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Over 1,000 pigs killed due to disease

DA says ASF now under control

JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY-The Department of Agriculture (DA) here in the region said that the African Swine Fever (ASF) problem in Leyte province could now be considered as under control.

Francis Rosaroso, DA regional information officer, said that there are no new ASF cases in the affected towns of Abuyog, La Paz and Javier since these areas reported of cases beginning Jan.15.

"We can say that it is now under control," he said in a phone interview.

According to him, the proactive stance of the affected local government units like immediate installation of border checkpoints and the depopulation

of hogs, both with or without symptoms of the disease, contributed a lot for the situation be placed under control now.

Rosaroso said that even towns with no ASF cases have put up their own border checkpoints to ensure no pigs, both alive and dead, could enter their areas.

Among these towns are Barugo and Burauen which also declared a pork holiday beginning Jan.23 until Jan. 29.

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The PNP in Eastern Visayas honored the gallantry of the 44 Special Action Forces (SAF) killed six years ago in Maguindanao by members of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Six of those killed were from the region.

Six of them were from the region B/Gen. de Jesus honors gallantry of SAF 44 who died six years ago in Maguindanao

TACLOBAN CITY- The Philippine National Police (PNP) honored and remembered the six members of the Special Action Forces (SAF) from the region killed in 2015 by members of a terror group in Mindanao.

In a simple ceremony held at the regional headquarters of the PNP at the Camp Ruperto Kangleon in Palo town, Leyte, Police Major Israel Ephraim Dickson,

director for personnel and records management (TD-PRM), led in the laying of wreath at the 'Bantayog ng Bayani' monument located inside the said headquarters on Monday (Jan.25).

Of the 44 SAF members who were killed during an operation against terror group Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front at Tukanalipao, *see B/Gen./page 8 ...*



The City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) of the Tacloban city government under Mayor Alfred Romualdez projects to surpass the number of site inspections conducted last year by the first quarter of 2021.

For the whole of 2020, CPDO conducted 78 site inspections to verify a total of 536 applications for locational clearance. As of date, CPDO has already conducted 26 site inspections at various locations, highlighting our commitment to a proactive, accurate, and justified enforcement of the city's zoning ordinance.

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WE DELIVER!

De Jesus, Diñoso supports cancellation of the DND-UP Accord

TACLOBAN CITY-Top officials of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Philippine Army here in the region have both expressed their support on the cancellation of the DND-UP accord.

Both Police B/Gen. Ronaldo de Jesus, police regional director, and Major Gen. Pio Diñoso III, commanding officer of the 8th Infantry Division, said that the cancellation of the agreement would mean security of the students of the University of the Philippines (UP).

“With the abrogation of the DND-UP accord, the Department and the University can now work more closely in protecting our youth learners and at the same time, giving peace of mind to their parents,” Diñoso said in a statement.

For his part, de Jesus said he and the entire PNP organization back the decision of Sec. Delfin Lorenzana to abrogate the said accord as this would help students from being recruited from ‘from any

deceptive organizations promoting violent and non-sensical struggle against the government.’

Even the regional director of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), Eustacio Bacabac, has also expressed his total support on the abrogation of the agreement saying that there are indeed UP students who engaged in the armed fights against the national government.

He particularly mentioned one Alma Gabin, who was said to be UP student, but was arrested by the government forces in

Tolosa town, Leyte last June 8,2020 together with her live-in partner, Alden Dagohoy.

She admitted that while she was with communist group, her work include in propaganda and recruitment, both in schools and communities.

Defense Sec. Lorenzana terminated the accord last Jan.15 alleging that the state university has become a breeding ground on the recruitment of the communist group to their folds, a claim strongly denied by university officials and students. **(JOEY A. GABIETA)**



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla signed a usufruct program between the province of Leyte and the Bureau of Fire Protection Northern Leyte, as represented by CInsp. Dorotheo Mococho, provincial BFP director, for the use of 2,000 square meters lot at the Government Center in Brgy. Candahug, Palo. Joining them was BFP Regional Director, S/Supt. Renato Badong Marcial. The signing was held Governor’s new office at Government Center Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)

3 most wanted persons, 8 others nabbed

TACLOBAN CITY-Three most wanted persons and eight other wanted individuals in the region were apprehended in separate anti-criminality operations from January 14 to 20, 2021.

Joint police operatives arrested Elton Basarte Marino, rank 3 most wanted-municipal level for mur-

der case, in Mondragon, Northern Samar on January 17, 2021.

After three years in hiding, Tacloban City’s rank 2 most wanted for murder, Mark Anthony Lorenzo, was arrested in Balanga City, Bataan on January 17.

Justino Saquin Sr., 66, listed as top 5 most wanted in Leyte province for five counts of rape, was arrested in Tanza, Cavite on January 16.

No bail bond were recommended to the three accused, to the report from the Police Regional Office (PRO)-Eastern Visayas.

On January 15, police arrested Cecilia Dorato in Bobon, Northern Samar for alleged violation of Presidential Decree (PD) 1602 or the anti-illegal gambling

law.

The judge recommended a bail of P10,000 for the temporary liberty of the accused.

Police arrested Sergio Villanueva in Tacloban City for alleged violation of section 95 of Republic Act (RA) 10654.

He was facing a warrant dated December 28, 2020, with a recommended bail bond of P36,000.

Another accused, Richard Perez, was arrested on January 14 for alleged frustrated homicide.

Honorable Georgina Perez, presiding judge of Regional Trial Court (RTC)-Branch 45 in Tacloban recommended a bail of P72,000 for his temporary liberty.

In Borongan City, Noel

Alde was arrested for alleged violation of section 68 of PD 705, with a recommended bail of P30,000.

Accused, Gerry Agnes, was arrested for alleged frustrated murder on January 20 in Pastrana, Leyte

Judge Perez of RTC-Branch 24 recommended a bail of P120,000 the temporary liberty of the accused.

In Dulag, Leyte, Neco Corsino was arrested for an alleged attempted homicide, with a recommended bail bond of P36,000.

For alleged failure to appear in court inspite notice, Engracio Bayog faced arrest in Gen. MacArthur, Eastern Samar on January 20.

Honorable Tarcelo Saborre Jr, acting presiding judge of RTC-Branch 3 in Guiuan, Eastern Samar,

recommended a bail of P10,000 for his temporary liberty.

In Sulat, Easter Samar, police arrested Jesus Cebrero by virtue of a warrant dated September 29, 2009, for alleged reckless imprudence resulting in homicide.

Honorable Hermelino Pilola, presiding judge of Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC) - Maydolong, Eastern Samar, recommended a bail amounting to P40,000 for the temporary liberty of the accused.

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

(RONALD O. REYES)

16 illegal fishers nabbed in various operations across the region

TACLOBAN CITY-At least 16 fishermen were arrested in the region for alleged illegal fishing activities from January 15 to 20, 2021, a report from Police Regional Office (PRO)-Eastern Visayas said on Friday, January 22.

