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### Town to lead celebration of 500 years of First Mass

## Historic town of Limasawa will remain close to tourists except for pilgrims

TACLOBAN CITY – Tourists who are planning to visit Limasawa in Southern Leyte still have to wait after the municipal government issued an advisory temporary closing their place except to pilgrims.

Mayor Melchor Petracorta, who signed the advisory of the Municipal Inter-Agency Task Force (MIATF) last March 19, set the guidelines for those who can enter the town which is preparing for the 500 years anniversary of the First Mass celebration on March 31.

In its advisory, the MIATF decided that no privately owned motorcycle from the mainland are allowed to enter the town from March 20 to 31 to avoid traffic due to number of government vehicles that will be going and will be used in the municipality for the celebration.

The MIATF also prohibits the entry of tourists from March 22 to 31 except for pilgrims whose names are included in the master list approved by the provincial government.

The MIATF also prohibit pump boat that has no registration from Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) to transport pilgrims to and from the municipality. "All pump boat must

dock at the ports in Triana and Magallanes to ensure that those who enters the town are monitored," Petracorta said in the advisory.

The MIATF also prohibits fishermen and owners of small pump boats to sail from noontime of March 30 until 5:00 pm of March 31. Residents are also prohibited from travelling to the mainland on said days.

However, emergency and those with valid reason are exempted from the travel ban.

On March 31, the town will celebrate along with the entire Roman Catholic community in the country and in the world the first recorded Eastern Sunday Mass in Asia when the fleet of Ferdinand Magellan set foot in the island to celebrate the mass officiated by Father Pedro de Valderama.

This year is not only momentous as it is the quincentennial year for its commemoration but also due to the recent decision released by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines last February that Limasawa was indeed the site of the First Easter Sunday Mass ending the decades long dispute of identifying its original location being contested by Butuan City, Agusan Del Norte.

The decision is also supported by the Church Historian's Association of the Philippines (CHAP) in a statement last week March 16, released in the event of the 500 year Quincentennial Commemoration for the First Circumnavigation of the globe.

To celebrate the First Easter Sunday Mass, the see *Historic/page 6 ...*

### Offenders to be penalized P100,000

## Bill against nuisance candidates filed by Samar Rep. Sarmiento hurdles panel approval

JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY- A bill filed by Samar Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento penalizing so-called nuisance candidates was approved last week by the committee on suffrage and electoral reforms of the House of Representatives.

Sarmiento's bill seeks to amend section 69 of the Omnibus Election Code which penalizes nuisance candidates by just cancelling their certificates of candidacy.

Under the measure of the Samar solon, those who will be proven to be just nuisance candidates will be fined of at least P100,000, aside from the cancellation of his or her certificate of candidacy.

Similarly, those who will 'induce' the nuisance candidate to file his or her certificate of candidacy will also be penalized of the same amount, the bill reads.

see *Bill /page 10 ...*



A DOH nurse deployed at City Health Office administers the COVID-19 vaccine to Mayor Alfred Romualdez on Monday (March 22) after the screening and assessment by acting City Health Officer Dr. Gloria Fabrigas. Mayor Romualdez, who is a COVID-19 survivor, encourages the public to get vaccinated as this is one of the effective ways against the deadly virus.(CIO)

## Sen. Go witnesses distribution of land titles to 'Yolanda' survivors in Tacloban City

TACLOBAN CITY- Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, in coordination with the local government and other concerned agencies, continues to show support and provide assistance, as he graced the distribution of land titles to recipients of selected Yolanda housing projects and financial aid to drivers' association in Tacloban City.

The joint distribution held at Tacloban City Convention Center (Astrodome) on Thursday (March 18) has benefitted over a thousand residents.

For the cash assistance, around 1,000 PUJ, MCH, and pedicab drivers, out of see *Sen. Go/page 8 ...*



Sen. Christopher 'Bong' Go witnessed the distribution of land titles on March 18 for 150 'Yolanda' survivors located at the St. Francis Village 1 and 2; North Hill Arbours 1 and 2; and Villa Diana.(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



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## Popcom targets over 100,000 youths for its comprehensive reproductive health education program

PALO, Leyte- The Commission on Population and Development (PopCom) is eyeing over 100,000 young people of the region with its comprehensive sexuality education program by the end of 2021.

The Popcom made the move after the Department of Education (DepEd) approved its supplemental learning activity sheet.

Dubbed as Sexually Healthy and Personally Effective (SHAPE) Adolescents, the information and learning material covers Adolescent Sexuality and Reproductive Health (ASRH) developed by Popcom amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

“Unknown periods of physical distancing measures and school closures are seen to leave adolescents and young people without access to essential ASRH information, services and rights including comprehensive sexuality education which can be provided to them in schools,” PopCom re-

gional director Elnora Pulma said in a statement.

“Restrictions to movement prevent young people from going to health clinics, while the closure of the schools disrupts reproductive health education and prevents students from visiting school-based health centers that offer counseling and reproductive health care, as well as broader social support,” she added.

The school closures imposed since March 2020 to contain the COVID-19, she said, have impacted almost 100 percent of the student population.

In the region alone, PopCom said that high rates of early and unintended pregnancies, human immunodeficiency viruses (HIVs), and sexually transmitted infections, and gender-based violence continue to threaten young people, while the negative consequences of confinement on health and well-being are heightened.

“However, these challenges can be mitigated by continuing the provision of ASRH informa-

tion through the modular learning set-up and finding innovative ways to offer preventive and protective services,” Pulma said.

Ahlette Reyes, PopCom regional information officer, said the condensed SHAPE learning activity sheet will be integrated in schools for subjects such as Science, Health, Araling Panlipunan and Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is having a tremendous effect on young people’s lives, health and well-being, and its medium and long term impacts could be devastating if adequate measures are not taken to guarantee basic rights for the young people,” she said.

Since January 2021, PopCom personnel have distributed the supplemental SHAPE learning Activity sheet to different schools in Leyte, Samar and Biliran, reaching about 15,000 adolescent learners.

(RONALD O. REYES)



## Sen. Go tells PNP in the region to address proliferation of illegal numbers game in Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY- Senator Christopher Lawrence ‘Bong’ Go asked officials of the Philippine National Police (PNP) here in the region to look into the proliferation of the illegal numbers game, particularly in Leyte.

Go made this directive after he was asked on what the government should do with the proliferation of the illegal numbers game which resulted in the decline of income of the authorized operator and in the process, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).

The senator, who was in the city last March 18, emphasized that if there is illegal gambling operating, then it is the responsibility of the police to chase them.

“This is a police matter (but) what is due to the government, should go the government. What is due to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office or PCSO should go to PCSO” the senator, who is a close aide of President Rodrigo Duterte, said.

In a press briefing earlier this month, Lady Jade Palabon, PCSO- Leyte manager, said that income



loss of their agency due to illegal numbers game would mean less budget for charity.

“From P75,000 daily budget for charity in Leyte in 2019, it dropped to P54,000 a day due to revenue loss,” Palabon said.

“At present, PCSO is only allocating P54,000 per day, divided to 10 to 20 clients. This is aside from the P1.5 million per month that we allocate for the Malasakit Center at the EVRMC (Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center),” she added.

Victoria Development

and Ventures Corporation (VDVC) which was given the license to operate by the PCSO in Leyte, had earlier sought assistance from Pres. Duterte and PNP Chief Debold Sinas to stop the operation of the illegal numbers game, particularly the ‘Peryahan ng Bayan.’

The company had just resumed its operations last February 17 of this year, three years after the President ordered a crackdown against STL operations across the country.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

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## Gov. Petilla distributes checks to 15 barangays in Tanauan town

PALO, Leyte - The provincial government of Leyte has extended over P2 million intended for various development projects in the 15 barangays of Tanauan town.

Each of the barangays received P150,000 from Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla of which five of these projects to be funded involved for the construction or concreting of pathways wherein one is for the concreting of pathway in Barangay Bantagan while the other projects were for the construction of concrete pathways in the villages of Talolora, Cassee Gov. Petilla /page 8 ...



Secretary Eduardo del Rosario of the Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development signed the ceremonial memorandum of understanding with Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” Petilla on March 17, 2021 for a 2,000 square meters lot for their regional office 8 at the Government Center in Candahug, Palo, Leyte. The ceremonial signing was held at the View Deck Macarthur Park Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)



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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF OVER/UNDER RECOVERIES BASED ON THE FORMULA FOR VARIOUS AUTOMATIC COST ADJUSTMENT AND TRUE-UP MECHANISMS AND CORRESPONDING PROCESS FOR THE PERIOD 2018 TO 2020**

ERC CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**LEYTE II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (LEYECO II),**  
 Applicant.

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**APPLICATION**

**COMES NOW, APPLICANT LEYTE II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (LEYECO II),** by counsels, unto this Honorable Commission, most respectfully alleges, that:

**THE APPLICANT**

1. LEYECO II is a non-stock, non-profit electric cooperative, duly registered, organized and existing under and by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 269, as amended, with principal office address at Barangay 57, Real St., Sagkahan District, Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines;

2. LEYECO II holds an exclusive franchise, issued by the National Electrification Commission, to operate an electric light and power distribution service in the City of Tacloban and in the Municipalities of Palo and Babatngon, all in the Province of Leyte.

3. LEYECO II is duly represented in this case by General Manager Engr. Fernan Paul R. Tan per Board Resolution No. 024-03-2021, and also represented by legal counsels per Board Resolution No. 026-03-2021. Copies of the **Secretary Certificates** are hereto attached as ANNEXES "A" and "B", respectively, and made as an integral part hereof.

**LEGAL BASES OF THE APPLICATION**

4. *ERC Resolution No. 16, Series of 2009, as amended by Resolution No. 21, Series of 2010*, establishes the procedure for the automatic recovery or refund of passthrough costs and the confirmation process that would govern the automatic cost adjustment and true-up mechanisms approved by the Honorable Commission. The objective is to ensure appropriate recovery of the passthrough costs in an efficient manner and to put in place a fair and transparent process for the confirmation of the automatic cost adjustments implemented by Distribution Utilities and the true-up of other passthrough charges, involving Generation Rate, Transmission Rate, System Loss Rate, Lifeline Rate Recovery, Senior Citizen Subsidy Recovery, as the case may be.

5. *Section 1, Article 5 of ERC Resolution No. 09, series of 2009*, as amended, further require the distribution utilities to file their respective consolidated applications once every three (3) years. Hence, the filing of the instant application, covering the period January 2018 to December 2020.

**MATERIAL FACTS**

6. Applying the formulas provided under Resolution 16, Series of 2009 as amended by Resolution 21, Series of 2010 and Resolution 23, Series of 2010, LEYECO II conducted calculations of the over recoveries charged or under recoveries incurred as against its customers, in the implementation of certain automatic cost adjustments and true-up mechanisms, covering the period January 2018 to December 2020.

