I have had as a media practitioner, first as a radio reporter, a television

newscaster, and now a print journalist.

There is one such story that I can never forget. I was yet a radio reporter, then, assigned to visit the police station every day to get some news from the

police blotter. It was such a unique story, the complainant being a foreigner, the complaint was against a local girl whose identity I’ll just conceal here to protect their privacy.

This young lady had had a so-called penpal, a black American, and a professional player of American football. It’s a kind of game that uses a sort of elongated ball which is pointed on both sides, requiring gigantic players who violently bump against their opponents in the field. The bigger and taller they are, the better.

Their story was such that, when their agreed time

came, the man came all the way to the Philippines so they could get married and be able to bring her to the US. Since the girl lived in a remote area of a distant town, the foreigner just arrived first in Catbalogan and decided to make a courtesy call at the town’s police station. He then asked for help so he could be guided safely in going to the girl’s residence.

With his hired guide, the foreigner set out to find the girl’s place. It was not an easy journey since she was not living in town, but in the mountainous areas upstream. When they see Beauty/page 10 ...



What's New
Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Our Mayor's friends, relatives;
Taclobanons hoped & prayed, but
it somehow just happened....

Last Thursday, December 10th, Taclobanons and fellow-Waraynons were shocked when they read on Facebook the following --

"In a press briefing, Tacloban City Administrator, Atty. Aldrin Quebec and Acting City Health Officer, Dra. Gloria Fabrigas confirmed that Tacloban City Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez tested positive for coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

"Dra. Fabrigas said our Mayor experienced coronavirus symptoms on December 2nd, Thursday, (after having been swabbed the day earlier December 1st, Monday.)

"However the health officer assured the public 'there's nothing to worry about, as the Mayor is currently isolated, and he is in a stable condition.

"On the other hand, his daughter Sophia tested negative after being swabbed.

Dra. Fabrigas announced that contact tracing is now underway and they identified 18 persons who were close contacts of the chief executive, and who have already been individually swabbed.

Then on Friday, December 11th, a picture appeared on Facebook with Mayor Alfred, in a sweater and eyeglasses, about to

sign some documents with the following caption --

"Look: Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez continues to work inspite of his mild Covid condition. He asks everyone not to worry as he is getting much better..."

... And, here's Mayor Alfred's Message to one and all ...

"I'm grateful to each one of you who prayed for my good health & have sent messages of concern. Your prayers and get-well wishes have given me strength to get well faster..

"I have been on my own the past few days; and it is just today that I have asked my nurse, garbed in PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to take my picture, for all of you to see that I am up and about, still doing my work as Mayor, signing documents for the city and the people that I serve.

With more prayers and rest, I know I can beat this mild case of Covid-19 and be back to the office in no time.

-- Mayor ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ --

cent personal experience in going to Biliran. It was a bit exhausting. At my daughter's birthday we want to get her back to Tacloban to celebrate but at the Border we were instructed that we would just drop the food and never get off the car. All these in less than 2 hours.

It was perhaps one of the longest food delivery made by a non-delivery company at more than 130 kilometers ion way distance. The special condition imposed by the Biliran border was inclusive of travel time we must get out of the province in 2 hours or 120 minutes. The contactless delivery was made food was dropped and we hurried back almost meeting an accident with a bridge construction that has a stony downslope dirt road detour that has no lights or conspicuous warning device of any kind whatsoever. The fact that this is rainy and dark evening made it dangerous.

We beat the deadline though by 33 minutes and calmly went our way.

No problem there, we follow what is mandated by the authorities and like the people in the border, we don't want to cause any problem at all.



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Department of Fisheries:
A dream lost forever?

The few books, reports, and technical papers touching on Philippine Fisheries and Marine Science that I have read mentioned about the common dream of Filipino scholars/pensionados, who were educated and trained in foreign institutions - PILLARS ALL - obsessed at seeing the then young Republic to create a DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES. These Filipino pillars in fisheries did lobby their dream department repeatedly by sending strong justifications, and submitted the same documents to then Philippine Assembly. The likes of Deogracias Villadolid, Domiciano Villaluz, Hilarion Roxas, etc., had outlived their ob-

session, never to see their dream realized. They bequeathed the crusade to the growing number of distinguished Filipino fishery researchers/scientists (Angel Alcala, Rafael Guerrero III, Edgardo Gomez, etc.), who followed the Pillars' footsteps - will their plight met with the same never ending disappointment?

Lately, I, who gained education and training in marine science (Biology) abroad (in Japan), floated the same dream of our Filipino Pillars in Fisheries research, by posting it in my Face Book account, the puzzling situation why the Philippine Legislature seems "dead-ma" to filing a Bill to create a DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES. I find it insulting, to say the lest, for see both the Upper and Lower Houses of Congress bragging to us tax-payers by showing hundreds of Bills crafted and Laws passed as their Report Cards of accomplishments!

Lately, as a fad, the Honorables have been creating new Departments (DICT, Human Settlements renamed, etc.) and soon in the pipeline are the Departments for Risk Management, OFW, Climate, Water, etc.). None of over 300 taxpayers pensionados have ever thought of reviving the creation of a Department of Fisheries to technically manage the

Our respect to the border personnel of the Island Province. However, with scenarios like this we cannot help but wish and pray that the world will get back the way it was. Perhaps, request our Lord to stop the slide into the depths of the malady that we are already in.

The good thing was by following the drop and go, heeding the 2-hour deadline and simply turning back and hitting the road again in the dark of the lonely night, in the morning we witnessed a beautiful sunrise off Cariaga Bay.

Where the rigor of late-night driving inclusive of the danger in the road and the undesirable stereotype we were tagged with, it pushed us into a breathtaking view and restored our faith. Like a metaphor of night and day, after a pitch dark night the dawn came.

In the face of a crisis that shows no slowing down, we must persist and observe the mandated protocols, practice social distancing, be meticulous and even fussy at times for without this hard and at times repulsive practice we cannot reach the dawn and we will miss the best sunrise.

country's rich, undocumented aquatic resources inhabiting the fresh- and marine-water environs. The Law makers must be unaware of percentage of water that makes up the Philippine Archipelago compared to the land area. Corollary to this are the rich proteinaceous food source and the dollar earning and export resources like Tuna, Prawn, seaweeds. Biologically, both the freshwater and marine ecosystems pride in being home of new and rare species of fish, shellfish, corals, and commercially important species of seaweeds. The other potentials of these aquatic resources could be uncovered through research with funding from the would-be Department of Fisheries (DOF) budget and management.

The present situation finds the Fisheries Program under the auspices of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), getting a meager slice of funding allocation from the Department of Agriculture. It is ironic that some top people running the fisheries program of the country are reportedly not academically suited for the work entrusted! Does this explain for the anemic number of Filipinos getting fisheries degrees? We should be thankful though that there are institutions contributing to fisheries research such as SEAFDEC, UP-MSI, UPV-Miagao, NFRI, MSU-Naawan, etc., sans proposed DOF management!

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NEXT TOPIC : Relevant S & T matters with application to Eastern Visayas.

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Best Case Scenario

We should not be slaves to the pandemic, we shall defend ourselves from it, follow medical protocols and yet live!

Are we not tired of this? It's hard to write about the Pandemic because all the leaves of real papers and the circuits of the internet has the pandemic written all over. It's hard to dwell and peruse on something that has been overly discussed and like air it always hung suspended and omnipresent. The topic had become timeworn almost abused and downright stressful

But as our lives are affected. altered and even quarantined we can't help but talk, curse and even wish that this too shall pass, pronto!

As of this writing wordometers.info cites COVID deaths at 1, 602,509 where, total cases are at 71,503,497 worldwide and recovered patients 49,692 ,019. All of these figures are verified and updated real time. The country with the highest cases is the United States at 16 Million, followed by India, Brazil and Russia. With a population of 310, Vanuatu has only 1 case its ranked at 220th. The Philippines is ranked 28th with 448,331 cases with 8, 730 deaths.

