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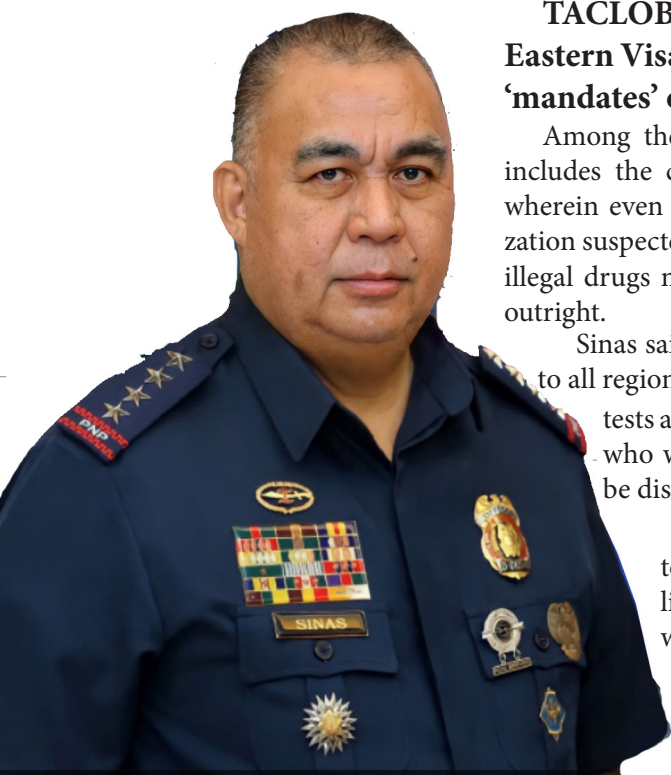
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Among his directives for EV cops

Chief PNP Sinas: continue to fight illegal drugs

JOEY A. GABIETA



TACLOBAN CITY-Philippine National Police(PNP) Director General Debold Sinas made his first visit to Eastern Visayas on Saturday(Feb. 6),reminding the local police to strictly follow and implement what he said the 'mandates' of Pres. Rodrigo Duterte.

Among these mandates of the President includes the campaign against illegal drugs wherein even those inside the police organization suspected or reported to be engaging in illegal drugs must be charged and dismissed outright.

Sinas said that he has issued a directive to all regional directors to conduct random tests among their personnel and those who would be tested positive should be dismissed in two months' time.

Failure of the regional director to dismiss these rogue police personnel would mean they would be held responsible, the

PNP director general said.

"I already issued an instruction to dismiss them in one to two months only. If not, all the regional directors will be held responsible for negligence and inaction," Sinas said.

Sinas arrived at the PNP-8 regional headquarters at Camp Ruperto Kangleon in Palo town, Leyte and welcomed by the region's top police officials lead by B/ Gen. Ronaldo de Jesus, po-

lice regional director.

The PNP chief led in the distribution of 220 units of 5.56 Galil rifles and eight units of radio equipment to be distributed to all line units of the police offices across the region and in giving awards and recognitions to police officers and local officials for their contributions and accomplishments on the various campaigns of the organization against criminalities.

Aside from the illegal drugs campaign, Sinas in his speech, also said that the other mandates of the President that all police personnel should follow and implement include the campaign against all forms of illegal gambling, as he reminded his men and women not to take bribe money source from 'any forms of illegal gambling and unscrupulous see Chief PNP/page 6 ...

CHIEF PNP VISIT. Continue to fight against criminalities. Thus was the message of PNP Director General Debold Sinas among the region's police personnel during his visit last Saturday (Feb.6). He also stressed that law enforcers who are engaging in the illegal drugs activity should be dismissed in two months' time.(PHOTO COURTESY)

Gov. Petilla says MGCQ status beneficial to Leyte's economy

TACLOBAN CITY-Maintaining the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) status is beneficial to the economy of the province of Leyte.

Thus said Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla as the province continue to be under the MGCQ status for the entire month of February.

Petilla claimed that maintaining the MGCQ status in his province, which is the less stringent quarantine measures, al-



Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla

lows the economy to function properly and with less

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CSWDO procures 59 modular tents as part of its disaster response

TACLOBAN CITY-The City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) purchased 59 units of modular tents to help strengthen their disaster response to Taclobanons. Together with the tents, rain boots were

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59 modular tents purchased by CSWDO to help strengthen disaster response

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At least 59 modular tents were procured by the Tacloban City Social Welfare and Development Office as part of its disaster response.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

After one prosecutor was tested positive, Tacloban Prosecutor's Office shuts down for 14-days

TACLOBAN CITY-The Prosecutor's Office here in the city has been shut down for 14 days starting last Feb.4 after one of its prosecutors was tested positive of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

In an advisory, the office also said that all of its employees were advised to undergo a 14-day quarantine.

As the office is still close, all communications, counter affidavit, motions and other processes will be accepted electronically, the advisory added.

Work at the said office will resume on Feb. 17.

