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South Leyte reverts to GCQ amid COVID-19 spike

ROEL T. AMAZONA, RONALD O. REYES

TACLOBAN CITY- Southern Leyte Governor Damian Mercado issued an executive order on Thursday (May 27) placing the entire province under general community quarantine (GCQ) from its previous modified GCQ status amid its increasing COVID-19 cases.

The GCQ quarantine status will take effect for the entire month of June, the order said.

The reversion of the province to GCQ came amid the increasing number of COVID-19 cases across the region with the Department of Health (DOH) reporting on Friday of 181 new cases, so

far the highest single-day cases of the region for this year.

While the entire Southern Leyte province is under GCQ, minimum health standards are required to be followed such as wearing of face shields and face masks, proper hygiene, use of cough etiquette, and physical distancing.

Persons under 15-years old and those over 65-year old including those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, pregnant women are prohibited from leaving their respective houses except those for those are obtaining essential goods and services, and those who

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VACCINATED. Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla receives his first dose of vaccine against coronavirus disease on Friday (May 28). He also encouraged those who are hesitant to have themselves vaccinated for their own protection. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)



Mayor Romualdez opens family park for northern settlers

TACLOBAN CITY-As part of Mayor Alfred Romualdez's vision to develop more green spaces for residents, the city government inaugurated Tuesday afternoon (May 25) the Tacloban North Villages Family Park, located at Brgy. 106 Sto. Niño.

The park is a 3,165 square-meter space, which features some park amenities such as a covered community center, landscaping, solar streetlights, water feature, and play equipment that will surely give a breathable space for social recreations to the resettlement community.

Mayor Romualdez, who led the inauguration activity, in his message, asked the residents and



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez led the inauguration of a family park located in Barangay 106(Santo Nino). The facility, where settlers at various resettlement sites at the northern part of the city can enjoy, is also part of the greening program of the city government.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

Gov. Petilla receives 1st jab; asks Leytenos to submit themselves for vaccination

PALO, Leyte-Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla gets his first dose of vaccine against coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Friday afternoon (May 28) hoping that this would help convince those who are still hesitant to have the vaccine shots.

Petilla was joined by some of his staff and security during the inoculation held at the Leyte Provincial Hospital office (PHO).

The governor said that it was the PHO doctors who decided to use the AstraZeneca vaccine for him.

The governor added that he hopes with him getting inoculated with the vaccine will help convince more residents in the province to submit themselves for the jabs.

"They should not believe in hearsay, rather they must listen to what

experts are saying about the vaccine," Petilla said.

"Carefully check the information that you received or heard about the vaccine and weigh in your decision to the most credible facts," he added.

The governor added that the vaccine is safe and people should not hesitate.

"We cannot achieve on going back to normalcy if people will keep on delay-see Gov. Petilla/page 16 ...



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Program helps anti-insurgency campaign in Samar

Rep. Tan thumbs down any ELCAC defunding

CATBALOGAN CITY-Samar Rep. Sharee Ann Tan expressed her total support for the continuation implementation of the program of the Duterte administration to end the communist armed conflict in the country.

In fact, she 'politely decline' to co-author a bill as proposed by some of her colleagues at the House of Representatives to defund the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict(NTF-ELCAC).

According to her, the implementation of ELCAC in Samar, in particular, was beneficial on the fight against members of the New People's Army (NPA) as the province continues to battle with the insurgents.

"We have different views (on insurgency).But for me, insurgency is the main problem in Samar, to include my (second congressional) district," Tan said.

"That is why, I politely decline for me to co-author a bill defunding the ELCAC because I see it as the solution to end the insurgency problem in the province," the lawmaker said.

Under the program, barangays identified to have been 'cleared' under the influence of the NPA will receive funding allocation of P20 million for their development project.

With this funding allocation, residents and officials of far-flung barangays will not allow members of the rebel group to use or 'influence' them.



Rep. Sharee Ann Tan

In Samar province, 87 barangays from 12 towns have been identified to benefit the P20 million funding for this year.

Meantime, Major Gen. Pio Diñoso III, the commanding officer of the 8th Infantry Division based this city, said it's about time to end the armed conflict in the region saying it's very costly.

He said that the money spent by the government to fight the rebels could be better used to address the needs of the people in the rural villages.

Diñoso said that because of the need to address the insurgency problem in the region, the national government is spending almost P5 billion a year for the salaries of the soldiers alone.

"If we don't have an insurgency problem(in Eastern Visayas), there could be no military (and) the amount being used to address the concerns of our people in the villages are small compared to the amount spent for the military because we have these NPAs," he said.

He said that to construct a farm-to-market road for example, the government will only be spending at

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Salcedo mayor sees refrigerated van from DAR an opportunity

SALCEDO, Eastern Samar – An opportunity not only for the recipient agrarian reform beneficiaries organization (ARBO) but for the entire municipality as well is how Mayor Melchor Mergal of this fifth-class municipality perceives the refrigerated closed van provided by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), rather than just a plain assistance.

During the turnover of the delivery vehicle worth P1.8 million to the FEA Agrarian Reform Cooperative (FEA ARCo) early this month, Mergal stressed, "It is not only an ordinary refrigerated van. It offers a whole lot of opportunity where we can start the engagements of our farmers to multi-corporations because we have the facility."

Thus, Mergal encouraged FEA ARCo to sustain their operation because according to him, "It's not only your organization that will be benefited but the whole municipality as well."

Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer II (PARPO II) Gilberto Apilado said, FEA ARCo, though situated in the remote village of Iberan in this town, is one of the progressive ARBOs in Eastern Samar.

Aside from being producer of various crops and processed foods, they also serve as consolidator of farmers' products throughout the province, particularly cassava and cacao.

Chief of the Program Beneficiaries Development Division at the DAR Regional Office, Melecia Ong, explained that they recommended FEA ARCo to be the recipient of the delivery truck in Eastern Visayas because this ARBO has never received a common service facility from DAR yet.

Ong, who represented Regional Director Ismael Aya-ay in the turnover rite, disclosed that FEA ARCo upon evaluation by DAR Central Office passed the criteria, including marketing arrangements with institutional markets.

FEA ARCo at present



Chief of the Program Beneficiaries Development Division, Melecia Ong (3rd from left), representing DAR-8 OIC-Regional Director Ismael Aya-ay, hands over the symbolic key to FEA Agrarian Reform Cooperative Chairman Luis Bayarong (5th from right) as DAR turns over the P1.8-million refrigerated closed van to the agrarian reform beneficiaries organization (ARBO). Witnessing the event are Salcedo Mayor Melchor Mergal (3rd from right), Vice Governor Maricar Gootesan (4th from right), and Sebastian Caspe (representative of Congresswoman Maria Fe Abunda, 6th from right). (JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)

has existing marketing contracts with the Department of Health retained hospitals, Department of Education, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and San Miguel Corporation for their products ranging from fresh fruits and vegetables to processed foods.

"They indeed need this type of facility to keep the freshness of perishable products," Ong added.

She further disclosed that this facility was funded under DAR's PaSSOver: ARBold Move for Deliverance of our Farmers from the COVID-19 Pandemic project hoping to bolster the role of ARBOs as frontliners in the food supply chain by helping them overcome the obstacles in the consolidation, marketing, and delivery of farm products.

Meanwhile, FEA ARCo

Chairman Luis Bayarong considers this assistance as an investment for them to be able to help others too.

In acceptance, he revealed their immediate plan to use the refrigerated closed van in delivering dressed chickens and fresh eggs which they supply throughout the province.

Mayor Melgar was so thankful for the assistance

DAR has extended to his constituents which according to him, "the local government could not provide due to our limited resources".

"An amon nala, an pagbulig paglink ha magkadurudilain nga ahensya," (For our part, we will help link them to the different agencies) said Melgar.

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Fire razes 6 houses in Basey town

TACLOBAN CITY- Six houses were razed by fire in Barangay Loyo, Basey, Samar Wednesday (May 26), according to the Bureau of Fire and Protection.

The fire broke out at

11:30 a.m. and was declared fire out after around 39 minutes.

Some other concerned citizens also tried to put out the spreading fire.

No casualties were reported, said the Basey Mu-

nicipal Police Station in the report.

However, the estimated cost of damages amounted to P220,000.

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

7 NPA members yield to government in Leyte, Samar provinces

TACLOBAN CITY- At least seven alleged members of the New People's Army (NPAs) have surrendered before government forces in Leyte and Samar provinces.

In Hilongos, Leyte, six rebels surrendered to the 14th Infantry Battalion which is under the command of Col. Ernesto Dela Rosa Jr.

