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With 318 deaths now

DOH raises alarm on rising deaths due to COVID complications

ROEL T. AMAZONA

TACLOBAN CITY- The increasing number of deaths due to complications of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the region has alarm the Department of Health (DOH).

Since COVID-19 was first reported in the region in March 2020, the DOH-8 recorded 318 deaths related to the virus. Last May 29, it posted its highest number of deaths for a single day with 11 confirmed deaths of which nine of them were seniors.

The DOH8 added that of the 317 recorded deaths,

62 of them happened from January to May of this year.

“The monitoring team also noted that there are 71 COVID-19 hotspot barangays in Region VIII or those with a total of three or more cases for the last two weeks,” it said.

The DOH added that cases of COVID-19 in Eastern Visayas continues to increase for the past two weeks.

“The increasing trend of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the region is mainly attributed to the increase mobility of people due to reduced travel restrictions, and the complacency of the public to the minimum health and safety protocols when in public areas like shopping malls and public markets,” the statement said.

“Surveillance also noted that the majority of these reported recent cases are caused by super spreader events such as birthday parties, fiesta celebrations, and other social gatherings,” it added.

As of May 31, the region has a total of 20,819 see DOH /page 8 ...



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez signed an ordinance granting condonation of penalties, interests, and surcharges on business permits, local fees, taxes, and charges to all delinquent taxpayers in Tacloban City for 2020 to 2021 last May 26, 2021. The signed ordinance was sponsored by Councilors Brian Steve Granados, Dr. Elvira Casal, Atty. Evangeline Esperas, Leo Bahin, Aimee Grafil, and Dalisay Erpe. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez (left) greets Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte a happy birthday with a bouquet of flowers during his visit at Davao City Hall. Romualdez assured that Lakas-CMD Party will support Mayor Duterte whatever she plans in the future.(VER NOVENO)

Biliran, Leyte waters now free of red tide toxins

TACLOBAN CITY- Coastal waters of Leyte in Leyte province and Biliran are now free of the toxic red tide.

Based on the results of red tide monitoring activities of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the local government unit, shellfish samples collected from coastal water of Biliran and Leyte, Leyte are now negative for paralytic shellfish poison (PSP) or of red tide toxin.

Negative results for PSP

were obtained from three consecutive weeks.

“The public is informed that shell fish samples harvested from the coastal waters of Biliran Islands and Leyte town in Leyte are now safe for human consumption and gathering and or

harvesting and marketing of shellfish from these areas are permitted,” the BFAR said in a statement.

The BFAR, however, reported that the following areas are still with red tide toxin with shellfish ban in effect:

Are the following areas are still under shellfish ban in Samar Province; are Irong-Irong bay in Catbalogan, San Pedro Bay in Basey, Maqueda Bay covering Jiabong, Motiong, Paranas, San, Sebastian, see Biliran /page 8 ...



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Young ex-rebel in Samar shares armed struggle ordeal



LEAVING NPA. Dominador Cabab, a former rebel in Basey, Samar who surrendered to soldiers on April 4, 2021, said broken promises, the difficulty of living in the mountains in Samar, and being on the run from government forces for six years prompted him to leave the communist terrorist group.

(PNA photo by Sarwell Meniano)

BASEY, Samar – Broken promises, difficulty of living in the mountains in Samar, and being on the run from government forces for six years prompted Dominador Cabab, 28, to completely sever ties with the New People's Army (NPA).

The news about the assistance being given by the national government to the rebels who turned their backs on the atrocities of the terror group, solidify his wishes to fulfill his longing to return to his normal life.

"I heard over the radio that the government has good programs for former rebels. That encouraged me to contact the military. When I entered their camp, the soldiers treated me well, contrary to what the NPA inculcated to my mind about government forces," he told the Philippine News Agency.

Being a Grade 3 completer and raised by a farmer couple, Cabab was easily persuaded by armed men to join the communist terrorist group in Samar province.

"They promised me that I would be able to finish college and own land,

but those are all lies. It was six grueling years of my life," he said.

"I did a lot of tasks as an NPA member from carrying firearms and supplies, to extorting food from locals. It was a waste of time. For several months, I have planned on how to escape until I got a rare opportunity to return to my family," he added,

He recalled how hard it was to spend a day without anything to eat and spend a night anywhere in the forest.