The arrested persons allegedly violated various municipal fishing ordinances, including the use of air compressor assembly machine, engaging in unauthorized fishing, timing/panggal, fishing within the buffer zone of marine pro-

tected area, and operation of active fishing gear and other fisheries-related activities, among others.

The fishermen were arrested in Mayorga, Leyte (3); Jiabong, Samar (2); Lawaan, Eastern Samar (1); Hinunangan, Southern Leyte (1); Culaba, Biliran (5); Talalora, Samar (2); and Zumarraga, Samar (2).

The arrested violators and the confiscated items were brought to their respective police stations for proper disposition.

(RONALD O. REYES)

SSS appeals to Congress not to defer the new contribution rate

The Social Security System (SSS) on Thursday appealed to members of the House of Representatives for an objective decision on the proposed measures to postpone the contribution rate hike scheduled for this year, as it emphasized that the pension fund’s financial viability may be disadvantaged by its deferment.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio, at the hearing of the House Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization chaired by Paranaque Rep. Eric L. Olivarez on Thursday urged the legislators to consider

the effects of delaying the scheduled contribution hike to benefits given to members, pensioners, and their beneficiaries.

Ignacio explained that provisions of the proposed legislations embodied under House bills 8304, 8310, 8313, 8315, and 8317 will weaken and put more strain on the SSS fund in these difficult times.

“At the outset, we have expressed our opposition to these proposals because of its adverse financial impact to the financial health of the SSS and jeopardize the benefits of members, pensioners and their beneficiaries.

However, we support any measures that will benefit our stakeholders as long as it will prioritize the long-term sustainability of the pension fund,” Ignacio said.

Ignacio emphasized that additional contributions—depending on the members’ minimum salary credit category—are just relatively small.

The monthly rate increase ranges between P15 and P100 for employed members; and between P30 and P200 for self-employed and voluntary members. Overseas Filipino worker (OFW) members will only see contribution rate hikes

between P80 and P200.

“The new contribution rate is just minimal. However, its impact on the SSS fund life will benefit current members and future generations. Every additional peso they will contribute can help strengthen our financial viability and allow us to fulfill our obligations to our members and pensioners in the decades to come,” Ignacio said.

The SSS official also explained that postponing the scheduled contribution hike will decrease the number of benefits and see SSS /page 8...

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The Biden win

There are plenty of consequences to expect with Joe Biden's victory as the next US president, not just in the western world, but even here in Asia. In fact, our country could bear its impact very soon.

This early, for instance, Biden is already requesting the US Congress to pass a bill meant for the legalization of around eleven million illegal immigrants in the United States, and we can only guess that many of our countrymen with that status there would be able to avail of this opportunity. But while it proves to be good news indeed for ordinary job-seekers, this could also mean disaster since many of these people were previously disallowed entry on suspicion of being terrorists out to spread terror in the country.

Also right now, tensions between Taiwan and China are already rising, especially with the reports that China is now preparing for war. And it could be with Taiwan to start with as China resolves to

"retake" by force what it considers a "rebellious province". Next to this could be China's forceful, once-and-for-all claim of the disputed South China Sea whose key portions are also claimed by other countries, including the Philippines.

In the past years, China was hesitant to use military actions in carrying out its plans affecting its neighboring countries since the Trump administration was opposed to its aggressiveness, and was poised to intervene in the eventual conflicts. But with Biden's win, China could now freely move, thanks to the victory of the man it supported. Yes, Biden is friendly with China, with the leftists in the US and anywhere else, and would probably never intervene with the latter's advancements.

Neither will the US ever come to our defense, to our rescue, should China attack us with its superior force. It is as if, with Biden's win, we have lost an ally in the United States of America, and all we can do is to defend ourselves without expecting any help from it.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Agent-customer empowerment

A number of companies that cannot trust the discretion of their agents unfortunately resort to scripted communication in dealing with their clients. It is easier for them to do it this way. Unknown to them, customers find it rather inauthentic, disliking overly scripted services. In other words, that deviation from normal communication rather impairs customer service, not helping at all. But some

companies trust the potential of their own people and their desire to help the clients, inspiring them to be creative enough in on-the-spot communication with customers.

The customers' difficulty in accessing technical support is another barrier to customer service. It's an important matter to customers—this easy access to customer support. To them, it means convenience, sparing them the trouble of wasting their precious time, money, and effort. To ensure this quick access to support, companies should revisit their website, making sure that contact options are all working and the assigned agents are

promptly responding. This technical aspect is not difficult to handle though it takes time, patience, and dedication.

Since the customers normally expect quick and easy transactions, they perceive the company's occasional failure to access their personal details from previous transactions as a form of neglect, or insufficiency, hence a stain to customer care. The history of previous transactions containing their profiles is therefore used by companies for personalized interactions with them, so that in the new transactions, these clients would not have to resupply

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What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

DND Lorenzana to the University of the Philippines:

“Explain deaths of 18 U.P. students in AFP-NPA firefights, then we can talk”

In 1989, an Agreement was signed by then UP President Jose Abueva and then Defense Secretary Fidel V. Ramos, which explicitly prohibited military elements from entering & conducting operations within any campus of the University of the Philippines, unless they notify the school administration.

The Ten (10) Provisions of said Agreement, sourced from the Philippine Collegian, are as follows:

1. The military or po-

lice shall give prior notice to the school administration before conducting operations in any of the UP campuses.

2. No military or police shall enter the premises of any of the UP campuses, “except in cases of hot pursuit & similar occasions of emergency.”

3. The military or police will be allowed to enter UP campuses in case the school administration requests for their assistance.

4. The military or police “shall not interfere with peaceful protest ac-

tions by UP constituents within the UP premises.”

5. The service of search or arrest warrants on any UP student, faculty, employee or invited participants in any official UP activity shall, as far as practicable, be done after prior notification is given to the UP President, Chancellor of the university, or Dean of the concerned regional unit.

6. No warrant shall be served without the presence of at least Two (2) UP faculty members designated by the appropriate UP official.

7. The arrest or detention of any UP student, faculty or personnel anywhere in the Philippines shall be reported immediately by the responsible head of the military or police unit, effecting the arrest or detention to the university official.

8. No UP student, faculty or employee shall be subjected to custodial investigation, without prior notice to the school administration.

9. A joint monitoring group composed of the UP Faculty Regent,

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by the conducive environs, having great circle of friends and immersed with the caring thought that you are cared and you mattered not only as a learner but that your future as a learner is perceived by me as an important business of the university. I was a college student and an Instructor under Dr. Cres V Chan Gonzaga, the first University President, a Campus Director under the tutelage of Cr. Evelyn C. Cruzada and was a Vice President and Physical Plant Director with the current University President Dr. Jude A. Duterte. The current University President is capping a great University Presidency with the celebration of 100 years. This author served as the Vice President for Administration and Finance with Dr. Duarte at the helm.