Aside from the rebels, about 19 sympathizers also surrendered last May 23.

The former rebels claimed that difficulties living in the mountains and threat to their lives were the reasons why they decided to give up their armed struggles and return to the folds of the laws.

They also disclosed that they were also involved in the killing of Vergilio Loquias, former village chairman of San Antonio, Hilongos last August 15, 2019 and 36 others during the infamous 'Operation Venereal Disease' purging conducted by the communist group back in the early 1980's where suspected government informants were killed.

Col. Dela Rosa, whose headquarters is based in Mahaplag town, also in Leyte, lauded the decision

of the former rebels and their sympathizers to surrender to the government.

"We pay tribute to the courage and perseverance of the surrendered individuals against the CPP-NPA-NDF. I hope that our brothers and sisters who continue to use violence against the government will give up while it is not too late. We will not hesitate to fulfill our duty to protect the people of Brgy. San Antonio and its surrounding areas," he said in a statement.

Meantime, another rebel, only identified as 'Ka Baki' surrendered to police authorities in Paranas town, Samar last Wednesday (May 26).

The 24-year old rebel was said to be a militia member who belonged to the central front Samar-1 and yielded one Caliber 38 revolver and six pieces of live ammunitions.

He is now under the custody of the 802nd Maneuver Company in Paranas town, Samar.

(JOEY A. GABIETA/
RONALD O. REYES)



Indigenous group in Basey, Samar not ready to be vaccinated, says leader

TACLOBAN CITY- Members of the indigenous tribe in Basey town in Samar province said that they are not yet 'ready' to subject themselves to vaccination against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Their hesitancy on the inoculation is due to the reason of possible side effects on them, Jennifer Cabadungan, 38, said.

Cabadungan acts as the leader and spokesperson of the Mamanwa tribe living in Barangay Guirang of the said town.

"While the vaccine being offered by our government is meant to give protection against COVID-19, we members of the tribe are not ready to be vaccinated," she said.

"We don't know what will be its effects to us, to our bodies, especially to our elders. So for now, we are not open to it," Cabadungan said.

At present, there are 28 Mamanwa families composed of over 80 individuals living in Guirang.

It was learned from Cabadungan that since the start of the pandemic last year, no member of their



Fear on possible adverse effects is the reason why the Mamanwas living in Basey, Samar, are not yet ready to receive any vaccines against coronavirus disease (COVID-19). (DISCOVER BASEY)

tribe has been affected by the deadly virus.

"When the pandemic started last March (of last year), we temporarily abandoned our houses and went to our farms to ensure that we will be safe from possible infection from the virus," she said.

The farms she was referring is located within their sitio in Wespal of said village but are far from where

their houses are situated.

Cabadungan said that they are following the mandatory health protocols like the wearing of face mask, especially if they go out from their village as they are aware about the pandemic.

Mercy Caboboy, information officer of the town, said that while they understand the reason why the tribe members are hesitant to be vaccinated, they need

to receive the vaccine for their protection following the priority list.

"Surely (we want them vaccinated) but we have to follow the priority list," she said.

Aside from the Mamanwas in Basey, other tribal groups could also be found in some parts of Leyte, Biliran, and Northern Samar.

(JOEY A. GABIETA/ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Philippine cockatoo sighted in Homonhon Island

"The sighting of the critically endangered Philippine cockatoo in the Island of Homonhon underscores the need to protect its natural habitat from further destruction as its presence in the island is only the third confirmed location in the country aside from Palawan and Mindoro," says Forester Virginio K. Cugtas, of the Conservation and Development Division (CDD) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Region 8.

He was the designated team leader of DENR personnel that monitored and verified the presence of the Philippine cockatoo in the island.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has classified the Philippine

cockatoo or the Red-vented cockatoo (*Cacatua haematuropygia*) as critically endangered because of its population decline between 60-80% from 1980 to the present as a result of destructive human activities.

A recent estimate by the Katala Foundation, suggests that only 1,000 of them are left in the wild with 70-75% found in Rasa Island, Palawan.

Its decline can be attributed to poaching because of its high demand among collectors and the destruction of their habitats which are the mangrove and forest trees as well as the conversion of lowland forests to agriculture, mining, and human settlement.

The Foundation is an organization that successfully implemented the Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program (PCCP)

with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB).

Local officials and residents have been pushing for the conservation and protection of the Philippine cockatoo and its natural habitat.

With the support of the Philippine Misereor Partnership Incorporated (PMPI), the DENR has been collaborating with the LGU of Guiuan in Eastern Samar and the BLGU of Inapulangan of Homonhon Island for the area to be declared as a critical habitat based on DENR Memorandum Circular 2007-02 which provides the guidelines on the establishment and management of critical habitat enumerated in DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-02. (PR)



A Philippine cockatoo was recently seen in Homonhon Island off Guiuan town in Eastern Samar. The bird is considered to be critically endangered with an estimated 1,000 could be found mostly in Rasa Island.

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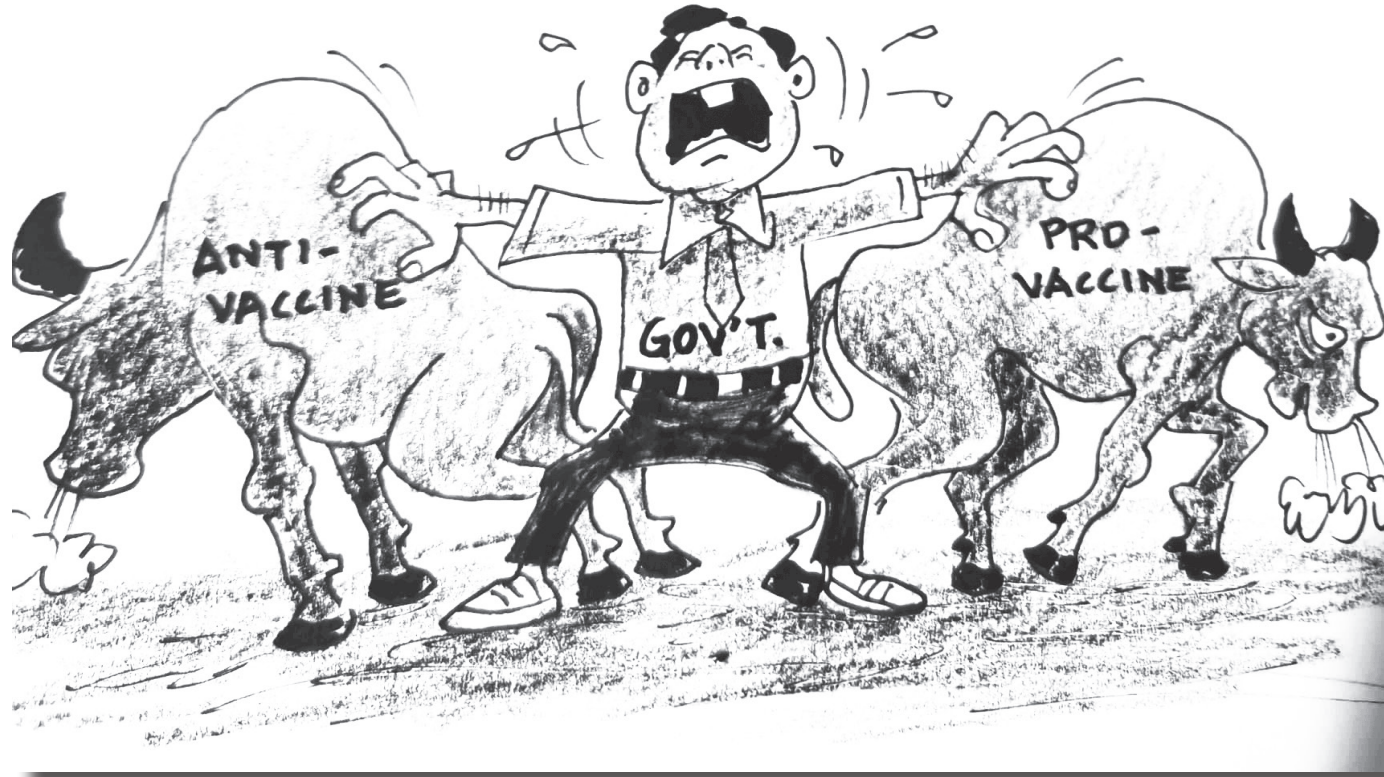
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Extremes



When it comes to the COVID-19 vaccination, one could easily find the extremes among our people. In fact, that’s almost how the majority of them could be categorized, being in the extreme opposites, the neutral within being just comprised by the minority.