Meantime, one of the latest persons to succumb due to the complications of COVID-19 in this city involved a barangay chairwoman who died last Feb.4.

With the death of the 72-year old barangay leader, Tacloban's number of fatalities now rose to 34.

Tacloban has now 1,792 total COVID-19 cases of which 170 are considered as active cases.

Meantime, City Mayor Alfred Romualdez issued an order on Feb. 5 prohibiting all form of mass gatherings as another effort

"to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 virus."

The municipal government of Pintuyan in Southern Leyte announced that it now considered itself as 'COVID-19 free' after two of its remaining patients were declared to have recovered last Feb.3.

The town had reported of 39 total COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic March of last year.

On Monday, the Department of Health (DOH) announced of 60 new cases, bringing Eastern Visayas COVID-19 cases to 14,593. (JOEY A. GABIETA)



COURTESY CALL. Newly-installed Regional Director of Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) J/Supt. Delvic Oreiro made a courtesy call to Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez last Feb.3 at the City Hall.

Regional Director Oreiro was accompanied by other BJMP officials namely, J/Supt. Manuel Chan Jr., Assistant regional director for administration; assistant regional director for operations J/Supt. Jennifer Joyce Abar; J/Chief Inspector Jim Buranday, jail warden of Tacloban City jail male dorm; and J/INSP Fe Reynalda Chan, jail warden of the female dorm.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Eastern Samar gov willing to take any anti-COVID vaccines

T A C L O B A N CITY-Eastern Samar Governor Ben Evardone said that he is willing to receive any vaccines, even those made from China, to help 'build confidence' on the vaccination program of the government.

The disclosure of Evardone also came in the heels of his admission that based on their listing up being conducted across the province relative to the vaccination program against coronavirus disease(COVID-19),a 'significant number' have made known that they would not receive any inoculation.

"I am willing to be vaccinated by any vaccine, including the Chinese, as long as they pass all the proper regulatory procedures like (from the) Food and Drugs Administra-

tion, Department of Health and the Department of Science and Technology," the governor said.

"We need to build public confidence on these vaccines to attain herd immunity and ensure economic recovery," Evardone added.

The governor has earlier said that they would be earmarking P500 million for the procurement of vaccines and other needed equipment and has already started their negotiations with AstraZeneca and Moderna.

For the past two weeks now, the provincial government has conducted listing up activities across the province to determine who are willing to be vaccinated.

But based on the initial feedbacks, more are incline not to be vaccinated.

"A significant number (of those who were enlisted) does not want to be vaccinated," Evardone said.

Evardone, however, could not say as to how many have so far been enlisted and how many of them signified their intention not to receive the vaccine since the listing up started in all the 22 towns and Borongan City of the province.

Since the start of the pandemic, Eastern Samar has 1,154 COVID-19 cases with 27 deaths. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

With all the health protocols to be strictly complied, Cebu-Baybay sea travel resumes operation

TACLOBAN CITY-Months after of suspension, the Baybay-Cebu ferry operations are now back in operation.

Effective Feb. 5, the sea travel from the city of Baybay to Cebu have resumed with passengers to strictly observe all the minimum health protocols against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The Baybay-Cebu operation was cancelled amid the COVID-19 threat.

Rhyse Austero, head of Baybay Emergency Response Unit (Beru), said d

that considering that the COVID-19 threat continues, the mandatory health protocols would be strictly observe.

He said that only 20 returning residents of the city will be allowed to board the ferry and only every Friday. Other city residents may board ferry through Roble Shipping Lines that docks at Hilongos port every Monday and Wednesday.

Austero reminded city residents to first to inform their office of their intention to return to city so that they can verify if they are indeed a resident.

Once confirmed, Beru will include the name of the resident on the list of names which will be issued with certificate of commitment and will be posted at the official Facebook page of the city government.

If the name is already posted at the Facebook Page, the returning resident may now process in securing travel authority from the Philippine National Police.

Once travel authority is issued and ticket is bought, the resident must immediately inform their family who will provide beddings and food for the 14-day quarantine at their respective barangay quarantine facility.

Those who have not yet receive certificate from the City Health Office after the 14-day quarantine should undergo a seven day home quarantine.

Austero said that those who at the barangay quarantine facility has an option to have a swab test on the fifth day of their stay but they must pay for it.

If the result is negative, they can immediately go to their homes after seven days and will have to finish the remaining seven days of quarantine at their respective houses. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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According to CSWDO Department head Chona Bahin, the office utilized the 2020 budget for said supplies.

They believe that with these essential items for emergency preparedness, the office's disaster response will be more efficient. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Tacloban, other LGUs suspend works, classes due to LPA- induced heavy rains

TACLOBAN CITY- Several local government units in Eastern Visayas have cancelled works and classes on Monday (Feb.8) due to heavy rains spawned by the low pressure area (LPA) spotted in Mindanao.

In Tacloban City, Mayor Alfred Romualdez issued an executive order early Monday suspending both classes and works in public and private offices across the city due to the bad weather that has resulted to flooding in several parts of the city.

