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LGUs suspend classes, works due to typhoon

# 'Auring' spares EV of possible devastation

ROEL T. AMAZONA, RONALD O. REYES

**TACLOBAN CITY**-While the region was spared from the wrath of Typhoon 'Auring,' several local governments have cancelled works and classes on Monday (Feb. 22).

Here in Tacloban City, Mayor Alfred Romualdez issued an executive order calling for the suspension of works and classes across the city in anticipation of possible impact of Auring.

However, several private offices to include banks have remained open.

Mayor Rodrigo Arbas of Jaro town, Leyte issued Executive Order (EO) No. 7 calling for the suspension of work in all government offices except those involved in the delivery of basic health services, maintenance of peace and order,

and those involved in the disaster and risk reduction.

Work in private offices and establishment would depend on the decision of their management.

Aside from suspension of work in government offices, Mayor Arbas also declared suspension of online classes for private and public schools.

Based on the weather advisory issued by Pagasa, typhoon Auring was forecasted to move towards the vicinity of Jaro town by Monday morning.

Other local government

units in the region that cancelled their works were the towns of Carigara, Tolosa, Barugo, Alangalang, Tanauan, Tabon-Tabon, Mahaplag and Matalom, all in Leyte; Caibiran, Almeria, Kawayan, Culaba, and Cabucgayan, all in Biliran province; Basey in Samar; and Balangiga in Eastern Samar.

Works in both government and private offices in Southern Leyte were only up to 12 noon Monday though the towns of Macrohon and Silago have cancelled their works for the

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## Health officer of Leyte town tested positive for COVID-19; region's cases now at 15,238

**TACLOBAN CITY**-The health officer of Leyte town in Leyte province has confirmed that she has been infected with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Dr.Lynette de la Cruz-Evans, in her Facebook post, said that she decided to come out in the open to confirm that she got the virus for 'transparency purposes' and for the people of Leyte town to know that even medical practitioners like her could get the virus.

According to her, she suffered loss of smell and taste, fever, headache, and diarrhea reason for her to

have herself submitted to a swab test on Feb.19.

Her result came out last Sunday (Feb.21).

de la Cruz-Evans urged her town mates not to take COVID-19 lightly but instead follow all the minimum health protocols to avoid of getting the virus.

"For those who are saying that we health workers are over acting on this, please pray and to take this issue seriously, especially that our cases is increasing and there is still no vaccine available," she said.

With this development, town Mayor Arnold James Ysidoro has ordered for the indefinite closure of their

rural health unit as employees of said office need to undergo swab testing and for disinfection and contact tracing purposes.

The town of Leyte has 107 confirmed COVID-19 cases.

On Monday (Feb.22), the regional office of the Department of Health reported of 27 new COVID-19 cases, bringing Eastern Visayas total to 15,238 cases.

The DOH also said that the region has 390 active cases: 330 for Leyte province which includes the 24 cases from Tacloban City; 17 from Southern Leyte; see Health /page 9 ...



*At least 140 kilograms of hog were confiscated by Tacloban city authorities in a checkpoint located in Barangay Basper last Feb.19. While the product came from ASF-free town of Santa Fe, this still to be confiscated as the owner failed to present needed documents.(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)*

## Tacloban city authorities seized 'hot meat' in one of its checkpoints; owner failed to produce needed docus

**TACLOBAN CITY**-About 140 kilograms of pork meat were confiscated in a checkpoint located in Barangay 94-A Basper, this city, by authorities last Feb.19.

The confiscated meat products were immediately disposed by pouring with gasoline before it was buried in a pit within the compound of the slaughterhouse, city veterinarian Dr.Eunice Alcantara said.

Alcantara, in a statement, said that the city government is doing its best through their office to avoid the entry of pork meat or

even live hogs in the city amid the African Swine Fever (ASF) scare that has affected several towns in Leyte.

The confiscated meat was from Sta. Fe, Leyte and although the town is not considered as ASF-affected area, the mere fact that the meat entered the city without the proper documentation it is still considered as hot meat, Alcantara said.

It was learned from Alcantara that three large swines were slaughtered for delivery in the city and were loaded in a private vehicle when caught at the check-

point.

Alcantara called on Tacloban residents to be

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## 1st Samar PMFC nabs a person wanted of 2 counts of attempted murder



**Anthony Ayawan alias “Lewit” 27, married, construction worker, and resident of Calbayog City, was arrested by members of the 1st Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company last Feb.20. Ayawan faces two counts of attempted murder.**

CALBAYOG CITY- Joint Elements of 1st Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company (PMFC) led by PSSg Aris C Ayon, Intel PNCO under the command and with the guidance of PLt. Col. Joy G. Leanza, force commander together with Calbayog CPS led by PLt. Col. Neil B. Montaña, ACOP arrested a wanted person.

Combined elements of the abovementioned operating units led by the 1st Samar PMFC carried out Oplan Manhunt Charlie at about 8:55 pm, February 20, 2021, at Brgy. Gadgaran, this city, which resulted to the arrest of Anthony Ayawan @ “Lewit” 27 years old, married, construction worker, and resident of Brgy. Gadgaran, Calbayog City, Samar.

With a standing warrant of arrest for two counts of attempted murder with CC No.7930 issued by Judge Ernesto L Peñaflor, presiding judge of the Eight Judicial Region, Regional Trial Court Branch 32, also in the city, with bail recommended fixed at P120,000 and CC No. 7931 issued by Judge Reynaldo B. Clemens, presiding judge Eight

Judicial Region, Regional Trial Court Branch 31, Calbayog City, with bail recommended fixed at P120,000.

Arrested suspect was informed of the nature of his arrest and was apprised of his constitutional rights under the Miranda Doctrine and the Provision of R. A 9745 (Anti-Torture Law) and brought to Calbayog City Police Office for documentation and proper disposition prior turn over to the court of origin.

PLt.Col Leanza stressed that collective efforts of law enforcement units can only be successful with the active support of the community.

He further recognized and commended the contribution of BIN agents to the accomplishments of the PNP.

In addition, PLt. Col. Leanza encourages the community to report presence of wanted person and persons of doubtful character to the nearest police station or to the nearest maneuvering platoons of 1st SPMFC.

For more information, you may reach us through the following contact numbers; 1st SAMAR PMFC Hotline: 09564460025 and social media accounts: Facebook Account- First Samar Pmfc or mail us with our yahoo address firstspmfc.sppo@yahoo.com. (PR)



**Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla attended a meeting regarding the current status of the African Swine Fever (ASF) in Leyte that hit the towns of Abuyog, Javier and La Paz on January 20, 2021. He was joined by personnel from the Bureau of Animal Industry led by its director Dr. Ronnie Domingo and Drs. Sam Castro and Jose David; Angel Enriquez, executive regional director of the Department of Agriculture, and her assistant, Elvira Torres; Dr. Andrew Rodolfo Orais, chief of the field operations division of DA-8; Dr. Ernestine Basañez, ASF focal person; and Francis Rosaroso, DA-8 information officer. The meeting was held at Oriental Hotel Baras, Palo, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)**

## Provincial IATF steps up preps for upcoming First Mass quincentennial celebration

MAASIN CITY- The provincial inter-agency task force on emerging infectious diseases (PIATF-EID) has begun brainstorming details on how to go about with the 500th First Mass celebration next month without compromising the health and safety of those attending.

In a meeting with the cluster heads Friday, Feb. 19, at the governor’s boardroom, it was agreed that the minimum health protocols

will still be observed, like the wearing of facemasks and face shields, installation of wash facilities, and social distancing.

During the meeting, the Diocese of Maasin was represented by two priests, Fr. Johnrey Sibi and Fr. Mark Vincent Salang.

For the side of the Church, names of visiting pilgrims from different parishes will be submitted in advance, on March 3 at the

earliest, the two priests alternately vowed.

Parishioners belonging to Leyte province that are still part of the Diocese will be securing health declaration from their point of origin, and letter of acceptance signed by Gov. Damian Mercado through Danilo Atienza, provincial disaster risk reduction management officer (PDRMO).

Government personnel who are going there, on the other hand, will be required to secure a travel order from their respective offices in addition to the health certificate.

The new executive order which will be coming out in March will have a section devoted to the conduct of the March 31, 2021 celebra-

tion in the island town of Limasawa, said Geraldine Maquelabit, DILG provincial director.

Last month, during the plenary session of the PIATF, Limasawa Mayor Melchor Petracorta sought guidelines for the quincennial event, especially in the light of the lingering covid-19 threat.