Cabab formally surrendered to the Philippine Army's 63rd Infantry Battalion (IB) on April 4, 2021, just two weeks after he managed

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DE Adongay, Inspectorate Team visit various infra at Pacific Towns

NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar- As one of his diverse routines, DPWH-Northern Samar Second District Engineering Office (NSSDEO) District Engineer David P. Adongay, Jr., together with the Inspectorate Team composed of Construction Section Chief Engr. Nilo Montubig, Quality Assurance Section Chief Engr. Eduardo Lagrimas, Planning and Design Section Chief Atty.

Arthur Eric Sabong, Project Engineer Gil Herrera, Jr., and Engr. Christian Dave Pangandoyon from the Maintenance Section inspected various infrastructure projects implemented by the district office on May 12, 2021.

Among the projects were (1) construction of Gamay flood control structure and drainage system, Gamay River basin, Gamay, N. Samar; (2) road widening of San Policarpo-Arteche-Lapinig Road, Lapinig, N. Samar; and (3) rehabilitation/reconstruction/upgrading of damaged paved roads, Pangpang-Palapag-Mapanas-Gamay-Lapinig Road, all located at Pacific Area.

The rehabilitation of concrete roads caters the need of the province to develop road infrastructures in order to boost its econ-

Province sees spike of COVID-19 cases Northern Samar Gov. Ongchuan renews call for people to strictly follow health protocols

TACLOBAN CITY- Northern Samar Gov. Edwin Ongchuan renewed his appeal to his constituents to be cautious and follow the minimum health protocols set by the government as the province experiences a surge of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

As of May 30, cases in Northern Samar had reached 104, its highest number of cases for this year.

"I am appealing to all Nortehanons to stay at home. Only immediate family members should attend funerals, please no parties, gambling, and no mass gatherings," the governor said.

He added that the ward of the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital is almost full in its capacity.

The governor added that if cases continues to increase, there is a possibility that the provincial hospital will be overwhelmed and will have hard time to respond on the needs of COVID-19 patients.

Of the 24 towns in the province, 17 has active COVID-19, cases according to the Northern Samar pro-



Gov Edwin Ongchuan receives his first dose of Sinovac vaccine in May 26. (Photo credit NSPIO)

vincial information office.

These towns are Mapanas (14), San Isidro (12), Catarman and San Antonio (11), San Vicente (10), Allen (6), Palapag (5), Lavezares (4), San Roque and Laoang (3), towns of Bobon, Gamay, Catubig, Mondragon, and San Jose (2), and Capul and Rosario (1).

To address the present health problem, Gov. Ongchuan is said to order municipal mayors of towns with high cases of COVID-19 to revert their quarantine status

from modified general community quarantine to general community quarantine.

The mayors are also expected to be strict in implementing the minimum health protocols which includes wearing of face masks, face shields and physical distancing when in public place.

Moreover, the governor had already received his first dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

The governor was inoculated last May 21 with Sinovac vaccine while his

wife received her first dose of AstraZeneca.

Ongchuan was the second provincial governor to receive the Covid-19 shot, after Governor Damian Mercado of Southern Leyte who also received Sinovac shot in May 18.

Last Friday, May 27, Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla also received this first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. He was inoculated with AstraZeneca.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

omy contributory to the provincial and regional socio-economic development.

It provides an effective and efficient road network that benefit to traveling public in Northern Samar second district with the ultimate objective of uplifting the socio-economic condition of the area.

These road widening projects will not only boost tourism in the Pacific Towns but will likewise create job opportunities and employment. Boosting the local economic activity and

improving the living standards of the local people.