Be that as it may we humans need to live and thrive. We will follow strictly the protocols set, take the highest prevention steps possible and yet go on living.

Take the case of our re-



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

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

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

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

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

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educator known in Europe schools apart from being an active participant in international marathons.

Besides being colorful and interesting to Kinder and primary students, the Maya series has unique features that Schlueter added: stories depicting Waray culture, arts, games, and tradition that she said must be preserved and appreciated by this generation and the future.

The Maya book series features Waray games such as moro-moro, palpagay, latik-latik, tamban-tamban, and krus ni Magellan, which Schlueter said have been aimed to draw interests from most children who may no longer play with, much less being familiar to them.

Schlueter further described the book as a medium to caution children on spending “too much

time with technology at the expense of real human relationships; something we can all relate to.”

The international education expert, now based in England, said she is hoping that, with the book, “parents (will) encourage children to be physically active, enjoy the environment, and preserve these games as part of our cultural identity,” on top of the “cognitive benefits of computer games.”

Schlueter said the book is also made available to other Waray children and parents in other parts of the world, through Kindle and paperback editions on the Amazon and Apple Books websites.

It will also be made available at local bookstores and other outlets in Region 8 in time for Christmas, she said adding that the next book titled Adventures of Maya: The Lost Fields of Palale, will be available in early January 2021.

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 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 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*

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. Macatangay. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 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*

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 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*

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. Enierio M. Sabulao. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

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right to food as a legal right and seeks to end hunger progressively in ten years. It also rationalizes all food-related measures already existing in the country,” she added.

The coalition also said that there is a need to pass a new agrarian reform law that will respect the rights of indigenous peoples while ensuring the modernization of the country’s agriculture and fisheries sectors.

“The twin goals of achieving equity and productivity have been sidelined, leaving our marginalized sectors, especially our indigenous peoples, farmers and fisherfolk, still hungry and impoverished,” said Miclat-Teves.

She also pushed for proper disaster risk reduction, saying that “poverty is magnified or exacerbated by disasters.”

“In embarking on disaster risk reduction, the Philippine government should consider climate change mitigation from a more comprehensive right to food perspective. We believe taking concrete steps to fulfil these three major concerns will make a strong headway toward addressing poverty and hunger,” Miclat-Teves said.

Citing a report from Philippine Statistics Authority, the coalition of anti-hunger advocates said the estimated poverty rate

in the country was 16.6 percent in 2018 and 17.6 million people faced extreme poverty.

“Hunger is one of the critical problems stemming from poverty in the Philippines, with 64 percent of the population suffering from chronic food insecurity,” said the coalition.

A Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey conducted in September also said more than seven million Filipino households have experienced involuntary hunger at least once from June to August this year.

“The SWS survey showed that families who experienced hunger due to lack of food reached a new record-high of 30.7 percent. This figure surpassed the previous peak of 23.8 percent in March 2012,” added the coalition.

Natural disasters like typhoons, at a rate of about 20 per year, also compounded the problems of hunger and poverty in the country.

A report from the World Food Program also said that factors such as climate issues and political challenges have contributed to the food insecurity that Filipinos continuously face. (RONALD O. REYES)

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that CEFERINO D. MILAN heir of the late JOVENIA-NO MILANO executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over 2 parcels of land particularly described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Cad Lot 12710, Cad 566-D located at Brgy. Cantandog-II, Hilongos, Leyte covered by TD No. 05-14014-00016 containing an area of 1,379.23sq.m.; 2) A parcel of land designated as Cad Lot 12711, Cad 566-D located at Brgy. Cantandog-II, Hilongos, Leyte covered by TD No. 05-14014-00017 containing an area of 1,687.72sq.m. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MAXIMA G. VILLAREAL as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc 216, Page No. 44, Book No. LXVI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Exzon B. Mendoza. *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*

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 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. Arcuenco. *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*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SEVERINO DELARMENTE AND CRESFULA 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*

Gov. Tan...

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long as they do show interest,” the governor said.

Mining is one of the identified industries of the national government that will become an economic drivers of the country that is badly affected by the present health crisis.

The governor said that while he is aware that mining is one of the thrusts of the national government, he would still oppose and will explain it to President Rodrigo Duterte on his firm stand on the issue.

“Being the governor, I am duty bound to protect the interest of residents of Samar and the future generation so I will do that, but if they will insist, if they something good that can help develop Samar then I am willing to listen also,” he added.

And as a testament that he is opposing any mining activity, their provincial seal which depicts mining as one of Samar’s major industries would be removed.

The province has task the provincial legislative members to change the design on their seal and forward it to the National Historical Commission for

approval.

Tan said that he proposed that the image of the Philippine eagle be included in the new provincial seal design as it was in the province, in the town of Paranas where the mighty bird was first recorded in the country in 1986.

Another action of the province was to issue a cease and desist order to all quarrying operations in the province because some of the operators are actually doing mining, he said.

The governor, however, was not able to provide the number of quarry operation that was affected by the order.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Assessor’s...

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By 2021, an additional P6, 075, 364.70 real property taxes is expected to be collected by the City Treasurer’s Office from properties subject to RPIO and shall be added to the coffers of the local government, the City Assessor’s reported. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARIANO ARIZA, SR. AND HONORIA NALDA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 8 parcels of land described as Lot Numbers: 3299, 3105, 3055,5419 Tax Dec 569, Lot Nombres: 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. Jumadiao. *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. 1San Jose Palo, Leyte, under Tax Dec. no. 05-30-039-00230, containing an area of 2,219 square meters more or less; per Doc. No. 9, Page No. 2, Book No. III, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Crispin Simoun P. Cercado. *LSDE: Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2020*

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

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*

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 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 EDI-TA 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*



House Majority Leader and Committee on Rules Chairman Martin Romualdez (left) and House Speaker Lord Alan Velasco (right) may extend its session until Friday instead of adjourning this Wednesday if President Rodrigo Duterte will not certify as urgent a substitute measure to five bills that House Committee on Appropriations Chaired by ACT-CIS Party List Rep. Eric Yap approved last Friday extending the life of Bayanihan 2 until June 30, 2021. photo by Ver Noveno

Leyte villagers reject NPA remnants: Army exec

TACLOBAN CITY – The recent clashes between government forces and the New People's Army (NPA) in Leyte are proof that remnants of the communist terrorist group are not gaining support from villagers, a Philippine Army official said.

Maj. Gen. Pio Diñoso III, commander of the Philippine Army's 8th Infantry Division, said the gun battle is an indicator that the NPA has lost their mass base in areas where they attempt to take control.

"Firefight happens because residents have been providing information on the presence of NPA in their areas. That means they don't have support from the community anymore," Diñoso said in a phone interview.

Rebels in Leyte are just remnants of a guerrilla front dismantled by the Philippine Army in early 2019, official said.

"The remaining members are not organized anymore. They exist not for armed struggle, but for gain, extorting money and supplies from people," Diñoso said.

The latest clash between soldiers and rebels in the province was on Nov. 30 in the remote areas of Barangay Rizal, Kananaga town. At least 410 per-

sons from three sub-villages fled their homes for fear of being caught in a cross-fire.

The firefight happened two days after a young female fighter of the NPA was killed in an encounter with government troops also in the outskirts of Kananga.

In the town of Carigara, the first clash this year was recorded on Sept. 30 in Brgy. Caghalo, leading to the recovery of several firearms.

In Canlampay, soldiers recovered the documents on Nov. 13 from the house of suspected NPA members Edencio and wife, Nora Dionaldo.

Government troops also rescued the couple's seven children, including five minors, and recovered war materiel from the house.

The pursuit against suspected NPA fighters who recently abandoned a nearby lair led government troops to the house of the Dionaldo couple.

Edencio remains at-large while Nora and the couple's eldest son, Ernie, were detained at the town's police station.

On Nov. 17, government troops had a brief gun battle with eight rebels in the village of Hiluctogan.