As part of the order, the city mayor directed personnel of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, traffic office and rescue unit to be on alert for any possibilities that may arise due to the inclement weather.

The mayors of Basey in Samar, Caibiran and Naval, both in Biliran province, have also issued a one-day suspension of works on their respective areas due to the LPA that brought heavy rains.

Naval town Mayor Gerard Espina said that the suspension of works, however, exclude those considered to be frontliners and in emergency response.

Meantime, several local government units in the region have also directed their respective disaster risk reduction management offices to be on alert and monitor the bad weather, especially those identified as areas prone to flooding and landslide.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council has issued a warning that the non-stop rains being experienced in Eastern Visayas since Sunday evening could result to flooding or landslide incidents. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA/ LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)**

Northern Samar provincial gov’t asks support from SK members on anti-COVID information dissemination

TACLOBAN CITY- The provincial government of Northern Samar asked assistance from youth organizations of the province as it readies to carry out its anti-COVID vaccination.

Jhon Allen Berbon, provincial youth development officer (PYDO), said that they have coordinated with the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) federation and other SK organizations for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) information drive.

“We have coordinated with SK federation and other SK organizations for them to help us in the information dissemination on the importance of the vaccination against COVID-19,” Berbon said.

“With that, our youth will help the Provincial Information Office in enlightening the people of the vaccine importance,” he added.

The youth should not only be a recipient of government program but should also be partners in implementing those program, Berbon stressed.

“With that I am appealing to the youth to actively participate in the implementation of our provincial government programs,” he added.

The provincial government has earlier said that they are targeting to vaccinate about 70 percent of their population using their fund allocated for vaccine procurement.

Governor Edwin Marino Ongchuan acknowledges that this plan needs enormous amount but this is still possible with the help of the national government and local government units in the province.

Under the national government vaccination guidelines, a prioritization list is to be followed.

Top priority identified by the national government are frontline health workers both in the public and private facilities, including rural health unit personnel, LGU and barangay health workers, barangay health response emergency teams, and other national government agency health workers, followed by indigent senior citizens, remaining senior citizens, other indigent population and the uniformed personnel.

In last week’s meeting of the League of Municipalities - Northern Samar Chapter, Gov. Ongchuan expressed his hope that the vaccination program will help the economy of the province and the country in general, to recover from the adverse effects of the COVID pandemic.

Also during the meeting, LGU officials were advised to prepare their own local vaccination plan provided under the guidelines set by the Department of Health and under the Department of Interior and Local Government Unit memorandum order No. 2021-007

The plan must include a master list of priority eligible vaccine population, identify possible vaccination centers, available cold chain storage and other logistical requirements, and existing human resources and personnel need for the vaccination program. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**



FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING!!!

The Women Enablers Advocates & Volunteers for Empowering and Responsive Solutions (WEAVERS,Inc.) is a volunteer group of women from diverse professional and work backgrounds who banded together to weave their dreams, talents and resources to support women, their families and communities.

WEAVERS will implement an 18-month project in Samar and No. Samar which aims to contribute to the realization of the Magna Carta of Women and the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act .

We are inviting committed, results- oriented development practitioners to apply for the following positions:

Position	Project Manager (1)
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Area of Assignment	Palo Main Office
Minimum Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College degree in accountancy, business management or other related course. CPA is an advantage• At least three (3) years experience in NGO accounting and financial management• Highly analytical with strong attention to detail, problem-solving, communication skills
Position	Administrative Officer (1)
Area of Assignment	Palo Main Office
Minimum Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College degree in business management, business administration and other related course
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least three (3) years experience in human resource management, procurement planning and asset management, records management and support to operations in NGO setting• Functional competency in interpersonal relations, problem-solving, integrity, attention to detail, effective communication, negotiation, conflict management
Position	Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Assistant (1)
Area of Assignment	Catbalogan Field Office
Minimum Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College degree in social sciences, community development, social work or other related course.• With relevant training in gender and reproductive health, monitoring and evaluation• At least 2 years' experience in monitoring, evaluation and learning in NGO setting• Functional competencies in effective communication, documentation, data gathering and analysis, attention to details
Position	Advocacy & IEC Specialist (1)
Area of Assignment	Catbalogan Field Office
Minimum Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College degree in development communication, communication arts and other related course• With relevant training in gender and reproductive health, local governance• At least three (3) years' experience in developing information, education and communication (IEC) strategies on development issues, especially along gender and reproductive health• Functional competencies in effective communication, documentation, technical writing, influencing and negotiating, external environmental and institutional awareness
Position	SRHR Technical Officer (1)
Area of Assignment	Catbalogan Field Office
Minimum Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College degree in public health, nursing, social science or other related course• At least 3 years experience in health promotion, providing technical guidance and training on adolescent reproductive health/ sexual and reproductive health especially for rural health units, young people and parents• Functional competencies in effective communication, interpersonal skills, communicating technical information, facilitating and training.
Position	Project Assistant (1)
Area of Assignment	Catbalogan Field Office
Minimum Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate of any four (4) year course• At least one (1) year work experience in providing support services in an NGO environment• Functional competency in computer operation (Word, Excel), interpersonal communication, integrity, teamwork.
Position	Community Development Workers (5)
Area of Assignment	Gandara, Samar Sta. Margarita, Samar
	Tarangnan, Samar Catarman, No. Samar Las Navas, No. Samar
Minimum Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate of social science, social work, community development and other related course• At least two (2) years experience in organizing communities especially young people and parents• Functional competency in effective communication, flexibility, resilience, teamwork, facilitating meetings, documentation