Petracorta had said only 500 guests will be permitted to be physically present during the March 31 celebration, in which 250 individuals will come from the church, and the other 250 will be from the government, and thus far the number has not changed. (nbq/mmp/PIA8-Southern Leyte)

## Rebel slain in clash gets decent burial in Northern Samar

TACLOBAN CITY – A slain member of the New People’s Army (NPA) got a decent burial on Sunday from local officials and the military in Pambujan,

Northern Samar days after his comrades abandoned his body in a clash with government forces.

The unidentified rebel was laid to rest at the

Pambujan public cemetery after a three-day wake at the town’s auditorium, said 2 Lt. Roxane Valenciano, civic military operations see Rebel /page 9 ...

## Village official in Calbayog City unharmed in a slay try

TACLOBAN CITY-A 40-year old barangay captain escaped uninjured from a shooting attack in P4, Barangay Capoocan, Calbayog City Saturday, February 20, 2021.

Police identified the victim as Matias Portugaliza, married, and barangay chairman of the said barangay in

the city.

Initial investigation disclosed that while the victim was traversing from Justice Building in Calbayog onboard his motorcycle around 10:30 am Saturday, unidentified gunmen suddenly appeared and shot the victim with the use of an unknown caliber of firearm.

However, the victim escaped from his attacker and continuously drove his motorcycle until he reached his residence.

The motor-riding suspects fled towards the south direction, according to the police.

Authorities are investigating the incident. (RONALD O. REYES)

## Another teacher nabbed over ‘shabu’ in Tacloban City

TACLOBAN CITY-Another public high school teacher was arrested over alleged illegal drugs in Barangay 59, Picas, this city, on February 18, 2021.

Elements from the regional office of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) identified the suspect as Christopher Hilaria, listed as a high-value target.

Authorities confiscated during the buy-bust operation six sachets containing suspected shabu weighing 0.4113 gram and two empty

sachets.

The drug items have an estimated market value of P2,796, PDEA said in the report.

Hilaria will be facing charges for violation of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

The suspect is the third public high school teacher arrested over alleged illegal drugs in Tacloban this year. (RONALD O. REYES)



# SAF member injured in an encounter with NPA rebels in Northern Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- A member of the Special Action Force (SAF) of the Philippine National Police (PNP) based in Northern Samar province was wounded after his group engaged in an armed fight with alleged members of the New People's Army (NPA) last Feb.19.

Patrolman Villanor Dumaguing was hit on his knee as a result of gun fight with undetermined number of NPA members in Barangay Cuenco, Las Navas town in Northern Samar at around 12:57 pm.

Dumaguing's group were in the area as part of their combat operations.

The injured cop, who is a member of the 12th PNP-SAF assigned at the Northern Samar provincial police office, was brought to a hospital based in Calbayog City, Samar where he is recuperating.

Police regional director, B/Gen. Ronaldo de



*Patrolman Villanor Dumaguing, member of the elite force Special Action Force of the PNP, is now recuperating at Calbayog District Hospital on a bullet wound he sustained on his knees as a result of gun battle with NPA members last Feb.19 in Las Navas town, Northern Samar. He was visited by Police Regional Director Ronaldo de Jesus and joined by Northern Samar police director, Col. Arnel Apud. (Photo from Northern Samar Police Provincial Police Office)*

Jesus commended Dumaguing for his bravery as he extended financial assistance to the wounded police officer.

During his recent visit to the region PNP Nation-

al Director Debold Sinas said that police personnel are part of the campaign of the national government to end the country's long-running insurgency problem.

Northern Samar continue to be a hot bed of insurgency problem in Eastern Visayas along with the provinces of Samar and Eastern Samar. (RONALD O. REYES)

## 3 dead in apparent suicide in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY- Three persons died in an apparent suicide in the different towns of the region last February 18, 2021.

In Tunga, Leyte, a 39-year-old woman poured one liter of kerosene on her body before setting herself on fire.

According to the siblings of the victim, their sister suffered a heart ailment which caused her to be uneasy for many days already.

A 25-year-old jobless resident also hanged himself using a nylon rope in their farm in Hinunangan,

Southern Leyte.

Initial investigation disclosed the victim was having a drinking session together with his friends before the incident.

Police said there was no sign of foul play in the victim's death.

In Laoang, Northern Samar, another 45-year-old tricycle driver hanged himself near their house.

The victim was suffering from depression, according to his live-in partner.

Police are investigating the incident.

(RONALD O. REYES)

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# 118 NPA members and supporters in Matuguinao town surrendered before town and security officials

MATUGUINAO Samar- Fearing for her safety, 'Thelma', 58, decided to surrender and stop providing support to the outlawed communist armed group, the New People's Army (NPA).

After deciding to surrender, she left Barangay Deit, where she live and stayed at the town proper where she said she feel secure and have a sound sleep.

Thelma surrendered to the government authorities in 2019, along with other supporters of Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF), residing at their village.

Last Feb.19, Thelma renewed her commitment to spurn the NPA, joining 117 other residents of the town who decided to abandon the armed struggle for good.

To recall, town Mayor Aran Boller issued an ultimatum against sup-

porters and sympathizers of the NPAs operating in their town to surrender before Feb.15 or be charged under the draconian anti-terror law and declared as persona non-grata.

At least 353 residents were identified by the local government and the military as members and supporters of CPP-NPA-NDF.

But only 195 undergone tactical interrogation, according to Lt. Col. Jasper Pecson, commander of the 19th Infantry Battalion.

And of the 195, only 118 attended the mass surrender ceremony, of which 56 were members of the Bataang Organisasyong Pangpartido (BOP); 50 as members of the Yunit Milisya (YM), and 12 as former members of the Organisadong Masa.

"The campaign is still a success because those who surrendered are personalities in their respective villages who have influences because they hold positions in their barangay

councils, like chairman, councilor, treasurer, secretary, and tanods," LtCol Pecson said.

Mayor Boller in his message to the 118 surrenderees encouraged them not to afraid to totally reject the armed group.

"You need to have a peaceful life; free from worry and trouble but rather in focusing on how you will improve the life of your family and the community," he said during the ceremony held at the town's gymnasium.

Boller added that campaign to encourage members and supporters of the communist group to surrender is for the attainment of the local government's goal of making Matuguinao a developed municipality that is free from turmoil and armed-conflict.

He added that the campaign is to ensure that the future generation of Matuguinao will grow under the threat and influence of the NPA.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



*At least 118 members and supporters of the New People's Army in Matuguinao town, Samar have took their allegiance to the government after they formally surrendered to security and town officials led by Mayor Aran Boller last Feb.19. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)*

## Cops hunt gunmen in Catubig town shooting

TACLOBAN CITY- Three gunmen remained on the loose after a 47-year-old man was shot and killed at the public market of Catubig town in Northern Samar Sunday morning, February 21, 2021.

Responding unit of Catubig Municipal Police Station said they immediately

conducted a hot pursuit operation for possible identity and arrest of the suspects who shot Marcial Justiniane Giray, an unemployed resident of Barangay 8 Poblacion, Catubig.

Initial investigation conducted disclosed that while the victim was buying meat at the public market, the un-

identified assailants suddenly appeared and shot him without any apparent reason.

The victim was hit in his forehead which resulted in his instantaneous death, according to the police.

Authorities have yet to determine the motive behind the shooting.