No one was hurt from the military while bloodstains indicate casualties among rebels.

The NPA, which has been waging a five-decade armed struggle against the government, is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines. **(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)**

Leyte gets lion share in P538 million DA EV seed, fertilizer distribution

TACLOBAN CITY – The province of Leyte got the biggest share in the rice seeds and fertilizers distribution in the region by the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office No. 8(DA-8).

Francisco Rosaroso, DA-8 regional information officer, said that the seeds will be used or planted in the peak planting for dry season which falls within the first and second week of December.

Rosaroso said that their office has already earmarked 34,269 bags of rice seeds and 52,950 bags of fertilizers positioned in the six provinces of Region 8.

Leyte got a lion share of these initial deliveries with more than 23,000 bags of rice seeds and 36,000 bags of fertilizers, he added.

DA-Regional Director Angel Enriquez said that her office is heeding the call of Agriculture Secretary William Dar to fast track full implementation of the Rice Resiliency Project (RRP) Part 2 under the Plant, Plant, Plant Program of the Department of Agriculture.

She added that her office is targeting to cover 116,500 hectares of rice lands in the current cropping season

— September until March 2021 – 96,500 hectares and 20,000 hectares for inbred seeds and hybrid rice, respectively.

Enriquez said that DA-8 has earmarked over P538 million for RRP-2 for the purchase of production inputs such as hybrid and inbred palay seeds and fertilizers.

She recalled that the central government has set aside P8.5 billion for RRP1, while RRP 2 gets its fund allocation from the P24 billion stimulus fund earmarked for the recovery of the farming sector under the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" approved by Congress.

RRP is one of the components under the "Plant, Plant, Plant" Program against Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) to address potential scarcity due to the pandemic, she said.

Enriquez clarified that RRP will only distribute seeds that are National Seed Industry Council (NSIC)-registered.

"Our main goal is to increase the volume of the region's rice output. This is something that we critically need to combat the threat of hunger amid the 'new normal' in global food produc-

tion," she said.

The director said that under the RRP2, DA-8 will distribute to six provinces in the region 55,500 bags of rice seeds under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, 55,730 bags of seeds from RRP2 fund and 2,270 bags of seeds from the regular hybrid rice program.

She added that it will also provide a total of 253,000 bags of fertilizers to farmer-beneficiaries. A corresponding budget of P282.9 million has been allocated for the fertilizer subsidy alone.

Enriquez said that unlike the RRP-1, beneficiaries of RRP-2 will receive their fertilizers without putting up a counterpart, instead a voucher system will be in place.

Eligible farmer will receive P2,000 worth of voucher for every hectare of rice land if they are planted with inbred seeds or P3,000 if planted with hybrid, she added.

All they need to do is use the voucher subsidy in buying the fertilizer from accredited fertilizer dealers, distributors, cooperatives or farmers associations, she said.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Chief of EVRMC's COVID-19 testing center killed in a road mishap

TACLOBAN CITY- The head of the COVID-19 laboratory testing center of the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) was killed in a vehicular accident on Saturday afternoon in Kananaga town, Leyte province.

Virgilio Hubilla, 57, was on board a Toyota Vios driven by Bienenido Menoc, Jr., 29, while cruising along Barangay Montebello of said town at around 3 pm when the accident happened.

Based on the report of the Kananga municipal police, Hubilla was from Ormoc City and going to the direction of Tacloban City when his driver overtook a truck but upon seeing another vehicle towards his direction,

tried to avoid it only to hit a dump truck that was parking in the area.

The vehicle, driven by Fr. Gregorio Buñales, 61 of Merida town, also in Leyte, was going towards the direction of Ormoc, also hit the dump truck, driven by Robert Jore, 44 and a resident of Brgy. Poblacion, also in Kananga, which was dumping sand at that time.

Members of the Kananga Rescue Unit brought Hubilla and Menoc to the Kananga Municipal Hospital for medical treatment. However, Hubilla was declared as dead on arrival.

Fr. Buñales was brought to another hospital.

The EVRMC, in a statement, said that they

were shock and in deep mourning on the death of Hubilla.

"The EVRMC Eastern Visayas Regional COVID-19 Testing Center is deeply mourning the passing of our chief medical technologist, Sir Bing Hubilla. We are all in deep sorrow due to his sudden demise. Sir Bing truly loved his experience in the COVID laboratory as he did the validation, extraction, and his favorite - doing the template adding for PCR," it said.

"We certainly cherish the moments that we shared with Sir Bing. We are consoled by the fact that he is now at peace with his Creator," it added.

Meantime, the regional office of the Department

of Health assured the public that the untimely death of EVRMC's top medical technologist would not hamper on the examination of swab samples being examined by the said facility.

John Paul Roca said that there are other doctors and medical technologist assigned at the said COVID-19 laboratory testing center.

"But it is a sad news for both the EVRMC and DOH for the loss of one of the dedicated staffs. He was one of the prime movers and give contributions in establishing the COVID-19 laboratory in the region," Roca said. **(JOEY A. GABIETA/ RONALD O. REYES)**

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR
MUNICIPALITY OF LAVERAZES

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LAVEZARES, NORTHERN SAMAR, HELD LAST NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

PRESENT: HON. RICARDO O. CHAN –Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
HON. SHIELA O. LUCBAN – SB Member
HON. NELSON M. ESGUERRA - SB Member
HON. DECOROSO A. TURLA, JR. - SB Member
HON. BEDA M. BOGTONG - SB Member
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HON. MANUEL T. MARTIRES - SB Member
HON. LEONARDO G. TIOZON - SB Member
HON. RONALDO S. SALUDAGA – Liga Federation President
HON. ALDRIN L. ADRIATICO – SK Federation President

ABSENT: NONE

The session was officially opened at 9:00AM. Quorum.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01, S – 2020

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH HAVE MODIFIED AFTERMARKET PIPES/MUFFLERS OR SWAPPING OUT OF STOCK PIPES/MUFFLERS RESULTING TO THE EMISSION OF EXCESSIVE AND UNREASONABLE LOUD NOISE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SPONSORED BY:
HON. ALDRIN L. ADRIATICO

CO-SPONSOR:
HON. MARIA SHIELA O. LUCBAN, HON. NELSON M. ESGUERRA

Be it ordained by the Sanggunian Bayan of Lavezares, Northern Samar, in session assembled that:

WHEREAS; Section 15 of the New Constitution of the Philippines provides that “The State shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them”;

WHEREAS; Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that “Every Local Government Unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary, appropriate, incidental for the efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare”;

WHEREAS; The rampant proliferation of all types of vehicles which emitted deafening roar coming from modified aftermarket pipes/mufflers or swapped-out stock pipes/mufflers is quite alarming;

WHEREAS; some motor vehicle owners remove the mandated factory installed stock pipe/muffler and replace them with custom aftermarket pipe which emitted loud noise;

WHEREAS, there are some motor vehicle with loud and roaring mufflers oftentimes causes serious discomfort especially during unholy hours and has created numerous complaints and public condemnation;

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the Asian Development Bank (ABD) showed that muffler noise emitted by motorcycles produced noise levels from high 97 to more than 110 decibels during and that the national standard for residential areas is only 60 decibels during day time and 50 decibels during nighttime.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Lavezares, Northern Samar, in session duly assembled that;

SECTION 1. PROHIBITED ACT: It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate and penalize all type of motor vehicle owners/drivers travelling within the jurisdiction of the municipality of Lavezares having modified with aftermarket pipes/mufflers which emit excessive and unreasonable loud noise.