Interested applicants can email their letter of intent or application and resume to hrweavers21@gmail.com addressed to Paulina Lawsins Nayra, President, WEAVERS. Deadline for submission of application is on **February 15, 2021.**

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Price hikes

Common household complaints have it that since December when the demand for market products normally goes high and the prices of commodities then follow suit, the said costs of market items

have not yet gone down and are, in fact, increasing, causing family food budgets to run short.

Marine products, particularly sea fishes, are classic examples of these eatables whose prices are ever-increasing instead of going down. Retailers are quick to justify that the supply is limited while the demand is great, hence the soaring prices. That's the sad thing because once the price is raised, it never goes down though the supply is back.

We can perhaps blame these 'developments' to certain drawbacks that have plagued us in recent years. For one, our fishermen cannot any-

more visit the fish-rich West Philippine Sea to freely catch abundant fishes due to the hostile Chinese authorities who are stationed there. Then, there is this threat of the African Swine Flu (ASF) that keeps on spreading, depriving us thus of that pork alternative to fish.

Amid the soaring costs of important commodities, consumers are wondering what the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is doing to regulate prices. Are they doing their jobs as they should? If they do, but there's just nothing they can do about it due to insufficient supplies, then fine. But if they don't, hence the jacking up of prices, then they should heed the clamor of consumers and attend to their duties.

Nowadays when the pandemic had ruined our economy and the majority of our families are suffering from this economic turmoil, price hikes would just all the more drown us in misery.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

You got nothing to lose

That's right, you lose nothing by applying the below bits of advice just in case you have developed the COVID 19 symptoms. These are not

mandatory, and they have never been approved nor recommended by the Bureau of Foods and Drugs (BFAD) and the Department of Health (DOH).

But per experience of those who have had these symptoms and had followed these suggestions, they were relieved and had eventually recovered.

Call these home treatments if you may, but this time when no known medicine serves as a definitive cure for this virus, a resort to these procedures is wise enough, not just because they don't have side effects, but also because they are economical.

If it happens that you start having strange colds, or any abnormality in the nose that you experience for the very first time, then don't delay—try to

boil enough water and after which, try to do steam inhalation, your face at least one foot away from the casserole/kettle. You can do this within five to ten minutes, two to three times per day if it persists.

If in case your throat starts to itch and you are then itching to cough, rush to your kitchen and squeeze a lemon or two into your throat, little by little, swallowing the juice in the process. It will stop the itch and the urge to cough. But if you will leave it alone and do nothing, your cough will worsen till it becomes

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Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Another Epiphany

THE feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which falls on February 2, can be considered as another epiphany, another manifestation of Christ as our savior. This time, the manifestation is done not to the three magi anymore, but to two characters, Simeon and Anna.

The feast is a good reminder to all of us, Christian believers, that we have a duty to present Christ to everyone as he truly is to us—the pattern of our humanity and the savior of our humanity that has been damaged by sin.

While this duty is incumbent on every Christian believer, it is more so to clerics and other consecrated and religious persons. The priest, for example, is sacramentally conformed to Christ as head of the Church. It is his concern that the sacramental Christ in him be transformed into the living Christ—obviously with the constant help of God's grace. Otherwise, he will be an empty suit.

He has to assume the very mind and heart of Christ, the sentiments, mission and concerns of Christ. As the sacramental image of Christ as head of the Church, a priest has to act like a mediator, a bridge that connects two ends—God and men. He therefore has to be intimately identified with both God and men, which is a never-ending task that requires grace and everything that a priest can do.

Like Christ, he has

to have the mind of God and assume the conditions of men, since this is the very heart of Christ. This, of course, can be hard and very demanding, but it is not impossible. With training and determined effort, this can be done. On God's part, his grace is never lacking. In fact, it is poured out abundantly.

We who believe in Christ should feel the need to make Christ alive everywhere. And given the new normal we are having these days, we have to learn how to present him by making use of the new technologies we are having these days.

We should feel the same urgency that St. Paul felt when he said, "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel. (1 Cor 9,16) It's a cry that also has to spring in each one of us, who now participates in the abiding duty of preaching and teaching the word of God according to our

personal circumstances.

This is the challenge we have today. How do we craft a new approach, style or strategy for the continuing need of evangelization these days? How do we keep them adapted to the new sensibilities of the men and women of today? How do we make Christ alive in the new technologies?