As the coronavirus rages on in many parts of our archipelago thus increasing the number of new infections, with the vaccine being the only sure hope of containing it, many of our people remain skeptical and unfriendly with it, refusing to be vaccinated by all means, citing all the negative feedbacks that they have heard about it from various sources such as the social media, the tri-media, plus the prevalent rumors, gossips, and fake news.

Some people, on the other hand, are so eager and itchy they could not wait for their turn to be vaccinated, even if they don’t belong to the prior-

ity sectors of society. They impatiently employ all means—connections, bribery, influence, power, intimidation etc.—just so they could be accommodated next in the long line of vaccine priorities. Reports of personalities finally getting the vaccine in such manners are quite many.

Both of these extremes have been giving the government some sort of headache, the reason being that they are not that easy to deal with. Authorities have to run after those who stubbornly resist the vaccination though it’s already their turn. And this entails time, money, and effort. On the other side, the government tries its best to discipline the impatient “intruders”, even going as far as charging them in court for “illegal” actions.

The aim of the government is just to expedite the vaccination process so that the citizens would somehow get some kind of shield against the deadly virus, and so that the economy will be put back in place, which is necessary for our country’s recovery. This is not quite easy, though, as exemplified by the attitudes of the extremes.



Automatic for the People
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A question of accountability

Quis non subiacebit? Who would be answerable?

The new chief of the Philippine National Police has allowed the Department of Justice (DOJ) to check the records of at least 61 police operations that re-

sulted in the deaths of drug suspects, Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra said on Monday.

Police Gen. Guillermo Eleazar’s move ended his

predecessors’ policy that, Guevarra order to look into the government’s bloody drug war, Guevarra said.

Marlon Ramos of Philippine Daily Inquirer reported this story via Inquirer.net. The story is appearing today May 25, 2021.

Indeed, the recent development herein reported could open up real and uninhibited stories from the people who survived and the records they have. Coinciding with the stories of the PNP Quezon City and the PDEA miss-encounter which killed 2 police and 1 PDEA Agents, these proved to be an unraveling of sorts. The people are being given

Still, having all these factored in our consciousness we cannot veer away from

the policies of old that created piles of dead bodies. The China’s one-child policy and the brutal Khmer Rouge famous for its killing-fields.

Since the Philippine problem is bound to be looked into by the Department of Justice as the news story signifies, we will not dwell on that for we cannot touch the matter without navigating the *sub judicial rule*. The rule means that when a legal matter or controversy has come under the jurisdiction of a court (**sub juice**), nobody, including the press and other media should interfere by publication or public clamor with the court’s proper handling of the proceeding.

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Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Knowledge should lead us to love

WE have to be clear about this point. We should try our best to know as much as we can, but seeing to it that our knowledge leads us to love that is proper to us. It should be that love that ultimately comes from God. We should not dare to know things without being concerned about loving them the way God loves them.

Knowing without loving, or without loving in the proper way, can only lead us to see and understand things improperly and most likely to be judgmental. The most simple and obvious example of this phenomenon is to see how a toddler who starts to know things misses a lot of things for him to behave properly. He can be attracted to fire not knowing it can do him harm, for example.

And as the toddler starts to grow in age and knowledge, he of course starts to improve in his behavior. But since knowing and loving proper involve a process and take time, it

usually happens that whatever growth of knowledge that growing child has leads him to make rash judgments or judgments that fail to consider many other, and even, more important aspects of any issue at hand.

We really have to be most wary of the need to animate our desire for more knowledge with the love that comes from God. Only then can our knowledge become true knowledge. Yes, we have to understand that our knowledge can only be true when it goes with charity that comes from God.

St. Paul said something in this regard: "Knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God." (1 Cor 8,1-3)

We have to see to it that the more we know, the more we ought to love the way God loves, as shown to us and even commanded of us by Christ himself. If our knowledge, which can get very considerable, leads us

to be judgmental of others, impatient and irritated by others, etc., we have to convince ourselves that that knowledge, no matter how significant in human terms, is not yet true knowledge.

The real knowledge would always make us more patient, understanding, compassionate, merciful of others. It certainly prevents us from pride, vanity and conceit, since we would realize that everything that we know and have are things we received from God in the end.

In this regard, St. Paul said: "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?" (1 Cor 4,7) Yes, the more knowledge we have, the more humble we ought to become.

And given the tremendous reality that governs our life, considering that our life is not simply natural but also supernatural, we should realize that our knowledge would always be incomplete. In fact, the old philosopher Aristotle once said, "The more you know, the more you don't know."

It is precisely because of this condition that the more knowledge we have, the more humble we should also be. Humility in our knowledge allows the love that comes from God to enter and to grow in us.

The very intellectually gifted should see to it that their knowledge makes them more humble and infused with God's love as shown by Christ and put into effect by the Holy Spirit.

there will be a One -Child Policy. Perhaps, it can be discerned herein that Abortions became prevalent and the abandonments were frequent occurrence in the land. Untold deaths and harrowing realities of the unwanted children are prevalent. Britannica reported that *the number of female babies killed, abandoned, or placed in orphanages increased as a result of the policy. Millions of Chinese parents had to endure strict enforcement methods of the policy, including forced sterilization and forced abortions.* These realities mean death due to a policy enforcement.

Wikipedia on the brutal Khmer Rouge rules said that The Khmer Rouge re-

gime murdered hundreds of thousands of their perceived political opponents, and its racist emphasis on national purity resulted in the genocide of Cambodian minorities Thus, this lines evoke death similar with the policies enumerated above.

The war on drugs persists and deaths runs up to 12,000. The country is facing a close scrutiny of sorts from Human Rights groups local and international and still the number is increasing amid the pandemic.

Now the question comes as no surprise, who would be accountable for these deaths? Quis non subiacebit? Who would be answerable?



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Boxing Contract Signed; PACMAN vs ERROL SPENCE

This Columnist's Article published in the Ley-Sam Daily Express issue dated 25 May 2021 wrongly declared that the Philippines boxing icon, Manny Pacquiao would be fighting American welterweight champ Mikey Garcia.

Since local Columnists like me don't have direct connections with sports organizations abroad, our impression was that said negotiation (with Mikey Garcia) was already a "done deal," since sports news for several weeks practically carried the same follow-up stories. So sorry that this Columnist was somehow misled.

And so, the other day, (the final news about the said boxing bout) headlined below appeared in sports pages in major dailies in the country.

PACQUIAO UNVEILS AUGUST 21 FIGHT WITH UNBEATEN SPENCE IN VEGAS

"Los Angeles -- Philippine boxing icon Manny Pacquiao said Friday (Saturday in Manila) he'll fight unbeaten unified welterweight world champion Errol Spence in Last Vegas in August 21, 2021.

"The 42-year-old Pacman will be fighting for the first time since he beat Keith Thurman in July 2019 for the World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight title.

"Pacman revealed his plans with a Twitter post of their promotional poster for the bout, captioned "Pac-

quiao vs Spence, August 21, 2020, Las Vegas, Nevada."

"The Athletic, citing an unnamed source, reported that Pacquiao had signed a deal for a bout to be available on Fox pay-per-view and the boxing venue was expected to be the MGM Grand.

"Pacquiao, a senator in the Philippines, told the US sports outlet that the fight "might be his last," -- Pacman's Last Boxing Bout! If so, he appears to want to go out with a bang!

"Spence, the 31y/o WBC and IBF champion is 27-0 (with no losses) is coming off a dominant December victory over Danny Garcia -- his first fight since surviving a near fatal rollover car accident.

"Pacquiao, who owns a record of 62-7-2 (win-loss-draw), had been planning a return to the ring for some time, and earlier this month the targeted opponent had appeared to be American Mikey Garcia, but the negotiations never entered the final stages.

"Philippine media had said a July fight against Garcia was "in the cards," after Top Rank chief Bob Arum told Boxing Scene.com that Pacquiao and Terence Crawford had an agreement in place for a June 5, 2021 bout in Abu Dhabi; but the plan had fallen apart. (End of Quote.)

Now dear readers, have you noticed the above-quoted press release?

This Columnist asks why the announcement about the boxing fight came from Pacquiao camp. Why wasn't the announcement made by Boxing Promoter Bob Arum, as was the usual case (if I'm not mistaken) in past Pacman fights? And why the "silence" from the Errol Spence camp?

My "Senior Sixty-Centers" mind could only say na "iba tala-ga ang candidato -- sa pag'aanunsyo pa lang ng buksing, kailangan nauuna siya sa mga balita, o' sa pagbabalita!" That's called in showbiz lingo as "Star Billing!"