While flood control structures and drainage system will prevent the detrimental effects of massive

flooding by diverting the flows of water, slowing natural changes in embankment and preventing inundation of vulnerable floodplains in Gamay. (PR)



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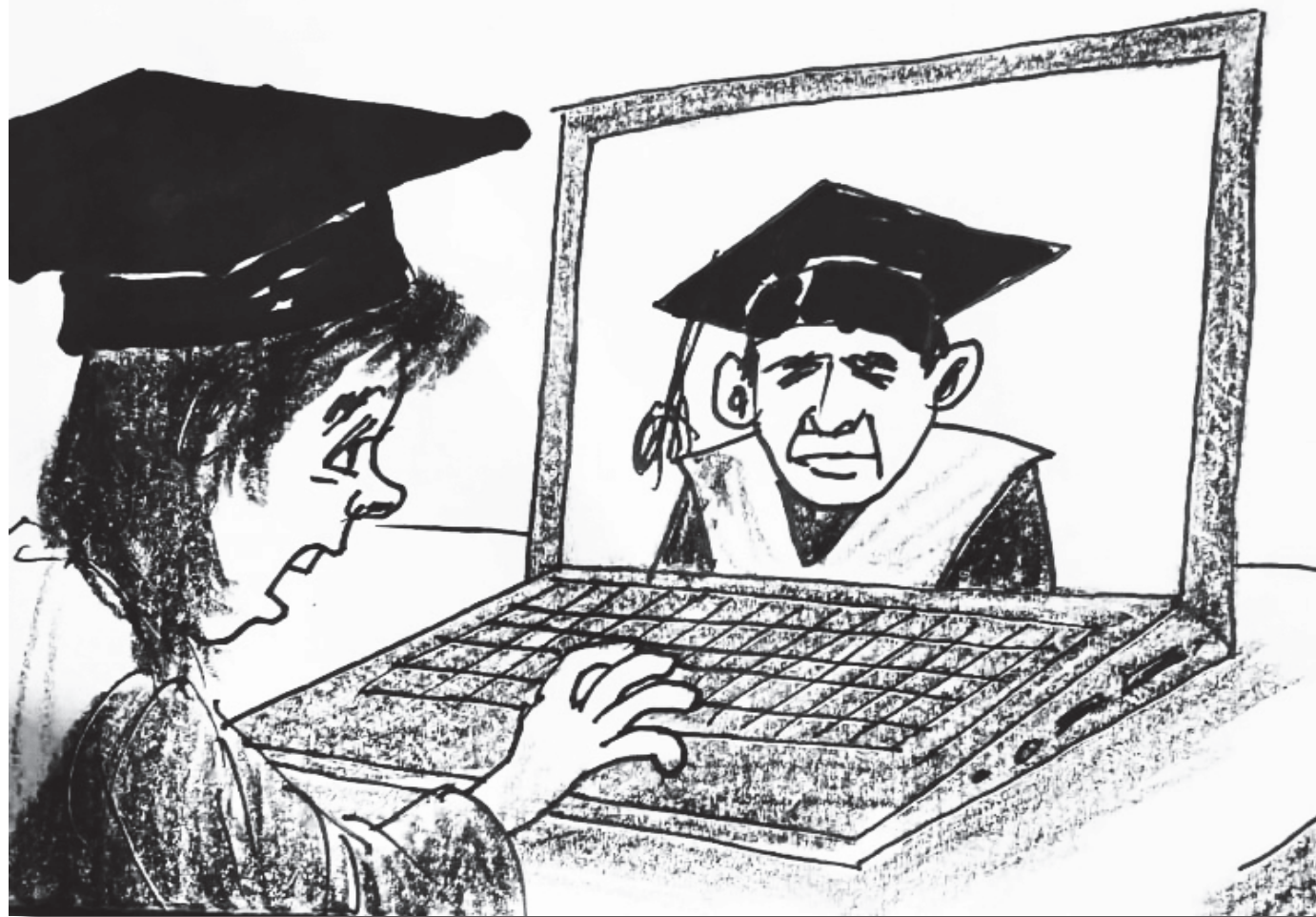
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Virtual graduates

No matter how you call it, new normal to make it sound better, but the way our graduates this year had finished their degrees is still abnormal—demoralizing to look at, painful to think of—knowing that it could have been held under normal conditions were it not for the onslaught of coronavirus.

Among the schools that have had a graduation ceremony, there were those that held it in an actual stage and ceremonial hall, with solemn background music. But just the same, the attendance was limited; only the graduates and the faculty were allowed in, plus selected parents and guests—the rest had to attend virtually. This is too different from the former graduation rites when the ceremonies were grand and majestic.