7. The calculation conducted resulted to over/under recoveries. Using the Over/Under Model of the Honorable Commission, the results are summarized hereunder, to wit:

PARTICULARS	ALLOWABLE REVENUE	GENERATED REVENUE	(OVER)/UNDER RECOVERY
<b>GENERATION</b>	<b>4,096,231,298.95</b>	<b>3,998,749,929.70</b>	<b>97,481,369.25</b>
<b>TRANSMISSION</b>	<b>630,107,746.65</b>	<b>628,288,495.12</b>	<b>1,819,251.53</b>
<b>SYSTEM LOSS</b>	<b>322,650,779.63</b>	<b>421,118,173.86</b>	<b>-98,467,394.23</b>
<b>LIFELINE</b>	<b>67,857,073.52</b>	<b>67,820,766.17</b>	<b>36,307.35</b>
<b>SENIOR CITIZEN</b>	<b>611,217.64</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>611,217.64</b>
<b>(OVER)/UNDER RECOVERIES</b>	<b>5,117,458,116.39</b>	<b>5,115,977,364.85</b>	<b>1,480,761.54</b>

8. One of the causes that contributed to the under recovery in *Generation Rate* in the amount of Php97,481,369.25 is that in the actual billing, Rate Making is being done every first week of the month but WESM Final Billing is received only after the 15th day of the month. With this, LEYECO II initially used the data appearing on the WESM Preliminary Statement. Adjustments for the difference is made on the following month. Likewise, WESM Adjustments and Net Settlement Amount of sell back transactions are applied in the following month after receipt of the bills. However, in this instant application, WESM Final Billing is applied on the current month.

Secondly, it is also caused by the different divisor in Generation Rate Formula or TPGGOUR. In the preparation of monthly rates, LEYECO II has always been using the ERC issued URR Template where the divisor (energy data) is the Total kWh Purchased and Generated as formulated in the template. Whereas, in the preparation of over/under Confirmation, the energy data used for the divisor is the Meter Quantity data of NGCP or NGCP BDE consistent with ERC Resolution No. 20 series of 2017 of its definition of Energy Input.

Also, the confirmation process of the ERC matches current month power costs with current month revenues. While in the actual implementation it resulted to one (1) month lag in recognition of power cost for the monthly computation of Generation Rate (GR).

9. In the case of *Transmission Rate*, the factor that caused the under recovery is the one-month lag in the computation of the implemented rate as against the current to current true-up mechanism.

10. In the case of the *System Loss*, the factors that caused the over recovery are as follows: (a) The difference between the *Monthly System Loss Computation* versus the *Annualized System Loss Computation*;

(b) The difference between the *Historical Data* used in monthly rate setting versus the *Current Year Data* for Kwh Purchased and Kwh Sales used in confirmation process; (c) The *Site-Specific Loss Adjustment* (SSLA) data; and (d) The impact of one-month lag in the computation of the implemented rate as against the current to current true-up mechanism.

11. In the case of the *Lifeline Rate Subsidy*, the factor that caused the under recovery is the one-month lag in the computation of the implemented rate as against the current to current true-up mechanism.

12. In the case of the *Senior Citizen Subsidy Rate*, the factor that caused the under recovery is that LEYECO II did not impose subsidy against non-beneficiary consumers due to the minimal amount involved. It only implemented the senior citizen discount. Another factor is the one-month lag on the computation of actual implemented rate as against the current to current true-up mechanism.

13. Finally, the other factors that contributed in the under recoveries is the one-month lag approach in the Current computation of rates (URR Template) – data of previous month is being used; the Over / under recoveries (OU Model) – current data is used in the computation of rates; Increase / decrease of kWh sales of a billing period affects recovery of passthrough cost; Preparation of rates during the first week of the month with a Preliminary Statement from some power suppliers like WESM.

**SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTS**

14. In support of the instant application, applicant is submitting and adopting the documents and the data contained therein covering the period January 2018 to December 2020, attached hereto, and made as integral parts hereof, to wit:

ANNEX MARKINGS	NATURE OF DOCUMENT
C & Series	Supplier and Transmission Data Sheet
D & Series	Statistical Data Sheet
E & Series	Actual Implemented Rates Sheet
F & Series	Lifeline Discount Sheet
G & Series	Senior Citizen Discount Sheet
H & Series	Additional Statistics Data Sheet
I	Summary of Over/Under Recoveries Computations
J & Series	PSALM Power bills, ORs, Debit/Credit Memos
K & Series	Net Metering Data
L & Series	WESM Power bills, ORs, Adjustments
M & Series	GCGI (11 & 5 MW) Power bills, ORs, Debit/Credit Memos
N & Series	KEPCO Power Bills, ORs, Debit/Credit Memos
O	SMEC Power Bills, ORs, Debit/Credit Memos
P	NGCP Power Bills, ORs, Debit/Credit Memos
Q	Summary of Pilferage Cost Recoveries
R	Report on the Implemented Orders/Decisions (approved Over/Under Recoveries 2004-2011)
S	Monthly Financial & Statistics Report (MFSR) Sections B & E
T	Demand (kW) Sales Summary Report
U	Summary of kW CP per Customer Class
V	Two (2) consumer bills per Customer Class
W	Lifeline Summary
X	One (1) Consumer Bill Per Lifeline Bracket
Y	Senior Citizen Summary
Z & Series	One (1) Senior Citizen Bill – Residential
AA	One (1) Senior Citizen Bill – Facility/Institution
BB & Series	Submitted Monthly URR
CC	Submitted Monthly URR Addendum
DD	Single Line Diagram
EE & Series	Submitted Monthly Reports per ERC Resolution No. 10, series of 2018.

15. Additionally, to substantiate the instant application LEYECO II is respectfully submitting herewith the required electronic copies of the Application together with the foregoing data and documents saved in a **USB Drive**.

16. Considering the foregoing, it is respectfully prayed that LEYECO II's calculations of under recoveries in the implementation of subject automatic cost adjustments and true-up mechanisms be confirmed and approved, and the cooperative be allowed to collect the under recoveries from its customers.

**RECOVERY PERIOD AND RATE IMPACT**

17. In order to lessen the impact of the rate adjustment, LEYECO II proposes to maximize the allowable **36 months** period to recover the subject amount based on the *Projected kWh Sales of 861,361,000* for the period 2021 to 2023.

18. The rate impact is computed and shown on the table below:

PARTICULARS	ALLOWABLE REVENUE	GENERATED REVENUE	(OVER)/UNDER RECOVERY	RATE IMPACT
<b>GENERATION</b>	<b>4,096,231,298.95</b>	<b>3,998,749,929.70</b>	<b>97,481,369.25</b>	<b>0.11317</b>
<b>TRANSMISSION</b>	<b>630,107,746.65</b>	<b>628,288,495.12</b>	<b>1,819,251.53</b>	<b>0.00211</b>
<b>SYSTEM LOSS</b>	<b>322,650,779.63</b>	<b>421,118,173.86</b>	<b>-98,467,394.23</b>	<b>-0.11432</b>
<b>LIFELINE</b>	<b>67,857,073.52</b>	<b>67,820,766.17</b>	<b>36,307.35</b>	<b>0.00004</b>
<b>SENIOR CITIZEN</b>	<b>611,217.64</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>611,217.64</b>	<b>0.00071</b>
<b>(OVER)/UNDER RECOVERIES</b>			<b>1,480,761.54</b>	<b>0.00171</b>

**MOTION FOR ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY**

19. LEYECO II replays and adopts the foregoing allegations and annexes as part of the instant motion for issuance of provisional authority.

20. *Section 3.3. of ERC Resolution No. 09, series of 2009* states that:

"Upon filing of the application, the ERC may, upon motion, issue Provisional Authority (PA) based on the allegations in the application, the supporting documents attached thereto as well as the submissions in compliance with the reportorial requirements and such comments or pleadings filed by any interested party within thirty (30) days from receipt of a copy of the application by the local legislative body of the local government unit where applicant principally operates or from the publication thereof, as the case may be."

21. The nature of the operation of the cooperative being on cash flow basis, and the pendency of the 2nd Application (2012 to 2014) amounting to P117,300,001.68, applicant respectfully submits that the issuance of the provisional authority in favor of the applicant will be for the best interest of the consumers. To compound or suspend the collection of the under recoveries will make it more burdensome to the consumers in the future.

**PRAYER**

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, it is respectfully prayed of this Honorable Commission that:

1. The motion for the issuance of Provisional Authority to the applicant be **GRANTED**.

2. The calculations of over/under recoveries that resulted after the implementation of the subject automatic cost adjustments and true-up mechanisms covering the period January 2018 to December 2020 be **CONFIRMED** and **APPROVED**; and

3. LEYECO II be allowed to collect the under recoveries from its customers, under LEYECO II's proposed recovery scheme of 36 MONTHS and summarized as follows, to wit:

Recovery Period	Projected kWh Sales	Generation	Transmission	System Loss	Lifeline	Senior Citizen	Total O/U Recovery	Outstanding Balance of O/U
		0.11317	0.00211	-0.11432	0.00004	0.00071		1,480,761.54
Beginning Balance								1,480,761.54
2021	276,473,000	31,284,086.88	283,429.30	(31,405,383.57)	11,653.65	196,183.92	475,280.19	1,005,481.35
2022	289,439,000	32,597,756.48	818,357.86	(32,927,483.18)	12,343.17	204,391.09	495,163.11	510,348.24
2023	296,449,000	33,594,795.89	626,964.77	(33,434,487.57)	12,512.52	210,642.63	510,348.24	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>861,361,000</b>	<b>97,481,369.25</b>	<b>1,819,251.53</b>	<b>(98,467,394.23)</b>	<b>36,307.35</b>	<b>611,217.64</b>	<b>1,480,761.54</b>	

4. Other reliefs that are just and equitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Tacloban City, Philippines, March 15, 2021.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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I, **ENGR. FERNAN PAUL R. TAN**, legal age, Filipino, and with office address at Real St., Tacloban City, Leyte, subscribing under oath, hereby deposes and states:

1. That I am the incumbent General Manager of the Leyte II Electric Cooperative, Inc., (LEYECO II), duly authorized to represent the cooperative in filing the instant Application and undertake the filing process.

2. That I caused the preparation and filing of the foregoing Application; I have read the allegations contained therein, and certify that the same are true and correct based on my personal knowledge and on authentic records in possession of the cooperative;

3. That the documents submitted electronically are complete and true copies of the original documents.

4. That I or LEYECO II have not commenced any action or filed any case involving the same issues in any court, tribunal or agency and to the best of my knowledge no other such action or case is pending therein. If I should thereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I undertake to report this fact to this Honorable Court within five (5) days therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto affixed my signature on the 15 of March 2021 at Tacloban City, Philippines.