(RONALD O. REYES)



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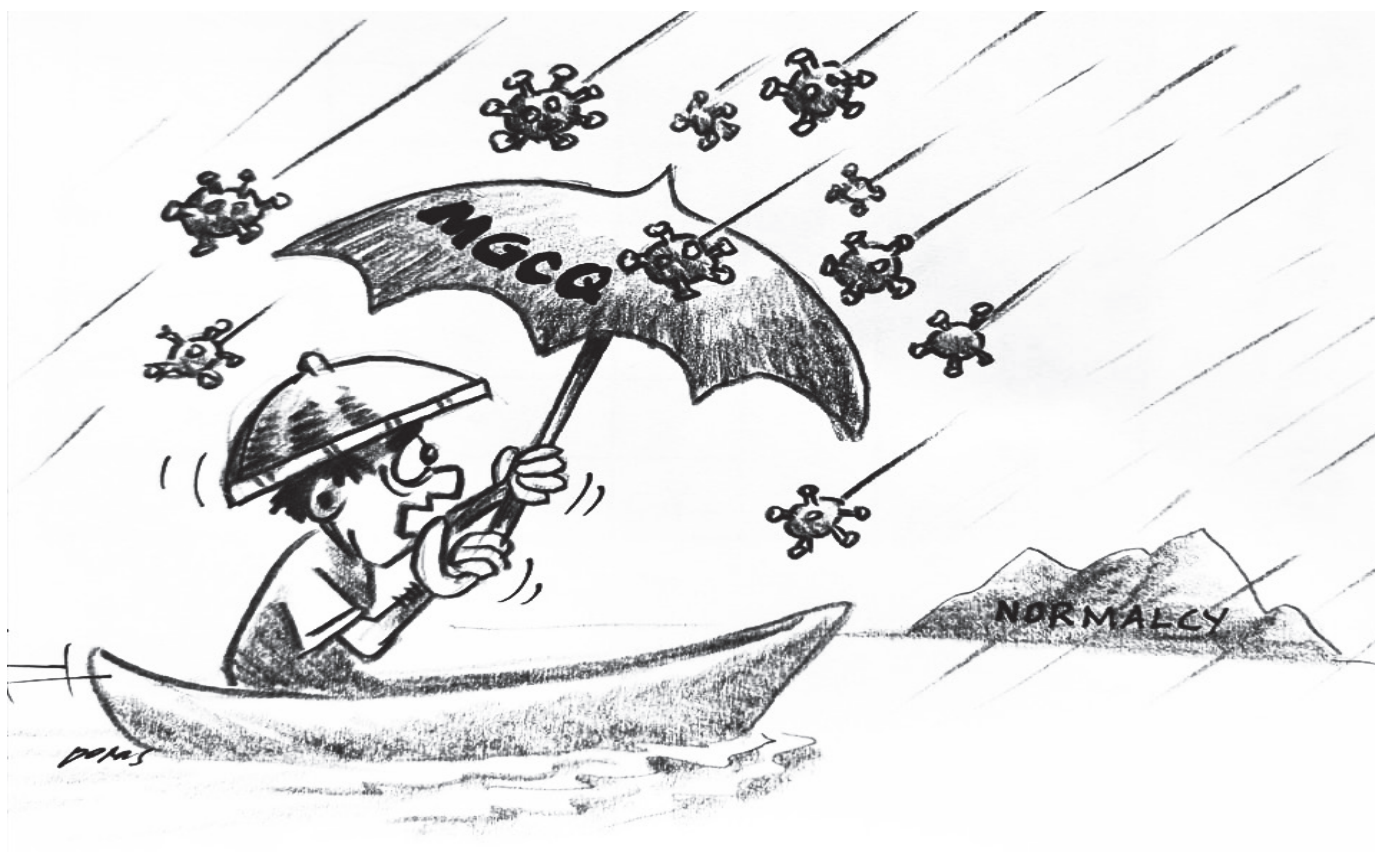
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## Slowly but surely

**C**ome March 1, the entire country will be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) which, by definition, is a rather loose community quarantine as compared to the other quarantine schemes. This is to give way for normalcy to start restoring itself.

Indeed, for almost a year now, the pandemic had paralyzed the operations of almost all institutions, not just in our country, but throughout the world. Certain household members were "locked" in homes for being vulnerable to the virus. Schools were closed and shifted to on-line classrooms for teaching-learning activities. Worst of all, businesses had closed shop and had thus crippled the nation's economy.

To date, the coronavirus still rages on, but the government opts to gradually rise from the crippling effects of lockdowns, hence the expected quarantine level. Our citizens, though,

should make no mistake about it. It is not to lower our defenses against the raging pandemic. Health protocols have yet to be observed strictly as they should, otherwise, the virus would endlessly risk our lives and ruin our society.

Obviously, what this new nationwide quarantine means is that people can now go back to doing what they used to do based on their roles, duties, and responsibilities in life. The only difference is that they must still observe the basic health protocols set forth in combating the virus: wearing of masks and shields in public places, frequent washing and sanitizing of hands, and maintaining physical distances from other people.

The virus may linger on for years from now, but we've got to do some things against it—through the upcoming vaccines, through continuous health protocols observance, and through a gradual restoration of people's routines that could enable the nation to survive.



**Things To Mind**

**DOMS PAGLIAWAN**

## Death's season

These recent weeks and months, I've been continually jolted by the seemingly endless demise of people I consider as friends, loved ones, and acquaintances. I am tempted to think: is it 'harvest' time?

I don't know about you but for me, it is one of a surprise when someone I do not expect to pass away does so. Those who are expected, like those with serious illnesses are quite understandable and even

acceptable, but for those with no known ailments but suddenly die, despite being young still, I get a little perplexed.

Well, we know for a fact that all of us are headed in that direction. We just have our own appointed time, through various means, old age being one of them, though it is not old age itself that claims one's life, but certain types of diseases. So long as an old person does not succumb to serious illnesses, his age could prolong indefinitely.

But death comes in numerous ways. If not through sicknesses, one could die through accidents, through the murderous acts of crim-

inals, through poisoning, through suicide, via natural calamities, and many others. What happens then is that, in life, we keep on avoiding all these things in order to live on. But try as we do, there always comes a time when we get cornered by death for an appointment with it.

That explains why death's victims vary in age, from babyhood to old age. Death is not just inevitable; it is also unexpected at times. One thing is for sure—it is so certain.

At my age now, middle-age as they call it, almost all of my college professors are now gone.

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## What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

### Shared By Doctors This is a good COVID-19 Preventive!

(Shared by a nephew Roy G. Quintero. With some alterations, we're using this Column for this important Anti-Covid-19 Campaign!)

The hot water you drink (even through coffee) is good for your throat.

But once you breathe the airborne dreaded Coronavirus, the virus gets stuck in your body, and is usually hidden behind the paranasal sinus of your nose for 3 to 4 days.

The hot water we drink does not reach this area. In 3 to 4 days, the Coronavirus behind your paranasal sinus,

could reach your lungs and you would have trouble breathing.

INSTRUCTIONS: Just pour steaming hot water in a small bowl; bend over with a thick cloth or towel over your head; inhale the Steam deeply for at least Five (5) minutes each time. Through this method, Steam reaches behind your paranasal sinus.

Inhaling Steam has NO KNOWN SIDE EFFECTS on your body.

On the other hand, with a pinch of Vicks VapoRub, this method is also good for colds, high fever and runny nose & mouth.

According to health experts, Coronavirus in the paranasal sinus area can be killed by inhaling Steam through the nose and mouth.

At 50°C (An asterisk is used because our Laptop does not have the elevated 'zero' symbol), the Coronavirus is disabled or paralyzed.

At 60°C the Coronavirus is so weakened that our human immune system can fight it.

At 70°C the Coronavirus is killed completely. This is what Steam does!

#### WHO SHOULD TAKE STEAM

One who stays at home should take Steam once a day.

One who goes to the market or a crowded place, should take Steam twice a day.

One who meets many people at the office, should take Steam twice even 3 times a day.

If all the people follow our STEAM DRIVE CAMPAIGN, with Face Masks, Face Shields, Frequent Hand-Washing and Safe Distancing, the Coronavirus Pandemic will soon end!

So, we invite you dear Reader/s, your friends, relatives, office mates etc... to join this, our STEAM DRIVE CAMPAIGN.

Together, let's all kill this Coronavirus so we can live freely in this, our beautiful world.

We all deserve it!

productivity of farms for food security purposes. The Department of Agriculture has the gargantuan obligation to handle the problem of food security – to feed 100.9 million mouths and counting. One of the latest agriculture related legislations is the Agri-Agra Law, also known as the Agri-Agra Reform Credit Act of 2009. It is very ironic that after more than a decade since its enactment the signing of the IRR is seen peeping in the horizon. To quote the incumbent Secretary of Agriculture William Dar, he said "The signing of

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## Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

### Restraint and decisiveness

A TRULY prudent man would know how to practice both restraint and decisiveness in his judgments, reactions and actions. He is not simply restrained and moderate if only to play safe. Neither is he just bold and decisive to make his point clear.

Depending on the circumstances of a given situation, a truly prudent man would know how to restrain himself and how to be decisive. If facts are clear and the pieces of evidence are strong, then he would not hesitate to make his views clear and to take the appropriate action.

Otherwise, he would prefer to keep quiet and discreet, or at the most would just keep some tentative views and opinions which are usually kept to himself until things become clear in a way that would warrant a clear-cut judgment and action.