For sure, the Holy Spirit continues to animate the Church and inspire certain people, giving them the relevant charism, so that the Church's vital activity of evangelization continues. But all of us have to do our part.

First, we need to sharpen and intensify our awareness of our duty to evangelize. This task involves all of us. We cannot keep on living only for our own interests. We have to be men for others. And that can happen when we go all the way to doing the task of evangelization, among many others.

The problem with how to make Christ alive among ourselves today centers on how to make our preachers and evangelizers—from the clergy down to the religious and committed lay faithful—credible!



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)



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



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RA 1151 - Pinoy Farmers Christmas Gift

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte gifted our Pinoy farmers when he signed into law Republic Act 11511 on December 23, 2020. RA 11511, an amendment of RA 10068 otherwise known as the ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT, authored by Senator Cynthia Villar – also, current chairperson of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food.

The main substance of the amended Organic Agriculture Act is "It will put in place a more affordable and accessible system of certifying organic products, an alternative to third party certification, which ranges from Ph42,000 to Ph 150,000 per crop

compared to PGS which cost only between Ph 600 to Ph 2,000."

Further, "the new organic law will benefit over 165,000 farming practitioners in the Philippines, majority of which are smallholder farmers. According to Villar, it is important for small farmers to be able to afford organic certification because they are the major force in the country's agriculture sector."

Some other advantages of the Amended Organic Agriculture Act are the following;

1. Provide more affordable system of organic certification issuance
2. Provide impetus to further growing organic agriculture

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too difficult to cure. If you are elsewhere with no lemon that is readily available, you can put a menthol candy in your mouth and suck its juice. If not, ordinary drinking water will do, just temporarily. But the moment you get hold of a lemon, suck its juice still albeit delayed.

Should you experience a sore throat, or pain in that part, try to gargle warm water with a spoonful, dissolved salt in it. Do it repeatedly, like three to four times a day if the pain persists. If not, vinegar may also be used for the purpose. Bactidol or Betadine Gurgles that you can buy over the counter can also be used, but these are quite costly.

With other symptoms like fever and breathing difficulty, you may cover yourself with a blanket, with boiled water placed in a basin in front of you, inhaling the steam. This can be done in ten min-

utes, three times a day if needed. Keep on drinking boiled ginger, as well, or that which is locally known as salabat. If your problem is just shortness of breath, you may do steam inhalation without a blanket over you.

For back, chest, head, and muscle pains, the hot compress rubber may be used, transferring it from one area to another. Together with all these, keep on drinking plenty of water, fruit juices, and other nutritious liquids. Do eat fruits and vegetables, too,

3. It will benefit the environment since organic farming is eco-friendly as it promotes the use of natural resources and inputs like organic fertilizer like composted kitchen and garden wastes

The same amended Act creates the National Organic Agriculture Program- National Program Coordinating Office (NOAP-NPCO), to manage the effective implementation of the NOAP. The Act, also, restructures, strengthens, and empowers the BAFS (Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards, which will provide technical assistance to the NOAB and the NOAP-NPCO.

The success in the implementation of the amended Act are on the shoulders of the agri-fish staff of Menro with strict supervision of the LGU Heads.

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and get plenty of rest, making sure that you put on a face mask if at home so that the rest of the household members will not contract the virus. Better still, let them also wear masks and shields.

So many people, even among my friends and acquaintances, have already testified on the effectiveness of these procedures. Why not try these out? Anyway, you will lose nothing by observing and following these steps.

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

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In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Elvira Avila Chua** has filed with this office a *(complete name of the petitioner)* petition for Change of First Name from **MARIA ELVIRA** to **ELVIRA** in the birth certificate *(First name to be changed)* *(New First Name to be Adopted)* of **MARIA ELVIRA LOPEZ AVILA** who was born on *(Complete Name of Document Owner)* **May 2, 1971** at **Guiuan, Eastern Samar** and whose *(complete date of birth)* *(Place of Birth)* parents are **Victor Avila** and **Ermelinda A. Lopez** *(Name of Father)* *(Name of Mother)*

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **February 15, 2021.**

(Sgd.) ESTER R. GERMINAL
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: February 2 & 9, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ARTEMIO B. GABON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a 50% interest in a conjugal property consisting a parcel of land designated as 444-B1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-238066 being a portion of Lot 444-B, Psd-141363, (LRC) Rec No. 1378 located at Brgy. 01, Catbalogan City, Samar containing an area of 150sq.m., covered by TCT No. T-4658 under TD No. 01-0001-00096. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. DARYL Q. YONG-GABON married to Artemio L. Gabon, Jr. as vendees of the entire parcel measuring 150sq.m., together with all improvements from the above-mentioned. Per Doc No. 274, Page No. 52, Book No. 2, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Keenth N. Almene.

LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIR WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DIONESIO ALMORADO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an agricultural land located at Brgy. San Agustin, Bato, Leyte under TD No. 050602800027 with Cad Lot No. 3918 containing an area of 4.6120 hectares. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of AVELINO CODINO, ESTERLITA CODINO AND EDITA CODINO as vendees of a portion containing 6,873sq.m., designated as Lot 3918-B from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 69, Page No. 14, Book No. 21, Series of 2009. Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo.

LSDE: February 9, 16 & 23, 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 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

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. Villacrucis.

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

SWORN DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that BELEN M. ABAYON executed an affidavit 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 Transporte Marilao; per Doc. No. 284, Page No.58, Book No. 38, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty Dante Luz N. Viacrucis.

LSDE: January 26, Feb. 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-Nueva.

LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021



TURN OVER. As a sign of gratitude, the Libertad Elementary School in Lavezares town, Northern Samar, headed by its school head Nestor Matnog, held a simple turn-over rites on Feb.5, 2021 of the newly-constructed main gate of their school donated by Irene Suan-Paredes Engel. Joining in the simple ceremony was barangay chairman Jacinto Alminaza. Coinciding said rites was 25th birthday celebration of teacher Sheena Batiles Paredes.(PETER PAREDES)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CATALINO BETANSON GRUTA AND FAUSTINA BETANSON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a co-owned real property designated as Lot No. 1089, Cad 255 situated at Brgy. San Roque, Buri, Catbalogan, Samar covered by OCT No. 1681. Per Doc No. 12459, Page No. 67, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid.

LSDE: January 26, February 2 & 9, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LUCRECIA MILANO BALLERDA, heir of the late AURENCIO M. MILANO executed an affidavit of adjudication over a parcel of land, identified as Cad Lot No. 568, located at Brgy Poblacion 1, Hindang, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 08-15001-00603, containing a total area of 990.77 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ELPIDIO B. CABAL JR. and BETTY CABAL as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 475, Page No. 95, Book No. 73, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros Phua.

LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PLACIDA G. JUMAGDAO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land that she co-owned designated as Lot No. 699 covered by TCT No. T-13877 located at Poblacion, Motiong, Samar containing an area of 49,865sq.m., Per Doc No. 15009 Page No. 106 Book No. XXVI Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid.

LSDE: February 9, 16 & 23, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CLARITA BRITINIA COLASTE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one-half portion of a parcel of land, Lot 17, Csd-08001129 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 4476, Cad 220 situated at Brgy. Sto. Niño, Tacloban City containing an area of 41,312sq.m., embraced in TCT No. T-6405. Per Doc No. 141, Page No. 30, Book No. LXXX, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Cesar E. Lee.

LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 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

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 Tonolette.

LSDE: January 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 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 JE-ROME 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

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: Jan. 26, Feb. 2 & 9, 2021



**Chief PNP...
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businessmen'; anti-corruption campaign; campaign to end local communist movement; and campaign against terrorism.

He also reminded the local police personnel to stay fit and healthy as the threat of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) rages on.

Incidentally, Sinas visit to the region was practically snubbed by members of the media as they were required to undergo swab test before they would be allowed to cover his visit.

A source said that there was an order from the national headquarters for media members who want to cover Sinas' visit to have a swab test, which was questioned by the local media members.

**Cordaño...
...from Page 7**

not yet paid by the government; properties owned by absentee owners who changed their address; and properties already sold or disposed by owners but not yet credited out from the original tax card, duplication of assessment.

Their lack of manpower to conduct tax campaign and to adequately enforce tax collection, insufficient funds of RPT owners, and the refusal to accept the notice of delinquency also resulted to the delinquencies, she said.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



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Cordaño vows to meet RPT collection despite challenges face by their office against delinquent owners

TACLOBAN CITY – Their failure to meet their target collection on taxes from real properties in the city is due to a number of reasons.

Despite of the challenges their office encounters on this regards, they are instituting measures to raise their real property tax(RPT) collection, Zosi-ma Cordaño, city treasurer, said her recent appearance before members of the Sangguniang Panlung-sod.

“Our office has been instituting means and exerting utmost efforts in the enforcement of the RPT collection through sending out delinquency notices (using the) media for information dissemination,” Cordaño said.

For this fiscal year, their office is targeting to collect P88.5 million or 75 percent of their target collection of P118 million.

Last year, they were able to collect P73.34 million or 62 percent from its P118 million target. The said collection is also lower compare to their 2019 collection of P76.6 million.

Cordaño said that as part of their plan to increase the RPT collection this year is to use the judicial and administrative remedies of the delinquent’s taxes’ 4th quarter of this year.

“We are requesting the assistance or support of the honorable body in any way possible for the proper and effective application of the mention remedies,” she said.

The city treasurer chief also appeal to the members of the city council for them to craft strategies to achieve or meet the target collection this year by use of publication of the subject delinquent RPT owners which are subject for auction, enforcement of administrative and judicial remedy, delivery of notices, and coordinating with city assessor for the issuance of tax declaration of idle land for tax purposes.