Surely, it is still best for the graduates to walk down the alley leading to the stage to receive their hard-earned diplomas as they are cheered with the thunderous applause of the crowd. Their years of hard work and sacrifices finally paid off, and so they want to cherish the moment and enjoy the sweetness of their victory. But what can they do? The pandemic had stolen their chances to celebrate this momentous occasion!

Anyway, sentimentality is negligible at times, depending on situations. When the need calls for it, we can do away with those necessities that are partly meant for ceremonial ends. This time, the health protocols demand that graduation exercises be subjected to restrictions, so we are left with no choice but to follow and observe them. Blame it to the pandemic, then, that our graduates came to be what might be called virtual graduates.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

A sort of bait

Even before the start of the campaign period, some politicians are already exposing themselves to the public through various media outlets, suggesting their intent to run and campaign in advance to ensure victory.

As the real campaign period nears, aspirants appear

so serious, working day and night for their campaign sorties. They would cross rivers, climb mountains, pluck the stars above, and offer the moon just to prove how much they love the people they want to serve. Again, by their gestures, one could almost say all-

out campaigning is the only ticket to victory.

We know from experience, though, that this trend changes as the polls approach. Political campaign and all its strategies remain in place, but something else eventually renders all campaign efforts almost futile, for nothing can beat it, it being central to the people's quest such that, he who gives it away consequently wins.


It's not anymore a question to ask what this thing is. Even children could identify it with ease. It's common knowledge; everybody knows it. No need

to prolong the suspense, like what I'm doing here now. If in other countries it could be something like race, or religion; in our country, it's simply spelled M-O-N-E-Y.

When a candidate, sensing a close fight with rivals, figures out a likely loss, he would employ this thing as a last resort. But if the opponents are tailing the race, he need not bother himself, or he will just waste this asset.

A candidate may release it on the eve of the elections. This is for distribution ends. The budget for each voter in a certain place may depend on the position aspired for, the intensity of competition, and

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What's New Mr. Q?
TENTE U. QUINTERO

SARA DUTERTE TOPS PULSE ASIA PRESIDENTIAL POLLS -- which announced the results of the Pulse Asia Survey which ended 22 April 2021.

And, as if on cue, hundreds of tarpaulin posters with RUN SARA RUN in huge letters started popping up in many cities and towns, especially in Metro Manila.

A ranking PDP-Laban leader informed this Columnist that hundreds of long-distance calls & texted messages sent through Smart & Globe; with many politicians asking --

“Is there a secretly-planned candidacy of Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio; and was it the reason for President Duterte’s absence in the Pacquiao oath-taking?”

And with Speaker Lord Allan Velasco, a political ally of Mayor Sara (remember the Speakership tussles in Congress? sworn in as the new Executive Vice-President of PDP-Laban Err... would he poke his political finger into Pacquiao’s presidential plan as mentioned in Paragraph #5 above?

Hmmm ... Did Duterte absent himself from the Pacquiao oath-taking because of the possibility that Manny Pacquiao would ride on PDP-Laban (with many disgruntled leaders and all); and run for president against his daughter, Mayor Sara in the 2022 national elections?

And so, what happens if President Duterte distances himself from the known “administration see Is PDP- /page 7 ...

Philippine in Global initiative on Marine Litter Scourge

The Philippine Government should be thankful for being included in the Global Initiative to tackle the issue on marine litter scourge, with initial funding from Norway through the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation. The GLO marine liter project, partners with FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) and the (IMO) International Maritime Organization, will assist 30 developing countries, in five (5) global regions with 10 Lead Partnering Countries (LPC) and 20 Partnering Countries, where the Philippines is grouped.

The main thrust of the Project is (a) *tackle marine litter scourge*, (b) *clean up the oceans and*

(c) *decrease the use of plastics in industries.* The LPCs and PCs will have twinning working arrangement – to build regional support for the Project.

To realize the thrust of the GIMLS project, The organizer and partners will provide LPC and PC members “technical assistance and training as well as guidance documents and other tools to help enforce existing regulations.”

“The project will promote compliance with relevant international instruments, including the Voluntary Guidelines for the Marking of Fishing Gear and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, which contains regulations against discharging plastics into the sea.”