Well, good for Senator Manny Pacquiao; and Good Luck to the presidential aspirant!

Pacman somehow got his wish during the final negotiations -- that the Pacquiao-Spence Bout be held BEFORE October. The Boxing Bout will be on August 21, 2021.

And to sort-of "refresh" our readers' memories, October 1 to 8 is the week when see Boxing /page 7 ...



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

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

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

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

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

Catbalogan City receives P4.8-M livelihood grants



Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III handed down a check worth P4.8 million to Samar Gov. Reynolds Michael Tan and Rep. Sharee Ann Tan intended for parents or guardians of child laborers in Catbalogan City.

(Photo DOLE-Eastern Visayas)

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) here in the region has awarded P4.8 million worth of livelihood grants to help the 160 parents and guardians of child laborers in Catbalogan City.

“May this help from our government brings hope to you and your families and somehow ease the burdens you are experiencing because of the pandemic,” said labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III.

From the livelihood beneficiaries, 25 persons with employable skills “will be referred to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to avail of the agency’s innovative skills training programs that will generate greater

employment opportunities.”

Bello also expressed gratitude to Samar Rep. Sharee Ann Tan, Governor Reynolds Michael Tan, and city officials “for supporting the DOLE programs and implementing the same in the province for the benefit of more workers.”

“Because of your relentless support, we are able to reach and benefit more people with our livelihood and employment programs,” Bello said.

Meanwhile, the labor secretary announced that they have paid a total of P975,000 wages under the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/ Displaced Workers (Tupad) to some 300 workers of Hinabangan, Samar on May 21, 2021.

Each beneficiary received P3,250 as payment for their 10-day service, the official said.

The payout ceremony was also attended by labor Undersecretary Renato Ebarle, Bureau of Workers with Special Concern (BWSC) Director Ma. Karina Perida-Trayvilla, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Administrator Hans Leo Cacdac, DOLE-Eastern Visayas Director Henry John Jalbuena, DOLE Samar Provincial Head Fe Norma Valuis, Hinabangan Vice Mayor Clarito Rosal, Hinabangan municipal councilors, DOLE-Technical Support Services Division Chief Edgar Tabuyan, and DOLE-Samar Field Office personnel. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

Boxing...

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Candidates file their Certificates of Candidacies at the Comelec. The “connection” being -- if Pacman wins the boxing bout while a candidate, votes will

Rep. Tan...

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least P20 million, a small amount compare to the allocation intended to defeat the rebels in the region.

The military in the region, together with the Department of Interior and Local Government spearheaded a conference aim to address the need of various sectors which aimed to help end insur-

definitely start flowing in his direction.

So, we’ll just have to wait for the official announcement of Pacquiao’s candidacy on October 8th, the very last day of candidates’ filing of Certificates of Candidacies or COCs

agency problem in Eastern Visayas.

During the two-day event which ended on Tuesday (May 25), Diñoso vowed to end the region’s insurgency problem as he sought assistance from the public and officials.

“We need to stop the insurgency right now...for us to achieve peace and development,” he said. **(JOEY A. GABIETA/ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

at the Comelec. (That’s about Seven (7) weeks after August 21, 2021.)

Again, to reiterate the last Three (3) paragraphs in my Column in the Ley-Sam Daily Express May 25th issue ...

TO WIN the boxing bout (and defeat welter-weight Errol Spence) -- that is the main target for Pacquiao; because by winning the said boxing bout, that would mean millions of votes for him.

But if he loses the said boxing match, this Columnist believes the loss would mean his loss in his presidential aspiration!

And so, as I usually end my Columns, Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata !”



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE
Revenue Region No. 14, Eastern Visayas
Government Center, Candahug, Palo Leyte

NOTICE OF SALE (For Seized Real Properties)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 216 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, this Bureau will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the herein listed seized real properties from the taxpayers, due to non-payment of internal revenue taxes, on **June 28, 2021**, at the **Bureau of Internal Revenue Multi-Purpose Building, Candahug, Palo, Leyte**, beginning at **1:00 P.M.** of the said day.

ITEM NO.	NAME OF TAXPAYER (PER FAN)	TITLE TYPE AND NO.	AREA (sqm)	CLASSIFICATION	LOCATION	MINIMUM BID PRICE
1	*MELVIN E. ROMPAL	TCT No. T-33107	240 sqm.	Residential Land with Improvement	Lot 51, Block 5, Phase 4, Brgy. 109, Caibaan, Tacloban City	973,590.00
2	MELVIN E. ROMPAL	TCT No. T-66929	330 sqm.	Residential Land with Improvement	**Lot 64, Block 5, Phase3, V & G Subdivision, Brgy. 109-A, Caibaan, Tacloban City	484,240.00
3	*MELVIN E. ROMPAL	TCT No. T-42265	240 sqm.	Residential Land with Improvement	**Lot No. 52, Block 5, Phase 3, Brgy. 109, Calanipawan, Tacloban City	362,450.00
4	*MELVIN E. ROMPAL	TCT No. T-42029	216 sqm.	Residential Land	Lot 116 (2347-A,B,C, D-1 & 2346 B) Abucay, Anibong, Tacloban City	156,600.00

Disclosures: *TCT No. T-33107, T-42265, and T-42029 have Memorandum of Encumbrances by BPI Family Savings Bank., Inc. **Actual Locations of TCT No. T-66929 and T-42265 are in Phase 4 Brgy. 109-A (Location stated above are based on Latest Tax Declaration issued by the Tacloban City Assessor)

GUIDELINES ON THE SALE THROUGH PUBLIC BIDDING

The following are the guidelines on the sale of the seized real properties in the name of **MELVIN E. ROMPAL** for the above-stated locations scheduled on June 28, 2021 beginning at 1:00 o’clock in the afternoon for the information and guidance of any or all prospective bidders, to wit:

- The bidder acknowledges that he/she has been given every opportunity to investigate, inspect, and verify the real property offered to ascertain the actual condition thereof;
- All bids shall be contained in a BID FORM supplied by the Arrears Management Section of the Collection Division, this Revenue Region, placed in a sealed envelope and submitted on or before the 23rd day of June, 2021 at 1 o’clock in the afternoon to the Office of the Assistant Regional Director, as Chairman, Revenue Region No. 14, BIR Compound, Brgy. Candahug, Government Center, Palo, Leyte;
- As General Rule, no bid below minimum price indicated in the BID FORM shall be accepted;
- All bids submitted to the Assistant Regional Director, as Chairman, in a sealed envelope, shall be opened in public during the public bidding on the date indicated in the Notice of Sale published in the local circulation newspaper once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks;
- The public bidding on the parcels of land shall be done **parcel by parcel** or **title by title** on the basis of “**AS IS WHERE IS**”. The lot number should be indicated on the face of the envelope for the purpose of identifying the bid;
- For purposes of pre-qualification, all bidders shall be required to post a bid bond either in cash or manager’s check, to the Finance Division of BIR Revenue Region No. 14 at 2nd Floor, BIR Compound, Brgy. Candahug, Government Center, Palo, Leyte within three (3) working days before the scheduled date of public auction, unless the BAC-AA allows otherwise, in meritorious circumstances. The amount of bond shall be equivalent to ten percent (10%) of floor price/minimum bid price. It shall form part of the payment of the winning bidder. The bid bonds of the losing bidders, however, shall be returned to them immediately after the auction sale, in accordance with the existing guidelines and policies on refunds of posted bid bonds;
- Anyone can bid except BIR employees and their immediate families and relatives up to 4th degree of consanguinity or affinity, and foreign nationals and corporations who are prohibited by the Philippine Constitution and its existing laws to own real estate properties in the Philippines;
- In case of tie bids, a new sealed bidding shall be immediately conducted until such time that the same is broken. For purposes of breaking the tie bids, the winning bid price shall not be lower than the original bid tendered by the tied bidders;
- Withdrawal by the winning bidder of his/her offer for any cause shall mean forfeiture of his/her 10% bidder’s bond in favor of the BIR;
- The winning bidder shall pay the full amount of its/his/her bid either cash or manager’s check payable to “**Bureau of Internal Revenue**”, through the Administrative and Human Resource Management Division (AHRMD), this Revenue Region, within two (2) days after his receipt of the Provisional Certificate of Sale issued by the BAC-AA;
- Failure or refusal of the winning bidder to pay the full amount of the bid within the prescribed period shall render the award void and the *bidder’s cash bond shall be* forfeited in favor of the government, unless the Commissioner allows an extension of time to the bidder within which to fully pay the bid price;
- In case of default by the winning bidder, the second and the third highest bidders, after being duly notified, may increase their respective bids to the amount equal to or higher than that of the highest bid; and whoever among them tenders the highest bid shall be awarded the auctioned property, in lieu of the defaulting bidder, the defaulting highest bidder shall be disqualified to further bid on the rest of the auctioned properties;
- In cases where only a single bidder participated in the public auction of a particular seized property, the bid price on the said property offered by the single bidder will be accepted, with the official declaration thereafter that the single bidder as the winning bidder on the seized property, subject to the prescribed minimum amount of the bid price and posting of the ten (10%) bond thereon. However, the Bids & Awards Committee – Acquired Assets shall not be precluded from requiring a higher number of participating bidders should the need arises therefor, in order to protect the interest of the government, thru the prescribed written Guidelines of the Auction Sale issued for the purpose of the public auction sale of all the seized properties.
- Final award to the winning bidder shall be issued a Provisional Certificate of Sale signed by the Assistant Regional Director, as Chairman – Bids & Awards Committee – Acquired Assets;
- All expenses relative to the transfer of ownership of property shall be borne by the winning bidder; and
- All bidders are required to observe the Minimum Public Health Standards and Protocols set by the IATF – EID, such as wearing of Face Mask and Face Shield, and observance of Physical/Social Distancing during the conduct of the Public Bidding.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue, thru its Auction Sale Committee, reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, waived any formalities or defects therein, and accept such bids as may be advantageous to the government, or call-off the bidding prior to the acceptance of the bids and call for a new bidder under amended rules. The auction shall be done on an “AS IS WHERE IS” per title basis.