The word *university* is derived from the Latin *universitas magistrorum et scholarium*, which roughly means “community of teachers and scholars”. The modern university system has roots in the European **medieval university**, which was created in Ita-

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High-Powered Objective

DR. PACIENTE CORDERO, JR.

Last days of President Trump: My 15 cents thoughts

If there is any other subject that interests me as a fledgling writer cum LSDE columnist, it's on Politics, next to Science and Education matters. Politics bring me back to my high school and college days when I was deeply involved in political battles in both campuses, respectively. In this issue, the US political scenario having hugged the international news outlets, including via SMS facilities, have prodded me to share my 15 cents thoughts about Ex-President Trump's report card of accomplish-

ments (partly)!

Having been nurtured and an ardent believer in science and technology, I cannot but castigate Mr. D. T. for cancelling out the United States of America from the list of nations that supported and were signatories to the Climate Change-themed PARIS AGREEMENT entered into by then President Obama. The close to 200 signatures of world leaders (including the Philippines), were commitment to the gradual reduction of CO2 (Carbon Dioxide) emission in the

environment to protect humanity. Of course, there were countries who took the USA's ill-advised, anti-environment decision, e. g. China and few other industrialized countries. It might be worth recalling that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte had thought of withdrawing former President B. Aquino's signature from the Paris accord, but threw out his (Duterte's) ill-advised decision by retaining our country's stand entered into earlier! PRRD, whom I surmise as having lesser interest in science, thought that the Philippines not being an industrialized nation and has very minimal contributions to the growing CO2 gas filling Planet Earth, need not rub elbows! He or his advisers could have just consulted the DOST, the country's premier S & T agency, or its sectoral and R& D councils where knowledgeable Filipino scientists are housed, to be enlightened about the

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Automatic for the People

CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

Leyte Normal University's Centennial

Where seekers of wisdom are most welcome! So goes the line written by Dr. Fe Norma Ricafort, former Vice President of Leyte Normal University back then it was Leyte State College. Reaching a century of existence Leyte Normal University (established in 1921) the school of choice and Alma Mater for hundreds of thousands of learners, is a happy culminating and commencing event.

This writer an alumnus, (BSED-Natural Science 1995) together with the multitudes of Leyte Normal University graduates in the very first Commencement Exercise as a

University held last April 4, 1995 at the Human Resource Development Center are not just in awe but more than anything else grateful. Perhaps, rightfully so because whatever we have now, including the main credential of being a teacher, we owe to her. Our fount of truth and our mother in the academe Provincial Normal School, Leyte Normal School, Leyte State College and now, Leyte Normal University. Indebted and grateful for the rudiments of knowledge and skills suckled from the great mentors and professors. Personally, it was one great time for me, being in its corridors and embraced



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Missio 'ad gentes'

IN English, this Latin expression can be roughly translated as our mission toward all the people. This expression, by the way, is made by our bishops as the pastoral theme for year 2021 that culminates the preparation for and begins the celebration of the 500 years of Christianity in our country.

The expression 'ad gentes' comes from the words of Christ who told his disciples to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” (Mk 16,15) The Second Vatican Council adopted this expression in one of its decrees that dealt on the missionary activity of the Church.

It behooves all Christian believers to be most aware of this intention of

the Church to carry out this mandate of Christ before he ascended into heaven. Everyone needs to examine himself to see if this intention is given due attention.

Everyone, from the Pope to the last lay person, needs to feel as fully as possible the

weight and the urgency of this duty to go forth to the whole world and proclaim the gospel, which is nothing less than presenting the living and redemptive Christ, the whole mystery of Christ to the whole world.

Being the pattern of our humanity and the redeemer of our damaged humanity, Christ is not meant only for a few people. He is not only for those who now call themselves as Christians. He is for everyone.

Thus, every Christian, if he is to be an authentic Christian, should feel the responsibility to be a missionary also in his own way. This is a duty that is

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

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

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

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

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

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLMNT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BENJAMIN T. MARILAO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one-eight portion of a parcel of land, known as Lot No. 2600, situated in Brgy. Sabang, Municipality of Palompon, Leyte, containing an area of 2,431 square meters, more or less under Tax Dec. No. 02-31035-00476-R11. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of BELEN M. ABAYON married to Doroteo Abayon as vendee for the above described one-eight portion of land; per Doc. No. 143, Page No. 29, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2010 of Notary Public Atty. Augusto C.O. Machacon. *LSDE: January 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021*

SWORN DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that BELEN M. ABAYON executed an affidaivit of Sworn Declaration of real property together with her other siblings over a parcel of land, situated in Brgy. Sabang, Palompon, Leyte. Lot No. 2600-E, with an area of 2,431 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31035-000884 R13, and executing this affidavit to attest to the truth of the foregoing and to support the application for estate tax clearance of their late siblings Benjamin Marilao and Josephine Trasporte Marilao; per Doc. No. 284, Page No.58, Book No. 38, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty Dante Luz N. Viacrusis. *LSDE: January 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ARTEMIO BORGUETA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Santa Fe, Carigara, Leyte, designated as Cad Lot No. 3495-Cad 499-D, with OCT No. P-36076, with total area of 17,000 square meters and partitioned into 3 lots; 3,714 square meters to Clarita B. Tolentino designated as Lot 3495-A; portion of 6,643 is assigned to Benita R. Astillo designated as Lot 3495-B and Felix Borgueta with Lot area of 6,643 square meters; per Doc.No. 298, Page No. 58, Book No. 26, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Edgar Tonolete. *LSDE: January 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF SHARE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EDUARDA MANES LIPARDO, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 7591 CAD 566-D, situated at Brgy. Bagumbayan, Hilongos, Leyte, uder Tax Dec No. 05 1447 00026 R-12, with an area of 23,861.72 square meters more or less and heir Bernardo M. Lipardo do hereby waive, relinquish and quitclaim all rights and interest over the above-described property in favor of sister PATRECIA L. FERMANO, MARIA L. CEBUALA and ANAIOA M. LIPARDO; per Doc. No. 322, Page No. 65, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2009 of Notary Public Atty. Romulo A. Tiu. *LSDE: January 12, 19 & 26, 2021*

AFFIDAVIT OF SOLE HEIR

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EDUARDA MANES LIPARDO surviving heir of Senona Manes, namely: Bernardo M. Lipardo, Patrecia L. Fermano, Maria L. Cebuala and ANANIOSA M. LIPARDO, executed an affidavit of Sole heir, over a parcel of agricultural land, designated as Lot No. 7591, Cad. 566-D5, located at Brgy. Bagumbayan, Hilongos, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 05 1447 00026 R-12, with an area of 23,861.72 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 64, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2009 of Notary Public Atty. Romulo A. Tiu. *LSDE: January 12, 19 & 26, 2021*