SECTION 2. SCOPE – This ordinance shall cover;

- a. All motor vehicles owners/drivers
- b. Having modified with aftermarket pipes
- c. Mufflers emitting excessive and unreasonable loud noise
- d. Traveling within the jurisdiction of Lavezares Northern Samar

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS: when used in this ORDINANCE the following terms are hereby defined:

- a. Motor Vehicle – is self-propelled road vehicle and off-road vehicle commonly wheeled, that does not operate on rails such as trains or trams and used for commercial purposes on the highways in the transportation of passengers, or passengers and property.
- b. Modified with aftermarket pipes – it is the aftermarket changed/ replacement of mufflers from its original form which emit excessive and unreasonable loud noise.
- c. Excessive noise – means any sound which annoys or disturbs human or which causes or tend to causes an adverse psychological effort.
- d. Unreasonable loud noise – noise which substantially incompatible with the time and location to the extent that it create an actual and imminent interference with and good order.
- e. Mufflers/stock pipes – exhaust device that cools exhaust gases, quite exhaust noise and provides back pressure to improve engine performance.
- f. Emission – any air contaminant, pollution, gas stream or unwanted sound from a known source which is passed into the atmosphere.
- g. Decibel – a unit expressing the relative intensity of sound on a scale from zero to the average least perceptible sound to about 130 for the average level.

SECTION 4. FORMULATION AND EMPLEMENTATION:

- a. The Lavezares Police Department and the Department of Public Safety and Traffic Management (DPSTM) to fully implement this ordinance and mandated to coordinate with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) the proper implementation of this ordinance.
- b. The member of the Sangguniang Barangay and other officials, within their jurisdiction, in coordination with the Barangay Tanods shall effectively implement this ordinance and arrest the offender and responsible to deliver the same to the authorities mentioned.

SECTION 5. PENALTY: Any motorcycle driver/owner who violates any of the provision of this ordinance shall be punished in accordance with the following:

First offense – Fine of Five Hundred (Php 500/00) Pesos
Second Offense – Fine of One Thousand (Php 1,000.00) Pesos
Third Offense – Fine of One Thousand Five Hundred (Php 1,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than Seven (7) days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the honorable court.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE: if for any reason any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by the court, other provisions hereof that are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE: all municipal ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE: This ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days upon approval by the Sanggunian Panlalawigan.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

HON. SHIELA O. LUCBAN
SB MEMBER

HON. DECOROSO A. TURLA, JR.
SB MEMBER

HON. CARLOS O. SALVADOR
SB MEMBER

HON. MANUEL T. MARTIRES
SB MEMBER

HON. RONALDO S. SALUDAGA
LIGA Federation President

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

HON. RICARDO O. CHAN
Municipal Vice Mayor

HON. NELSON M. ESGUERRA
SB MEMBER

HON. BEDA M. BOGTONG
SB MEMBER

HON. ENRIQUE G. DERUTAS
SB MEMBER

HON. LEONARDO G. TIOZON
SB MEMBER

HON. ALDRIN L. ADRIATICO
SK Federation President

ATTESTED:

PASCUAL C. CLEMENTE, JR.
SB Secretary

APPROVED:

HON. EDITO B. SALUDAGA
Municipal Mayor

12/7/2020
Date approved

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Northern Samar
Municipality of Lavezares

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LAVEZARES, NOTHERN SAMAR, HELD LAST NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

PRESENT: HON RICARDO O. CHAN – Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
HON. SHIELA O. LUCBAN – SB Member
HON. NELSON M. ESGUERRA – -do-
HON. DECOROSO A. TURLA, JR.– -do-
HON. BEDA M. BOGTONG – -do-
HON. CARLOS O. SALVADOR – -do-
HON. ENRIQUE G. DERUTAS – -do-
HON. MANUEL T. MARTIRES – -do-
HON. LEONARDO G. TIOZON – -do-
HON. RONALDO S. SALUDAGA – LIGA Federation President
HON. ALDRIN L. ADRIATICO – SK Federation President

ABSENT: NONE

The session was officially opened at 9:00AM. Quorum

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02 S-2020.

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM COMMITTING ANY ACT WHICH CAUSES STIGMA, DISGRACE, SHAME, HUMILIATION, HARASSMENT OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON INFECTED, UNDER INVESTIGATION OR MONITORING DUE TO COVID-19, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ordinance of 2020.

SPONSORED BY : Hon. MARIA SHIELA O. LUCBAN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LAVEZARES, NOTHERN SAMAR, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, signed Proclamation No. 922, Declaring a state of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines, to contain the outbreak of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, since the emergence of Covid-19, there have been reports of instances of public stigmatization and harmful stereotyping among person who have contracted the disease, PUI’s and PUM’s wherein people are being labeled, separated or experience loss of status and discrimination because of a potential negative affiliation with the disease;

WHEREAS, stigmatization could drive people to hide the illness to avoid discrimination thereby preventing them from seeking health care immediately and discourage them from adopting healthy behaviors;

WHEREAS, there have been reports on incidents of health workers being evicted out of their residencies, recovered patients prevented from returning back to their residencies, support personnel being injured for allegedly transporting COVID-19 positive patients, refusal of service in eateries or transportation over fears of infections and even from their own barangays and homes, and posting online of false and inaccurate social media posts circulating names of people

alleged to have been infected with COVID-19, and urging the recipients to check if they had contact with those listed;

WHEREAS, the gravity of the situation thereby recognizing an urgent need to combat this pervasive stigmatization and discrimination on the basis of one’s medical condition, to bring normally and other amidst the crisis and to protect the constituency from unjust discrimination brought on by paranoia, fear and panic by the public.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that every person has the right to life, liberty and security of person and privacy and the right to be free from discrimination and further ensures the dignity of every person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Lavezares shall provide protection to people during these trying times by showing compassion, empathy and tolerance towards its affected constituents as this virus can infect any person regardless of race, age, sex, or social standing because it is only through a united front can they fight and end the pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Lavezares, Northern Samar, in session assembled:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the “ANTI-COVID-19 DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE.

Section 2. COVERAGE – This ordinance is applicable only within the territorial Jurisdiction of the municipality of Lavezares, Northern Samar.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

3.1 PUM – define as Person under monitoring without signs and symptoms.

3.2 PUI – Patient under investigation, with signs and symptoms, should be admitted in the hospital if with severe signs and symptoms.

3.3 HEALTH WORKERS – are those in the health sector who deliver care and services either directly or indirect which includes doctor, nurses, laboratory technician, sanitary inspector, barangay health workers, and all people in the health sector who are engaged in actions or activities whose primary intent is to enhance health.

3.4 FRONTLINERS – include RHU, PNP, MDRRMO, Barangay Officials and other instrumentalities of the government, rendering emergency frontline services. It also includes service workers who are working in private establishments, providing basic necessities and such other activities related to food and medicines, public market, groceries and drugstores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations and other facilities.

Section 4. UNLAWFUL ACTS – It shall be unlawful for any person, to commit any act or make utterances which cause stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment or otherwise discriminating against a person infected, under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19, health worker or front liner as defines under this Ordinance.

Any person who shall publicly claim, post on social media, spread or announce that a person is infected in under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19 whether or not the same has been confirmed or validated from the list given by authorized proper health officials, agency or department, shall also be liable under this section. If the person violating is a public officer, the penalty imposed shall be in its maximum, can also be a ground for filling an administrative case against said official, except when the patient concerned waived his/her right to privacy and for purpose of contact tracing and other medical purposes.

Section 5. PENALTIES – Any person caught in violation Section 4. Hereof shall be fined with the following:

FIRST OFFENSE – Fine of Php 1,000.00

SECOND OFFENSE – Fine of Php 1,500.00

THIRD OFFENSE – Fine of Php 2,500.00 or imprisonment of 15 days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the honorable court.

If the offender is a public officer, the maximum penalty herein shall be imposed.

Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any section or provisions of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining section or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

MA. SHIELA O. LUCBAN
SB Member

NELSON M. ESGUERRA
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Mun. Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

ATTESTED:

PASCUAL C. CLEMENTE, JR.
SB Secretary

APPROVED:

HON. EDITO B. SALUDAGA
Municipal Mayor

12/7/2020
(Date Approved)

In Catbalogan City, movements restricted during Christmas season amid its growing COVID-19 cases

TACLOBAN CITY- As cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continue to increase in Catbalogan City, its mayor, Dexter Uy, issued an order limiting the movements of his people during this Christmas season.