Interested parties may contact the Bureau of Internal Revenue – Revenue Region No. 14 thru the Chief, Collection Division at (053) 323-8151 or (053) 323-4693.

CAESAR R. DULAY
Commissioner of Internal Revenue

By:
AYNIE E. MANDAOYAN-DIZON
Regional Director

20 officials fled their villages in Calbayog City, says exec

CALBAYOG CITY- An official of this city reported that at least 20 barangay officials have abandoned their villages due to fear and security reasons.

These village officials are mostly at the Happy Valley and Seven Hills, among the remote areas of the city.

City local operations officer Francisco Cagumoc expressed his sadness on this saying this will result to absence of governance on the affected barangays.

He, however, said that he clearly understand the reason of these village officials.

"I can't force them to leave their villages and chose to stay in the city proper which I agreed so long as they will continue to keep their ears on the grounds and what's happening at their respective villages," Cagumoc said.

It was learned from one of these barangay officials that the threats were from members of so-called private armed groups (PAGs).

"We don't really know how long we will be living in fear," the official said.

The move of these barangay officials came two months after Mayor Ronaldo Aquino was shot dead in what police authorities as misencounter.

His family, however, insisted that Aquino was ambushed.

Records from the police and other sources revealed that there were 47 barangay officials and identified supporters of the slain mayor were killed from 2014 to 2018.

Meanwhile, Senator Panfilo 'Ping' Lacson filed Senate Resolution no. 725 last May 18 calling for an inquiry on the murders of Aquino and his security escorts. According to Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento (1st

Mayor...

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its neighboring communities to keep the place clean and treat the garden as their own for the benefit of all.

Present during the activity was village chairman Gregorio Malate Jr. and some government officials such as City Planning and Development Coordinator Janis Canta, City Architect

district), such resolution echoes what the people of Calbayog City and the late mayor's family have been fighting for in the past months.

"The inquiry to be conducted on account of this resolution will be only of the many steps we are to take in this uphill battle," the lawmaker said.

"I beseech all of Calbayognons, the rest of my constituents, and all those whose loved ones have been taken by murders and violence like what happened to our beloved Mayor Onald to join us in this endeavor and continue praying for justice," Sarmiento added. **(JAZMIN BONIFACIO)**

Ian Ray Perez, and Tacloban North Chief of Staff Ruth Ramirez.

To note, the project funded out of the Local Government Support Fund of the Department of Budget and Management was designed by the City Architect's Office and the concept and proposal were done by the CPDO. **(CIO)**



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Landowner,

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FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

AURORA A. YSIDORO
Poblacion, Leyte, Leyte

RENATO G. BADILLA
PARPO II
DAR Prov'l., Office
Real St., Tacloban City

FIEL M. PEDROSA
Head
Agrarian Operations Center-
LANDBANK
Real St., Sagkahan District
Tacloban City

Greetings,

Please take NOTICE that this Office, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of R.A. 6657, as amended and its implementing rules and regulation, will conduct a summary administrative proceedings on **July 07, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at DARAB, Office of the Provincial Adjudicator, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City**, to determine the just compensation of the property of **AURORA A. YSIDORO** under **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-2094, Lot No. 1, 2 & 3, with an area of 6.5934 hectare/s and located at Brgy. Danus, Leyte, Leyte** subject of Compulsory Acquisition scheme of R.A. 6657.

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

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

DAR, Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, May 21, 2021.

FOR THE ADJUDICATOR

[Signature]
VIRGILIO I. ROSACAY
Regional Adjudicator
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To:

BERNARDO BIBANDO married to **PERCEVERANDA VIOVICENTE**
Brgy. Kawayan, Kananga, Leyte

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MARCELA BALUGAYA
Palid I, Leyte, Leyte

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2 busted in separate sting operations in Ormoc, Catbalogan

TACLOBAN CITY- Police and anti-narcotic agents arrested two suspects for alleged selling and possession of shabu in separate operations in Ormoc City and Catbalogan City last Wednesday (May 26).

In Barangay San Pablo, Ormoc, police identified the suspect as 47-year-old truck driver Dante Leoveras.

Purchased from him were 10 sachets believed to be containing suspected shabu while confiscated from his possession were buy-bust money, six sachets of suspected shabu, P22,665 cash, and other personal items.

Sniffer K9 Unit Ormoc City led by K9 supervisor Loyd Anthony Yamson also said the sniffing dog was able to locate three sachets of shabu, a red improvised scooper, and an alumi-

num foil strip inside the dump truck.

Meanwhile, operatives arrested a 28-year-old drug surrenderee Joseph Jazmines in Barangay 3, Catbalogan.

Purchased from the suspect was one sachet believed to be containing suspected shabu worth P500.

Authorities also confiscated from his possession were four sachets of suspected shabu, P500 buy-bust money, and other personal items.

The markings and inventory of confiscated pieces of evidence were witnessed by representatives from the barangay, Department of Justice, and the media, police said in the report.

The suspects will face charges for violation of Republic Act 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

(RONALD O. REYES)



LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM FOR VENDORS --- Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto (right) thanks Tingog party-list Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and the Department of Social Welfare and Development for helping 100 vendors of Barangay Mangahan Pasig City during the launching of Tingog party-list Sustainable Livelihood Program for vendors. (MIKO NOVENO)

Eastern Samar confirms first ASF case; depopulation of affected pigs immediately conducted

TACLOBAN CITY-The provincial veterinary office of Eastern Samar has confirmed its first case of African Swine Fever (ASF).

Dr. Melanie Osita, ASF provincial focal person, said that the confirmed cases are reported from three villages

of Dolores town, namely, Barangays 14, 15, and Japitan.

“We have received the confirmatory diagnosis result for the RT-PCR tests confirming the presence of ASF viral DNA in six samples from the municipality

of Dolores,” Osita said.

“The provincial veterinary office along with the office of the municipal agriculturists and Dolores municipal ASF taskforce are currently implementing the rapid response protocol to contain the outbreak,” she

added.

It was learned that the provincial veterinary office received a report from Dolores town on May 11 about a case of a pig that died after suffering an abortion.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

Please be informed that the landholdings described below had been placed under coverage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) per Notice of Coverage as indicated below:

LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. MARCIAL PEÑAFLORES	JUNE 24, 2014 / THE MANILA BULLETIN	TCT-T-1336	C	4.8650	MACARTHUR, LEYTE	BATUG	JUNE 21, 2021
2. AMBROSIO TANAWAN	JUNE 27, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	TCT-T-11091	6301	3.9144	JULITA, LEYTE	SAN ANDRES	JUNE 22, 2021
3. TIRSO LARIOS	SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 / MANILA STANDARD	OCT-P-13845	87	7.1228	CAPOOCAN, LEYTE	SAN JOAQUIN	JUNE 29, 2021

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

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

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

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

Special Report

Women's multiple burdens worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic in Tacloban City

Women in Tacloban City were forced to juggle "multiple and complex" roles after the country was locked down last year due to COVID-19.