This kind of prudence can only come about as a result of one's identification with Christ who would inspire him to always judge, react and act with charity. Yes, if prudence has to be true prudence, it always has to be animated by charity, the one that was shown and

commanded by Christ to us.

If we take another close look at the life of Christ, we would see that he was both restrained and decisive in his ways. When some people, who were impressed with his words and miracles, wanted to make him king, he managed to get away. He also tried his best to adapt his very mysterious teachings to the capability of the people by using parables and common-life examples.

And while he could read the minds of people, he saw to it that any clarification and corrections he made was done both with clarity and delicacy. There was a forcefulness to them, but of the kind that was animated by charity.

We have to learn to develop this kind of prudence that would give due consideration to our capabilities and limitations, as well as to the available facts and pieces of evidence. What is most important is that everything is always referred to God, and any judgment, reaction and action we

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of virtual meetings may give us a clue as to what a hybrid congress may look like in the next year or years to come.

In the local scene, classes and meetings are mostly remote and work from home is the in-thing not the exception, in previous column I call it even heroic. The heroism is the decision to stay home and decide not to infect others if you suspect yourself as possible carrier of the virus. All in all people and society in general alters the way we think, the way we

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## High-Powered Objective

DR. PACIENTE CORDERO, JR.

### Trivia on Agri-Agra Law to boost farm productivity

The Philippines is undoubtedly one of world's most natural calamities-prone nations. It averages 22 – 24 typhoons annually with about 4 – 6 classified as very destructive. One could just imagine the level of destructions to agriculture, infra-structures and loss to human lives every year.

While an OFW working with the Sultan Qaboos University, Sultanate of Oman, I used to crack jokes both to my fellow Omani staff and foreign nationals, that the Philippines could increase its annual revenue by exporting typhoons with the accompanying flood waters and

wind power to the Middle Eastern countries! Remember that our country do not invest financially for the natural calamities that frequent the country, being "manna" from heaven gifted every year. Our flood waters, considering the volume of rainwater that accompany the typhoons, could even be used to convert desert lands of the Sultanate of Oman into 'rice lands'! Or, exchange floodwaters for the Philippines annual oil consumption!

But owing to the country's geographical location in the Pacific Rim of Fire, our policy- and law-makers have been crafting Bills into Laws to help boost the



## Automatic for the People

CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

### Back to Normal?

We can hear it from everyone, the experts and the street pundits even our group chat, there will be no getting back to the Normal as we knew it. The New Normal will come to stay and there is no going back, that is what people agree on.

In many published articles including from Boardroom a Future –Proof Plan Post Pandemic it opines Post-Covid-19, economists and sociologists predict that businesses—and society at large—will change and there will won't be any "moving back to normal. As organizations, associations are focusing on agility in order to adapt to the fast-evolving environment. People will be less inclined to travel abroad, so many

associations will need to develop hybrid meetings, and replace large events with small-scale or regional ones. The early experiences



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)



**B READY**BUILDING RESILIENT, ADAPTIVE AND DISASTER READY  
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BREADY Project**Background**

The BREADY project aims to better protect vulnerable households from natural disasters though a pre-disaster cash transfer program using two innovations: use of digital weather forecasting and risk modeling technologies as part of local communities' early warning system and trigger mechanisms for early response; and, financial services provision technologies and local ecosystem that allow implementation of a pre-disaster CTP. Apart from integrating these aspects and related processes, the project also aims to enhance local disaster preparedness plans and systems by updating communities' risk maps (as basis for digital risk modeling) and strengthening existing safeguarding mechanisms and capacities around women's and children's rights.

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**Objectives**

The main objective of this call is to support BREADY develop a case study which will document is innovation journey, accomplishment, lessons learned and good practice of the project. Oxfam being the lead agency in implementing the project will provide guidance and administrative coordination to the case study writer adhering to required publication writing and style standards.

**Scope of Work**

Specific tasks include:

- Manage case study development based on project materials (i.e. report, interviews from key informant, case stories, etc.).
- Verify factual correctness of information gathered from different sources.
- Check style consistency, readability, and adherence to editorial policies, feminist influencing and communications principles
- Finalize case study based on feedback from editorial committee.
- Produce a book/magazine-type layout for the case study.

- Manage service providers toward finalization of case study.
- Secure ISBN registration.

**Deliverables**

The consultant is expected to provide the following services during his/her consultancy period:

1. Produce a case study ready for publication, ready for distribution using a provided template.
2. Manage distribution of case study via courier delivery and online platform.

**Timeframe**

23 February to 3 March 2021—expression of interest and submission of detailed proposal with sample portfolio

10 March 2021 –Signing of contract and induction

23 March 2021- Submission of draft one case story (Word version)

6 April 2021 – Submission of revised and copyedited case study

13 April 2021- Submission of laid-out case story

20 April 2021- Submission of laid-out case story with ISBN registration number

27 April 2021- Submission of signed-off publishable report

4 May 2021- Distribution of case study online and printed copy at nominated organizations

**Qualifications**

- Proven ability to complete needed work under tight schedule
- Ability to ensure final submitted draft is error-free and adheres to Oxfam's writing and style guide
- Ability to write clearly and with good logic, and ensure that content has correct punctuation, grammar, and syntax
- Demonstrated ability to work with a team
- Computer proficient and can work on online tools and software
- Detail oriented and proactive – while crosschecking and verifying data, tracks down the appropriate resources and address questions or issues in the copy that might require additional research. When faced with these hurdles, she/he knows where to find answers to get the project to the finish line
- Ability to manage and prioritize multiple tasks at once
- Degree in Journalism, Communications, or related discipline

**Payment Terms**

The consultant will be paid in tranches—30% as mobilization fee 1 week after signing of the contract, 75% less 30% mobilization fee 1 week after submission of the laid out case study, and 25% upon completion of the task and submission of final Case Study Document. The fee is subject to applicable taxes.

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BUILDING RESILIENT, ADAPTIVE AND DISASTER READY  
COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Supported by: RELIEF ALLIANCE, UKAID, OXFAM Novib

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
Learning Conference Coordinator  
BREADY Project**Background**

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**About the Assignment**

BREADY is looking for a coordinator who will manage the project's learning conference utilizing online/virtual platform on May 2021 (actual date TBC). BREADY learning conference is expected to invite over 200 online participants.

**Scope of Work****Organisation of Event**

- As part of the BREADY Project Operations Team, together with Oxfam as the lead implementing organization of BREADY, develop and implement the project learning conference concept note and plan.
- Conceptualize, develop and spearhead the delivery of high-quality, compelling, graphic design concepts and lay out of the BREADY Learning Conference theme, taglines, IEC materials, technical documents, social media graphics, and communications and campaigns work, including a production of photo/video documentation
- Management of the entire logistical and organisational aspects of events, from identification of venues, liaison with hotel/venue/travel agents/other suppliers and interpreters regarding all arrangements following project procurement rules; liaison with speakers, dignitaries, and participants, etc.
- Lead the preparation of event materials, note taking, preparation of press releases and other communications outputs before, during and after the event (may include some translation work).
- Managing meeting preparation from different BREADY Project consortium members.
- Provide up to date information regarding the event details and their participation.
- Develop a program of activity for the event in coordination with all BREADY Project's Project Management and Communications team.
- Ensure proper archiving of photo/video materials/documents gathered through the course of the consultancy in BREADY project partner's authorized online cloud storage.
- Develop, in coordination with Oxfam MELSA Team, the evaluation assessment tool for the BREADY Learning Conference and produce report based on the results of the assessment.
- Support Oxfam BREADY Project Focal in managing relationships with partners, alliances and other such as relationships with key stakeholders; establish collaborative ways of advocacy and campaigning with a broad range of stakeholders on forecast-based financing, disaster risk financing and disaster risk reduction.
- Monitor, produce and compile regular reports and updates on the implementation of the learning conference.
- Support the learning process, ensuring that learning feeds into the improvement of overall programme quality.

**Quality checks**

- Proofreading of any program, material, press release of the event.
- Monitoring progress of local partner activities based on outputs and outcomes.

**Human and financial resource management**

- Support the BREADY Oxfam Project Focal draw up budgets for all activities, manage spending within approved budgets.
- Management of all contractual and financial matters regarding the events, including the disbursements of payments to suppliers, contractors and reimbursements of participants' costs.
- Manage the documentation and submission to Plan Philippines with all related invoice forms, vouchers, receipts, expense sheets, and analogous documents in relation to reporting or any other reasonable documentation needed for proper billing.
- Ensure that proper administration and logistics systems and procedures are followed in the procurement of goods and services.
- Manage volunteers and consultants/service providers, as required.