Under Executive Order No. 12-003 Uy has issued, the prohibited activities during this Christmas season includes Christmas parties and public and private offices, in-person Christmas caroling, social visits during Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

On December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, the barangays are ordered to reactivate their checkpoints and allow only the entry of persons whose address is within their respective jurisdictions and indicated in their quarantine pass, barangay certificate or their valid identification cards.

Church activities like the 'Simbang Gabi' should only have 50 percent of the venues capacity, and the parish or church official must initiate mechanism to discourage congestion in their respective churches by doing services in various chapels in their parish.

Private social gathering in hotels, resorts or private houses for wedding, birthdays, and reunions shall make a written request to be submitted to the Mayor's Office indicating the venue, date, capacity, and list of attendees for the purpose of contact tracing and for inspection by the IATF members.

The organizer of the



MAYOR DEXTER UY

event must also sign an undertaking that will allow the personnel of the Catbalogan City Police Station, IATF, and other authorized agencies to enter the venue during the conduct of activity to assess their compliance to health protocols.

Also included in the EO is the moratorium of arriving Catbalogan residents subject to the approval from the regional IATF

Mayor Uy said the new protocol, which took effect on Sunday(Dec. 13), was imposed due to increasing number of COVID-19 positive cases in the city and that the quarantine and isolation facilities are now crowded.

Also, several schools used as quarantine and isolation facilities have already been returned to the Department of Education Catbalogan City Division.

"This condition to results to various other challenges such as ensuring that there is enough provision of water supply, food, and medical services to quarantined or isolated individuals, maintaining the cleanliness and sanitation of these facilities and ensuring that there will be no COVID-19 transmission in the said facilities," Mayor Uy said.

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FEATURE:
Filipino priest-scientist works on affordable yeast-based COVID-19 vaccine

By Ronald O. Reyes

AS scientists and pharmaceutical companies in rich countries around the world are racing for the development and application of vaccine against the killer coronavirus disease (COVID-19), a Filipino Dominican priest-microbiologist based in United States has also decided to make a vaccine that will be affordable and accessible to other middle to low income countries, including the Philippines.

"I thought about developing this vaccine when I realized that many of the available vaccines being manufactured today have already been promised to resource-rich countries," said Father Nicanor Austriaco, chief researcher at Austriaco Laboratory.

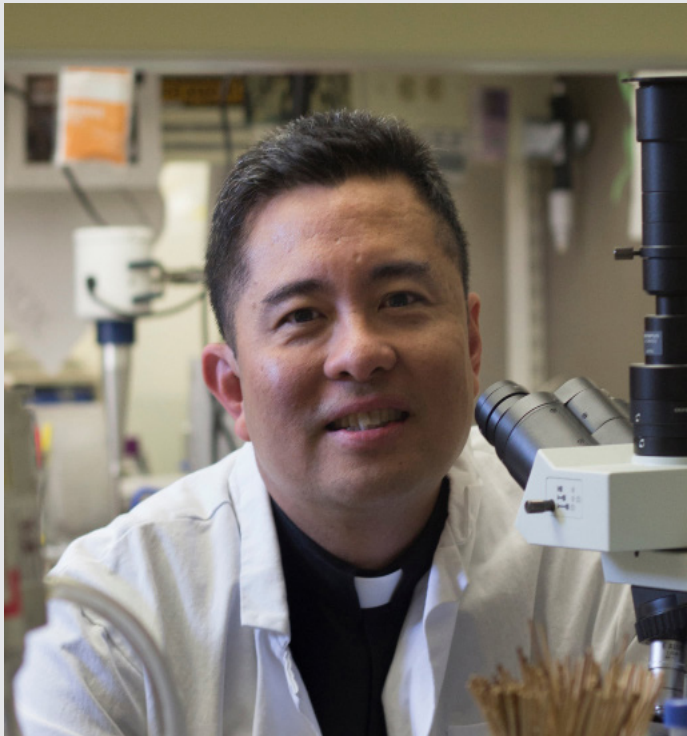
Fr. Austriaco, who is associate professor of biology and theology at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island, USA, said his proposal is to create an oral COVID-19 vaccine using a probiotic yeast.

"It is a crazy idea but it has to be tested in the small chance that it would work. I decided to do this for the well-being of the Filipino people," he told Leyte Samar Daily Express.

He said his project, dubbed "Project Pag-asa (Hope)," is in its "early stages of development."

Fr.Austriaco, who holds a dual citizen and born in Manila, maintained that the earliest stages of his project "is not expensive."

"It is still in its preclinical stage of development and it will have to be tested



FATHER NICANOR AUSTRIACO

in animal models before we can even talk about human volunteers," he said.

According to the priest-scientist, a yeast-based system would not need refrigeration nor injections nor healthcare workers.

"For now, I have adequate funding to complete the necessary experiments to make the yeast vaccine delivery system and to do animal testing," Fr. Austriaco said.

"There is no need for me to approach any government agencies at this time because this is still a lab-based project. I would only have to seek government approval if the vaccine delivery system works in animals. We will not know this for many months," he added.

In a report from Catholic news site Licas.news, Fr. Austriaco said that he and his colleagues will be doing the experiments in his laboratory in the United States.

While the animal testing will be done in a laboratory at the University of Sto. Tomas (UST) in Manila.

"We will do it as quickly as possible without sacrificing the rigor and excellence that science demands," Fr. Austriaco, who is currently on sabbatical as a visiting professor of biological sciences at UST,said. He will be in the country until August 2021.

The Philippines, which recorded its first COVID-19 case on January 30, 2020, already recorded a total of 449,400 infections, with 8,733 total deaths, as of Sunday, December 13.

The Philippine government is eyeing to inoculate about 50 to 60 percent of the country's estimated 110 million population starting mid-2021 to achieve herd immunity from COVID-19.

The vaccine companies to be evaluated in the country include Sinovac, Gamaleya, AstraZeneca, Sinopharm, Johnson & Johnson,

and Pfizer-BioNTech, among others.

Most of the vaccines from the said companies reportedly require ultra-cold storage facilities.

Topnotch Dominican priest-microbiologist

Fr. Austriaco worked as an investigator for the Rhode Island-IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Program funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a scientific advisor at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, and an ethics consultant for St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island.

"Father Austriaco has intellectual interests both in molecular and cellular genetics and in moral theology. His laboratory at Providence College is investigating the genetics of programmed cell death using yeasts as model organisms," read Father Austriaco's profile on Catholic.com.

Fr.Austriaco's NIH -funded research laboratory at Providence College is investigating the genetics of programmed cell death using the yeasts, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Candida albicans*, as model organisms, according to the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life at the Brown University in Providence.

His areas of expertise include Biology of cancer, aging, and programmed cell death, health care ethics and bioethics in the Catholic tradition, philosophical and theological implications of modern evolutionary theory.

RIATF, RTF approves moratorium on the return of LSIs to Leyte until end of this month

TACLOBAN CITY – The Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (RIATF8) and the Regional Task Force on COVID-19 (RTF8) in a joint resolution approved the request of Leyte province for the moratorium on the return of locally started individuals (LSIs).

was approved in November 25 but was only released to public this weekend.

"In consideration of the LGUs (local government units) COVID-19 situation including its absorptive capacity so as to ensure that the quarantine facilities are not overwhelmed and that each LSI is given proper accommodation and at-

tention," the resolution signed by Dr. Director Exuperia Sabalberino, officer-in-charge of the DOH-8.

"It is hereby resolved to approve the request of the Province of Leyte for a moratorium on the entry of LSIs to the province from December 15 to December 31, 2020," it added.

Office of Civil Defense Regional Director Lord Byron Torrecarion, and Department of Interior and Local Government Regional Director Karl Ceasar Rimando also signed the said resolution.