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF RESIDENTIAL LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that OLLAN A. ONGTAWCO AND OLSON A. ONGTAWCO executed a Deed of Absolute Sale in favor of FRANCISCO AURELIO E. ROSALES III as vendee of a portion of parcel of residential land covered by TCT No. T-4238 containing an area of 1,729 from the total area of 3,280sq.m.,Per Doc No. 180, Book No. 37, Page No. XXXI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Daryl Navaroza-Basiloy. *LSDE: January 19, 26 & February 2, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ADJUDICATION WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DANILO ABANAG ACUTIM, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposit and has outstanding balance/account with the Mertopolitan Bank and Trust Company (MBTC), Catbalogan Branch, Catbalogan City; 1) Savings Account No. 116-3-11633549-3 with outstanding balance of Php62,610.21 as of October 27, 2020 and Account One No. 116-7-11651409-1 with outstanding balance of Php66,564.61 Philippine Currency, as of November 17, 2020 and heir Carlo L. Acutin and Jan Lloyd L. Acutin do hereby name, constitute and appoint their co heir/mother, ANALIZA LLANITA-ACUTIN to be our true lawful Attorney-in-fact, for us and in our name, place and stead to do perform and transact, process, claim and withdraw the total amount of Php 129,174.62, Philippine Currency with the MetroBank, Catbalogan Branch and to sign and acknowledge receipt and to process and secure estate tax clearance with the BIR; hereby giving and granting unto said attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite; per Doc. No. 116, Page No. 023, Book No. 046, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Demetrio Medino J. Acuba. *LSDE: January 12, 19 & 26, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JAMES P. RUMOHR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 6, Block 15 of the consolidation subdivision of Pcs-08-000737-D, being a portion of Lots 3607-B-6-AA and Lot 3607-B-6-BB, , Psd 08-009440-D situated at Barangay Rawis, Calbayog, Samar with an area of 72sq.m.,A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LORELIE F. TANGARAN married to JOSELITO B. TANGARAN as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 322, Page No. 66, Book No. XXX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rhoda Montes Cebrius. *LSDE: January 12, 19 & 26, 2021*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MA. THERESA C. OGARA heir of the late REMEGIO COMENDADOR executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9773-D, Plan No: PSD-08-038849-D, situated at Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte measuring an area of 200sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. 115-2019004665. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of DIANDEE O. BATALLA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 411, Page No. 84, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Kirby Bryan M. Liao. *LSDE: January 19, 26 & February 2, 2021*



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Regional Office No. VIII

January 21, 2021
Date


NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT (AEP)

Notice is hereby given that the following employer(s) have filed with the Regional Office application/s for AEPs.

No.	Name and Address of Employer	Name and Nationality of Foreign National	Position and Brief Description of Duties and Functions	Qualifications	Monthly Salary Range & Other benefits, if there are any
1	LTE CELLSHOP	LIYI ZHANG	Manager * Delegating responsibilities and supervising business operations	* Bachelor's Degree preferably related to business field	Php50,000.00
2.	NIUNOCO VENTURES, INC.	LIANYOU SHI	* Hiring, training, motivating and coaching employees as they provide attentive, efficient service to customers, assessing employee performance and providing helpful feedback and training opportunities. * Monitoring store activity and ensuring it is properly provisioned and staffed.	* A minimum of three years of of responsible leadership experience in management or supervisory positions.	

Any person in the Philippines who is competent, able and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national is desired may file an objection at the DOLE Regional Office within 30 days after this publication.

Please inform the DOLE Regional Office if you have any information on criminal offense committed by the foreign national(s).



AMABLE ILDEFONSO C. ROA
DOIC Regional Director

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late WENCESLAO SALOMON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a commercial land located at Brgy. Smo. Rosario, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 114 covered by ARP No. 00551 R11 containing an area of 194sq.m., with an assessed value of Php96,030.00. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of MARLOU H. SALOMON as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 252, Page No. 51, Book No. 61, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. DEMETRIA TURBANADA AND RICARDO CELAJES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land known as Lot 1867, Pls 24 covered by TD No. 30918 containing an area of 2,455sq.m., covered by OCT No. 3017 situated at Brgy. 1, Poblacion Catubig, Northern Samar. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. DOMINGO C. TENORIO AND MAGDALENA REBAY TENORIO as vendees of a portion measuring 200sq.m., from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 144, Page No. 33, Book No. V, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Rammil H. Rolea. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE WITH QUITCLAIM

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late WENCESLAO SALOMON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land particularly described as; 1) A parcel of residential land located at P. Inocentes, Naval, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 842-P covered by ARP/TD No. 01298 R11 containing an area of 600sq.m., with an assessed value of Php47,520.00; 2) A parcel of commercial land located at Smo. Rosario, Naval, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 115 covered by ARP/TD No. 00725 R11 containing an area of 224sq.m., with an assessed value of Php110,880.00 and heirs hereby WAIVED AND FOREVER QUITCLAIMED in all manner absolute and irrevocable all their claims, interest and participation including all improvements over the above PARCEL ONE to YOLAND H. SALOMON and PARCEL 2 to MARIA FE S. ICONG. Per Doc No. 264, Page No. 53, Book No. 61, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late IRENE B. SINANGOTE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an agricultural land under OCT No. P-27101, Lot No. 1256, Case No. CAD 641-D with a total land area of 22,570sq.m., situated at Manlabang, Caibiran, Biliran Province. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ROSALINDA S. SERRANO as vendee of an area being sold is five (5) part portion (5/7) of the above-described parcel of land except the share of Herundina B. Sinangote and heirs hereby confirmed the said sale. Per Doc No. 443, Page No. 89, Book No. III, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Melvin O. Vaporoso. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FRANCISCO TENORIO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land now under ARP No. 00250 R11 covered by Cad Lot No. 644 with a total land area of 12,688sq.m., situated at Bari-is, Caibiran, Biliran. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of ROSARIO S. VERBA as vendee of a portion measuring 1,784sq.m.,from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 316, Page No. 32, Book No. 5, Series of 2014. Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

DEED OF SALE OF AN UNSEGREGATED PORTION

NOTICE is hereby given that IVONY T. ROA-FERNANDEZ of legal age, widow and resident of San Jose, Tacloban City executed a Deed of Absolute Sale, a portion of 170 square meters in favor of RALPH VINCENT A. YOBIA as vendee from a parcel of land, designated as Lot 11459-F, Psd-08-023964-D, containing an area of 2,267 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. TP-24496, which portion sold is dominated as Lot No. 11459 F-7, in the proposed subdivision sub plan of Lot No. 11459-F; per Doc. No. 200, Page No. 42, Book No. 1, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Eric T. De Veyra. *LSDE: January 12, 19 & 26, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL OF PORTION OF A PARCEL OF AN AGRICULTURAL WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED ENRIQUE WAGAS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ENRIQUE WAGAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land located at Brgy. Balocawehay, Abuyog, Leyte covered with OCT No. P-7278 under TD No. 99-01016-00925 containing an area of 12,863sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of JEROME A. VALIDA as vendee of a portion consisting of 700.8sq.m.,(24x29.2) Per Doc No. 895, Page No. 77, Book No. 87, Series of 2016. Notary Public Atty. Vicente G. Rudas. *LSDE: January 19, 26 & February 2, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIALSETTLEMENT WITH CONDITIONAL SALES