Cordaño also added that the realization of RPT collection needs the help from the Land Tax Division; collaboration of barangay official and city government offices to operate a land tax campaign to reach out to realty owners.

This can be done through sending of delinquency notices by the use of tri-media, giving of leaflets to the general public, offices, hospital, and other public place to gently remind people of their responsibility to pay RPT, as well as to avail the 20 percent maximum discount, hanging of streamers conspicuous places in the city, and prepare demand letter to be delivered to the concern RPT owners in the brgy with the help of brgy officials.

“They will also send issuances of warrant of levy to RPT delinquent owners and to coordinate with city assessors in order to in-



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla recieved Jail Supt. Delvic Oriero, regional director of the Burueu of Jail Management and Penology(BJMP-8) and JSupt. Manuel Chan Jr. on February 4, 2021 who paid him a courtesy call at the conference room of the governor’s new office at Government Center,Candahug, Palo, Leyte.

(Gina P. Gerez)

crease the rate of the residential building which had zero assess value but now has improvement,”Cordaño said.

She added that they will also coordinate with the Department of Education for agency to help RPT education of students to encourage their parents to do prompt payment of RPT in order to avail the discount.

Cordaño said that they will also coordinate with the Register of Deeds to inform new owners to go to the City Assessor’s Office to get new tax declaration.

If the strategies will still fail, their last option is to do auction sale, the official said.

Meantime, among the reasons cited by Cordaño why they failed to meet their RPT collection include the imposition of a moratorium in the enforcement of collection properties under court litigation for sequestered by the Presidential Commission for Good Government; properties left to the heirs which are still undivided; properties used as road lots but owners of road lots are

see Cordaño /page 6 ...

CARPER LAD Form No. 50
Revised CARP-LAD Form No. 50)

Agrarian Operations Center 08
Tacloban City

MEMORANDUM OF VALUATION

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Secretary
Department of Agrarian Reform
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

THRU : Ms. NIDA O. ABELIDO
The Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II
Catarman, Northern Samar

SUBJECT : MEMORANDUM OF VALUATION AND LAND VALUATION
WORKSHEET OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

Name of LO/Claimant : ALICIA ORIO married to ROMEO ORIO

Owner’s Postal Address : Poblacion, Palapag, Northern Samar

OCT/TCT : TCT T-2660

TD No. : 12-16008-00010

Lot No. : 771-B

Approved Survey No. : Psd-08-042088 (AR)

Area per OCT/TCT No. : 7.0956 hectares

Area Acquired per ASP : 2.0956 hectares

ocation of Property : Brgy. Binay, Palapag, Northern Samar

With regards to your memorandum Request for Valuation of the above-named property, we are pleased to inform you that after taking into consideration the land valuation factors under existing guidelines and the applicable provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 6657, as amended by R.A. 9700, we have computed the compensation due the above named Landowner amount to **PESOS: THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE PESOS & 60/100 ONLY (Php 317,559,60)** details of which are indicated in the attached Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW).

For your information and appropriate actions.

JESSIE L. BASCO, JR.
Department Manager/AOC Head

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(Revised Carp-LAD Form NO. 51)

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
Region No. 08
Province of Northern Samar
Municipality of Catarman

NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

November 19, 2020
Date

ALICIA ORIO
Married to Romeo Orio
Poblacion, Palapag, Northern Samar

Sir/Madam

This refers to your agricultural land covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 6657, as amended by R.A. No. 9700, particularly described as follows:

OCT/TCT No. : T-2660

TD No. : 12-16008-00010

Lot No. : 771-B

Approved Survey No. : Psd-08-042088(AR)

Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has) : 7.0956

Location (Municipality, Barangay) : Palapag, Binay, Northern Samar

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title or Tax Declaration, an area of 2.0956 hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (X) Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholdings amounts to a total of **THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE PESOS & 60/100 (Php 317,559,60)** covering **2.0956** hectares, including improvements thereon if any.

We have already requested the LBP, with address at: **Sagkahan Street, Tacloban City** to deposit in your name the said amount, in cash and bonds. The release of payments shall be effected or may be withdrawn upon your submission of all documents required by LBP on the release of claims.

Please accomplish the attached CARPER LAD Form 53 (Landowner’s Reply to NLVA) within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this Notice and return it to the DAR Provincial Office.

In case you reject the compensation offered for your property or fail to reply to this notice within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, we shall advise the Department of Agrarian Reform Adjudication Board (DARAB), with address at **Brgy. Sampaguita, Catarman, Northern Samar** to conduct the summary administrative proceedings on the matter. In te event that you subsequently accept the value as computed by the LBP based on existing valuation guidelines, you should manifest in writing with respect to such acceptance of the original value, or jointly with LBP manifest in writing with respect to the recomputed value by the LBP, with that DARAB or the regular court.

The DAR shall take immediate possession of the property upon issuance of a Certification of Deposit (COD) by LBP and the concomitant transfer of the title to the landholding in the name of the Republic of the Philippines.