**ENGR. FERNAN PAUL R. TAN**

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, in the City of Tacloban, on the 15 of March 2021. Affiant is personally known to me.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and place first above written.

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## Showdown

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has been said time and again that, in this country, laws and ordinances abound, only that their implementation is lacking even in the face of rampant violations. If we are to resort to fault-finding and blaming, certain people can be easily identified.

Violators would be first on the list. They are the primary culprits in the quest and maintenance of peace, order, and prosperity. They sow chaos, discord, terror, and the like, and should thus be meted with necessary penalties. They must be pursued, apprehended, sued in court, and slapped with their deserved punishment so that they will learn from their folly, and so that others would not follow their bad examples.

But the existence of offenders is seemingly given and understood to be there, as something normal and natural. In fact, it is their very existence that justifies the enactment of laws and ordinances.

Their presence and existence further explain why there are law enforcers and authorities. Remove them and we would have no need of law enforcers, lawyers, and even lawmakers. The latter may even be thankful that these culprits exist to justify their positions.

This shifts the blame to law enforcers for the continued, unabated violation of rules and regulations set forth in various areas. They are not doing what they should, that’s why the violations prevail. For instance, our small, newly-born marine creatures are continually being harvested by the illegal, fine nets; our forest resources are endlessly drained by illegal loggers and kaingeros; prices of commodities continue to soar high, and many others.

All this happens because our authorities are not doing their sworn duties well, thus allowing the violators to perpetuate their unlawful activities. This cat-and-mouse tandem are the key players in the law-enforcement activities, yet they really end up just like Tom and Jerry—nothing serious, just for a show.



**Things To Mind**

**DOMS PAGLIAWAN**

## Unlearned lessons

When it comes to online buying, I am perhaps one of the unlucky few. For so many times already, I have ordered items online, paid the exact amount, only to receive either the wrong items or the problematic

ones. I was at first tricked by these nice video ads/presentations that keep showing up on Facebook. As far as I remember, I’ve bought so many items already as a result of these. I just got

carried away with how nice the items functioned, and how important they were to me. When I clicked them, I was further baited by the big discounts that they were offering.

From what I recall, these are some of the items that Facebook advertisers had succeeded in siphoning my money over the years: A mini-projector that could be used in watching movies; a “sophisticated” telescope that could view the moon and other nearby planets; a liquid eraser of car scratches; a “JBL” speaker; a tinfoil cover for kitchen surfaces; and a number of items more. When I received them, however, they were

not the same items that I ordered. If they were, they did not function well and serve the purpose. Some did function for a little while but soon bogged down beyond repair.

And do you know how much I spent on all these? Thousands of hard-earned money. I have practically wasted my money on all this. I never got my money’s worth, nor did I get satisfied with the item “functions.” They were too far from what they advertised on Facebook. I tried returning them and getting a refund, but the procedures were either absent or close to impossible.

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## What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

### The Du30 for VP Resolution; Did'ja know---

THAT as a 'refresher,' the top officials of the administration political party, PDP-Laban are the following - Chairman --- President Rodrigo Duterte; President --- Senator Manny Pacquiao; Vice-Chairman -- Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi; Exec. Vice-President -- Speaker Lord Allan Velasco

THAT last March 10, 2021, Twenty-five (25) PDP-Laban top leaders in Cebu approved a Joint Resolution, asking and pledging their all-out support for President Rodrigo Duterte to run for Vice-President in 2022, after he steps down from Malacanang?

THAT Two (2) Congressmen, Two (2) Cebu Provincial Board Members and Twenty-one Mayors signed said Resolution, as reported by PDP-Laban Vice-Chairman Alfonso Cusi?

THAT upon knowing about said Resolution, Acting PDP-Laban President Senator Manny Pacquiao was reportedly upset for not being consulted about said gathering of partymates?

THAT Senator Pacquiao then declared that the PDP-Laban gathering in Cebu "was not officially recognized," declaring instead that "It is not yet time for politics due to the pandemic, and urged PDP-Laban members to refrain from "talking politics" for now?

THAT last March 16th, PDP-Laban Deputy Secretary General Melvin Matibag declared that

"While I respect our Acting President, Senator Manny Pacquiao; but with the PDP-Laban's consultative & par-

ticipatory democracy, the Resolution has gained grounds; so we can not stop members like Cebu City's Mayor Edgardo Labella and City Vice-Mayor Michael Rama, who both were absent in the said PDP-Laban gathering, due to previous appointments, but who now want to add their signatures on the said Resolution?

THAT in addition, Matibag also declared that



## Automatic for the People

CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

### Idioms and Metaphors to fight the Virus

From the PDI news report quoting Rabindra Abeyasinghe, the World Health Organization's country representative, to the Philippines on Friday said the spike in the number of cases was a "complex scenario," which could have been influenced by possible "vaccine optimism" that caused a decrease in compliance to health standards... The said report filed by Patricia Denise Chiu answers the questions on how the seemingly dropping COVID numbers are back in the up-trend in spite and despite the roll out of the vaccine.

Still In another story written by Benjamin Co, MD via ABS CBN Culture segment, it noted an increase of 39,000 new cases from the week that

with President Digong's statement, discouraging his daughter Mayor Sara Duterte from running for President, which (temporarily) pushed aside Atty. Sal Panelo's DU30 for President & DU30 for Vice-President; a 'new tandem' surfaced -- with Senator Bong Go for President with (eventual former President) Rodrigo Duterte for Vice-President?

THAT with Senator Bong Go's negative protestations, instead declaring that he "just wants to be in the sidelines," former Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez declared his comments before mediamen in Congress that "We need a leader; not just a Pretender" -- obviously belittling Bong Go's leadership?

PACMAN'S POLITICAL PLANS -- DID'JA KNOW -

THAT after a series of

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was March 14-March 21, 2021. The daily positivity rate remains unchanged at 14.8 percent (close to 15 percent), implying that for every 1,000 individuals that get tested, around 150 will turn up positive.

The reality of having an economy partially open with the roll-out of vaccination program is being attributed by the World Health Organization as the vaccine optimism scenario where people tends to be complacent about safety protocols . However, one expert in Tony Leachon is saying that it's the "ineptitude "of the government because it deliberately fail to factor the knowledge present and opt to blame the people instead.

From the sidelines I could say that there is a complex factor having all



## Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

### Developing the appetite for the supernatural life

AS Christians, I suppose we would readily realize that our life should not just be our own life, but rather always a life with God. And since God is supernatural, then our life also ought to be supernatural without, of course, compromising what is natural to us. Thus, there is a need for us to develop a desire, a liking, an appetite for the supernatural life, i.e., a life with God.

We need to make this point clear because I have the strong feeling that we

these scenario in place and as a teacher in Management a simple decision making tool can be used to get a glimpse of the problem 's cause and possible solution . Situational Analysis, Problem Tree or Decision Tree is one way to go. Problem tree analysis is central to many forms of project planning and is well developed among development agencies. Problem tree analysis (also called Situational analysis or just Problem analysis) helps to find solutions by mapping out the anatomy of cause and effect around an issue or a problem. There is more understanding of the problem and its often interconnected and even contradictory causes. This is often the first step in finding win-win solutions.

Speaking of which from the sidelines again here is to me a win-win solution, the government shall vigorously pursue the vaccine roll out, enforce calibrated restrictions and open the communications line to every channel even those who are not in similar belief with the government. The people in the other hand must never be

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as Christians in general do not realize this. And if we do, we do not know how to go about it. At best, what we usually do is simply to avail ourselves of some Christian practices, more out of compliance, without realizing how those practices should have their effect in us. In other words, we can generally call ourselves as Christians by name only, but not the authentic ones.

Developing the supernatural life is simply a matter of identifying ourselves vitally or existentially with Christ who is God who became man to save us. His humanity is united to his divinity so that we can, through his humanity, find "the way, the truth and the life" of God. In other words, that we can have the supernatural life of and with God as we are meant to have.

This means that we should have the very mind of God, as St. Paul said of himself. (cfr. 1 Cor 2,16) That is why he said, "Be imitators of me as I am an imitator of Christ." (1 Cor 11,1) It is in having the mind of Christ that we share in the spirit of Christ, and thus become like Christ. Yes, we are meant to be "another Christ, if not Christ himself" (alter Christus, ipse Christus) who is

actually the pattern of our humanity and the savior of our damaged humanity.

And this mind or spirit of Christ has been revealed to us quite clearly through his teachings and example, or through everything that he has given us and is now kept, taught with divine authority and guarantee, in spite of the weaknesses of men, in the Church.

That is why to develop this supernatural life we need to be made a living part of the mystical body of Christ which is now the Church where all the elements and means, visible and invisible, hierarchical and charismatic, needed for us to develop this supernatural life are made available.

But we have to see to it that our recourse to these means is done with the mind of Christ, and not just out of compliance by simply going through the motions of availing ourselves of them.

If our recourse to these means is animated by that spirit of Christ, we cannot help but channel Christ's very own life in all its richness in our life. How Christ was and continues to be would also be how we would be. There is pure love manifested in all the virtues like humility, patience, compassion, charity, goodness, mercy, etc., etc.

So you can imagine what all this would involve. We need to study and assimilate all the teachings of Christ. We need to pray, avail of the sacraments, develop the virtues, wage a continuing struggle against our weaknesses, temptations and sin itself.

We would be willing to suffer just like Christ suffered for all of us. We would have an apostolic purpose in life, and so on and so forth.