Movements of the returning or repatriated Overseas Filipino Workers who are transported through the efforts

of the national government shall be permitted in compliance to the interzonal and intrazonal movement guidelines released by the IATF Resolution No. 79 and the Omnibus guidelines.

The Leyte provincial IATF meeting presided by Vice Governor Carlo Loreto held last November, had requested the RIATF and the RTF for a

one month suspension of accepting of LSIs to the province.

The request was to allow break for the cleaning and sanitation of quarantine and isolation facilities and also allow personnel who had been manning the facilities for several months their much-needed rest. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

In Samar Christmas trees adorn public plaza in Santa Margarita town

TACLOBAN CITY – Several Christmas trees are now in display at the main park of Santa Margarita, Samar with its mayor saying that it could somehow uplift the feelings of her people amid the health problem caused by coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Christmas trees are placed at the St. James Park and made of seashells, bamboo, anahaw leaves, nipa leaves, banig, coconut inflourecense, coconut husks, dried leaves, fishing nets which represent or abundant in their villages.

The Christmas trees are entries of the town's 36 villages which has become an annual event during Christmas season and as part of the "Pasyadahan sa Pasko" organized by the

municipal government.

Mayor Gemma Zosa said she is happy that despite of the COVID-19 problem, her people could still feel the spirit of Christmas through the Christmas trees display at the town center.

She also lauded the creativity and unity of people who made the Christmas trees.

Mayor Zosa also reminded the residents and visitors to observe health precautionary measures imposed by the local government to ensure everyone's safety against the deadly COVID-19 whenever they visit the park to see and enjoy the giant and colorful Christmas trees.

Winners of the contest are to be announce this December 21.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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Uy added that it was also observed that despite intense efforts from then appropriate agencies and task force on the compliance of minimum health protocols, some

continue to break these protocols.

As of Monday, Catbalogan has 893 total COVID-19 cases of which 43 are active cases. The city has six confirmed deaths due to COVID-19 complications.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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served as proctors and ensured that essential standard health protocols were strictly observed during the examination," she said.

Qualified scholars will receive benefits which include free tuition, P5,000 monthly stipend, P2,000 book allowance per semester, P3,000 practicum support, P7,000 thesis support, and P1,500 graduation support.

Among the schools in the region that offer fisheries program are the University of Eastern Philippines in Catarman, Northern Samar; Samar State University - Mercedes campus; Visayas State University - Tolosa Campus; Eastern Samar State University in Borongan City; Southern Leyte State University - Bontoc campus; and the Eastern Visayas State University - Carigara Campus.

At present, the region has 93 active BFAR scholars.

(GERICO SABALZA/PNA)

Alfred... ...from Page 1

ber of persons who died due to the complications of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Eastern Visayas has climbed to 107.

Based on the records of the Department of Health (DOH), of the four new deaths of the region, three of them succumbed on Saturday (Dec.12).

The other one was reported to have died on Dec.10.

On Dec.12, the province of Northern Samar logged two new deaths involving a 67-year old man from San Roque town and a 58-year old man from San Vicente town.

With the new two deaths, the province has now 18 recorded deaths due to COVID-19 complications.

Ormoc City in Leyte posted two new deaths involving a 78-year old woman who died on Dec.10 and a 62-year old man who died on Dec.12.

The city is now seeing a surge of COVID-19 cases.

Ormoc has about 70 ac-

Yaokasin: Council will not go into Christmas break to ensure passage of P1.4 billion 2021 proposed budget

TACLOBAN CITY- The members of the city council here will not go into session break during this Christmas season.

This is to ensure that the P1.4 billion proposed budget of the city for next year will be approved before the year ends, Vice Mayor Jerry 'Sambo' Yaokasin said.

According to the city mayor, they will make sure that the 2021 city budget will be approved before the year end despite of the continuing threat of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the city.

"We only have 2-3 sessions left for this year, so we decided to forgo with our break and make sure that the budget will be pass," Yaokasin, who presides the city council, said.

The city government of Tacloban has always prided themselves of not having a re-enacted budget ever since, he said.

The city council ap-



Vice Mayor Jerry 'Sambo' Yaokasin

proved during their last session the more than P1.8 billion Annual Investment Program of the city for next fiscal year.

Yaokasin informed that their office has also forgo with the annual Christmas party to adhere to safety protocols of the Department of Health as well as local orders of the

city government.

Also, the provincial government of Leyte will also not be having a Christmas party this year for the same reason.

This was disclosed by Vice Governor Carlo Loreto.

"It is impossible for us to have the party. We can't even have the session face-

to- face because of the fear that we might bring the virus to our families," Loreto added.

"Although Christmas parties are not restricted, we have to follow a provincial ordinance that was passed last April which bans on the social distancing," he added.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

Project Kamustahan' in Biliran supports mental health

NAVAL, Biliran-Considering the number of reported suicide cases in the entire province of Biliran, the Biliran Provincial Health Office replicated the Department of Health's (DOH) "Project Kamustahan" and campaigned for mental health support among families and communities in the island province.

Project Kamustahan is a program of the Department of Health as the govern-

ment's support to mental health and save the precious lives of the victims.

Vanessa Ramirez, Biliran PHO health education and promotions officer, disclosed during PIA-Biliran Pulong-Pulong ng Bayan over Radyo Natin-Naval that most of suicide victims in the country are in the 15-23 age bracket and that the case is preventable with the families' help and support.

The provincial health educator urged everyone to give attention to one's mental health and encouraged families and communities to observe every member's behavior for early detection of any mental health issues.

Ramirez emphasized the need to observe the warning signs of mental disturbance which may include a change of behavior, expressions of hopelessness, efforts to inflict self-destruction, and expressions of ending one's life or committing suicide.

Once these behaviors are observed, Ramirez advised families and communities to strengthen support system as their protective

factor and save the person from committing suicide.

Aside from the immediate families and communi-

ties, the Biliran Provincial Health Office promoted Project Kamustahan

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reached the girl's house, a typical structure made of light materials, only the girl's father was there as she and her mother were doing their laundry at the river. The old man then excused himself and went to the river with the news.

There at the river, the father accordingly tried to convince her daughter not to marry the man whom he described as a giant unglyo, a local term for monster or beast. Discouraged by her father, the girl just obeyed him and refused to marry the foreigner.

But he was armed with her consent letter that tells him she will marry him if he comes. Pained and hurt, the man just accepted their refusal, but demanded that he be reimbursed for all the expenses he incurred in coming here and back. If they

won't pay, he will file a case in court, thus the police blotter that he narrated.

The old man and his family accordingly assessed everything they could sell to reach the demanded amount. But they were far from raising the exact amount. They had no more choice but to yield their little daughter to this giant, "black monster." And so, a wedding ceremony was arranged, and the two got married in a provincial church.

After the ceremony, the big guy lifted her up and carried her with one arm. It seemed as if he was merely carrying a little child—a full-grown man with a little child on his arm. They were soon off for their honeymoon, he bringing her later to his faraway home across the seas, on the other side of the world. Sounds like a fantasy story, isn't it?

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SANGGUNIAN 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:

Hon. Dawn A. Unay

Hon. Myla D. Marquita

Hon. Raymundo E. Conge, Jr.

Hon. Arthur A. Mananguite

Hon. Gil R. Unay

Hon. Rudy A. Galing

Hon. Ma. Lucia D. Villadolid

Hon. Rufo M. Huavas

Hon. Lerma H. Madera

Hon. Charmaine Angel V. Calunsag

– Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

– Municipal Councilor

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– Municipal Councilor

– Liga President (Ex-officio Member)

– 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. 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 statutes;
- 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 day-time.

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.

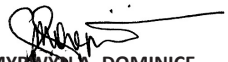
SECTION 53. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE

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.