I am privy to the very sad state of the marine waters around the country, having explored the N E W S corners of the archipelago in my project documenting the “*Philippine Marine Algal Flora*”. The plastic material litters are visible in seaports/pier and vicinity – the culprit being the commercial ships and motorized boats docking in their ports of call. I had the privilege of being sent by the NRCP-DOST (as a marine biologist) to attend/react in a public hearing in the Lower House about the proposed Bill on the alarming level of marine water pollutants primarily of plastic materials and its derivatives. I think I had accomplished my mission because I had documented data to present during the hearing USING MY OBSERVATIONS ON THE LOW-GROWTH AND DISAPPEARANCE OF CERTAIN SEAWEEDS (Marine Macro-algae), in heavily plastic polluted waters in the vicinity of seaports and piers. One example as the disappearance of the green seaweed *Caulerpa peltata* var. *macrodisca* (laba-laba, blanched eaten raw with boiled sweet potato by Aklanons), from the vicinity of New Washington pier in Aklan Province. Later, found small population of the edible green seaweed in Sapián, Capiz and moving up to Iloilo, was amazed to see a large population of “laba-laba” in the waters fronting the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic College, Estancia town.

The water of pier in Tacloban City is relatively

see *Philippine /page 7 ...*

Is PDP-LABAN About to Crack ?

Well, so it seems to my fellow senior citizens, who are rabid political observers, for lack of things to do...

It will be recalled that last December 2, 2020, Senator Manny Pacquiao was sworn in by Senator Aquilino Koko Pimentel III, as the new Acting President of the PDP-Laban, along with Speaker Lord Allan Velasco as the new Executive Vice-President.

The PDP-Laban leadership now stands as follows -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte - Chairman * Senator Manny Pacquiao - Acting President * Senator Koko Pimentel III - Executive Vice-Chairman * Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi - Vice-Chairman * Speaker Lord Allan Velasco - Executive Vice-President.

But, conspicuously absent during the above-mentioned big PDP-Laban gathering, was President Rodrigo Duterte, who is the Chairman & the duly-recognized leader of the administration party.

Now, during the said PDP-Laban gathering;

my grandparents, Guerra was a dangerous time but they continued living, in hiding yes but undaunted they know Peace Time will be forthcoming.

So never mind if it sounds rather overly optimistic but we must continue living enthusiastically. We must harness our talent and use our innate capacity to become what we need to become, better and fairer than the present. The imminent future looks great, it is all entirely up to us. “To become, you must first believe.”

and days & weeks thereafter, word spread that Senator Pacquiao was using the PDP-Laban as his “stepping stone” (together with his millions & dollar deposits in the U.S.) in his planned run for the presidency of the country!

It will be recalled that in at least Two (2) speaking engagements of President Duterte, he asked the usually-present Senator Manny Pacquiao to stand-up & announced by saying - (either seriously or jokingly, only DU30 knows) “everybody knows who Senator Pacquiao is -- he will be my successor in Malacanang” -- with many people taken aback at such announcement...

Now, for these announcements declared in public by no less than the President (again seriously or jokingly, only DU30 knows) this Columnist is not surprised if the idea somehow sipped into the mind of Senator Pacquiao; hence his presidential ambitions!

THE PULSE ASIA SURVEY

Then out of the blue, the Philippine Star newspaper came out with the following headline --



Automatic for the People
CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

The Imminent Future

“To become, you must first believe.”
- Lailah Gifty Akita

It would be rather assuming that we will be making plans beyond the Pandemic. It would be something rather detached to reality nor would it be practical to abandon the realities we have at present. It would be rather audacious to project beyond the bleakness of the here and now and move into the future rather prematurely, with confidence.

In the flipside of all these, it would be rather

sad if we will leave hope and throw the same as a far fetch reality. The pitch dark night will soon pass and dawn would come. That is the mindset of the enthusiastic, the secret of happy people.

The Pandemic rages on amid the vaccination efforts peaking at more than 5 million shots and as the Recovery Data being overshadowed by the daily Covid cases, we are still officially not flattening the curve.