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



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

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)



### DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH UNDERTAKING

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ESTEBAN MONTERO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a cash deposit with Land Bank of the Philippines Guiuan Branch in the amount of Pp635,456.31 under a Visa ATM Regular Account Number 39160292-83. Per Doc No. 384, Page No. 40, Book No. VIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Clotilde Japzon-Salazar. *LSDE: March 23, 30 & April 6, 2021*

### AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CELSO U. MIRANDA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a savings deposit account with the Philippines Veteran's Bank - Catarman branch under Savings Account No. 0052-348-426-100 with a balance of Pp40,281.25 and heirs hereby request the bank to release the balance of the said deposit account in favor of LOURDES MIRANDA. Per Doc No. 165, Page No. 33, Book No. IV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Arturo M. Cebujano. *LSDE: March 23, 30 & April 6, 2021*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RODULFO G. PLECEDA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a motor vehicle described as: Make: Mitsubishi, Chassis No.: 124-75163, C.R.: 58674958, Motor No.: 4DR5-770490; Plate No.: GKY838; O.R. No. 1805202383. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ABU BAKR KHALID, as vendee for the above-described motor vehicle; per Doc. No. 749, Page No. 153, Book No. XIII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinno R. Opeña. *LSDE: March 9, 16 & 23, 2021*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JANICE ABLAY SURPIA, namely: JerryDwan Ablay Surpia and Jerja Anne Ablay Surpia extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a Bank Account with Land Bank of the Philippines and parties being of legal and minor age hereby presents, agreed to claim deposit and waive their rights in favor of their grandfather PAQUITO ABLAY, husband of the deceased Caridad Margallo Ablay; per Doc. No. 191, Page No. 40, Book No. X, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Reynaldo P. Martillo. *LSDE: March 9, 16 & 23, 2021*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given heirs of the late ELIAS B. APA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land with improvements thereon situated at Tigbao, Tacloban City, described as: 1) A parcel of land, Lot No. 78-B-10, containing an area of 1,278 square meters more or less, embraced with TCT No. T-52838; 2) A Parcel of land, Lot No. 78-B-8, containing an area of 324 square meters, more or less, embraced with Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-52836 and heirs hereby waive all rights, interest and participation and above-mentioned real property, thereby Cede, Transfer, Convey and assign in favor of ROSALIA B. APA of legal age, widow do hereby accept the above waiver of right of her children; per Doc. No. 431, Page No. 88, Book No. LXXXVII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Edwin B. Jomadiao. *LSDE: March 9, 16, 23, 2021*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late HARRY P. RUMOHR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 6 parcels of land, 1 shares of stock and 6 bank deposits particularly described as: 1) 1/2 share in a parcel of land with an area of 374sq.m., and covered by TCT No. 120-2020000167 designated as Lot No. 4, Plan No. Pcs 08-001734-D situated at Brgy. Rawis, Calbayog City, Samar; 2) 1/2 share in a parcel of land with an area of 163sq.m., covered by TCT No. 120-2020000140 designated as Lot No. 5, Plan No. Pcs-08-001673-D situated at Brgy. Rawis, Calbayog City, Samar; 3) 1/2 share in a parcel of land with an area of 3,635sq.m., covered by TCT No. 120-2020000042 designated as Lot 3607-B-6-A-5 situated at Brgy. Bagacay & Rawis, Calbayog City, Samar; 4) 1/2 share in a parcel of land with an area of 8,834sq.m., covered by TCT No. 120-2016000033 designated as Lot 3607-B-6-U-5-D-15-C-3-D, Plan No. Pcd-08-033580-D situated at Brgy. Bagacay, Calbayog City, Samar; 5) 1/2 share in a parcel of land with an area of 175sq.m., covered by TCT No. 120-2020000032 designated as Lot 1, Block 10 Pcd-08-024757-D situated at Brgy. Rawis, Calbayog City, Samar; 6) 1/2 share in a parcel of land with an area of 2,680sq.m., covered by TCT No. 120-2020000105 designated as Lot No. 1-A-B, Plan No. Pcd-08-033677-D situated at Brgy. Rawis, Calbayog City, Samar; 7) Shares of stocks in Narcisa Hills Development Corporation and St. Ignatius Memorial Park, Inc. with business address at Brgy. Rawis, Calbayog City; 8) BDO Calbayog Peso Savings Account under account number 012420025780 in the name Harry Rumohr or Lourdes Rumohr; 9) BDO Calbayog Dollar Savings Account under account number 112420024016 in the name Harry Rumohr or Lourdes Rumohr; 10) Metrobank Calbayog Peso Savings Account under account number 3-294-32233-8 in the name Harry Rumohr or Lourdes Rumohr; 11) Metrobank Calbayog Dollar Savings Account under account number 294 00593 0 in the name Harry Rumohr or Lourdes Rumohr; 12) RCBC Calbayog Longtime Certificate Deposit under account number 000000-9025700962 in the name Harry Rumohr or Lourdes Rumohr; 13) AUB Calbayog Dollar Savings Account under account number 218-19-000041-1 in the name Harry Rumohr or Lourdes Rumohr. Per Doc No. 255, Page No. 51, Book No. XI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Joseph Dinoy. *LSDE: March 16, 23 & 30, 2021*

### AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION OF SOLE HEIR

NOTICE is hereby given that CECILIA MATEO-LIBRES heir of the late NIMFA PAGLINAWAN MATEO executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a 1/2 parcel of land known as Lot 401 containing an area of 32,223sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. T-5860 covered by TD No. 2008-04010-00084 of the Municipality of Babatgon, Leyte with market value og Pp41,005.42 and Assessed value of Pp14,930.00 situated at Babatgon, Leyte. Per Doc No. 33, Page No. 8, Book No. I, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Rosulo U. Vivero. *LSDE: March 16, 23 & 30, 2021*



The Reception and Study Center for Children (RSCC), Pawing, Palo, Leyte would like to call the attention of parents and relatives of a baby boy a.k.a. Cuatro de los Santos, who was approximately 7 months old when found by a certain Maricel Dutado Astorga on December 22, 2013 at around 9:00 in the evening at Imelda Park, Catbalogan City and brought to Catbalogan City Police Station by the finder on the same date. On December 23, 2013, said child was turned-over by PO2 Joebelle F. Magsanoc, of the Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD), Catbalogan City Police Station for appropriate intervention. Accordingly, while Maricel and her two children were walking at the Imelda Park, Catbalogan City, she saw a couple with a crying baby boy whom she asked on what was wrong with the child. The couple informed her that the baby was not their son and he was left to them by a woman who was looking for a comfort room but did not return anymore.

On August 14, 2018, the baby boy a.k.a. Cuatro de los Santos was referred and escorted to the Reception and Study Center for Children (RSCC) Pawing, Palo, Leyte, by Ms. Nida R. Aroza, City Social Welfare and Development Officer and Ms. Ana A. Ocenar, Social Welfare Officer III, both from the Local Government Unit of Catbalogan City for further intervention.

The parents, relatives or any interested party of the said child are requested to see, NIDA V. JUSAY, Center Head of the Reception and Study Center for Children (RSCC), Pawing, Palo, Leyte or contact her at mobile number 09214222708 to discuss permanently plan for the child. Failure of any of them to appear will serve as basis for filing a Petition for Administrative Declaration of a Child Legally Available for Adoption, as required under RA 9523.

NIDA V. JUSAY  
SWO III/Center Head-RSCC

*LSDE: March 16, 23 & 30, 2021*

### AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SOLE HEIR WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LUCENA JERVOSO CAÑEZAL, sole surviving heir of the late SPS. LEON TIOZON JERVOSO AND ADRIANA LAZAR JERVOSO executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land located at Pob. District II, MacArthur, Leyte with an area of .7615sq.m., more or less known as Cad Lot No. 510, Estate Tax issued CAR No. 1999-0026477. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. RODOLFO AND ROSARIO MATOZA as vendees of the above described property together with all the improvements thereon. Per Doc No. 477, Page No. 66, Book No. 51, Series of 2006. Notary Public Generoso Casimpan. *LSDE: March 23, 30 & April 6, 2021*

### SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LOURDES CLITAR BOLANTE, sole surviving heir of the late MARCELO CLITAR executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over 2 parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 2081, Survey No. 519-D situated at Brgy. Tinabilan, Palompon, Leyte embraced in Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo No. P-76354 with TD No. 08-31048-00150 R13 containing an area of 2,318sq.m.; 2) A parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 2084, Survey No. 519-D situated at Brgy. Tinabilan, Palompon, Leyte embraced in Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo No. P-76358 with TD No. 08-31048-00151 R13 containing an area of .0679 hectares more or less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. SANTI V. SON AND CHARRO MATER SON as vendees of the above-parcel of lands free from liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No. 143, Page No. 29, Book No. LXXXI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Donna Villa M. Gaspan-Cerna. *LSDE: March 23, 30 & April 6, 2021*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RICARDO FERNANDEZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 3192, Pls-658-D, located at Brgy. Camanahagay, San Sebastian, Samar, covered by OCT No.17466, containing an area of 27,258 square meters and heirs LEANDRO M. FERNANDEZ hereby Waive, and Relinquish the undivided share in the above property designated as Lot No. 3192-B in favor of my brother, MENANDRO M. FERNANDEZ; per Doc. No. 15331, Page No. 24, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid. *LSDE: March 9, 16 & 23, 2021*

### RA Form 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: **NORTHERN SAMAR**  
City/Municipality: **Laoang**

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JUDY BENITO L. CERBITO** has filed with this Office a *(complete name of the petitioner)*

petition for Change of First Name from **"BENITO"** to *(first name to be changed)*  
**"JUDY BENITO"** in the birth certificate of *(new first name to be adopted)*

**BENITO JUDY CERBITO** who was born on *(complete name of document owner)*

**MARCH 21, 1962** at **LAOANG, NORTHERN SAMAR**  
*(complete date of birth)* *(place of birth)*

and whose parents are **MARTIN CERBITO** and **ADILINA LOSAURA**.  
*(name of father)* *(name of mother)*

Any person claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **07 APRIL 2021**.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL D. ATENCIO**  
City/Municipal Civil Registrar

*LSDE: March 23 & 30, 2021*

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Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: **NORTHERN SAMAR**  
City/Municipality: **Laoang**

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RONNIE G. COROCOTO** has filed with this Office a *(complete name of the petitioner)*

petition for Change of First Name from **"JUN"** to *(first name to be changed)*  
**"GODOFREDO, JR."** in the birth certificate of *(new first name to be adopted)*

**JUN GIRAY COROCOTO** who was born on *(complete name of document owner)*

**JUNE 5, 1981** at **LAOANG, NORTHERN SAMAR**  
*(complete date of birth)* *(place of birth)*

and whose parents are **GODOFREDO COROCOTO** and **LILIA GIRAY**  
*(name of father)* *(name of mother)*

Any person claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **07 APRIL 2021**.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL D. ATENCIO**  
City/Municipal Civil Registrar

*LSDE: March 23 & 30, 2021*

### Historic...

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Diocese of Maasin had lined up several activities starting Monday (March 22) with the Diocesan Youth Day.

From March 23 to 30, novena masses are to be held in the historic island town where 20 pilgrims from each parishes under the Diocese are allowed to join.

On the 30th, the diocese will welcome the Señor Santo Niño de Cebu image that will arrive through Hilongos port and will have a vigil at the Maasin Cathedral.

On the 31st activities includes the enshrine-

ment of the Señor Santo Niño de Limasawa at the Triana Parish headed by the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines Archbishop Charles John Brown.

He will also lead the Eucharistic mass and will participate at the program and launching of the 500 YOC year-long activities at the Magallanes Shrine. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**



Publication Notice  
R.A. 10172

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

CCE-0001-2021-R.A. 10172

DATE: March 2, 2021

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **RITA BALANQUIT LOBOS-SURIO** has filed this office, a petition for correction of entry in the day of Date of Birth from **"November 3, 1981"** to **November 08, 1981"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RITA BALANQUIT LOBOS** in the Municipality of San Roque, Province of Northern Samar and whose parents are **CARLOS F. LOBOS** and **ADELA G. BALANQUIT**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than 10 days after publication.