**Deliverables**

The consultant is expected to provide the following during his/her consultancy period:

**Pre-event**

1. Set-up virtual launch online platform (zoom) account for the event, branded under project name.
2. Set-up pre-registration portal and automatic email reply to send zoom link to registered participants.
3. Organize and manage event program including but not limited to logistics preparation, drafting communication letters, follow-up/confirmation of event target participants, etc.
4. Assign a central information lead responding to queries of invited participants.
5. Collect basic information about the participants, including gender, organization, organization type, location, and sector.
6. Organize and prepare 'virtual' presentations.
7. Walk thru and set dry-run session of whole program for successful event.
8. Manage contract of event host, translator and documenters.
9. Act a central information lead responding to queries of invited participants.
10. Setting up equipment's required to live streaming of online event.
11. Record presenters remotely prior to the event and be prepared to play the recording if the presenter is unable to present live on the day of the conference.

**Actual event**

1. Manage over-all program flow.
2. Set-up VIP break-out rooms for speakers.
3. Livestream the virtual event via BREADY Facebook page managed by Oxfam.
4. Manage social media posting during actual day's event.
5. Record the virtual conference using audio-visual equipment, and supplementing what is not available.
6. Provide a stable platform that can host the target participants or more online with no need to download or install additional software via computer or mobile device.
7. Platform allows participants to chat with each other, see PowerPoint presentations and video, play video within the platform, mute the audience and run polls (optional).
8. Platform can be integrated with social media.
9. Platform will display presenter name during the presentation and hashtag on screens during Q&A and discussions.
10. Facilitate the chat box.
11. Record the virtual conference and provide a file of the recording for posting online.

**Post-event**

1. Share all final recordings digitally.
2. Facilitate distribution of tokens to all participants.
3. Organize post event activities such as distribution of press release, thank you notes, media interviews, etc.
4. Production of 1-2 mins video about the event.
5. Payment to consultants.
6. Submit accomplishment required report.

**Timeframe**

23 February to 3 March 2021—expression of interest and submission of detailed proposal with sample portfolio

9 March 2021 –Signing of contract and induction

16 March 2021 – Submission of Learning Conference concept note

23 March – 30 April 2021- Preparation

1-15 May 2021 – Post event activities

21 May 2021 – Submission of final report and exit meeting

**Qualifications**

- Education background on media and communications, preferably at MA level.
- Demonstrated experience in feminist communications principles and designing within branding guidelines and working with set creative concepts.
- Experience in having led successful international learning conference which sought to reach a broad base of sectors.
- Hands on experience on digital and social media, including the use of data analytics.
- With experience in live streaming conferences and events on a stable web platform
- Knowledge of Philippine development issues and concerns, specifically those pertaining to disaster risk reduction, forecast-based financing and disaster risk financing.
- Strong analytical skills and ability to think strategically, can resolve problems arising on the post.
- Organized, with good attention to detail and developed ability to prioritize tasks to meet tight deadlines.
- A high level of interpersonal and communications skills; developed capacity for tact, diplomacy and negotiation.
- Ability to work creatively, innovatively and effectively within a diverse team and as an individual; a self- starter who can work within a framework and with minimal support.
- Fluency in written and oral English and Filipino; able to write briefing reports.
- Availability to travel to organize event face-to-face (if necessary and in full compliance with government protocols on COVID-19).
- Good knowledge of multicultural aspects in the Philippines, cultural nuances, gender and crosscutting/intersecting issues.

**Payment Terms**

The consultant will be paid in tranches—30% as mobilization fee 1 week after signing of the contract, 75% less 30% mobilization fee 1 week after the conduct of post event activities, and 25% upon completion of the task and submission of final activity report. The fee is subject to applicable taxes.

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**B READY**BUILDING RESILIENT, ADAPTIVE AND DISASTER READY  
COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Supported by: RELIEF ALLIANCE, UKAID, OXFAM Novib

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
Implementing Program Guidance Writer  
BREADY Project**Background**

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**Objectives**

The main objective of this call is to support BREADY develop a program guidance note documents is innovation journey specifically the conduct of capacity building program for community members and humanitarian actors. Oxfam being the lead agency in implementing the project will provide guidance and administrative coordination to the writer adhering to required publication writing and style standards.

**Scope of Work**

The Consultant will perform the following:

**Development of Program Guidance Note**

- To develop a program guidance, note on implementing the capacity building programs of BREADY, specifically on parametric index development, safeguarding and social protection, financial literacy and cash voucher program.
- Revise and package modules developed by BREADY partners (GP, Plan, Oxfam and PDRRN).
- Steer the conduct of module (s) pre-test sessions and assessment.
- Lead the end-to-end development process of developing the guidance notes.
- Oversee the production of the guidance notes.
- Verify factual correctness of information gathered from different sources.
- Produce a book/magazine-type layout for the program notes.
- Manage service providers toward finalization of program notes.
- Secure ISBN registration.

**Human and financial resource management**

- Support the BREADY Oxfam Project Focal draw up budgets for all activities, manage spending within approved budgets.
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**Timeframe**

23 February to 3 March 2021—expression of interest and submission of detailed proposal with sample portfolio

8 March 2021 - Signing of contract and induction

12 March 2021 – Submission of proposed Program Guidance Outline and Content

26 March 2021 – Submission of draft Program Guidance Note

5 April 2021- Submission of laid-out Program Guidance Note

16 April 2021 – Submission of revised draft Program Guidance Note with ISBN registration number

23 April 2021- Submission of signed-off publishable document

30 April 2021- Distribution through online and printed copy at nominated organizations

**Qualification/Expertise required:**

- Strong technical experience designing and developing capacity building programmes and materials, including for both face-to-face and e-learning courses
- An understanding of and ability to apply adult learning methodologies and participatory training strategies
- Well-developed analytical and planning skills
- Substantial experience working with vulnerable sectors on cash transfer program, financial literacy and disaster preparedness program
- Familiarity with use of digital payments technology for cash-based program, preferably,
- Ability to work independently, creatively, and effectively within multi-functional teams and as an individual that requires less to no supervision.
- Strong analytical skills and ability to think strategically, can resolve problems arising on the post.
- Organized, with good attention to detail and developed ability to prioritize tasks to meet tight deadlines.
- A high level of interpersonal and communications skills; developed capacity for tact, diplomacy and negotiation.
- Fluency in written and oral English and Filipino; able to write briefing reports.

**Payment Terms**

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BUILDING RESILIENT, ADAPTIVE AND DISASTER READY COMMUNITIES PROJECT



Supported by: RELIEF ALLIANCE, UKRI, OXFAM Novis

TERMS OF REFERENCE  
Videographer- BREADY Project

Background

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About the Assignment

The consultancy will be from March 10-April 30, 2021. The Videographer is responsible for planning and developing a compelling and inspiring video recording of the BREADY Project journey.

The videographer shall be tasked to create high-quality multimedia assets (e.g., social media content, audio visual presentations) that is on brand and audience-led based on the communications and campaigns work scheduled. The recordings will be focused on gathering footage in project site – Salcedo, East Samar and BREADY partners in Manila, Philippines, Netherlands and United Kingdom (online).

Video asset development and delivery

- The videographer is expected to provide the following services during the consultancy period:
- Lead the design concepts and execution of video assets of BREADY Project, especially building up for the Learning Conference, includes the delivery of:
    - At least nine (9) short video messages/stories from project stakeholders – CSO partner, government (Salcedo LGU, PAGASA and OCD), 2 project participants (one cash grant recipient, one safeguarding monitor), Private Sector (PayMaya & Smart Padala), Humanitarian NGOs (Oxfam and Plan)
    - 2-3-minute Project Journey.
    - 2-3-minute min animated video explaining BREADY Project.
  - Prepare a social media-ready video files according to the social media plan.
  - Other video assets that be produced from the raw footages as required and needed by the project.
  - Ensure proper archiving of finished and raw materials gathered in through the course of the consultancy in designated Oxfam cloud or any other authorized online cloud storage including the raw files thereof.

Human and financial resource management

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Methodology

The videographer consultant, working closely with the Oxfam BREADY Project Focal will plan, design, schedule shooting and edit video footages. All content to support project branding guidelines.