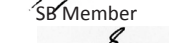

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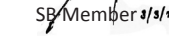
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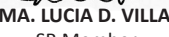

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HON. GIL R. UNAY
SB Member *1/1/20*


HON. MA. LUCIA D. VILLADOLID
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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 *1/6/20*

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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 LTFRB – 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. SUPPLETORY 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 suppletory 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

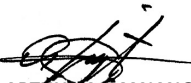
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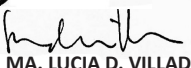
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APPROVED: 10-21-19
Date Signed


HON. MARIO M. MADERA
Municipal Mayor

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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:

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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:

- a) To make all public roads and sidewalks safe and convenient for the use of pedestrians;
- b) To improve the flow of traffic; and
- c) 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.

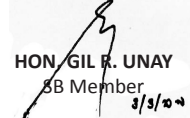

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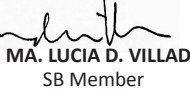
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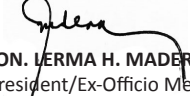

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APPROVED: 3-5-2020
Date Signed

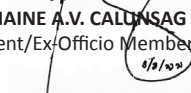

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SK Fed. President/Ex-Officio Member
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: October, 2020

Particulars		Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
GENERAL FUND						
General Public Services	1000					
Office of the Governor/Mayor	1011	4,053,477.39	30,852,340.13			34,905,817.52
Office of the Warden/Maintenance of the Prisoner	1012	3,846,394.90	1,979,648.00			5,826,042.90
Civil Security	1013	166,385.62				166,385.62
Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod/Pambayan	1021	4,001,400.50	881,855.16			4,883,255.66
Office of the Planning and Development Coordinator	1041	601,968.54	18,520.39			620,488.93
General Services Office	1061	161,573.28	2,612,765.16			2,774,338.44
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Budget Officer	1071	285,066.84	27,117.25			312,184.09
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Accountant	1081	144,846.72	21,466.63			166,313.35
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Treasurer	1091	2,052,608.04	167,344.31			2,219,952.35
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Assessor	1101	794,442.05	42,626.23			837,068.28
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Auditor	1111		46,168.00			46,168.00
Library Services	1122	126,654.87	1,299.00			127,953.87
Office of the Legal Officer	1131	395,696.58	43,270.25			438,966.83
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Prosecutor	1141		83,559.90			83,559.90
Regional Trial Court	1151		447,000.00			447,000.00
Office of the Registry of Deeds	1161	51,339.26	5,761.57			57,100.83
Public Order & Safety Department		493,811.30	336,632.98			830,444.28
Aids to Barangay						-
20% Local Development Fund	1912					-
70% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Disaster Prevention and Mitigation						-
Disaster Preparedness			15,000.00			15,000.00
Disaster Response						-
Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery						-
Procurement/Acquisition of Disaster Equipment for Disaster Response and Rescue Activities						-
30% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Others	1192					-
SOCIAL SERVICES						-
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000					-
Others	3999		1,009,012.00			1,009,012.00
Health, Nutrition & Population Control	4000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Hospital	4421	1,737,791.26	362,878.00			2,100,669.26
Office of the Population Officer	4999-1	500,656.27	9,689.24			510,345.51
Others (HOSPITALS)	4999	28,639,177.13	13,581,012.22			42,220,189.35
Housing and Community Development	6000					-
Maintenance of Plazas, Parks & Monuments	6544	693,504.82	68,875.86			762,380.68
Social Services and Social Welfare	7000					-
Office of the Social Welfare and Development Officer	7611	439,364.32	59,920.20			499,284.52
Budgetary Reserve						-
Others	7999		1,324,301.85			1,324,301.85
Economic Services	8000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturist	8711	7,276,016.37	436,268.46			7,712,284.83
Office of the Veterinarian	8721	160,573.28	55,670.13			216,243.41
Office of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer	8731	243,805.11	10,896.42			254,701.53
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer	8751	5,037,309.93	3,444,590.64			8,481,900.57
20% Local Development Fund	8911		5,282,750.00			5,282,750.00
Others	8912		720,000.00			720,000.00
Debt Service						-
Principal						-
Local Development Projects						-
Loan Amortization-Domestic (Debt Service-Principal)						-
Interest and Other Charges						-
Interest Payment - Domestic (Debt Service-Interest						-
Other Charges - Domestic (Commitment charges, docs, Stamps)			1,206,377.88			1,206,377.88
TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES		61,903,864.38	65,154,617.86	-	-	127,058,482.24
OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
Particulars	Budget Appropriation	Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
Purchase of Inventory						
Disbursement of Trust Liabilities	-----					
Due to other NGAs						-
Due to other GOCCs						-
Due to other LGUs			1,547,906.94			1,547,906.94
Due to National Treasury						-
Due to BIR			18,954,441.08			18,954,441.08
Due to GSIS			15,574,713.59			15,574,713.59
Due to PAG-IBIG			1,198,703.37			1,198,703.37
Due to PhilHealth			1,043,643.54			1,043,643.54
Due to Officers and Employees			4,511,682.47			4,511,682.47
Grant of Cash Advances						
Intra-Agency Payables						
Due to Other Fund						-
Other Current Liabilities						
Guaranty Deposits Payable			8,531,114.29			8,531,114.29
Performance/Bidders/Bail Bonds Payable						
Other Payables			14,294,108.14			14,294,108.14
Other Deferred Credits						
Payable Accounts						
Accounts Payable			4,848,874.09			4,848,874.09
Notes Payable						
Dividend Payable						
Interest Payable						
Payment of Prior Year Expenses Debited to PY Adj						-
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES		-	70,505,187.51	-	-	70,505,187.51
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		61,903,864.38	135,659,805.37	-	-	197,563,669.75
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND						
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000-1					
General Administration	3311-1			-		-
Others	3999-1					
TOTAL SEF			-			-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		61,903,864.38	135,659,805.37	-	-	197,563,669.75
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - GF						-
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - SEF						-
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - GF						-
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - SEF						-

Certified correct:

RUTH Y. SURPIA
Acting Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: Province of LEYTE

Period Covered: Q4, 2020 (OCTOBER)

Particulars	Acct. Code	Income Target (Approved Budget)	Actual Receipts (October)	Excess of Actual vs Target	% of Over/ (Under) to Target
LOCAL SOURCES					
TAX REVENUES		40,924,347.00	2,388,689.58	10,549,200.26	25.78%
REAL PROPERTY TAX		30,491,488.00	1,349,835.03	9,312,279.96	30.54%
Current Year		19,200,000.00	469,105.99	9,467,484.46	49.31%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		191,488.00	41,525.17	-28,232.84	-14.74%
Prior Year/s		10,000,000.00	538,752.86	-2,283,842.00	-22.84%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		1,100,000.00	300,451.01	2,156,870.34	196.08%
TAX ON BUSINESS		8,600,000.00	689,512.80	683,289.25	7.95%
Amusement Tax		500,000.00	-	-213,149.31	-42.63%
Franchise Tax		1,500,000.00	9,720.00	983,649.76	65.58%
Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans		1,100,000.00	8,080.00	351,830.50	31.98%
Tax on Sand, Gravel & Other Quarry Resources		5,200,000.00	618,741.60	-665,173.90	-12.79%
Fines and Penalties-Business Taxes		300,000.00	52,971.20	226,132.20	75.38%
OTHER TAXES		1,832,859.00	349,341.75	553,631.05	30.21%
Professional Tax		250,000.00	9,845.00	139,245.33	55.70%
Real Property Transfer Tax		1,550,000.00	338,686.75	338,633.81	21.85%
Other Taxes		32,859.00	810.00	75,751.91	230.54%
Fines and Penalties-Other Taxes		0.00	-	0.00	
NON-TAX REVENUES		510,531,930.00	28,110,992.95	-83,379,426.42	-16.33%
REGULATORY FEES (Permits and Licenses)		931,930.00	231,817.50	-242,406.75	-26.01%
Occupational Fees		500,000.00	204,817.50	-41,242.50	-8.25%
Other Permits & Licenses		431,930.00	27,000.00	-201,164.25	-46.57%
SERVICE/USER CHARGES (Service Income)		500,000,000.00	24,886,464.33	-105,483,706.37	-21.10%
Clearance and Certification Fees		200,000.00	13,386.00	-71,257.45	-35.63%
Other Service Income		21,500,000.00	1,020,575.24	-8,823,739.46	-41.04%
Fines and Penalties-Service Income		0.00	-	0.00	
Hospital Fees		478,300,000.00	23,852,503.09	-96,588,709.46	-20.19%
Medical, Dental and Laboratory Fees		0.00	-	0.00	
OTHER INCOME/RECEIPTS (Other General Income)		9,600,000.00	2,992,711.12	22,346,686.70	232.78%
Interest Income		9,500,000.00	2,992,711.12	22,443,006.70	236.24%
Miscellaneous - Others		100,000.00	-	-96,320.00	-96.32%
TOTAL INCOME-LOCAL SOURCES		551,456,277.00	30,499,682.53	-72,830,226.16	-13.21%
EXTERNAL SOURCES					
SHARE FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTION		2,552,543,723.00	212,086,776.92	-430,369,705.39	-16.86%
INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-419,132,230.80	-17%
Current Year		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-419,132,230.80	-16.50%
OTHER SHARES FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS		12,543,723.00	-	-11,237,474.59	-89.59%
Share from National Wealth				0	
Mining Taxes			-	-	
Utilization of hydrothermal, geothermal and other sources of energy			-	-	
Share from PAGCOR/PCSO/Lotto		12,523,723.00	-	-11,217,474.59	-89.57%
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171)		20,000.00	-	-20,000.00	-100.00%
Others			-	0.00	
EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS/GRANTS/DONATIONS/AIDS		1,000,000.00	-	105,343,389.00	10534.34%
TOTAL EXTERNAL SOURCES		2,553,543,723.00	212,086,776.92	-325,026,316.39	-12.73%

OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS					
Collection Receivables			-	235,453.12	
Refund of Cash Advances			2,906.42	1,660,080.30	
Collection from Inter-Agency Receivables			-	0.00	
Collection of Trust Liabilities			7,406,808.84	136,108,211.89	
Due from other NGAs			5,924,441.00	125,746,789.90	
Due from other GOCCs			-	0	
Due from LGUs			1,482,367.84	10,361,421.99	
Other Receivables			1,330,014.48	15,669,980.67	
Collection of Prior Year Income credited to Prior Year Adjustment			-	0	
TOTAL OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS			-	8,739,729.74	153,673,725.98
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		3,105,000,000.00	251,326,189.19	-244,182,816.57	-7.86%

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND						
SPECIAL EDUCATION TAX						
Special Education Fund		70,000,000.00	1,928,334.77	-	6,740,714.12	-10%
Current Year		45,000,000.00	670,156.67	-	364,464.79	-1%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		1,600,000.00	260,554.07		62,699.85	4%
Prior Year/s		18,600,000.00	728,226.59	-	5,473,898.67	-29%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		4,800,000.00	269,397.44	-	965,050.51	-20%
Other Receipts		-	29,721.11		89,051.79	
Interest Income		-	-		48,391.28	
Other Business Income (Miscellaneous)		-	29,721.11		40,660.51	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND		70,000,000.00	1,958,055.88	-	6,651,662.33	-10%
GRAND TOTAL (GF + SEF)		3,175,000,000.00	253,284,245.07	-	250,834,479.14	-7.90%

Certified correct:

RUTH Y. SURPIA
Acting Provincial Treasurer

Borongan Mayor Agda backs Pres.Duterte not to have a truce with NPA members this Christmas

TACLOBAN CITY-The mayor of Borongan City has expressed his support on the decision of Pres. Rodrigo Duterte not to engage in a ceasefire with the members of the communist rebels.

Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda said that the move of the President was just right as the rebel New People's Army (NPA) members are just using the ceasefire for their own advantage.

"I am with the opinion of the President because it is being abused by the NPAs to consolidate their ranks and strength," Agda said in an interview.

Pres. Duterte on Monday declared that he would no longer agree to have a ceasefire with the rebels this Christmas and for the rest of his term which will end in 2022.

He also said that peace talks with the national government and the National Democratic Front, the political arm wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is also 'dead.'

On Sunday, the city marked the second anniversary of the ambush incident staged by the rebel members in Barangay Libuton December 13,2019 which killed a police officer and a civilian while eight others were injured.

Also, six soldiers were killed and 20 others were injured in an encounter with the NPA members in Brgy.Pinanag-an, also in the same city last November 11, 2019.

Agda lamented that until now, justice remain elusive to the families of those who were killed and injured due to the attacks staged by the rebels.



MAYOR JOSE IVAN DAYAN AGDA

Eastern Samar of which Borongan City serve as its provincial and commercial

center, remains to have a presence of NPA rebels.

Last November 23 of this year, around 100 Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu) members were added to the security personnel of Borongan as a way to ward off any possible attempts by the rebels in the city.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

S. Leyte's 'Lupong Tagapamayapa' winners recognized, receive cash incentives

MAASIN CITY- Winners of the 2020 Lupon Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) were given recognition and cash incentives by the provincial government of Southern Leyte in an awarding ceremony led by the provincial office of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Declared as Lupong Tagapamayapa provincial winners are Brgy. Tubod, Silago for the 4th-6th class municipality and Brgy. Catublian, Hinunangan for the 1st-3rd class municipality.

dangan in Macrohon, and one in the municipality of Libagon. These barangay runners-up also get cash awards and an additional grant for the Katarungang Pambarangay development projects during the awarding ceremony held at the Old DPWH Function Hall on November 27, 2020.

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Both received P30,000 cash award and an additional financial grant for Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) development projects worth P50,000.

The local LTIA awarding ceremony was held after the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force meeting led by Gov. Damian G. Mercado with the presence of municipal/city mayors who were also acknowledged for their usual support of the said program, to include the Lupon chairs, barangay treasurers of each winning barangay, and the Municipal/City Local Government Operations Officers.

Brgy. San Jose of Maasin City won for the component city category and received P30,000 cash award and an additional financial grant of P30,000 for KPs development projects.

Other winners for the local LTIA were given to Poblacion in Padre Burgos, Punod of Pintuyan, Sin-

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PREVENTS and TREAT

- ✓ Cancer Cells
- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ Heart Diseases
- ✓ Hypertension
- ✓ Stroke
- ✓ Autoimmune Disease
- ✓ Hyper and Hypothyroidism
- ✓ Rheumatoid Arthritis
- ✓ Gout Arthritis
- ✓ Kidney Problem
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- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Pneumonia
- ✓ Migraine Headache
- ✓ Depression & Anxiety
- ✓ Alzheimer's Disease
- ✓ Parkinson's Disease
- ✓ Multiple Sclerosis
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- ✓ Pampalakas ng buto
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PREVENTS AND TREAT

- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Infertility
- ✓ Depression/Anxiety
- ✓ Muscle Pain
- ✓ Hearing and Vision Problems
- ✓ Mood Disorders
- ✓ Memory Loss
- ✓ Alzheimer's Disease
- ✓ Dementia
- ✓ Learning Disorders in Children
- ✓ Autoimmune Disease
- ✓ Varicose Veins

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- ✓ Binabawasan ang tsoneo na magka-osteoporosis
- ✓ Pinapaganda ang daloy ng blood pressure
- ✓ Pinapanatili ang nerve function
- ✓ Pinapanatiling malusog ang mga muscles

PREVENTS AND TREAT

- ✓ Osteoporosis
- ✓ Brittle Bones and Nails
- ✓ Teeth Discoloration
- ✓ Muscle cramps
- ✓ Poor Appetite
- ✓ Insomnia
- ✓ Skin Dryness
- ✓ Bone Fractures
- ✓ Weakness and Fatigue
- ✓ Delays in Children's growth and development
- ✓ Regulate Blood Pressure

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