But all these should not dampen our collective spirit. The bleak news and analysis can get us down and put clouds in a rather clear horizon but we must work hard on our own. The often repeated quote *at any moment we have the power to say that this is not how the story will end for me...*

The person we become is largely our responsibility. In the World Wars we had been told that life goes on. In the face of bombing raids England folks celebrate birthdays in their bunkers. As a story from



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)

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for sale under act 3135, as Amended filed by the BDO UNIBANK, INC., (formerly Banco De Oro Unibank, Inc.) with office address at BDO Corporate Center, 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, represented by Melanie A. Orpiada and Rowena M. Mangiliman, MORTGAGE, against **Spouses MARINO P. MENDOZA and BEATRIZ P. MENDOZA**, both of legal age, Filipinos, with postal address/es at (1) Cor. Capt. Tacio St., Market Site, Dulag, Leyte; and (2) Blk. 13 Lot 24, Camella Leyte, Campetic, Palo, Leyte, MORTGAGOR, to satisfy the Mortgage indebtedness which as of April 5, 2021, amounted to **FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE & 50/100 ONLY (P4,644,159.50)** in Philippine Currency, excluding Penalties, Charges, Attorney's Fees, expenses of the Foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized depu-

ty sheriff will sell at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on June 21, 2021 at **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at main entrance of the Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City to the highest bidder for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following Real Properties with all the improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. TP-25618

"A parcel of land designated as Lot 24, Block 13, Pcs-08-001252-D, being consolidation of Lots 1-A-2-B-3, 1-A-2-B-4, and 1-A-2-B-6, Psd-08-014155-D, and lots 10559, 9948, 9949, 10705, 10707, and 10601, Cad. 407-D, Palo Cadastre situated in Barangay Campetik, Municipality of Palo, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte. Bounded on the SW, along line 1-2 by Lot 23, Block 13; on the NW, along line 2-3 by Lot 18, Block 13; along line 3-4-5 by Lot 17, Block 13; on the NE, along line 5-6 by lot 25, block 13; on the SE, along lines 6-7-8-1 by Road lot 4, (8.00 m. wide) all of this situation.

Containing an area of **Ninety Nine (99) square meters....**

"Including the house/building(s) and other improvements now erected or hereafter maybe erected upon."

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS AND BUYERS MAY INVESTIGATE FOR THEMSELVES THE TITLE AND ENCUMBRANCES, HEREIN ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTIES IF ANY THERE BE.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on or before the above-stated time and date of the Public Auction.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be on June 28, 2021 of the same time and place without further notice.

Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Magsaysay Boulevard, Tacloban City, May 12, 2021.

FOR THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF:

(Sgd.) MICHAEL L. YEE
 Sheriff IV
LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT/PARTITION OF THE ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. AMANDO ABLIN AND NATIVIDAD MAN-LUBATAN ABLIN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land known as Lot No. 8280 with improvement thereon situated at Barrio Caridad, Baybay, Leyte containing a whole area of 601sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. T-7673. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of DONALD M. UGSANG AND JANETTE L. UGSANG as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 260, Page No. 52, Book No. L, Series of 2021. Notary Public Eden B. Chavez-Butawan.
LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR OF DECEASED PERSON