Like most women in poor and developing economies, those living and working in Tacloban had to deal with additional burdens brought about by the pandemic, according to a case study released in March 2021.

Although spouses and children occasionally took over household chores, women in Tacloban still felt "overloaded" because they still helped kids in their online classes.

"Assisting their children in completing their class modules also overloaded some parents as this takes a lot of their time," said the case study which surveyed 65 women and 15 men from three villages in Tacloban City — Barangays 83A (San Jose), 104 (Asuncion), and 91 (Abucay).

The case study — which has a counterpart report about the City of Manila — was organized and written by Amy Exconde, an assistant professor at the University of the Philippines-Tacloban.

The study is part of the Citizens' Monitoring of Financing for COVID-19 Response and Recovery: Focus on the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Loan Project under the auspices of Social Watch Philippines and supported by Oxfam Pilipinas. The project examined the AIIB's US\$750-million loan to the Philippines which co-financed the COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) program.

The program contains several measures to combat the pandemic's adverse impacts, including, but not limited to, expanding medical services to step up testing and care for affected populations and providing social protection and livelihood support, such as the social amelioration program (SAP).

With resources stretched more thinly under the pandemic, local governments such as Ta-

cloban City had to rely on the dedication and the civic duty of its barangay health workers, who made sure that the population washed their hands, wore their masks, and physically kept their distance from one another.

Of the city's 412 total barangay health workers, 202 are volunteers. Only two of the total 210 regular health workers are men, the report said.

Thirty-nine-year old Khaleen Bertulfo, a barangay volunteer worker, is one of them.

Khaleen has also been trained under the Department of Health's Barangay Nutrition Scholar program whose task is look after the nutritional needs of babies and kids up to five years old.

As a result of her training, she receives an additional P4,000 (US\$80) monthly honorarium which is sourced from the city's internal revenue allotment.

Khaleen's duties include regular house to house visits to check that children are properly fed and that they receive immunizations. She also provides counseling for pregnant and lactating women in Abucay, the largest barangay in Tacloban with a 10,000 population.

But this was all before the pandemic.

A few days after the whole country was locked down last year, Khaleen found herself performing added work by helping out with administrative work for her barangay.

"I helped process permits, clearances, and certifications that needed to be signed by the barangay chairman," Khaleen said. "These included new requirements that arose owing to the lockdown."

Despite these additional tasks, she was — and still is — able to focus on her duties, such as convincing mothers to have their kids immunized against polio.

In February this year, her tasks became slightly complicated after some non-immunized children in her barangay developed colds and coughs. "Some mothers still refuse to listen and have their children immunized," Khaleen said, adding that she always pro-

motes the benefits of anti-polio vaccines, and more recently, the virtues of regular hand-washing.

Khaleen recognizes that she is able to focus on the details of her job because of the help of her husband and the support of her siblings and their families. "No one in my family starved during the lockdown. We were able to help one another because we lived together in one private compound," she said.

Her brother, who manages an eatery, also ensured that everyone — her kids included — ate three square meals a day during the lockdown. Similarly, her husband helped with the laundry when he temporarily stopped driving trucks for a living, Khaleen pointed out.

In May 2020, two months after the whole country was locked down, Tacloban City was able to put up two COVID-19 testing centers — the state-run Eastern Visayas Regional COVID-19 Testing Center (EVRCTC) and the privately-managed Divine Word Hospital Virology Laboratory (DWHVL), the case study said.

Before these swab facilities were established, all samples were sent to either

Manila or Cebu for testing.

In July 2020, a total of 17,434 COVID-19 tests were already conducted by both facilities, the case study said.

Patients shoulder half of COVID-19 testing costs in the city's public facility while the other half is covered by PhilHealth, according to the case study.

In turn, most of the Tacloban residents involved in the case study consultation said that the government should expand its health services.

Participants said that "the government should provide free dialysis to more indigent kidney patients, free medication for diabetes and hypertension diseases, free COVID-19 tests, and free vitamins to children and adults," the case study said.

The government should also consider increasing the amount of relief goods it distributes to residents, according to Khaleen, who has seven children.

"Most relief goods were not enough for large families," said Khaleen, who received relief goods herself. "They were only good for small families."

(LOTTIE SORIANO/PR)

Home Visitations: An uncanny yet necessary measure of elementary schools amidst the risk of the global pandemic

BY: SHEILA C. CABAZARES

Are you familiar with the concept of behaviorism? How about its major proponents B.F Skinner and John Watson? I guess if you're in the Education or Psychology field this would probably ring a bell in your mind.

During my college years I encountered these people and their contributed studies with one of the most prominent cognitive school of thought.

Taking this psychosocial theory in account, I came down into a realization while applying it as my outlook as an elementary teacher.

While the whole modular distance learning is going on, I saw how my learners were having difficulty with answering their modules. With parents or available guardians replacing the role of teachers in the learning process, such regress wasn't totally surprising.

Importance of home visitations now comes into picture. Current research findings support the continued use of teacher home visit programs as a tool to encourage students' academic success and parent involvement, with many studies also noting teach-

er home visit programs' improvement of students' classroom behavior (Lir & Bates, 2010; Meyer & Mann, 2006; Stetson, Stetson, Sinclair, & Nix, 2012).

Despite the distance learning, though home visitations may sound uncanny but it turns out to be a necessary measure for teachers to monitor their learners.

Reading is one basic and major cognitive skill a child could learn. That is why the first primary years of education is significant and critical. Positive reinforcement is needed to assure positive results. This gives me a lesson how going back a re-learning some previous studies.

Truly knowledge is power. It comes handy in times when you need it the most.

(Note: The author is a Teacher III of the Barugo Central School, Barugo II District)



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Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte
R8-EV/PA-UVE-2021-05-20160259
Case No. VIII-2016-0259

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

ALFREDO C. CASICAS,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-MAASIN CITY VIA BAYBAY & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until JUNE 30, 2021.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

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

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

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 20th day of MAY, 2021.

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

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Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte
R8-EV/PA-TH-2021-05-20160083
Case No. VIII-2016-0083

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

1ST HINUNANGAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a TH service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: "FROM TACLOBAN CITY TO ANY POINT IN REGION VIII" with the use of TWO (2) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until JUNE 09, 2021.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

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

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

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 20th day of MAY, 2021.

(Sgd.) ATTY. GIL D. MENGULLO
Attorney IV

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte
Case No. VIII-2019-0119

Application for Consolidation with Extension of Validity of Cases of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS Service with Issuance of Provisional Authority

LIGHT DOLORES TRANSPORT INC.,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Consolidation of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a UV EXPRESS service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: DOLORES-TACLOBAN CITY & VICE VERSA.

In the present application, applicant request authority for Extension of Validity with the Issuance of Provisional Authority of the CPC under, Case No. 2016-0005 in the petition previously filed. Re: Application for the Consolidation with Extension of Validity Certificate of Public Convenience to operate UV EXPRESS Service.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

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

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 14th day of MAY, 2021.

(Sgd.) ATTY. GIL D. MENGULLO
Attorney IV

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte
R8-EV/PA-PJ-2021-05-20200260
Case No. VIII-2020-0260

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

MACROHON MAASIN TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE (MMTC),
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: HILONGOS-MAASIN CITY-MALITBOG with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until FEBRUARY 09, 2021.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JUNE 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

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

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 17th day of MAY, 2021.

(Sgd.) ATTY. GIL D. MENGULLO
Attorney IV

258 students in Tacloban avail summer job program

TACLOBAN CITY— More than 80 students who are recipients of the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the city government here gathered for an orientation and contract signing as part of the 2nd batch last Wednesday (May 26).

SPES is a program of DOLE which aims to provide temporary employment to poor but deserving students, out-of-school youth, and dependents of displaced or would-be displaced workers.

The program is implemented during summer and/or Christmas vaca-

tion or any time of the year to augment the family's income to help ensure that beneficiaries are able to pursue their education.

It was learned from Marites Dy, SPES focal person of the DOLE, said that every student will receive P523.04 per day or P10,500 for 20 days for their salary.

About 60 percent of the salary of the students is the counter part of the city government while 40 percent is from DOLE.

Over all, the city government was able to hire 258 students of which 89 of these students were initially deployed last April 21, or the summer job program this year.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

Barugo II Central School successfully wrapped up their first cycle of feeding program

BY: LUCINDA D. QUEBEC

On September 27, 2020 the Department of Education issued DepEd order No. 023 s. 2020 entitled Operational Guidelines on the Implementation of the School-Based Feeding (SBFP) for school year 2020-2021.