TIMELINE

20 February to 3 March 2021—expression of interest and submission of detailed proposal with sample portfolio  
8 March 2021 –Signing of contract and induction  
10March 2021 – Submission of Video concept note with story board  
15 March to 30 March 2021 – Collection of Video footages based on approved story board  
9 April 2021- Submission of draft project videos  
20 April 2021-Submission of final and signed off BREADY Project video (all) assets (raw and final product). Priority assets will be determined based on distribution schedule.  
27 April 2021 – Submission of final report and exit meeting

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have at least three years of professional experience in videography or short film production
- Previous work experience with other NGOs
- Proficient in using various video editing and processing applications
- Proven track record for developing similar materials is an advantage (must provide link to portfolio)
- Upholds the highest standards of gender sensitive reporting or writing
- Good knowledge of multicultural aspects in the Philippines, cultural nuances, gender and crosscutting issues
- Possess excellent communication skills – fluency in oral and written English and Filipino
- Previous work with international non-government organization is desirable, including experience in documenting donor supported projects
- Ability to start immediately

Payment Terms

The consultant will be paid in tranches—up to 30% as mobilization fee 1 week after signing of the contract, 75% less 30% mobilization fee 1 week after submission of the draft project videos, and 25% upon completion of the task, submission of signed off videos an final report. The fee is subject to applicable taxes.

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Farmer nabbed for rape after 17 years in hiding

TACLOBAN CITY-Police has arrested on Sunday, February 21, 2021, a 56-year-old farmer from Gandara, Samar who had been wanted for alleged rape for 17 years.

Accused, Mamerto “Metong” Maudo, a resident of Barangay Concepcion, Gandara, was arrested around 4:30 pm Sunday in Barangay Bagong Silang, Babatngon, Leyte.

The accused was facing a warrant dated April 30, 2004, for rape, which was issued by presiding judge Rosario Bandal of Regional Trial Court (RTC)-Branch 41 in Gandara.

The judge recommended a bail of P120,000 for the temporary liberty of the accused, police said in the report.

The operating units include the 1st and 2nd Samar Police Mobile Force Company, Criminal Investigation and Detection Group-Western Samar Provincial Field Unit led

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vigilant, to report to their office, barangay officials or police authorities when suspicious deliveries of meat is observed to ensure that the city will continue to be ASF-free.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given VALENTIN L. CADERAO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal share in a 214sq.m., portion of a parcel of land located at Brgy. Anibong, Tacloban City covered by TCT No. T-8735 designated as being a portion of Lot 4632 with OCT No. P-201. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LEYTE AGRI VENTURES CORP, represented by its Corporate President NICOLETTE L. DIU as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 341, Page No. 78, Book No. II, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Paul Agerico B. Avila.  
LSDE: February 23, March 2 & 9, 2021

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that MAXIMIANA P. QUEBEC, sole surviving heir of the late ANTONIO A. QUEBEC executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over his conjugal share, the one-half portion of a parcel of land denominated as Lot 655, Case 2, Cad 499-D located at Brgy. Barugohay Central, Carigara, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-29697 containing an area of 841sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of CELSO A. QUEBEC, SR. as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 469, Page No. 94, Book NO. 41, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Ismael C. Lloren.  
LSDE: February 23, March 2 & 9, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that PERLITA P. CALABRIA, heir of the late PROBO ALKUINO executed an affidavit of adjudication over two parcels of land situated in Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Baybay, Leyte, more described as: 1) A parcel of land, Lotn No. 6806-A, Psd 08-000695, covered by OCTNo. 115-R02016000338, containing an area of 259 square meters; 2) Parcel of land, Lot No. 8606-B, Psd-08-000695, covered by OCT No. 115-R02016000338, containing an area of 259 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 499, Page No. 100, Book No. LXIX, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan G. Jervoso.  
LSDE: Feb. 23, March 2 & 9, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that ULDARICA CABAHIIT-ENERO executed an affidavit of adjudication over a portion of Lot No. 6806, known as Lot No. 6806K, situated in Brgy. Sta Cruz, Baybay City, under Tax Dec. No. 2005-07088-00222 R12, containing an area of 732 square meters; per Doc. No. 889, Page No. 178, Book No. LXII, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan G. Jervoso. LSDE: Feb. 23, March 2 & 9, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ANGELO ALKUINO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, known as Lot No. 6806 K, situated in Brgy. Sta Cruz, Baybay, Leyte, under OCT No. R02016000338, containing an area of 732 square meters, more or less and sold the parcel of land to Teresa Cabahit Enero and hereby confirm, affirm and ratify the sale for the above-mentioned parcel of land in favor of TERESA CABAHIIT ENERO.; per Doc. No.143, Page No. 29, Book No. LXIX, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan G. Jervoso. LSDE: Feb. 23, March 2 & 9, 2021

by Major Normal Ala, Samar Provincial Intelligence Unit, Gandara Municipal Police Station, and Babatngon Municipal Police Station.

The accused was brought to Babatngon Municipal Police Station for documentation prior to turn-over to the court of origin.  
(RONALD O. REYES)

Boy Scouts of the Philippines Southern Leyte Council conducted mangrove planting activity

BY: RONALDO O. MERCADO, WBH

The Boy Scout of the Philippines Southern Leyte Council conducted mangrove planting activity at barangay Calag-itan in the



municipality of Hinunangan province of Southern Leyte last February 6-8, 2021.

This activity aims to help the environment in effects of the global warming as well as coastal protection.

The dense root systems of mangrove forests trap sediments flowing down rivers and off the land. This helps stabilizes the coastline and prevents erosion from waves and storms. In areas where mangroves have been cleared, coastal damage from hurricanes and typhoons is

Man busted for gun running in a Leyte town

TACLOBAN CITY- A 34-year old man was arrested for alleged gunrunning activity in Alangalang, Leyte Saturday, February 20, 2021.

An undercover police operative purchased from suspect, Noel Espino Pepito, one shotgun and seven pieces of ammunition

much more severe.

The said activity was headed by Maasin City Vice-Mayor Maloney L. Samaco, the council chairman

around 8:10 am Saturday in Barangay Divisoria, Alangalang.

Authorities also confiscated and seized from the suspect's actual possession and control buy-bust money amounting to P10,000.

A representative from the barangay served as a  
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Leyte Council, Department of Education in Hinunangan District, Hinunangan LGU, Department of Agriculture and Calag-itan

barangay council were thousands of mangrove seedlings was successfully planted.

(Note: The author is a Master Teacher I at the Otikon Elementary School, District of Libagon, Southern Leyte)

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Case No. VIII-2016-0129

Application for Extension of Validity  
of a Certificate of Public Convenience  
to operate a PUJ Service

DANTE V. MANINGCAY,  
Applicant/s  
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING  
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ SERVICE for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: CATARMAN-CALBAYOG CITY VIA LOPE DE VEGA & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

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 MARCH 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

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



AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

NOTICE is hereby given that MARRIETTA O. SAY executed an Affidavit of Loss over a property inherited by his husband, ATTY. DOMINADOR R. SAY from his grandparents SPS. SAY KANG AND AUREA GARCIA, a property designated as Lot No. 496 covered by TCT No. 1038. That the TCT was given to me by my husband for safekeeping and I placed it with my important documents in my place of business at the Mommy's Diner Restaurant that when my husband was asking for the said Certificate of Title I discovered that it was no longer in the place where I used to keep my important documents that despite search I could not find the same that due to my failure to locate the said Certificate of Title despite efforts to look for it, I presumed that it got lost together with my documents relative to my business establishment. Per Doc No. 126, Page No. 27, Book NO. VI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Federico R. Huñamayor.