**SHEILA S. LAGRIMAS**  
City/Municipal Civil Registrar

*LSDE: March 23 & 30, 2021*

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Eastern Samar  
Municipality of Llorente

**MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

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### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

CFN-0001-2021

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. no. 9048, a **Notice** is hereby served to the public that **MARIA CRISTINA A. KOGURE** has filed with this Office a **Petition for Change of First Name** from **"Maricris"** to **"Maria Cristina"** in the **Certificate of Live Birth** of **Maricris Guira Alota** who was born on **24 December 1978** at **Llorente, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **Lorenzo B. Alota** and **Salvacion E. Guira**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file a written opposition with this Office not later than **April 6, 2021**.

(Sgd) **ASUNCION PAULINE B. DAYAG**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

*LSDE: March 23 & 30, 2021*



# Catarman gets P50 million project aid from Pagcor

CATARMAN, Northern Samar- The municipality of Catarman is one of the latest beneficiaries of a P50 Million donation from the Philippine Games and Amusement Corporation (Pagcor) to fund the multi-purpose evacuation center which will be constructed soon in Barangay Polangi.

Mayor Francisco Rosales Jr. recently signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with Pagcor officials and received the mock check representing the agency's P50 million donation at the latter's office in Malate, Manila.

The mayor expressed his overflowing gratitude to Pagcor for this donation considering that an evacuation center is much-needed in the location of Barangay Polangi which is outside the Poblacion area. He is equally grateful to first district Representative Paul Daza whose office facilitated the said financial assistance from the government owned corporation.



Photo show Mayor Rosales during the MOA signing and as he received the P50M mock check from Pagcor president and chief operating officer Alfredo Lim, Pagcor chairman Andrea Domingo and Pagcor director Reynaldo Concordia.)

As stated in the MOA, Pagcor will provide for the design and technical specifications of the project.

Upon signing of the MOA, the agency will release the initial amount of P25 million to commence with the construction.

Upon completion of 50% of the project the agency will release P12.5 Million,

and another P12.5 Million when the project completes P75% of the construction works.

The Pagcor's design of

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## Cops assigned at PNP-8 health unit received jabs

TACLOBAN CITY-At least 61 police personnel assigned at the Regional Health Service of the Philippine National Police regional headquarters in Palo town, Leyte have received

the AstraZeneca vaccines.

The inoculation of the vaccine against coronavirus disease (COVID-19) was led by its chief, Police Col. Perfecto Yu. Before the police were administered of the vaccine, they first underwent registration, counselling and screening. Police Regional Director B/Gen. Ronaldo de Jesus said that the inoculation is aim to save lives and help end further spread of the virus. "The vaccination program aims to save lives and put an end to this pandemic. The vaccine is our best protection against COVID-19. I look forward that all Eastern Visayas cops be inoculated and virus-free," he said in a statement.

Meantime, at least 1,447 personnel at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC), based this city, have so far received the Sinovac vaccine. Dr. Salvador Evardone, chief of hospital, said that

the number of vaccinees only represents around 67 personnel out of their total 2,017 personnel which includes security personnel and cleaners.

He said that the rather low number could be attributed to refusal of some of their personnel to be administered with the China-manufacture vaccine as they prefer other brands, notably, AstraZeneca.

He revealed that for one, only 12 out of the more than 100 security personnel and cleaners of the hospital have agreed to be inoculated.

Evardone also said that there were doctors at the EVRMC but as the same also doing their medical practice in other private hospitals have received the vaccination.

He added that the Department of Health has promised him that they would be given AstraZeneca and not just Sinovac vaccines.

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(JOEY A. GABIETA)

## NPA members receive government assistance after giving up arm fights

TACLOBAN CITY- Five alleged members of the New People's Army (NPA) are set to receive government assistance following their surrender to the authorities in Leyte.

Following the government's Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP), the former rebels will receive livelihood training, cash assistance, educational support, medical check-up, and housing and legal support.

Lieutenant Colonel Demosthenes Magnaan, commander of Second Leyte Provincial Mobile Force Company, said the former rebels were encour-

aged to surrender through their community engagements and information operations.

The surrenderees were identified as alias Jack, alias Yan, alias Jason, alias Kutsoy, and alias Flower, all members of the sub-regional committee Emporium.

They also turned in one shotgun, two caliber .45 pistols, two caliber .38 pistols, two magazines for caliber .45, two rounds of live ammunition for caliber .45, and six rounds of live ammunition for caliber .38, according to the Police Regional Office-Eastern Visayas.

(RONALD O. REYES)

## A PWD burned to death after their house was gutted down in Baybay City

TACLOBAN CITY- A person with disability (PWD) died after their house in Baybay City, Leyte was burned down at 12:50 am Monday (March 22).

Killed during the more

than an hour fire incident was Ronilo Mahusay, Jr. whose house located in Barangay Pomponan in the said city was where the fire incident was reportedly originated.

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## NSSDEO holds turn-over of Laoang Water Supply project

NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar- The DPWH-Northern Samar 2nd District Engineering Office holds turn-over ceremony of Laoang Water Supply project (Upgrading and Expansion of Water Supply System-Level III) located in Brgy. Magsaysay, Laoang, Northern Samar on March 18, 2021.

Adongay, Jr., Assistant DE Charlito S. Carlobos, Project Engineer Joseph Romance, Maintenance Chief Engr. Francisco Tañala, Quality Assurance Section Chief Eduardo Lagrimas, Finance Section Chief Michelle Suan, PIO staff and other NSSDEO employees.

In attendance on the part of LGU-Laoang were

Mayor Harris Christopher M. Ongchuan, Vice Mayor Miguel Sarmiento, Sangguniang Bayan Members of Laoang, Municipal Engineer Nelson Selbijan, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, Engr. Leo Karl Serrona and some barangay officials, Engr. Martin Junboy Tan of Solid M Construction and members of Laoang Water District (LAWAD) were also present.

Rev. Fr. Fred Placa, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish Priest, administers the blessing of the project. It was followed by presenting the overview of the project by DE David P. Adongay, Jr., and ceremonial turn-over of project's manual to May-



The project is funded under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) FY 2017 with a contract amount of Php 87 million implemented by Solid M Construction and Rex E. Morales Construction on joint venture.

Present during the occasion were DPWH-NSSDEO personnel headed by District Engineer David P.



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# ASF-affected hog raisers in 3 Leyte towns get financial aid

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Agriculture (DA) released on Thursday some P7.9 million indemnity funds for backyard pig raisers affected by African swine fever (ASF) in three Leyte towns. Agriculture Secretary William Dar led the turnover of indemnity funds to the mayors of Abuyog, La Paz, and Javier towns for swine raisers whose animals were culled.

“This is the earliest release of indemnification fund because, in other provinces, some affected raisers have not yet received the financial assistance even after one year. We are trying our best to make it more efficient,” Dar said during the turnover ceremony at Hotel de Fides here.

Citing the experience in Leyte, Dar said they were able to come up with guidelines to release the indemnity within 30 days after an ASF case is reported.

The official ordered the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation to enroll all backyard hog raisers to avail the government’s insurance.

“The guidelines are there already. We need the active participation of local government units to take part in this insurance program. Our local officials are our front liners to ensure food security,” Dar said.

Hog raisers whose animals were subject to depopulation will get P5,000 from DA for every animal culled under the agency’s indemnification program.

The P7.9 million is for the payment of 15,800 heads of live hogs depopulated as an immediate response to stop the spread of the highly-contagious ASF.

The farm department has no available data as to the number of recipients during the turnover.

Leyte is the first province in the Visayas which recorded confirmed ASF infection.

The first case was re-



**INDEMNITY.** Abuyog, Leyte Mayor Lemuel Traya (2nd from right) receive a check from Agriculture Secretary William Dar (2nd from left) during an event witnessed by key officials of the Department of Agriculture in Eastern Visayas. The DA released on Thursday (March 18, 2021) some PHP7.9 million indemnity funds for backyard pig raisers affected by African swine fever (ASF) in three Leyte towns.

(Screengrab from DA Region 8)

corded on Jan. 14 in Abuyog town. It has now affected several areas in the province, including Tacloban City, the regional capital.

Initial investigation showed the ASF virus could have been transmitted to local farms in Leyte through infected boar being used for natural mating and by hog traders who may have fed

their stocks with contaminated food products.

Pigs affected by ASF usually manifest high fever, distinct reddish areas on the skin of the neck, chest, and extremities, and bleeding of internal organs that could lead to death within two to 10 days.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

## Army turns over an egg-laying project to a farmers’ association in a TF-ELCAC focused barangay in E. Samar

BORONGAN CITY–The 78th Infantry Battalion led by LtCol. Oliver Arviol turned over an Egg-laying project to the San Gabriel Farmers Association (SAGIFA), San Gabriel, Borongan City on March 12, 2021.

The SAGIFA is composed of 38 farmers from San Gabriel at least 20 kilometers west of the city proper.

Their egg-laying project is located on top of a hill in half a hectare area owned by the family of their association president Vicente Cada.

The association sought the help of the city officials to build a house for the 1,400 egg layers.

“Maupay ini nga amon proyekto, nakakabulig na ha amon,” said Cada when asked about the economic benefits the project has

given them.

Alvior signed the deed of donation and entrusted the farmers to take good care of the project.

“This is part of our effort to uplift the living condition of the community,” said the army officer.

This he added is also the result of the Retooled Community Service Program of the Task Force End Local Communist Armed Conflict (TF-ELCAC).

“We try to provide a source of livelihood making irrelevant the claims of the enemy of the state that the government neglects our people, this is also a way of insulating them from re-recruitment,” said Arviol.

The farmers take care of more than a thousand layers that give them at least 36 trays of eggs daily. The egg-laying project is located 300 meters from their water

source and bringing water uphill poses a challenge, yet SAGIFA President Vicente Cada is not losing hope that some government entity will answer their issues on the water.

“We submitted a resolution to Gov. Ben Evardone and we are hopeful, he will respond positively, said SAGIFA officer Nanie.

Borongon City Mayor Dayan Agda said that the Egg-laying project is an inspiring project, “this is a

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a state of the art multi-purpose evacuation center includes a kitchen area, storage area for relief goods, toilet and shower rooms, lactating rooms for nursing mothers and other amenities. (Catarman Municipal Information Office)

### Sen. Go...

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2,000 intended beneficiaries, each received P3,000, under the Department of Social Welfare and Development’s Individuals in Crisis Situation program.

Meantime, Sen. Go together with General Manager Marcelino Escalada Jr., National Housing Authority

## HRET dismisses petition filed against Leyte lawmaker

TACLOBAN CITY – Leyte Representative Lolita Karen Javier (2nd district) said that she is elated on the unanimous decision of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET) dismissing the quo warranto petition filed by her opponent during the 2019 congressional elections.

In the 29-page decision issued on February 11, 2021, HRET dismissed the petition filed by former congressman Henry Ong who lost to Javier on his reelection bid.