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FAUSTINO SALENTES namely: Editha S. Embog and Deodoro S. Salentes, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over two parcels of land, both situated at Barrio Sagkahan, Tacloban City, Leyte, more described as 1) A parcel of land (Lot 3-B) Psd. 382073, covered by TCT No. T-64232, containing an area of 123 square meters; 2) A parcel of land (Lot 4-A, Psd-382073, covered by TCT No. T-64235, containing an area of 91 square meters and By way of conditional sale, the above-properties agreed to sell the above-described properties to RALPH VINCENT A. YOBIA as vendee for a amount of PHP428,000.00 and shall bear no interest and pay the amount of Php25,000.00 upon the execution of the foregoing instrument and shall pay monthly installments of Php10,000.00 until full payment to the vendor, Editha S. Embog. Upon full

payment of the total consideration, the vendor shall then execute a Deed of Absolute Sale for the above-described properties; per Doc. No. 404, Page No. 81, Book No. I, of Notary Publi Atty. Ronelito O. Ticoy. *LSDE: January 12, 19 & 26, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DANIEL C. BASADA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land with an area of 2,550sq.m., situated at Brgy. Balud, Borongan City, Eastern Samar designated as TCT No. T-1248 and Cad Lot No. 2211-A, Survey No. Psd 08-017304. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ARNOLD HARRY D. BASADA AND STEPHANIE MAIKO T. BASADA as vendees of the 1/7 portion undivided interests the property above-described. Per Doc No. 322, Page No. 66, Book No. XXX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rhoda Montes Cebrius. *LSDE: January 12, 19 & 26, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MANUEL G. COMMENDADOR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 9773-E Plan No. Psd-08-038849-S situated at Brgy. Pawing, Palo, Leyte embraced by TCT No. 115-2019004666 containing an area of 305sq.m.,A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of KATHLEEN LUYA AZAN AND ESTRELLA LUYA AZAN as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 300, Page No. 61, Book No. 1 Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Abbey Christer G. Miralles. *LSDE: January 19, 26 & February 2, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE OF PARCEL OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DIOSCORO M. RACHO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Miguel, Palompon, Leyte designated as Lot 4619-B with an area of 742sq.m., more or less covered by TD No. 08-31040-00561 R13. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of GEMMA R. HIGGINS as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 451, Page No. 92, Book No. 57, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Dante Luz N. Villacruzis. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF REAL ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BIBIANA G. RIVERA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Cad Lot No. 4636, Lot-1, Survey 519-D situated at Brgy. San Miguel, Palompon, Leyte covered under TD No. 08-31040-00764 R13 with an area of 0.2162 hectares. Per Doc No 487, Page No. 98, Book No. LXXIII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Donna Villa M Gaspan-Cerna. *LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021*

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte	Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communication LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No. VIII Palo, Leyte
R8-EV/PA-FC-2020-11-20150015 Case No. VIII-2015-0015	Case No. VIII-2019-0038

Application for **Extension of Validity** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** service

CONRAD HENRY G. VERSOZA,
Applicant/s

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB service** for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: **“TACLOBAN CITY-MARASBARAS-VILLA DOLINA & VICE VERSA”** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until **JULY 3, 2020**.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **FEBRUARY 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

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

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

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 21st day of JANUARY, 2021.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ARMI ROSE C. TUMAMPOS**
Attorney IV

Publication Notice
R.A. 9048

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby serve to the public that **ALDWIN ACOSTA AMOYAN**, has filed with this Office a **Petition for Change of Child’s first name** from **ALVIN** to **ALDWIN**, in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ALVIN ACOSTA AMOYAN**, who was born on **May 11, 1994** at **Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **WENIFREDA A. ACOSTA** and **ALFREDO P. AMOYAN**.

Any person affected by said petition may file written opposition with this office not later than 06 Feb. 2021.

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

LSDE: Jan. 19 & 26, 2021

DAILY PROGRAM:

“IGSUMAT KAN KA OYO”

HIMANGRAWON - 104.7

MON. - SAT 8:00 PM

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4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Leyte Gov. Petilla mulls establishment of ASF laboratory as 3 towns were hit by the deadly virus

TACLOBAN CITY- Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla said that a laboratory for African Fever Swine (ASF) will soon be published in the province.

Petilla made this disclosure as three towns in the province has recorded ASF cases which resulted to the depopulation of more than 1,400 pigs.

The Leyte governor, who met with the national director of the Bureau of Animal Industry Ronnie Domingo last week, said that he made this suggestion as samples would no longer be taken to the National Capital Region for confirmatory laboratory examination.

"I suggested it to them,

and they will discuss it," Petilla said.

"I also suggested to design a system that even with the existence of the virus, no hogs or swine will die. They say that they will look into it because there are countries and areas in Luzon that can be used as a best practice which our hog growers can apply" he added.

If his suggestion will be approved, the construction of the laboratory will be funded by the national government, the governor added.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) earlier confirmed cases of ASF in the towns of Abuyog, where the infection started, Javier and La Paz.

Domingo was joined by

his two staff last week when they visited the three affected towns and discussed to the mayors of the affected municipalities the strategic measures to effectively manage, contain, and control the ASF virus.

Meanwhile, Gov. Petilla said that none of the more than 130 piggeries under the Leyte Economic Program were affected by the ASF.

"This program is design against ASF although this is the first time that this will be tested. If this will work, so far, none of the piggeries under Leyte economics are affected," he said.

All of the affected hogs by ASF belong to backyard piggeries.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



The municipal government of Carigara, Leyte distributed 1,300 chessboards to the youths in the town to keep them away from boredom as the municipality continue to grapple with the coronavirus disease(COVID-19).

Carigara youths receive chessboards to help them busy during this time of COVID-19 pandemic

TACLOBAN CITY- At least 1,300 chessboards were distributed to the 49 villages and two National Housing Authority villages in Carigara town.

Town Vice Mayor Eduardo Ong Jr. said that the chessboards were distributed to several young adults in the municipality as part of their effort to keep the youth safe from the coronavirus disease(COVID-19).

"This initiative won't

only protect them by giving them something to do in the safety of their homes, it also serve as anti-drug campaign," he said.

The distribution of the chessboards were also in coordination with the Sangguniang Kabataan federation in the town.

According to Ong, the original plan was to tutor the recipients and then give away the chessboards but because of the raging pan-

demic, they have decided to produce pamphlets and distribute it with the boards.

"Since other sports like basketball is still prohibited, a great alternative that the youth can play is chess. It is scientifically proven to raise intelligent quotient, protect against dementia and improve the concentration and problem solving skills" the young vice mayor added.

(LIZBETH ANN AABELLA)

Ano nga ba ang programang E-CLIP???