LSDE: Feb. 16, 23 & March 2, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ALFREDO L. VILLARIN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over one half (1/2) conjugal property, all situated in Catbalogan Samar (Now Catbalogan City, Samar) more described as: 1) A parcel of land Lot No. 231 with the improvements thereon, per TCT No. T-73, containing an area of 435 square meters, more or less; 2) A parcel of land Lot No. 1789, together with the improvements thereon, covered by TCT No. T-74, containing an area of 146 square meters, more or less; 3) A parcel of land Lot No. 1765, Csd-08-000079, Covered by OCT No. 25, containing an area of 258 square meters; per Doc. No. 36, Page No. 7, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Romero Federico S. Quimbo. LSDE: Feb. 16, 23 & March 2, 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

SELF ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that GLORIA K. MAURILLO-MONTEJO, heir of the late CRESENCIA K. MAURILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Cogon, La Paz, Leyte being designated as Lot No. 1386, Psc-10 containing an area of 70,672sq.m., under TCT NO. T-1350. Per Doc No. 184, Page No. 38, Book No. II, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Joan Christine C. Valdivia. LSDE: Feb. 16, 23 & March 2, 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

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: **Leyte**  
City/Municipality: **Alangalang**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act. No. 9048/R.A. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JESSA CAONES DALOSO** has filed with this  
*(complete name of the petitioner)*

office a petition for change of Gender from **MALE** to **FEMALE** in the birth certificate  
*(Gender to be changed) (new Gender to be adopted)*

of **LIVE BIRTH** who was born on  
*(Complete Name of Document Owner)*

**September 26, 1997** at **Alangalang, Leyte** and  
*(complete date of birth) (Place of Birth)*

whose parents are **DANILO B. DALOSO** and  
*(Name of Father)*

**GLORIA CAONES.**  
*(Name of Mother)*

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office.

(Sgd.) Engr. WADSWORTH P. EUSORES  
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: February 23 & March 2, 2021

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*(Gender to be changed) (new Gender to be adopted)*

of **LIVE BIRTH** who was born on  
*(Complete Name of Document Owner)*

**04 JANUARY 1997** at **ALANGALANG, LEYTE** and  
*(complete date of birth) (Place of Birth)*

whose parents are **FRANCISCO C. DAJAC** and  
*(Name of Father)*

**MERLY C. NAVERA.**  
*(Name of Mother)*

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*(complete name of the petitioner)*

office a petition for change of Gender from **FEMALE** to **MALE** in the birth certificate  
*(Gender to be changed) (new Gender to be adopted)*

of **LIVE BIRTH** who was born on  
*(Complete Name of Document Owner)*

**16 JANUARY 1988** at **ALANGALANG, LEYTE** and  
*(complete date of birth) (Place of Birth)*


whose parents are **P.N.** and  
*(Name of Father)*

**LILIAN MATOBATO AYO**  
*(Name of Mother)*

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(Sgd.) Engr. WADSWORTH P. EUSORES  
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LSDE: February 23 & March 2, 2021



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SPOUSES PONCIANO MANGCO & ROSARIO VILLANUEVA  
Landowners,  
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DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0046-2020**  
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

**SPOUSES PONCIANO MANGCO & ROSARIO VILLANUEVA**  
Montealegre, Kananga, Leyte

**RENATO G. BADILLA**  
PARPO II  
DAR Prov'l., Office  
Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City

**FIEL M. PEDROSA**  
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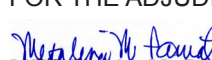
Please take NOTICE that this Office, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of R.A. 6657, as amended and its implementing rules and regulation, will conduct a summary administrative proceedings on **February 24, 2021 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at DAR Office, 575 Ormoc Heights Subdivision, Brgy. San Isidro, Ormoc City**, to determine the just compensation of the property of **SPOUSES PONCIANO MANGCO & ROSARIO VILLANUEVA under Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-6880, Lot No. 10617-A, B, C, D, F, G & I, with an area of 12.2844 has., area acquired is 7.0640 hectare/s and located at Brgy. Montealegre, Kananga, Leyte**, subject of Compulsory Acquisition scheme of R.A. 6657.

The proceeding being summary in nature, you are directed to submit within thirty (30) days from receipt hereof your respective memorandum/position paper and affidavits, supported with pertinent documents and evidence as to just compensation of said property. Parties may examine the claim folder in the Adjudicator's Office.


Attached please find 1.) Memorandum of Valuation; 2.) Field Investigation Report; 3.) Land Valuation Worksheet and 4.) Advise to DARAB/Adjudicator to Conduct Administrative Proceedings, for your ready reference.

DAR, Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, January 27, 2021.

FOR THE ADJUDICATOR

**MESALINA M. PAMAT**  
Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: February 13, 20 & 23, 2021



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Landowners,  
X-----X

DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0052-2020**  
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

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## Back...

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work and the way we engage with our community and relationships in general.

Perhaps there is truth to the assumption we won't be back to normal because we shall adapt. We will play our role in our unique stage based on socially distanced and safe protocols. But if you asked is this a good thing, my personal take is that it's against our nature as human beings.

Interaction, play and intimacy are just of the few life enhancing things we are missing out and the effect can spill over into the mental and general mindset of our people. How intimacy shapes your present, and future, well-being. One of the great truisms in psychology is the fact that relationships matter

to our sense of well-being. Throughout life, we need relationships to help us feel connected, boost our feelings of self-worth, and sustain our moods. Physical and emotional **intimacy** go hand in hand: for a long-standing relationship, you can't create a physical connection without inducing emotional **intimacy**. **Lacking** emotional **intimacy** whilst the physical connection is thriving can develop complications with trust, anger, frustration and confusion. Interactions and intimacy are two of the concrete victims of the Pandemic and this is the great casualty of the Normal we came to know and we came to love.

This will be something we will miss and we have to live with. Ultimately, we wish Normal will be similar and close to the old normal.

## Restraint...

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make is done always in the presence of God.

That's when we can most likely make fair and balanced judgments, and our reactions in words and actions to issues and things would always be marked by charity that never compromises the truth.

In fact, when push comes to shove, a truly prudent person would be willing to suffer whatever consequences may come. This was the prudence of Christ himself who preferred to suffer and die on the cross rather than compromise his mission of saving us from our state of alienation from God due to sin.

To be sure, the re-

straint, moderation and discretion in true prudence is not simply for self-preservation. They would purely be out of charity, out of due consideration to the conditions of the moment. They do not undermine that decisiveness and boldness that are also an integral part of true prudence.

To develop this true prudence, we certainly need to familiarize ourselves with the teachings and example of Christ. We have to develop the appropriate attitudes, skills and virtues, like study and reflection, consultations, tact, etc. Effort and struggle against our weaknesses and temptations would be involved here.

And more than these, we need to avail of God's grace that usually comes to us through the reception of the sacraments.

once made your life joyful and meaningful. The older you get, the more lonesome life becomes due to the advanced departure of those who made your life colorful.

No wonder why those who have lost a lot of loved ones are no longer afraid to die. To their mind, perhaps, they would rather that they join their departed loved ones in the afterlife than stay in this lonesome world.

So be it if death looks wiser and sweeter to some. They have their own reasons to think this way. However, it still pays to face death with the right preparation.

## Auring...

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whole day.

Pre-emptive evacuation had been implemented by some local government units in areas where communities are prone to flooding, and landslide.

A total of 62 families or 227 individuals were evacuated in Tanauan who were given food packs at the evacuation center by the municipal government.

In Sta Fe town, over 100 families were evacuated to higher areas to make them safe from flooding like those residing in Barangay San Miguelay.

In San Francisco town, Southern Leyte, 39 families or 89 individuals from three villages were evacuated to safer areas.

Meantime, 1,789 passengers who were on board of 470 rolling cargo trucks, 215 light cars and seven buses remain stranded at the three ports of Dapdap, Balwharteco and Santa Clara, all in Allen town, Northern Samar as the no sailing policy imposed by Coast Guard is still in effect as the region remain under storm signal number one.

It was learned from Lt.Col. Ma. Bella Rentuaya, information officer of the Philippine National Police regional office, that 1,555 police personnel were deployed for search and rescue operations.

## Health...

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15 for Samar; 13 for Eastern Samar; eight for Biliran and seven for Northern Samar.

The DOH also reported of 14,636 individuals have recovered from COVID-19 though it reported of new fatality involving a 54-year old man from Tacloban City who died last Feb.20.

The region's number of deaths due to COVID-19 is now at 212.

(JOEY A. GABIETA/LIZ-BETH AAN A. ABELLA)

Before it comes, do talk to God first, and sincerely ask for forgiveness of all your sins, and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Then, from the bottom of your heart, let Jesus come into your heart, into your life, and save you.

Remember, Christ is the only way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through him. If death is the entrance to eternity, then we need that salvation in Christ to get us to life everlasting in the heavenly places, otherwise, you will spend eternity in the regions of the doomed and the damned.



**The City Housing and Development Office (CHDO) of the Calbayog city government visited on Feb.19 residents of Barangay Balud who were affected of a board walk project. The visit was headed by CHDO area coordinator Henry Puyat.**

## Rebel...

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officer of the Philippine Army's 43rd Infantry Battalion.