Javier obtained a total of 112,989 votes as against Ong who only managed to receive 88,995 votes.

Ong filed his petition on July 15, 2019 for quo warranto alleging that Javier is not a resident of the second congressional district.

In his petition, he argued that while Javier hails from Jaro town in the second district, she already abandoned it when she went to Metro

Manila to work as an actress and when she married her husband, Leonardo Javier.

However, Ong failed to win the favorable decision of the eight HRET members who unanimously dismissed his petition due to lack of clear and convincing evidence.

“My sincerest gratitude to all the members of the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal for rendering a decision based on the merits after it carefully weighed the evidence presented and found them to be insufficient to support the petition filed by Henry Ong,” Javier said in a statement.

With this victory, the lawmaker said that she can now focus more on her duty as lawmaker and as public servant.

Leyte’s second district has the largest coverage area and jurisdiction with 14 towns.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

### Gov. Petilla...

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humayhumayan, Kiling and Malaguicay.

Petilla added that the village of Calogcog received the assistance to concrete its farm to market road while the villages of San Isidro and Maghulod were given financial aid for the construction of village roads.

He said that two checks are intended for the construction of tanod outposts in the barangays of Bislig and Catmon while another two checks are intended for purchase

(NHA) personally awarded the free house and lot titles to the 150 resettlement recipients of St. Francis Village 1 (110 beneficiaries) & 2 (10), North Hill Arbours 1 (10) & 2 (10), and Villa Diana (10) in the northern part of the city.

Aside from the said distributions, the senator provided recipient-Taclobanons with meals, food packs, masks, face shields, and vitamins. Likewise, he gave away 25 bicycles, shoes, and tablets to selected recipients

of CCTV cameras in barangay Licod and Buntay.

Two checks are intended for the improvement of health services in two barangays where in one check is programmed for the renovation of Tugop health center while the other check for the repair of Arado of Day Care center, Petilla said.

On the other hand, one check is intended for the improvement of Guindag-a multi-purpose hall, he added.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

during the activity.

Meanwhile, before gracing the event, the senator, joined by other dignitaries visited the Malasakit Center in Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center to distribute similar assistance.

Present also in the distribution activity was Fe Chona Bahin, acting City Social Welfare and Development Office head, who delivered a welcome message on behalf of Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



# More than 120 Leyte town families benefits DENR greening program

PALO, Leyte - More than 120 families of this town benefitted the greening program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Crisostomo Badeo, Jr. community environment and natural resources officer of this town of Palo told reporters that the DENR is now adopting the "family approach" as one of the modes in implementing the Enhanced National Greening Program (ENGP).

Badeo explained that under this program, families are allowed to establish forest plantations composed of timber and non-timber species like rattan.

Within production zones, they can also establish agroforestry plantations composed of timber, non-timber, and high-value crops such as coffee, cacao, rubber, and other fruit trees, provided that the area must be planted with more forestry species than high-value crops, he added.

"In adopting the family approach, the families themselves will directly benefit from the program.

## Unlearned...

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And here is what I discovered furthermore—their offered discounts on Facebook were nothing but deceptions because when I checked out these items in online markets like Shopee or Lazada, these were but so cheap. What turned out to be a fake JBL for which I paid nearly Php 1,500, as an example, is only around 300 pesos in these online shops. Imagine how much the sellers had shelled from my pocket and yet their products were not functional at all.

But hard-headed as I am, or "uruwaton" as my wife would have it, I never learned my lessons. I continued browsing and ordering items from online shops, no longer from Facebook. I turned my attention to Lazada, Shopee, etc. for my

Implementing this approach is guided by Technical Bulletin No. 30 issued by the Forest Management Bureau (FMB)," Badeo said.

He reported that Technical Bulletin No. 30 was issued by the FMB to facilitate the participation of families in the National Greening Program as partners of the DENR when developing plantation or rehabilitating qualified areas.

Badeo said that their office has identified 122 families as beneficiaries of this program. They will be planting an aggregate area

of 763 hectares with different commodities.

This is divided into 200 hectares for bamboo trees, 63 hectares for fruit-bearing trees and another 469 hectares for indigenous species.

"We encourage the family-beneficiaries to put to heart the implementation of this program and for our part, the DENR commits to provide the technical and financial assistance as long as your claim is valid and with complete requirements, Badeo said.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PETRONILA JOSAIN ANDAYA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. San Lorenzo, Kawayan, Biliran, under Tax Dec. No. 00185 and OCT No. OCL-3410, with an area of 10.139600 ha. /square meters, assessed value of P151,160.00; market value of P1,035,356.40. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of NILDA MONTEROLA ROSALES and ROWEL MONTEROLA RASALES as vendee for the above-described parcel of land; per Doc. No. 3580, Page no. 638, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinno R. Opeña. LSDE: March 23, 30 & April 6, 2021

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ERNESTO CANETE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated in Brgy. Madao, Kawayan, Biliran, denominated as survey No. 3553-B, Csd-08-011706-D, covered by Kati-bayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-5078, under Tax Dec. no. 00215, with an area of 15,120 square meters ( 1.551000 has. as per Tax Dec. No. 00215). A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 200 square meters, denominated as Lot 3553-B-2-part, from the above-described property in favor of ALEMAR T. MAHINAY as vendee; per Doc. No. 470, Page No. 94, Book No. 60, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. LSDE: March 23, 30 & April 6, 2021

### EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE (PORTION OF RESIDENTIAL (URBAN) LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BRAULIO ANDRESCIO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land, situated at Brgy. Poblacion, Albuera, Leyte, Region 8, designated as cad/survey 655 Lot 6502 with PIN 044-03-001-20-016, containing an area of 139 square meters and subdivided into 5 shares. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MARLENE A. REFORZADO as vendee for the above-described parcel of land, per Doc. No. 692, Page No. 139, Book No. LVIII, Series

of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan G. Jervoso. LSDE: March 23, 30 & April 6, 2021

orders.

Sadly, the same frustrations prevailed. I would order an item, then a different design or quality would come, not exactly the same as the ones I ordered. This repeatedly happened not just once, twice, thrice, but several times already. Yet I still do not learn my lessons. Up to now, when I see something I dearly like, I order it, only to be frustrated again and again.

Instead of hating the sellers, I just calm down myself with the fact that, well, these are all made in China. Not surprising anymore. If it's from China, it must be poor quality, disposable item. What can we do? The world now is flooded with Chinese products that only look good on the outside, but fare worst on the inside. To hell with these products. This must be another lesson that we should altogether learn from.

## The Du30...

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boxing victories, earning billions of pesos on the side; and his being "idolized" by many Filipinos, Senator Pacquiao has set higher ambitious plans for himself?

THAT information gathered from Pacquiao's camp revealed Pacman's immediate plan is an international boxing bout versus 33-year-old Mexican welterweight, 4-time World Boxing Champion, Mikey Garcia?

THAT the proposed boxing bout was initially set not later than September of this year (since coincidentally, the first week of October is the week wherein candidates for the 2022 National

# Maripipi to relaunch island tourism next month

NAVAL, Biliran-It's more fun this summer season in the island town of Maripipi, this province, where the famous Sambawan Island is located as the local government unit will be relaunching the island tourism industry by next month.

"We will relaunch the tourism industry of the island on April 16," said Maripipi Mayor Joseph Canonoy Caingcoy in an interview.

Caingcoy clarified that the relaunching, specifically at Sambawan Island, will now be managed by the local government unit and no longer by the former developer of the island resort.

He dubbed the new tourism campaign brand as "Sambawan Resort Maripi-

pi Island" for easy name recall of the island town with Sambawan.

The relaunching of the island tourism is expected to be attended by regional officials of the DOT in Eastern Visayas, some top officials of Biliran province, local media, and other invited guests and visitors.

The first term mayor who instituted rapid progress and development of his hometown in the areas of health, infrastructure, social, economic, and eco-tourism anchored on his leadership brand "USWAG Maripipi," informed that the tourism industry of the island town is open to the public starting April 17.

He informed that all

tourists going to the island shall first drop at the town's RoRo Port for health screening in compliance to Covid-19 minimum public health standards.

Payment of P20 environmental fee and P80 entrance fee will also be done at the RoRo Port, he added.

He also said that based on IATF guidelines, the number of tourists to be accepted in a day is 200 persons only.

Caingcoy said that the LGU will be posting advisories on how to get there, fare rates, and other information before the date of the relaunching for information and guidance of tourists.

(Idl/rsv/PIA Biliran)

## Idioms...

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complacent and must not lower their guard as the virus lurks just around the corner.

The approach must now be non-political and all hands on deck must be the mantra. The country is a ship that is being shaken by the strong winds and waves of the pandemic and the crew and the passenger must be all hands in solving the seemingly alarming increase of the infections, transmission amid the

slow and uncertain roll out of vaccinations.

All hands on deck said to mean that a particular situation requires everyone to work hard in order to achieve an aim. In the local parlance its pagkaka-kaisa, which undeniably the root word is Isa or one. Unity and convergence must be the cry in these times. We cannot have an approach that is criticized and found to be wanting by experts. We cannot shut-out a minority report or non-partisan opinion just because he or she do not profess

similar belief with us. Just recently the government forwards a Whole of Nation Approach in the Anti-Insurgency problem, this is a strategic, convergent and comprehensive effort of every agency in the government to connect and help the marginalized, under Communist Influence to solve the problem of insurgency. The solution to a whole of nation problem must be comprehensive where the whole of nation approach must be grounded in the consultation of all possible stakeholders. True, there may be a lot idioms and phrases we can coin to suggest a lasting solution against the invisible common enemy but to sum up it all boils down to pagburublig kita (lets help one another).

<b>DAILY PROGRAM:</b>	
<b>"IGSUMAT KAN KA OYO"</b>	<b>MON. - SAT 8:00 PM</b> DYVL AM
<b>HIMANGRAWON - 104.7</b>	<b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> DYAB-FM

Elections file their Certificates of Candidacy at Comelec)?

THAT as in past bouts of Pacman, Filipinos were so united in their support of our "Pambansang Kamao"?

AND THAT hopefully after the boxing victory over Mikey Garcia, and the expected admiration for Pacman's prowess, this supposedly could be an opportune time for Manny Pacquiao to file his Certificate of Candidacy, and launch the Manny Pacquiao for

?-Candidacy-? Movement as rumored in the halls of Senate?

AND THAT, as planned, radio & television stations could already play Freddie Aguilar's latest adaptation or new lyrics of 'Bayan Ko' as the campaign jingle of you-know-who...?

THAT, on the side, Ilocos kingpin. former Governor Luis "Chavit" Singzon openly declares that he'd like to see the Tandem -- Manny Pacquiao for President and

(eventual former President) Rodrigo Duterte for Vice--President?