The first objective of this program according to the memo is to maintain commitment while providing good nutrition to learners amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As such, it shall continue the implementation of School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) for school year 2020-2021 to address hunger and encourage learners to enroll, contribute to the improvement of their nutritional status, provide nourishment for their growth and development and help boost their immune system enhance, improve their health and nutrition values" the DepEd order denotes.

The SBFP's primary beneficiaries for SY 2020-2021 shall be all incoming kindergarten learners, and the Grade 1 to Grade 6 learners who were wasted and severely wasted based on the SY 2019-2020 SBFP

report, except those who have moved to Grade 7.

The program shall provide beneficiaries with nutritious food products through rationing for at least 60 feeding days and fresh or sterilized milk for 50 feeding days.

With the success of the first cycle, the school decided to conduct a brief interview amongst the parents/guardians and the teachers to ask their respective feedbacks regarding on this project.

Mrs. Erlinda Tan a Grade 3 teacher of the school said, "Since we are in the world of economic crisis especially now that COVID 19 attacked, we are facing several problems. One of which is the perennial problem of malnutrition." She also added that, "The government find ways and means to answer the problem by giving free subsistence to the needy and less fortunate especially the school children who belong to an indigent family." concluding the success of the project.

(Note: The author is Principal II of the Barugo II Central School, Barugo II District)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla lead in the cutting of the ribbon during the blessing and inaguration of the newly-renovated two-story barangay hall funded by the provincial government worth P741, 000. The governor was joined by board member Ranulfo Abellanos of the 1st dist of Leyte, Palo mayor Frances Ann B. Petilla, former DOE secretary Carlos Jericho "Icot" Petilla and village chair Gemma Gaspang of Barangay Sta. Cruz, Palo, Leyte. (GINA P. Gerez)

2 teens rob, kill retired US navy in Tacloban

TACLOBAN CITY-PO-LICE apprehended two teenagers who allegedly robbed and killed a 62-year-old retired US navy in Tacloban City last Monday (May 24).

The suspects, aged 16 and 17, were arrested in a hot pursuit operation around 5:30 pm in Barangay 49-Youngfield, this city.

Police said the two minors were behind the killing of Thomas Mate in his rented establishment in Zamora Street, Barangay 7 around 3

a.m. of the same day.

Initial investigation disclosed that the suspects were hiding inside the establishment of the victim.

Upon sensing the presence of the owner, the suspects and the victim had a scuffle which resulted to the stabbing of the victim.

Mate was rushed to the hospital but he was declared dead on arrival by the attending physician.

Meanwhile, police said they arrested another three suspects in a robbery hold-

up along the Justice Romualdez Street in Tacloban on May 23.

The suspects were identified as Joshua Libotano, 21; Angelo Nablo, of legal age; and one John Doe.

The victim, 25-year-old vendor Ali Guro, said he was waiting for a vehicle on the side road when three unidentified persons allegedly approached him and declared a hold-up.

He tried to fight back but he was overpowered by the suspects, according to

the police.

The three male persons allegedly grabbed the victim's hands and neck and took his red sling bag that contained P1,000 cash, driver license, identification cards, and three pieces of watches worth P2,000.

The victim identified the suspects through their description and through a rouge's gallery at the police station.

Police are investigating the incident.

(RONALD O. REYES)

Borongan mayor issues order prohibiting entry of pigs, pork products as Eastern Samar records first ASF case

TACLOBAN CITY – Borongan City Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda issued an executive order prohibiting the entry of pork and live swine from Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, Leyte, and other affected areas of African Swine Fever (ASF) to the city.

The issuance of the order by Agda came amid the confirmation of ASF to have enter the town of Dolores, 94 kms away from Borongan City.

Under the executive order (EO) issued by Mayor Agda, carrying, transporting, shipment, distri-

bution, storing, trading, marketing, and sale of live pigs, boar semen, pork, and pork products including canned goods, and processed foods containing pork, originating from ASF affected areas are prohibited to enter the city.

The EO also strictly orders not to engage in swill feeding and to dispose all food wastes and left-over in accordance to the guidelines of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The city mayor also orders the City Veterinary Office (CVO) to

conduct ASF disease investigation, surveillance and monitoring, conduct spot inspection of farms, cold storages, wet markets, supermarkets, hotels, restaurants to check their compliance to the order.

The CVO must also ensure that disinfection protocols in all points of entry, gather ASF disease updates and recommend necessary actions or measures for implementation, conduct information and education campaign to all concerned stakeholders for awareness, prevention, and

preparedness.

And if there is a doubt as to the content or origin or to the validity of documents presented by traders at the checkpoints, they have the power to order the owners or shipper to ship back the items at their own expense, the order said.

For the confiscated and seized items, these must be immediately disposed by incarceration or burying in accordance to Republic Act No. 9003 and Presidential Decree 856.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: Q1- 2021 (February)

Table with columns: Particulars, NGAS Code, PS, MOOE, FE, CO, Total. Includes sections for GENERAL FUND, SOCIAL SERVICES, and SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND.

Certified correct:

RUTH Y. SURPIA
Acting Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: Q1 2021 (February)

Table with columns: Particulars, Acct. Code, Income Target (Approved Budget), Actual Receipts (February), Excess of Actual vs Target, % of Over/ (Under) to Target. Includes sections for LOCAL SOURCES, REGULATORY FEES, SERVICE/USER CHARGES, and EXTERNAL SOURCES.

Table with columns: Particulars, Acct. Code, Income Target, Actual Receipts, Excess of Actual vs Target, % of Over/ (Under) to Target. Section for OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS.

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Certified correct:

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Acting Provincial Treasurer

City LGU, PDEA launch Balay Silangan facility for drug offenders

MAASIN CITY- The city government here has partnered with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in efforts at changing the lives of drug pushers for the better through a facility called Balay Silangan.

“This is a reformation center for drug offenders, for pushers, patterned after Bahay Pagbabago of PDEA, where we conduct activities for about 1,000 plus (individuals), and we are trying to reform each one of them,” City Mayor Nacional Mercado said during the launching ceremony Wednesday.

Attending the launch were personnel from PDEA regional office led by Atty. Benjamin Gaspi, assistant regional director, who signed the MOA in behalf of

Gilbert Buenafe, PDEA regional director.

Others present were City Vice Mayor Maloney Samaco, city councilors, heads of agencies from the national and provincial offices, as well as city offices that comprise the anti-drug abuse council. Balay Silangan is located near the now popular, mostly frequented Bayview Park, a seaside haven within the city’s government center in barangay Combado.

The launching date coincided with the barangay fiesta celebration at a time when the city strictly implemented a supplemental executive order preventing outside fiesta goers from coming in as a way to stop the current spike in confirmed COVID cases.

The building itself, whose construction was

finished around second quarter last year, served as an alternate isolation house for COVID-positive patients, Mayor Mercado revealed, adding that at the time of the launching, there were still occupants in the second floor.

“This is a great partnership of the PDEA and the city government, and this is also a requirement of the Dangerous Drugs Board,” Mayor Mercado also said.

As soon as the current dwellers would be out, and the building no longer utilized as alternate isolation unit, lectures, programs, and other related socio-economic interventions for drug surrenderers will be held at Balay Silangan, the mayor announced.

(Idl/mmp/PIA8-Southern Leyte)

Advocacy groups, force multipliers take oath to support PTF ELCAC

CATARMAN, Northern Samar – Twenty-six advocacy groups, force multipliers and other support groups signified their commitment to become partners of the Northern Samar Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NS PTF ELCAC), in a launching and oath taking ceremony organized by the Northern Samar Police Provincial Office, held on Wednesday (May 26) at the NSPPO Compound, this town.

Governor Edwin Ongchuan, PTF ELCAC chairperson, on behalf of the task force, expressed his appreciation to the groups after administering their oath. Despite the many accomplishments of the PTF ELCAC, he emphasized that there is still a lot of help needed from the different sectors in order for their objectives to be fully realized.

“We hope that you would help us be part of the preparations and, later on, spread the news of our programs, projects and activities to more Nortehanons,” Gov. Ongchuan said during his inspirational message.

“Only when we are able to work together and help the people become part of our efforts will we achieve a just and lasting peace in our beloved province of Northern Samar.”

Among the advocacy support groups present were: Kabataan Kontra Droga at Terorismo (KKDAT), Provincial and Catarman Chapters; KALIGKASAN and KA-UP-OD Youth Alliance; Sinag ng Hilaga and Youth for Agricultural Revolution and Innovation; Youth for Peace; UEP-University Student Council; Eco-Youth Movement; and NSPPO Press Corps.