Ang estado ay walang ibang layunin kundi maiayos ang buong bansa. Dahan dahan na nating iniaangat at isinasayos ang pamamalakad ng gobyerno, pinaglalaanan na nang pansin pamula sa lokal na ehekutibo ang pagsasaayos ng kapayapaan.

Ginagawa na nating pangkalahatan ang pakikibaka laban sa kaguluhan at pagkakapit bisig ng mga ahensya upang mapabilis natin ang pag unlad sa kanayunan. Datapwat mayroong mga indibidwal na organisasyon gaya ng CPP-NPA-NDF na walang alam gawin kundi ang guluhin, buwagin at pag watak-watakin ang programa ng pamahalaan.

Pilit nating inuunawa na karamihan sa mga kapatid natin na nasa gayung organisasyon ay nalililang lamang ng maling impormasyon. Tayo man ay nasususunogan ng mga gamit, kinikikilan ng pera

na tinatawag na buwis pang himagsikan, ito lamang ay ilan sa mga bagay na kaya nilang gawin upang tayo ay guluhin.

Ngunit marami ang hindi nakaka alam, maaaring nalilimutan nila o kaya naman ay hindi nila pinagtutuunan ng pansin ... Na may mga programa nang inilalaan upang sila ay tulungan

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Ang E-CLIP o Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program ay isang programa ng pamahalaan na naglalayong tulungan ang ating mga kapatid na kasapi ng CPP-NPA-NDF at Militia ng Bayan na nais magbalik-loob sa pamahalaan at pamayanan, upang makapiling muli ang kanilang mga pamilya. Sa pamamagitan nito, sila ay mabibigyan ng mga iba't ibang tulong, kaalaman, at kasanayan na kanilang magagamit sa pagbabagong buhay.

Ang tulong na ito ng pamahalaan ay hindi lamang para sa kanila kung pati na rin sa kanilang pamilya at komunidad.

Para kanino nga ba ang programang E-CLIP? Ayon sa Administrative Order No. 10 na nilagdaan ni Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte noong ika-3 ng Abril 2018, at sa Implementing Rules and Regulations ng nasabing kautusan, ang ECLIP ay para sa mga rebelde na nagbalik-loob, kabilang na ang mga Regular na miyembro ng CPP-NPA-NDF; Kanilang asawa, anak, at kinakasama legitimate or illegitimate, kanilang mga magulang at mga kapatid; at Mga miyembro ng Militia ng Bayan.

Sa katunayan sa bayan ng MAGPET, probinsya ng COTOBATO, mayroong dalawampung walo na dating rebelde ang naka tanggap see Anu nga ba /page 8 ...

State College by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 944, signed by then Pres. Ferdinand Marcos. In 1993, the late Cong. Cirilo Roy Montejó filed House Bill No. 22 in the House of Representatives proposing the conversion of the college into a university. This bill was sponsored by former Sen. Letecia Ramos-Shahani in the Senate. On February 23, 1995, the college was converted into the Leyte Normal University though R.A. 7910.

Sometime in April 1996, the university was proclaimed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as the Center of Excellence for Teacher Education in Region VIII from 1996 to 2001. Then in August

2008, CHED again awarded LNU as Center of Excellence for Teacher Education from 2008 - 2011.

In the end, the *fount of truth, where seekers of wisdom are most welcome stays, continues, stronger better.* As I look back to it all, mine having only spent 25 years (a fourth of the total existence of LNU) of watching, studying and working here I would like to say that, LNU we cherish you.

As philosopher, playwright and journalist Albert Camus say it more poignantly, I had the whole sky in my sight and it was blue and gold. These colors are the most vibrant for a true Normalistas these days!

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the Civil Registrar
Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1, series of 2012 (IRR) on RA 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that **RICHELLE M. VILLAMOR** has filed with this office Correction in the Entry in the Day and/or month in the date of birth from **FEBRUARY 28, 1986** to **FEBRUARY 22, 1986** in the Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) of **RICHELLE MONTERAMOS VILLAMOR**, at Tacloban City and whose parents are **LORNA R. MONTERAMOS** and **ILUMINADO A. VILLAMOR**.

Any person having knowledge and/or claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(Sgd.) IMELDA R. ROA
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: Jan. 26 & Feb. 2, 2021

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ly and evolved from **cathedral schools** for the **clergy** during the **High Middle Ages**. Wikipedia define it simple yet deep and even doctrinaire in a prescription of things to expect.

Now that Leyte Normal University is reaching an epoch, ushering in a new era of a new century forwarding its core values of Excellence, Integrity and Service, on alumnus cannot help but wax romantic, nostalgic and yes, appreciative of the chance of being called a Normalistas.

I vividly remember, the impeccable minds and caring teachers I had and the pedagogical prowess I was subjected too. The dazzling cultural events, the homely surrounding's and the good friends I have gained. Having a list of those friends this small space will never suffice but rest assured you are all kept in my heart.

Summing it all as Leyte Normal University reach its centennial, the rich and colorful history of love, excellence, integrity and service will never be forgotten.

The history of Leyte Normal University dates back to the pre-war years. It came into being in 1921 as the Provincial Normal School, a mere adjunct of the Leyte High School. It eventually outgrew its base becoming a two-year collegiate training institution in 1938. It became a degree-granting four-year college complete with a training department in 1952. It was then known as Leyte Normal School.

On June 14, 1976, it was converted into the Leyte

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It was learned from Rosaroso that the towns of Abuyog, La Paz and Javier have declared a two-week pork holiday starting Jan. 15.

During this time, the selling and slaughtering of pigs would not be allowed, to include chilled or frozen, uncooked and semi-cooked. The meat sections of the public markets of the towns which declared pork holidays are also closed during this period.

For his part, Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla asked the cooperation of the hog raisers in the province, especially in areas where are confirmed ASF cases, to cooperate to the efforts being mounted by the LGUS and the agriculture department to ensure that the disease affecting the hog industry would not further spread in the province which has a hog population of more than 127,000.

Meantime, Rosaroso

said that since they started depopulating swines in the three towns of Abuyog, La Paz and Javier, 1,451 pigs have been culled and buried in pits.

The three towns have combined hog populations of 16,835. Subject for depopulation are those pigs where there are confirmed ASF cases and those located within the 500-meter radius where there are such cases.

“There were hog raisers who resisted claiming that some of their pigs have no symptoms of ASF but we have to depopulate those even without symptoms for us to control any further spread of ASF,” he said.

It was learned from Rosaroso that the three LGUs have offered financial assistance to the more than 200 affected hog raisers ranging from P200 to P5,000.

In Eastern Samar, Governor Ben Evardone issued an executive order banning the entry of pork and pork products for 60 days ‘to safeguard the health and safety of our people.’

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ng mahigit kumulang 3.4 million sa ilalim ng national Government E-CLIP (relief web: Published March 07,2020).

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Kamakailan lamang sa SAN JOSE, Occidental Mindoro naman ay may Kabuuang P295,000 halaga ng assistance package ang ipinagkaloob ng pamahalaang nasyonal sa tatlong Former Rebels (FR) sa lalawigan, sa ilalim ng programang E-CLIP.