THAT, on the other side, Pastor Apollo Quiboloy of Davao has voiced out what many PDP-Laban Leaders agree on -- that the SARA for President, and DU30 for Vice-President Tandem is The MOST POWERFUL TANDEM?

And not to be outdone, this Columnist has thus declared -- Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata!



**Bill...**

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But for Ladylyn Lim, senior faculty member of UP-Tacloban, the intention of the measure may be commendable but doubts if it would really achieve its goal.

According to Lim, considering of how the country's justice work, she is apprehensive that the names of the alleged nuisance candidates may still run.

"Our justice system does not work in time. The case may not be resolved until even elections time," she said.

Lim also finds the penalty of P100,000 to be rather small.

"The penalty should have variations. The higher the positions being contested, the higher the penalty. I find it really cheap...the amount is only for those seeking a barangay position not for city or province, for example," she added.

She, however, commended Sarmiento for coming with this kind of measure saying the intention is 'good.'

The Omnibus Election Code defines a nuisance candidate as a person who files his or her certificate of candidacy 'to put the election process in mockery or disrepute or

to cause confusion among the voters by the similarity of names of the registered candidates... or acts which clearly demonstrate that the candidate has no bonafide intention to run for the office.'

Sarmiento, who is just serving on his first term as Samar's congressman representing its first congressional district, said that with the penalty he is introducing, this could serve as a 'deterrent' for those who will run just to confuse or diminish the chances of legitimate candidates to poll victory.

Under House Bill Number 91, which he filed on July 23, 2019, Sarmiento said that by prohibiting nuisance candidates to run, this will 'ensure fairness and integrity' of the conduct of the elections.

"Our quest for a better Philippines begins with our ballot. This House bill seeks to ensure the integrity of the voice of the Filipino voter," he said in a statement.

During the 2019 elections, the provincial elections office in Samar has noted at least 15 individuals were considered to be nuisance candidates who filed their certificates of candidacy mostly for provincial or congressional posts.

The country is set to conduct a presidential elections next year.

**(JOEY A. GABIETA)****A PWD...**

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Reports reaching the regional office of the Philippine National Police (PNP based in Palo town, Leyte, said fire incident also burned down the houses owned by brothers Joselito and Leo Dibdib.

Based on the report, the fire broke out at around 12:50 am at the house of Luz Mahusay, the mother of the fatality, of still unknown reason.

The fire immediately spread to the houses of the Dibdib brothers. All houses located just near each other were made of light materials which could be the reason why the fire spread and burned the houses immediately.

While the mother was able to run out of the house, her son, who was also asleep at the time of the incident, failed to do so as he was trapped inside

their burning house.

The city fire office of Baybay responded to the fire incident which lasted until 2:32 am.

Cause of the fire incident is still being investigated by the fire office of the city. **(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

**NSSDEO...**

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project.

"We are happy to accept this long-awaited water supply project, long-awaited. Maiha na naton ini ginhihinulat and finally narrealize na gihapon ini nga turn-over. We do hope ini nga proyekto makakabulig sa aton. Magbuburublig an LGU Laoang ngan an Laoang Water District para sa padayon nga kaupayan sini nga serbisyo.", Mayor Ongchuan said.

Meanwhile, the construction of the Laoang Water Supply Project is aimed to provide the end-users

**458 farmers, ex-rebels in Leyte to receive farmlands from the government**

TACLOBAN CITY-A total of 458 landless farmer-beneficiaries, including former rebels, are set to receive their own farmlands in Leyte under the national governments Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Department of Agrarian Reform Undersecretary for field operations Elmer Distor said that the distribution of the land titles is a proof of the government under the administration of Pres. Rodrigo Duterte to end the country's decades-long in-

surgency problem.

"This is the government's way of showing that it is serious in resolving the long-standing issue about the five-decade-old insurgency problem - the inequitable distribution of wealth," he said.

"This is the result of our lengthy discussion with the provincial government of Leyte in compliance with the Executive Order. No. 75, which President Duterte signed in February 2019," Distor added.

Last March 19, DAR

Secretary John Castriciones and Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla signed the deed of transfer following the latter's turnover of 91.6 hectares of agricultural "in compliance with President Rodrigo Duterte's directive to distribute all idle government lands to landless farmers and rebel-returnees."

The property will benefit 262 former rebels and 196 actual tillers of the subject land located in Barangay Daja Daku, San Isidro town.

According to the DAR

official, the property would be subdivided equally among the rebel-returnees and actual tillers so that each of them would receive a share of 2,000 square meters.

In a statement, Distor maintained that the transfer of 91.6 hectare "is a manifestation of the government's political will to distribute all government-owned lands to qualified beneficiaries on or before the President's term ends in June 2022." **(RONALD O. REYES)**

**Construction of access road linking 3 remote villages in a Leyte town now underway**

TACLOBAN CITY- An access road that will connect four remote villages of MacArthur town in Leyte is now underway and aim for easy transport among villagers where the project traverses.

The P48 million worth project covers the upland villages of San Antonio, Lanawan, San Vicente, and Kagbana.

"This project aims to improve the socio-economic condition and fasten the

mode of transportation for the mobility of goods and people in the remote areas. As well as to provide a safer and convenient travel experience for the locales and motorists," Engr. Leo Edward Oppura, officer-in-charge of the Leyte Second District Engineering Office, said.

"This project will also help to enhance the local tourism therein with the intention of giving local resi-

dents a livelihood especially to those who are affected by the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-LCAC)," he added.

The department poured P48-million worth of infrastructure project covering the construction of 1.20-lane kilometer concrete road equipped with drainage lined-canal.

An arch design culvert will be built to act as bridge

for traffic to pass on it and water current flow controller.

The construction of the said access road is funded under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) and of part of the Multi-Year Contract Authority (MYCA) of CY-2020.

The project is expected to be completed by June of this year which started November of last year.

**(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)**

**DOH announces of 11 new COVID-19 cases, pushing EV's total cases to 16,262**

TACLOBAN CITY-The Department of Health (DOH) has announced of 11 new cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on Monday (March 22), bringing the total cases for Eastern Visayas to 16,262.

The 11 new cases were from the following: four in Tacloban City with the town of Dulag, Leyte with two new cases.

The towns of Abuyog, Dulag, and Pastrana, all in Leyte, have one new case each.

The municipalities of Villareal in Samar and San Francisco in Southern Leyte.

**(LYCA MAE T. QUILICOL, PIO Alternate)**

The DOH said that the region has now 15,736 number of recovered patients since the pandemic started a year ago.

At present, the region has 285 active cases with 241 deaths due to COVID-19 complications.

With the surge of cases in Metro Manila, the DOH in the region appeals to the public to intensify and strengthen measures to combat COVID-19 by strictly adhering to the minimum public health standards at all times and in all settings.

**(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)**

**DENR-8 joins International Day of Forests celebration**

International Day of Forests - March 21 highlights the importance of forests to people and their vital role in poverty eradication, environmental sustainability, and food security.

Observed this year with the theme "Forest Restoration: a path to recovery and well-being", the celebration promotes the valuable benefits of forests in terms of human health, food security, environmental and climatic condition, provision of green jobs, stakeholder engagement, and healing.

In Region VIII, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) promotes the impor-

tance of forests by improving the remaining unproductive, denuded, and degraded forestlands through the Enhanced National Greening Program (ENGP).

DENR VIII Regional Executive Director Tirso P. Parian Jr. disclosed that in 2020 alone, the DENR in partnership with local stakeholders produced a total of 2,612,189 planting materials and developed 4,021 hectares ENGP plantation. The ENGP also provided jobs to 69 Forest Extension Officers and more members of people's organizations and local communities last year.

Director Parian also added that in order to encourage

wider stakeholders' engagement in forest restoration, the Department is now directly involving families as immediate beneficiaries and implementers of the Enhanced National Greening Program.

"Restoring our degraded forests is possible if we work hand in hand and contribute to greening efforts in any way we can", RED Parian said.

"The advocacy of the International Day of Forests reminds us that every tree counts. Let us take part in this celebration and be reminded that our health and well-being depends so

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Republic of the Philippines
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
FOR OVER OR UNDER RECOVERIES
IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTOMATIC
ADJUSTMENT AND TRUE UP MECHANISMS
DURING THE PERIOD 2018 – 2020
PURSUANT TO ERC RESOLUTION No. 16,
SERIES OF 2009 AS AMENDED
BY RESOLUTION Nos. 21, AND 23
SERIES OF 2010

ERC CASE No. \_\_\_\_\_

DON ORESTES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,
INC. (DORELCO),

Applicant,

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APPLICATION

COMES NOW, applicant DON ORESTES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
(DORELCO), through the undersigned counsel under authority given by
DORELCO Board of Directors per Resolution No. 2021-015, and corre-
sponding Secretary Certificate, copy of which are hereto attached as "AN-
NEX A" and "ANNEX B", respectively; unto this Honorable Commission,
most respectfully files this Application in compliance to ERC Resolution
No. 16, Series of 2009 as amended by Resolution No. 21, and 23, Series
of 2010.

This application is seeking approval from the Honorable Commission
to collect the under-recovery in the items of Generation, System Loss,
Lifeline and Senior Citizen; as well as the refund for over-recovery in the
item of Transmission, incurred during DORELCO's implementation of vari-
ous automatic cost adjustment and true up mechanisms covering the
period from 2018 to 2020 and in support thereof states as follows:

I. THE APPLICANT

1. The applicant, DORELCO is a non-stock, non-profit Electric Cooper-
ative duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Presidential
Decree 269, as amended, with capacity to sue and be sued, with principal
office address at DORELCO Compound, Brgy. San Roque, Tolosa, Leyte,
Philippines, represented in this instance by its General Manager, ALLAN L.
LANIBA, MPA, MM., who was authorized to file, execute verification and
certification relative to this Application per Board Resolution No. 2021-
015 (Annex A) with corresponding Secretary Certificate (Annex B).

2. Herein applicant is the exclusive franchise holder issued by the
National Electrification Administration (NEA) to operate an electric light
and power services to the 13 municipalities of Leyte, namely: Burauen,
Dagami, Lapaz, Abuyog, Javier, Mahaplag, Mayorga, La Paz, Tabon-tabon,
Julita, MacArthur, Tolosa, and Tanauan. A copy of Applicant DORELCO's
Certificate of Franchise is hereto attached as "ANNEX C".

II. THE ANTECEDENT FACTS

3. Prior to this filing, herein Applicant had undergone computation
and reportorial submission to Energy Regulatory Commission on its over
or under recoveries incurred in the implementation of automatic cost ad-
justments and true-up mechanisms on pass through costs of DORELCO
following the formulas prescribed under ERC Resolution No. 16, Series of
2009, as amended by ERC Resolution No. 21, and 23, Series of 2010, such
as : automatic generation rate (GR) and system loss adjustment mecha-
nism; transmission rate (TR) adjustment mechanism; Lifeline rate recov-
ery mechanism; and senior citizen subsidy recovery mechanism.