Vice Mayor Boots Bonsol, representing Mayor Francisco Rosales, Jr. of Catarman, emphasized that the only workable approach to solving the issues on poverty, inequality, insurgency, and peace and order, among others, is one that involves all sectors in our community.

“Force multipliers play a vital role in keeping the peace and safety within



Northern Samar Gov. Edwin Ongchuan lead in the oath-taking of 26 advocacy groups which expressed support to help campaign of the government to end insurgency problem in the province. (NSPMO)

our communities. They are important in ensuring that crime is kept at bay and in establishing sense of safety in our neighborhood. The prosperity of our town is largely dependent on the safety of each constituent,” Vice Mayor Bonsol stated.

Among the force multipliers who expressed their support were the Association of Chief Tanods; KABALIKAT; ACCESS 5; and Barangay Peace-keeping Action Teams.

Other support groups who took their oath of support and signed their commitment to the ELCAC program are Association of Information Technology Students of the Northern Samar Colleges; Baybay Fishermen Association; DALAKITODA; BAYCAMODA; Baybay Solo Parents Association, PWD Federation; LAPIONA LGBT Organization; Catarman PDCAB Drivers Association; Road and Mountain Bike Club of Pambujan; CYCLOHOLIC Cyclists Club; RHYES Cycling Group; Sniper Club 150i Team Northern Samar; and the Earth Savers Media Riders Individual Organization.

NSPPO Provincial Director PCol Arnel Apud is also grateful for the positive response given by the different organizations to their invitation for support and cooperation towards the realization of the objectives of PTF ELCAC.

“Ako po ay lubos na nagagalak sa inyong pagtanggap sa aming imbitasyon. Ito ay isang malaking hakbang para tuluyang mawakasan ang mahigit limang dekadang problema tungkol sa insurgency, hindi lang dito sa Northern Samar, bagkus sa buong bansa,” PCol Apud said.

Also giving a message of support was Board Member Florence “Fawa” Batula, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Order and Safety of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

The Northern Samar PTF ELCAC aims to provide an efficient mechanism and structure for the implementation of the whole-of-nation approach to aid in the realization of the collective aspiration of the Filipino people to attain inclusive and sustainable peace.

(NORTHERN SAMAR PROVINCIAL MEDIA OFFICE)

CARPER LAD Form No. 51 (Revised Carp-LAD Form No. 51)

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

NOTICE OF LAND VALUATION AND ACQUISITION

November 19, 2020
 Date

QUINTIN DE ASIS (MINOR)
 Representative by FLAVIANO A. DE ASIS
 Poblacion, Catubig, Northern Samar

Sir/Madam

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

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TD No.	:	12-07-024-00188
Lot No.	:	1683-A to E, G to I
Approved Survey No.	:	Psd-08-042291-D(AR)
Area per OCT/TCT/TD No. (has)	:	11.7006
Location (Municipality, Barangay)	:	Catubig, Irawahan, Northern Samar

Please be informed that out of the total area indicated in the aforesaid title or Tax Declaration, an area of 10.8716 hectares is subject to immediate acquisition and distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) under () Voluntary Offer to Sell (✓) Compulsory Acquisition.

On the basis of the value determined by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) per attached Memorandum of Valuation (MOV) and Land Valuation Worksheet (LVW), the compensation for your landholdings amounts to a total of **SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY THREE PESOS & 84/100 (Php 788,743.84)** covering 10.8716 hectares, including improvements thereon if any.

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

Nida O. Abelido
NIDA O. ABELIDO
 Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

Attachment:
 CARPER-LAD Form No. 50 (Memorandum of Valuation) with Land Valuation Worksheet
 CARPER-LAD Form No. 53 (LO’s Reply to NLVA)
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TESDA -Southern Leyte orients farm school owners, administrators on RESP rollout

MAASIN CITY-At least six farm school owners and administrators will soon implement several components of Rice Extension Services Program (RESP) as they are preparing the rollout soon.

The farm field schools and administrators in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Authority (TESDA) will promote the Farmer Field School (FFS) program particularly in the production of high quality inbred rice and seed certification and the farm mechanization, according to TESDA - SoLeyte Officer-in-Charge Jed Paolo Cairo in his FB post.

In agreement with the said stakeholders, the scholarship allocations shall be spread to 12 identified municipalities in the province, Cairo noted.

He added that the

Gov. Petilla...

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ing and hesitating the inoculation," he said.

For those who are eager to get vaccinated, the governor advise them to register at their respective barangay or local government unit (LGU).

Vaccines allocated by the Department of Health depends on the number of people that appears on the list of LGU, according to him.

On the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the province, Petilla said that there is no need to revert the quarantine status of Leyte from Modified General Community Quarantine to General Community Quarantine.

Even if there is a need to revert the status, Petilla said that this will not be implemented in the entire province but only in places that is experiencing the surge of cases.

"This reversion of quarantine status will not even be implemented in the city or municipal level but only in the barangay level," he said.

As Friday, Leyte has 11,951 COVID cases with 149 deaths including Tacloban and Ormoc cities. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

agreement also includes the involvement of the concerned local government units particularly their respective Municipal / City Agriculturists.

The priority towns under the Rice Competitive-ness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) are: Mercades Upland Farmers for Development Association, A.I Integrated Farm, Carl Diver, Bendicar Farm Agri- -Eco-tourism, Brgy. Ilaya Kikoy Farmer's Association, and SSM Organic Farming and Happy Farm, Cairo added. (ldl/esg/PIA SoLeyte)



NEW LAKAS MEMBERS --- House Majority Leader and Lakas-CMD Party President Martin Romualdez (3rd left) assisted by Lakas Provincial Chairman of Cavite and Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla (left), Lakas Chairman Senator Ramong Bong Revilla Jr. (2nd left) administers the oath taking of Lakas-CMD new members from right are Bryan Revilla, Kawit Cavite Mayor Angelo Emilio Aguinaldo and Rosario Cavite Mayor Jose Voltaire Ricafrente, during the oath taking ceremony at Lakas-CMD headquarters on Manila. photo by Ver Noveno

Archbishop's spox urge faithful to submit vaccination against COVID-19

TACLOBAN CITY- Amid rising cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the region, the spokesperson of the Palo Archdiocese in Leyte is encouraging the faithful to get the vaccines.

On Friday (May 28), the Department of Health (DOH) reported the highest single-day case of the region for this year with 186 cases, pushing its total cases to 20,479.

Fr. Chris Militante, the spokesperson of the Palo Archdiocese, said that there is nothing to fear on this vaccination but protection against COVID-19.

Militante, who is also the parish priest of the San Isidro Labrador Parish in Alangalang, Leyte, received his first dose of Sinovac last Tuesday (May 25).

"There is nothing to fear. We highly encourage our parishioners to

get the vaccine," he said adding that he did not experienced any side effects after being administered with the vaccine.

Among the more than 150 priests within the archdiocese, which basically covers the province of Leyte, over 20 of them have so far been administered with the vaccine.

Among them was Fr. Amadeo Alvero, former spokesperson of the arch-

diocese who is now the parish priest of MacArthur town, also in Leyte, who completed his doses yesterday (May 26).

Militante could not say if Archbishop John Du has received his vaccine.

At least seven priests in the archdiocese were tested positive with one confirmed to have died.

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

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The veterinary office immediately sought assistance from the Department of Agriculture (DA) regional office to conduct an RT-PCR test the result of which was released last May 18 which eight of the blood samples were positive of the ASF virus.

Culling was conducted already in Japitan village affecting 10 pigs, while geotagging is still on-going in Brgys 14 and 15.

"We are asking for everyone's cooperation. Please avoid buying pork products from the affected areas, avoid swill feeding, and regularly clean your pig pens," she said.

Osita added that the provincial government had order to intensify the border checkpoint enforcing the executive order of Governor Ben Evardone for the total ban of entry of live hogs and pork products from Luzon, Mindanao, Leyte, Samar, Northern Samar, and Southern Leyte.

ASF checkpoints are located in the towns of Lawaan, Guiuan, Artech, Taft, and Oras.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan has yet to decide the request of Provincial Health Board headed to put the entire

province under a state of calamity.

Vice Gov. Maricar Sison-Gotelesan said that they have not yet received copy of the resolution.

Since January, other local government units that reported cases of ASF are Tacloban City, and the cities of Catbalogan, and Calbayog in Samar province; and towns of Abuyog, Javier, Dulag, La Paz, Tabon-tabon, Tolosa, Jaro, MacArthur, Palo, Pastrana, Burauen, Tanauan, Mayoroga, Carigara, and Dagami in Leyte province; Lope de Vega in Northern Samar, and Silago in Southern Leyte.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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