Ayon kay Jacob Cruz, itinalagang focal person sa FR ng Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), isa sa mga nagbalik-loob ay tumanggap ng P105,000 na binubuo ng P15,000 immediate assistance, P50,000 livelihood assistance, at P40,000 fire-arm remuneration para sa

Several local government units in the region have already made the same move like the province of Northern Samar and the cities of Maasin, Ormoc and Tacloban.

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loans that may be given to millions of SSS members. “We estimated a projected loss amounting to P41.37 billion for 2021 alone. And this amount will also continue to increase annually, cutting short the SSS fund life and adding to the contingent liability of the pension fund which is already estimated in the trillions of pesos,” she continued.

“We understand that we are currently in a pandemic situation, but we are appealing to lawmakers to look into the significance and long-term impact of adjusting the SSS contributions for its 38.8 million current members and future members as well,” Ignacio concluded.

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The SSS is mandated under Republic Act 11199—or the Social Security Act of 2018 which was approved on March 5, 2019—to gradually implement a biennial 1% contribution rate until 2025.**(PR)**

Ronaldo de Jesus, gave his tribute to the SAF 44 as he instructed all the field unit of the PNP in the region to conduct public awareness to honor their gallantry.

“The story of the SAF 44 shall transcend time as it depicts the truest sense of heroism. The least that we can do now is to honor the sacrifice and memories of our fallen heroes who have died serving the country. May their respective families also find peace and healing,” he said.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

involves our being missionaries also. For this, we need to realize that everything in our life can and should be a material, a reason, an occasion to carry out this missionary duty. There is actually nothing in our life that cannot be made use of to carry out this duty.

After 500 years of Christianity, we should realize that Christ is meant for everyone. While this duty to proclaim Christ has to start with oneself and then to our family and our close friends, relatives and colleagues at work, we should realize that we are meant to have a universal outlook in carrying out this missionary duty.

Yes, while each one more or less has a niche or a specific place in doing apostolate and mission work, we should see to it that we are not trapped in one part of the world. Just as nowadays there is a keen interest in globalizing some economic, social, political and even ideological concerns, there should also be a more driving interest in globalizing Christ, so to speak, making him known and loved by everyone.

This definitely will require tremendous effort and discipline. Obviously, we have to continually ask for the grace of God, because only with that grace can we aspire to fulfill this mandate from Christ. And then we have to study the different ways of how we can deal with everyone. And the Church offers guidelines for this.

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UP Student Regent, UP Vice-President for Public Affairs or their representative/s, UP Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, and military & police officials shall meet at least twice a year to determine compliance with this Agreement.

10. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a prohibition against the enforcement of the laws of the land.”

TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Last Friday, 15 JAN 2021, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana sent a formal letter to UP President Danilo Concepcion, notifying the latter of the immediate termination of the above Agreement.

In the letter, Lorenzana said the department found the Agreement “a hindrance in providing security, safety and welfare” to the UP community, claiming that there is indeed an on-going clandestine recruitment inside UP campuses nationwide for membership in the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and its armed wing, the New Peoples Army or NPA.

The other day, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenza declared that he was willing to hold a dialogue with the UP Officials and some senators over the DND’s unilateral termination of the 30-year Agreement that bars the military & police from entering the state university without notifying school officials.

However, Lorenzana said the University of the Philippines should first explain why some Eighteen (18) UP students were killed in military firefights with the New Peoples Army or NPA rebels.

Lorenzana explicitly said “Explain to me why the University of the Philippines has failed to protect these young people from joining these organizations and why they got killed.”

“If UP can explain that, we will talk. If not, then forget it,” Lorenzana concluded.

Defense Secretary Lorenzana even added that with the abrogation of the Agreement, students & activist groups who are against the government may hold rallies inside the UP campus without fear of any interference from security forces.

On the other hand, as published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer dated 20 JAN 2021, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief, General Gilbert Gapay expressed his support and said that “the University of the Philippines is one of the main sources of the New Peoples Army or NPA recruitment.”

Citing AFP records, General Gapay said at least 18 UP students recruited by the NPA were killed in classes with government security forces. “So, this deadly recruitment has to stop!”

General Gapay said that “the fact that only the University of the Philippines enjoys these privileges under the 1989 Agreement, this is a violation of the equal protection clause under the Philippine Constitution.”

“There is no substantial distinction between UP and other schools, state colleges and universities; therefore, giving the University of the Philippines such entitlement/s, places it in an unfairly advantaged status over other academic institutions and negates the constitutional guarantee of equal rights and protection under our laws,” he said.

Last day...
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pluses and minuses of reducing the CO2 emission for a healthy world population.

Former Pres. D. T. (aside from his political agenda), feared that with the USA signing the Paris Accord would mean **reducing CO2** production from their industry-driven economy and this will necessarily weaken the muscles of Uncle Sam, possibly lose his superpower title!

Finally, as President-elect JOE BIDEN wears the presidential hat, out-going President Donald Trump might as well decide to donate his signature red neck-tie to his chosen ‘repobrecan’ loser, not necessarily to one coming from the ‘demonstratic’ winner!

Good for Pres D T to have arisen from dreamland, clinging to his White House office - at last con-

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Armed men torch P13-M worth of heavy equipment in Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY- At least P13 million worth of heavy equipment were torched by still unidentified armed men in Mahaplag, Leyte Sunday, January 24, 2021.

The equipment burned were backhoe and bulldozer owned by a construction firm.

2 NPA rebels surrender before police authorities in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- Two alleged members of the New People Army (NPA) voluntarily surrendered following the “collaborative efforts” of the authorities in Eastern Visayas.

In an information from the police regional headquarters, the former rebels were identified as alias ‘Arnold’, 34, and alias ‘Julie’, 28.

Arnold surrendered at the Intelligence Unit of Samar Police Provincial Office in Catbalogan City on last January 21, 2021.

He was allegedly affiliated with sub-regional committee Browser, ac-

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The lecture series or online heritage series for the quinceintennary celebration is held every Wednesday that started in January 20 and in partnership with the University of Santo Tomas, and the Tourism Promotions Board.

“Would like to share with you a segment of our

Visayan history which are related by Spanish priest Fr Francisco Ignacio Alcina,” Tiopes said.

Fr. Alcina is Jesuit priest who was assigned in the country for 42 years of which 36 years were spent by him in the Visayas.

His first assignment was in Borongan in 1634, then in Paranas, then he later transferred to Carigara.

When the Sumuroy revolt broke out in 1648, he was transferred to Cebu then in 1670 and was re-assigned to Catbalogan.

“During his entire mission work, Fr. Alcina documented his travels, observation, experiences. His writing is embodied in his book History of the Bisayan People in the Philippine Islands,”Tiopes said.

The information that

caliber .45, according to 805th Maneuver Company.

Authorities said the former rebel will receive assistance under the E-CLIP.