"Nobody claimed his body and no one recognized him during the three days of his wake at the auditorium," Valenciano said in a phone interview Monday.

The rebel died on Feb. 15 in a brief gun battle with soldiers in remote village of Cagbigaho in Pambujan town.

He was one of the three rebels who fought with patrolling troopers. A soldier was injured during the clash. A bandolier and a notebook were recovered after the

firefight.

Northern Samar is considered to be the NPA's stronghold in Eastern Visayas due to poor road network, thick forest, high poverty incidence, and low level of education in upland communities.

The NPA, which has

been waging a five-decade armed struggle against the government, is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO)

## DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that This Deed of Absolute Sale entered into this September 5, 2018 at Tanauan, Leyte by and between Filomina L. De Veyra, of legal age, Filipino, widow and a resident of Brgy. Mohon, Tanauan, Leyte, hereinafter referred to as the SELLER and Carolina A. De Veyra of legal age, Filipino, single/married and a resident of Brgy. Mohon, Tanauan, Leyte, hereinafter referred to as the Buyer. By virtue of absolute sale recorded in the notarial register of Atty. Cirilo Ma. Bayaya as Doc. No. 312, Page No. 66, Book No. A1, Series of 1996 and Atty. Juan Niceto B. de Veyra III as doc. No. 71, Page No. 16, Book No. 1, Series of 2001 respectively, the SELLER is the owner in fee simple of a definite 1,268 square meters portion of a parcel of land located at Brgy. Mohon, Tanauan, Leyte, the latter more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land (Lot No. 16058 of the Cadatsral Survey of Tanauan), situated in Barangay Mohon, Municipality of Tanauan, Province of Leyte. For and in consideration of the premises, and to fully effect and consummate this absolute sale, I, FILOMENA L. DE VEYRA, hereby name, appoint and constitute CAROLINA A. DE VEYRA to be my/our true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, for me/us in my/our name and stead, to do and perform with full powers any of the following acts and deeds, to wit; per Doc. No. 214, Page No. 44, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2018 of Atty. Sylwyn Nabor Y. Mendoza.

LSDE: February 23, March 2 & 9, 2021

## Trivia...

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the amended IRR came at a very opportune time as our agri-fishery sector takes up the challenge of leading the economic recovery amid the protracted health crisis. This would facilitate higher investments by banks in the agri-agra sectors." The essence the Law mandates banks to allot 15% of their loan portfolio for agriculture and the remaining 10% for agrarian reform beneficiaries. The salient points of the amended IRR are as follows:

1. Deletion of the accreditation requirements for debt securities,
2. Expansion in the modes of compliance with the agrarian reform credit,
3. Expansion of agri-agra eligible purposes

Also, covers the amendment of the computation of total loanable funds of newly established banks and extension of loans to borrowers for purposes of financing activities including palay housing and farming homestead. Likewise, reduce operational challenges faced by the banks in complying with the provisions of the Law.

I personally suggest that the AMENDED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS is reproduced including the mother Law and distributed to all municipalities.

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**NEXT TOPIC:** "Communication, A Basic Ingredient to Better Understanding"

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## Man...

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witness during the inventory of recovered pieces of evidence, police said in the report.

The operating units include the personnel of Alangalang Municipal Police Station led by Major Arturo Salvacion Jr., Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, Regional Drug Enforcement Unit led by Executive Master Sergeant Noel Coral, under the supervision of Colonel Rodelio Samson of the Leyte Police Provincial Office.

The suspect will be facing charges for violation of Republic Act 10591, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act."

(RONALD O. REYES)



# BIBU!

(Bata nga Intresado BUmasa)

A non-profit mobile library as an alternative reading resource for all First to Third Grade schoolers in the Division of Borongan City

BY: DEAN ERNEST PAUL R. HERMANO

Reading literacy improvement has been an uphill battle for the Department of Education for quiet some time in the country and our Division of Borongan City is no exception.

In the past three years the Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI) reading program yielded dismal results in literateness, with frustration level of 42% in Grade 3 in 2018 and 39% in 2019.

Similarly, the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) measuring school pupils' scholastics performance in mathematics, science and reading, reported that based on the PISA 2018 Database, in the Philippines, 19% of students attained at least level 2 proficiency in reading.

These students can identify the main idea in the text of moderate length, find information based on explicit, though sometimes complex criteria, and can reflect on the purpose of the form and text when explicitly directed to do so.

Almost NO student was a top performer in reading, meaning that they attain level 5 or 6 in the PISA reading test. All

these levels, students can comprehend lengthy texts, deal with concepts that are abstract and counterintuitive, and establish distinctions between facts and opinion, based on implicit cues pertaining to the content or source of the information (Source: OECD,



PISA 2018 Database).

Additionally, in a study on Improving Reading Skills by Encouraging Children to Read in School: A Randomized Evaluation of the Sa Aklat Sisikat Reading Program in the Philippines conducted by Ama Baafr Aabeberese, Todd Kumler and Leigh Linden, after the program but diminishes to 0.06 standard deviations, probably due to emphasis on reading it showed that a short-term (31 days) reading program, designed to provide age-appropriate reading material, improves students' reading skills by 0.13 standard deviations. The effect is still



Another objective is to capture the interest of pupils in reading and making it a habit for them to do so. Third one is to sustain the project by rolling the mobile library from one elementary school to another, thus, providing equal opportunity to all, with the guidance of schools' reading readiness (RR) teachers.

present three months after the program. They find that the program also encourages students to read more on their own at home. (The Journal of Human Resources, V49, No3, summer 2014).

The academic literatures would show how much our educational system need to do to improve literacy programs in the country, which prompted the author to initiate a non-profit project named LIBRENG LIBRO PARA KAY BIBO! a mobile library for grades one to three pupils in the division of Borongan City.

The project aims to provide motivating reading books/materials donated by Filipino community based in New South Wales in Australia.

Children who can read five books on the first weekdays, ten books on the second, fifteen books on the third, and twenty on the last week days, will be awarded with excellence in reading by their reading readiness teacher as a form of motivation, and for the parents as an inspiration.

The target date of launching is on May 2021 as logistics of boxes of books from NSW to the Philippines will take two months due to covid pandemic restrictions. Impact of the project will be evaluated through future administration of Phil-IRI.

(Note: The author is the assistant principal II of ESNCHS)

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Regional Office No. VIII  
Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-FC-2021-02-20150484  
Case No. VIII-2015-0484

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

LOURDES A. CRUTO,  
Applicant/s  
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING

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GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional  
Director, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

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



## DTI-SBC approves P13.3-M to Eastern Samar MSMEs

BORONGAN CITY- The Department of Trade and Industry's (DTI) financing arm, Small Business Corporations (SBC), has approved and released 217 loan applications from micro small medium enterprises (MSMEs) for the year 2020 in Eastern Samar.

Ma. Joy R. Abobo, provincial small business coordinator of DTI-Eastern Samar Field Office (ESFO), said that P13.3-M worth of loans has been approved under the COVID-19 Assistance to Restart Enterprises (CARES) program.

Abobo said that CARES program is part of the government's economic relief program for MSMEs affected by the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

The P3 coordinator said that the relief assistance through Bayanihan CARES program is a big help for the MSMEs to recover their businesses especially those whose businesses have been temporarily and permanently closed.

Abobo further said that micro enterprises with an asset size of not more than P3 million may borrow P10,000 to P200,000 while small enterprises with an asset size of not more than P15 million may borrow a higher loan amount but not to exceed P500,000.

Abobo emphasized that the said loans under the CARES program have a monthly interest rate of zero percent and a grace period of six (6) months on principal repayment.

DTI's financing arm does not collect interest from loans but instead charges service fees of 4 percent for loans with a one-year term, 6 percent for two-year loans, and 7.5 percent for three-year loans

The loan requirements include fully-accomplished loan application form; one government issued ID with picture, and proof of permanent business address.

Businesses can use the borrowed funds to update loan amortizations for vehicle loans, or other fixed asset loans, and replacement of working capitals to restart operations.

For this year, 2021, DTI-SBC is now open again for loan applications via on-line, interested parties may log in at: <https://brs.sbgfc.org.ph>.

CARES program is a P1-Billion Enterprise Rehabilitation Financing (ERF) facility under the Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-assenso (P3) to support micro, medium and small businesses affected by COVID-19 in the country.

(Nbq/SDC/PIA-E. Samar)



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