4. In fact, herein Applicant had just completed its implementation
of its approved 2004-2011 Over/Under Recoveries on September 2020
billing period. However, Applicant DORELCO is still awaiting for the ERC
decision of its pending application for Over/Under recoveries 2012-2014
docketed as ERC Case no. 2015-003 CF, and application for Over/Under
recoveries 2015-2017 docketed as ERC Case no. 2018-016 CF.

III. LEGAL BASES FOR THE APPLICATION

5. Under Section 43 (t) of the Republic Act No. 9136, the Energy reg-
ulatory Commission (ERC) is mandated to promulgate rules and regula-
tions and perform such other regulatory functions as are appropriate and
necessary in order to ensure the successful restructuring and moderniz-
ing of the electric power industry.

6. On July 13, 2009, pursuant to Section 43 (f) and (t) of the Republic
Act No. 9136 or the Act, Rule 7 of its Implementing Rules and Regulations
(IRR) and Section 10 of the Republic Act No. 7832, the ERC had resolved
to approve and adopt the so called "Rules Governing the Automatic Cost
Adjustment and True-up Mechanisms and Corresponding Confirmation
Process for Distribution Utilities", by virtue of ERC Resolution No. 16,
Series of 2009.

7. However, the aforementioned rules promulgated under Resolution
no. 16, series of 2009, failed to address the mismatch between meter
reading periods at the wholesale and retail levels due to unequal number
of billing days, which results to misalignment of kWh sales and purchase
power. Recognizing the need to address and resolve the said misalign-
ment of kWh sales and purchase power which causes spikes and dips in
the computed monthly system loss and adversely affects the actual sys-
tem loss of the DUs during certain billing months; The ERC had passed a
Resolution No. 21, series of 2010, dated On October 18, 2010, which
amended Section 4 of Article 4 and Section 1 of the Article 5 of the "Rules
Governing the Automatic Cost Adjustment and True-up Mechanisms and
Corresponding Confirmation Process for Distribution Utilities".

8. On the other hand, ERC Resolution 23, Series of 2010 adopts the
rules implementing the discounts to qualified senior citizen end-users
and subsidy from subsidizing end-users on electricity consumption.

9. Hence, this Application is pursuant to ERC Resolution No. 16, Series
of 2009, as amended by ERC Resolution No. 21, and 23, Series of 2010.

IV. THE RESULTING COMPUTED OVER OR UNDER RECOVERIES INCURRED

IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT AND TRUE UP
MECHANISMS FOR PERIOD 2018 TO 2020

10. In the application of formulas prescribed under ERC Resolution 16,
Series of 2009, as amended by ERC Resolution 21, and 23, Series of 2010,
Applicant's pass through cost vis-a-vis the actual collections, resulted to
under recoveries in the items of: Generation Rate (GR), Lifeline Subsidy,
System Loss Rate (SLR), and Senior Citizen Subsidy. On the other hand,
over-recovery was incurred in the item of Transmission Rate (TR). The fol-
lowing table reflects the summary of over/under recoveries for years 2018
to 2020:

Table with 5 columns: Year, Pass Through Cost, Actual Collections, Difference (Over)/Under, and categories: Generation Rate (GR), Transmission Rate (TR), System Loss Rate (SLR), Lifeline Subsidy, Senior Citizen Subsidy, and Grand Total.

Formulas used in computing the above over or under recoveries, as
well as, the reasons for incurring the same are explained in the Executive
Summary, hereto attached as Annex "D".

V. THE PROPOSED COLLECTION AND REFUND SCHEMES:

11. The herein Applicant DORELCO is proposing a staggering way to
collect the computed under recoveries on items of Generation and System
Loss for a period of 48 months; while for Lifeline and Senior Citizen will
be collected within a period of 12 months. On the other hand, Applicant is
proposing an instalment refund for its over recoveries on Transmission Cost
for a period of 48 months. Thus, the computed resulting proposed rates of
collection and refund are shown below:

PROPOSED COLLECTION/REFUND SCHEMES:

Table with 6 columns: No., Particular, (Over)/Under Recovery, Using February 2021 kWh Sales, Proposed No. of Years, Rate Php/kWh

VI. SUPPORTING DATA AND DOCUMENTS

12. In support to this Application, DORELCO is respectfully submitting
herewith the following data and documents, which are being made integral
parts hereof, to wit:

Table with 3 columns: Folder, ANNEX, and NATURE OF DOCUMENT

13. Further, in support of this Application, the "Judicial Affidavit" of
DORELCO's Finance Services Department Manager, Marinchie Y. Olarte,
CPA is hereto attached and made integral part of this application and
marked as "ANNEX T".

VII. COMPLIANCE WITH PRE-FILING REQUIREMENTS

14. In compliance with the ERC prescribed Pre-filing requirements for
O/U applications filing, DORELCO had provided copies of the Application
and its annexes to Sangguniang Bayan of Municipality of Tolosa where
the principal office of is located, proof of which is the duly received
Transmittal Letter and Certification hereto attached as "ANNEX U" and
"ANNEX V", respectively. Same copy of Application with annexes was giv-
en to Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Province of Leyte, proof of
which are hereto attached as "ANNEX W" and "ANNEX X", respectively.

15. Moreover, applicant DORELCO had initiated the publication of
this Application in a newspaper with general circulation within the fran-
chise area of DORELCO in Leyte Province, proof of which are hereto at-
tached as "ANNEX Y" and "ANNEX Z".

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered it is respectfully and humbly
prayed of this Honorable Commission that DORELCO's determination of
its over and under recoveries in the implementation of automatic cost
adjustment and true-up mechanisms be confirmed and approved, and
that Applicant be allowed to collect the computed under recoveries in the
items of: Generation Rate (GR), Lifeline Subsidy, System Loss Rate (SLR),
and Senior Citizen Subsidy; likewise be allowed to refund the over-recov-
ery in the item of Transmission Rate (TR), under the proposed collection
and refund schemes.

Other reliefs, just and equitable under the premises are likewise most
respectfully prayed for.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

Tacloban City for Pasig City, this 16th day of March 2021.

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VERIFICATION and CERTIFICATION OF NON-FORUM SHOPPING

That I, ALLAN L. LANIBA, of legal age, Filipino, and with principal of-
fice address at the Main Office of Don Orestes Romualdez Electric Coop-
erative, Inc. (DORELCO), Tolosa, Leyte, after being sworn to in accordance
with law, hereby depose and say:

1. That I am the General Manager of Don Orestes Romualdez Electric
Cooperative, Inc. (DORELCO);

2. That I have caused the preparation and filing of the foregoing Appli-
cation for Over or Under Recoveries in the Implementation of Automatic
Adjustment and True-up Mechanisms during the period 2018-2020;

3. That I have read the foregoing Application and I attest that all alle-
gations therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, infor-
mation and belief, and the same is based on authentic records;

4. That I have not commenced any other action or proceeding in-
volving the same issue and nor is any pending before the Supreme Court,
the Court of Appeals or any other tribunal or agency and should I learn
thereafter that a similar action or proceeding has been filed or is pending
other court or tribunal, I undertake to promptly inform this Honorable
Commission within five (5) days there from.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name and signa-
ture this 17th day of March 2021, Tacloban City, Leyte.

ALLAN L. LANIBA
General Manager, DORELCO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, a Notary Public for the
Province of Leyte, this 17th day of March 2021, Tacloban City, Leyte,
Philippines.

ATTY. ROGELIO P. GULA
NOTARY PUBLIC
NCNO. 2021-01-06
UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2022
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# RCSP starts deployment of teams to selected municipalities

CATARMAN, Northern Samar – A simultaneous send-off ceremony for Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) teams was held today, March 22, 2021, at the Northern Samar Police Provincial Office, this town.

A total of 214 personnel from the Northern Samar Police Provincial Office (NSPPO), Regional Mobile Force Battalion (RMFB), Special Action Force (SAF), and the 803rd Infantry Brigade (803rd IB) of the Philippine Army has undergone CSP Operators Training during the past few months.

From this group, 30 teams composed of 132 personnel will be deployed to nine municipalities, namely: Victoria, San Isidro, Lavezares, Catubig, Las Navas, Bobon, Pambujan, Laoang, and San Roque.

The RCSP teams will be sent to barangays identified to be affected by insurgency problems with each team staying for 2-3 months or until such time that the areas will be declared clear of insurgency.

As part of their mission, they will provide various support services to the community in order to make the residents of these far-flung barangays aware of the different government interventions which they can avail

of. LMP President Mayor Galahad Vicencio and Liga ng mga Barangay President Hon. Liza Esidera accepted the RCSP teams on behalf all the municipalities and barangays covered by the program.

“Let us continue to support our shared goal to end this decades-long thievery, terrorism, and economic sabotage being done by the CTG. And pay no heed to the voices of their front organizations because our people deserve to live in a safer Philippines,” Mayor Vicencio stated in his acceptance message.

During the send-off, the local chief executives from the participating municipalities also signed a memorandum of agreement with NSPPO Provincial Director PCol Arnel J. Apud to show their support to the program and “to continue working collectively to build peaceful and developed community for the benefit of the populace and their future generations.

“There should be sustainable programs in anti-criminality, corruption, and anti-insurgency. There were several programs already in the past to address the issue on insurgency, but still we can’t deny the fact that some are not effective. Our government today is serious to end this more than a half century battle with the commu-



At least 214 police and Army personnel are to be deployed to nine towns in Northern Samar as part of government’s effort against insurgency problem. Their deployment is being made under the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) wherein they are to assist villagers of various government services.

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nist terrorist groups that have been exploiting innocent Filipinos,” PGen Ronaldo De Jesus said in his statement, as read by PCol. Apud.

Also giving their messages of support for the program were Col. Efren Morado, deputy brigade commander of the 803rd IB, DTI provincial director Mimosa Regis, BFAR OIC Director Norberto Berida, PIA Provincial Manager Ailene Diaz, and DILG LGOO Elaine Abigail Delorino.

“Ang ating EO 70 designates the local chief executives as the lead

campaign commander in eradicating communist terrorist forms in our country. However, our LCEs cannot do it alone. They need the support of the different agencies of the government and other stakeholders,” Col. Morado in his message of support.

Finally, in a prepared statement read by Board Member Florencio “Fawa” Batula, Governor Edwin Ongchuan expressed his hopes that through constant delivery of basic services, in agriculture, health, livelihood and other ar-

eas, some of our fellow Nortehanons will no longer have reason to put up arms against the government.

“The provincial government assures our partners that we will continue our support to the RCSP. Let us hope that we will eventually build the safest and most peaceful Northern Samar for all of us to work and live in,” Governor Ongchuan concluded.

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much on the condition of our forests. Healthy forests is a formidable shield against our changing climate and the threats that comes with it,” he stressed.

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