(RONALD O. REYES)

he chronicled are the subject of the webinar series which are attended by history enthusiasts, tourism officers, and local historians in the region.

Topics on the online lecture are ‘Unpublished book of Alcina’ which was discussed by Rolando Borrinaga last Jan. 20; ‘Wood and forest of Leyte and Samar’ this Jan 27 with Cheek Fardriquela as lecturer; ‘Church Architecture and Story of Buscada’ on February 3 with Caryn Santillan; ‘Township’ on Feb 10 with Emil Justimbaste; ‘Material and Culture’ on Feb 17 with Corazon Alvina; ‘Jewelry’ on Feb 24 with Leo Almeria; ‘Kindness/ Diplomacy’ on March 3 with Kinna Kwan; and ‘Alcina Future’ on March 10 with Manuelito Uy as lecturer.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)





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

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

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

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

Coral conservation group stops operation in Southern Leyte due to continued threat of COVID-19

TACLOBAN CITY – A coral reef conservation program in Southern Leyte is sure after a United Kingdom-based coral conservatory group said that it would shut down its operation in the province amid the raging coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

In a statement, Alistair Cole, chief executive officer of the Coral Cay Conservation, said that the organization while it was a difficult decision, they have no other recourse but to close down its Southern Leyte Coral Reef Conservation Project (LRCP) due to COVID-19 pandemic that continues to disrupt international travel and cause strain on resources and finances that demand critical action.

“This closure will be with immediate effect concerning our activities in-country and we will now instigate an exit strategy that will focus on the efficacious transfer of project deliverables to necessary parties. We will cease to accept volunteer bookings over this period for the project,” Cole said.

“This was not an easy decision to make. After several months of deliberating, internal reviews on the project’s timeframe, and the forecast of the COVID-19 pandemic proving uncertain, we have come to this decision. We aim to ensure that the achievements of the project, made possible by the support of volunteers, scholars and committed staff, over the past 20 years, are sustainable and that local stakeholders and government units can continue receiving the benefits of the project,” he added.

The group expressed their gratitude to the thousands of volunteers who had helped them in their projects, training of scholars and teams that have brought conservation and coral reefs to the forefront of hundreds of classrooms, inspiring the next generation of environmental advocates.

“Over the past 18 years, the rich biodiversity of Sogod Bay has been mapped, countless Marine Protected Areas have been established and even the smallest of conservation efforts have proved vital; all of which

would not be possible without the support of the Coral Cay Conservation community,” he added.

“I would like to express my absolute gratitude for all of the support that each and every volunteer, scholar, staff member, project partner and local stakeholder has provided to the project over the years,” Cole statement ended.

The SLRCP was founded in 2002 to secure the long-term benefits and services of coral reefs and associated systems; protecting food security and supporting liveli-

hoods of the residents in the Southern Leyte province, according to the information at the website of Coral Cay.

It aims to enhance marine biodiversity and alleviate community poverty through the evaluation, protection and restoration of coral reefs, and associated ecosystems in the province.

The project is implemented into two phases; the LRCP Phase I was from 2002 to 2012 and was founded on under the objective of assisting the Provincial Gov-

ernment of Southern Leyte (PGSL) in the conservation of the coral reefs of Sogod Bay for the long-term benefit and food-security of the residents of the Province.

The LRCP Phase II was undertaken between 2013 and 2018, and was founded under the objective of developing local capacity and ensuring the long-term protection and sustainable use of marine resources, through the establishment, and monitoring, of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Southern Leyte.

The group had been

present in the country for 25 years advocating for sustainable development and protecting some of the Philippines’ most valuable natural resources.

Since the project started, Coral Cay through LRCP have undertaken over 2,400 independent surveys, collecting critical ecological, environmental and anthropogenic data, allowing building detailed picture of the current status of the area and assessing any changes over time. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

Agent...

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those data anymore. Customer support is indeed viewed negatively when the collected customer information is not being utilized to provide faster and better services.

Last but not the least, there’s this barrier to quality customer service known as delayed responses. This is one frequent cause of dissatisfaction and complaint from customers since, in business, nobody likes to wait. A long wait could mean lost opportunities, lost income, lost clients. Faster delivery of customer orders is just basic, in fact, the easiest to fix. But this barrier is already being resolved to effect customer satisfaction, to enhance their experience.

Resolving the problems that hinder good customer service must be on top of a company’s priorities. And to do it, the concerned company should, first of all, assess the current situation to determine the extent of the problem. It should then inquire about the customers’ needs, desires,

requests, complaints if there are, and preferences. Once all these have been identified, solutions may then be offered, or options in addition to every solution offered. A solution that is accepted should be delivered quickly, with adequate follow-ups for ultimate customer satisfaction.

To devise an effective customer service strategy, and to empower service agents, companies could adopt the following strategies. Topping the list is to know the product or service that’s being offered. This is basic, knowing that they cannot promote or sell something that they just have limited knowledge about. Then they’ve got to maintain a positive attitude, solving problems creatively, and responding to customers as quickly as they can. It would be best to personalize services and customer experience as well. Helping clients help themselves also works, focusing support on the customers, actively attending to their needs.

Furthermore, the company should invest in agent training programs to empower and prepare its agents in

meeting customers who expect to be treated well, to be assured that their problems are not repeated, to hear explanations, etc. Choosing the right tools, such as helpdesk and call center software that prove friendly to customers and agents, should also be the company’s concern.

With this, the company could develop a list of the key performance indicators (KPIs) used to measure customer service efforts. Data-driven decisions could be made, using metrics and reporting in developing conclusions that drive results. Quality assurance ought to be optimized, moreover, to enhance quality service, to increase efficiency, to reduce unnecessary spending. To optimize quality assurance, tools such as call monitoring & recording, call barging, and agent reporting could be utilized. Provision of support through the channels that customers prefer must be in place, to include email, phone, social media, and online portal.

For customer empowerment, or the process of equipping customers with the tools and resources that they need to succeed, and to make informed decisions, companies could adopt these methods: first is to help customers make smarter moves, developing a stronger bond with them. Make them feel happy with a brand experience by improving their retention and opportunities for customer ad-

vocacy. Besides giving them customer support through an optimized experience on the channels they prefer, help them save time through options like self-service, video tutorials, frequently-asked questions, or discussion forums for quick replies to common queries, delivery, and tracking notification schedules.

Furthermore, companies can allow customers to give feedback as they listen to their concerns; give them secure options when making purchases; give them the right to opt-out, to return or exchange products and modify services to further empower them and win their long-term loyalty. They can boost word-of-mouth support for the products, build some die-hard product advocates, encourage testimonials, create a website page testimonials, and solicit reviews.

Effecting good customer service is not that easy as it appears; there are challenges to hurdle along the way. They stand in the way of customer service practice, and they have to be dealt with tactfully, otherwise, they will ruin the customers’ trust and thereby affect one’s business. Fortunately, these barriers can be avoided using appropriate strategies, coupled with customer and agent empowerment.



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