Very truly yours,

NIDA O. ABELIDO
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

Attachment:
CARPER-LAD Form No. 50 (Memorandum of Valuation) with Land Valuation Worksheet
CARPER-LAD Form No. 53 (LO's Reply to NLVA)
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PSA starts labor force seven-day survey beginning Monday (Feb.8)

TACLOBAN CITY – The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) will hold the first round of the monthly Labor Force Survey (LFS) this month, a report from its regional office based here said.

PSA Regional Director Wilma Perante told reporters in an interview that the activity, which started on Monday(February 8) until Feb. 24, 2021 is being conducted in order to provide high frequency statistical information on the Philippine labor market and better understanding of the current employment situation and the economy of the Philippines during the coronavirus disease(-COVID-19) pandemic.

Perante said that the February 2021 LFS will use about 10,692 sample housing units or households nationwide. This sample size will generate national level labor and employment statistics.

She added that in Eastern Visayas, 672 sample households will be enumerated. Data collection will employ Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) system. The monthly LFS instrument will be composed of questions to generate the core labor and employment indicators including relevant indicators for the COVID-19 recovery program of the government.

Perante explained that the mandate of PSA to con-

duct surveys emanate from Republic Act 10625 or the Philippine Statistical Act of 2013, which states that “PSA is primarily responsible for all national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems and compilation of national accounts.”

Perante said that PSA adheres and commits to the confidentiality of information as stipulated in Section 26 of RA 10625 (Confiden-

tiality of Information) and Section 8 of RA 10173 or the Data Privacy Act.

“All data obtained from the survey will be released only in summary form or statistical tables,” Perante said.

She said that her office assures the public that required public health and safety measures to contain COVID-19 will be strictly observed in all phases of the field operations.

All PSA personnel and

hired statistical researchers who will be deployed are in good health condition and will strictly follow precautionary measures against COVID-19, such as wearing of face mask and face shield, physical distancing, proper hygiene and sanitation, and wearing of PSA ID, she added.

They shall likewise observe all protocols laid down by the local government units, Perante said. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

the recommendation of the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on COVID-19, without prejudice to declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in local areas.” **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**



NEW DEPUTY SPEAKER --- House Majority Leader and Leyte 1st District Rep. Martin Romualdez (right) congratulates new Deputy Speaker and Las Pinas Lone District Rep. Camille Villar (left) during the oath taking ceremony at the plenary of the House of Representatives.
photo by Ver Noveno

Gov. Petilla... ...from Page 1

restriction.

“The MGCQ status allows the unhampered production and delivery of goods and services to the public. There is a free flow of agricultural products from the production areas to the market thereby sustaining the food supply for the consumers,” the governor said.

He added that the business establishments in the province have continued with their unrestricted operations on conditions that they will comply with the requirements as stipulated in the health protocols.

The governor explained that the mechanisms that had been put in place by local government authorities ensures the unhampered economic activities in the continuing fight against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

He added that the protocols implemented under MGCQ for the past six months will continue to be in effect this month of February.

The province of Leyte has

been under MGCQ since August of last year.

Petilla informed reporters that Leyte was not included in the areas placed under the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) classification as announced by Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque last January 29.

Roque, in his announcement, said that the entire Metro Manila including the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and six other areas will be under the general community quarantine status. These six other areas include Batangas province, Davao City, Davao del Norte, Iligan City, Lanao del Sur and Tacloban City.

Roque also said that other areas not mentioned in his announcement will be under MGCQ status for the entire month of February.

Petilla said that Tacloban City, which is the capital of Leyte, is not under the administrative jurisdiction of his province being a highly urbanized city.

The governor clarified that the MGCQ status of Leyte “may be shortened or extended depending upon

DPWH E. Samar completes P16-M worth Jipapad River Control project

BORONGAN CITY- The Department of Public Works and Highways - Eastern Samar District Engineering Office completed the construction of a River Control project in Jipapad town worth P16.051 million.

The project spans 88 meters long.

District Engineer Manolo Rojas said that the project serves as scour protection and to prevent flooding in the area.

“The River Control project is important to protect lives and properties of the people in the area,” said Rojas when interviewed before his trans-

fer.

Hermenia Penorcio one of the residents of flood-prone Jipapad town is thankful for the project. She was then scared when the flood current swept her kitchen away.

She is thankful that the government provided the project to spare them from the effects of flooding.

Another resident, Lielzel Pecayora of Barangay 2 thanked the DPWH for the project that will protect her property from erosion.

Mayor Benjamin Ver shared the good results of

the River Control project.

“The flood current is weakened by the structure and our fear of further destruction has been abated,” Ver said.

With the River Control project in place, the Jipapad LGU has now reasons for improvement of their municipality as they now have a concrete barrier for soil erosion.


Jipapad town is surrounded by a river that gets nasty during the ber months inundating the farming community. **(nbq/ with reports from DPWH ESDEO)**

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