NOTICE is hereby given that MARIA ARLYN DE PAZ FORTALEZA heirs of the late RUDY BOLIVAR FORTALEZA executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a bank deposit with Bank of the Philippine Islands (Tacloban Branch) leaving a bank deposit with a total amount of Php10,786.35. Per Doc No. 192, Page No. 40, Book No. XIV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Jerry S. Uy.
LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF PORTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that BERNARDITA AGUILLON, heirs of the late ROSARIO A. VENEZUELA executed an Affidavit of Self-adjudication over 2 parcels of land described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4927 situated at Brgy. Calutan, Dagami, Leyte containing an area of 5,899sq.m., more or less with OCT No. P-26389; 2) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4961 situated at Brgy. Calsadahay, Dagami, Leyte containing an area of 5,915sq.m., more or less with OCT No. P-26389. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LOURDES G. CATINOY married to TEODOCIO CATINOY as vendees of Lot 4961 consisting of 5,284sq.m., and Lot 4927-A consisting of 2,760sq.m., from the above-described property free from encumbrances and third-party claims. Per Doc No. 126, Page No. 27, Book No. X, Series of 2021. Notary Public Ronelito O. Ticoy.
LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EPIFANIA CANEGA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Sagkahan, Carigara, Leyte designated as Lot No. 4051 with OCT No. 66484 with land area of 14, 337sq.m., we hereby adjudicate the ownership and divide the lot into three equal share, assigning a portion of 4,779sq.m., for FORTUNATO CANEGA, LOT 4051-A, FELICISIMO P. CANEGA, Lot 4051-B with lot area of 4,770sq.m., and EVELYN C. TORRES, Lot 4051-C with lot area of 4,779sq.m.,
LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that TYRONE B. BARBER, heir of the late SPS. JAMES A. BARBER AND AURORA B. BARBER executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication with Special Power of Attorney over a parcel of land designated as Lot 8, Block 4, Ccs-08-000020 being a portion of Lot-1 & Lot-2, Ccs-08-000015 situated at Bo. Candahug, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 287sq.m., more or less. and heirs do hereby name, constitute and appoint ELVIN O. ORONOS to be my true and lawful attorney-in-fact for me and in my name, place and stead to do and perform any and all of the foregoing acts and things 1) To sell, transfer and convey; 2) To accept & collect payment; 3) To execute and sign, for and on my behalf; 4) To facilitate and represent me in various offices; 5) To request and claim to various offices; 6) To apply, transact, process, follow-up and claim eCAR; 6) To apply, process, and claim TIN; Notary Public State of California, Laura J. Brewer, 17th day of September 2020.
LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. URBANO ORACION BAUTISTA AND IRENE QUINTANA BAUSTISTA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5936, Case 6, Pls 788 containing an area of 3,368sq.m., with OCT No. P-19255 and TD No. 08-13-0041-00331 and the same parcel of land is mortgaged with Philippine National Bank, we hereby authorized SHERYLL BAUTISTA OGIHARA to settle the obligation and request for the subsequent release of the encumbrance and to receive the title or the covering release of mortgage. Per Doc No. 19, Book No. VI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Romeo G. Magdalaga, Jr.
LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MATEO ALORA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2591, Case 1, Cadm-422 situated at Sitio Pagbalian, Capoccan, Calbayog City containing an area of 19,370sq.m., more or less. Per Doc No. 307, Page No. 61, Book No. XXXVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Alex R. Gelera.
LSDE: May 25 & June 1 & 8, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that LOURDES P. BLAS heirs of the late SPS. SEVERO PEÑERO AND FELISA PEÑERON executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Cad Lot No. 4489 situated at Brgy. Tacuranga, Palo, Leyte containing an area of 0.3178hectares, more or less under TD No. 08-30-0034-00646. Per Doc No. 335, Page No. 68, Book No. XIII, Series 2013. Notary Public R.C. M. Reposar.
LSDE: May 25 & June 1 & 8, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER AND DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late NOLASCO CABUDOY extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4, Block 27 of the consolidation subdivision survey plan, Pcs-08-000311 being a portion of the consolidated lots-5979-B, Psd-08-000857, TCT No. T-42096 situated in the Barrio of Tigbao, now Nula Tula, Tacloban City, Leyte containing an area of 180 square meters and heir, ROSITA DE LA CRUZ hereby WAIVED all rights and participation in favor of NOLASCO CABUDOY, JR, MIGUELITO CABUDOY, ROSALIE CABUDOY AYCARDO AND NOLI CABUDOY. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JOSE ANTONIETO B. ORTIZ as vendee of the above-described property free from all liens, encumbrances and third-party claims. Per Doc No. 116, Page No. 25, Book No. X, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Ronelito O. Ticoy.
LSDE: May 18, 25 & June 1, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ALBERTO MARTINEZ, heir of the late PABLO MARTINEZ AND ROSARIO MARTINEZ executed an Affidavit of Confirmation of Sale over a portion of mother lot 4050 designated as Lot No. 4050-A, Psd 08-040098-D equivalent to 2,163.6sq.m., more or less covered by OCT No. 6352 situated at Brgy. Candadam, Baybay, Leyte under TD No. 2015-07-0037-01982 and Property Identification No: 044-07-037-01-00. Per Doc No. 186, Page No. 38, Book No. LXXXIX, Series of 2021. Notary Public Joseph Carmel M. Bandalan.
LSDE: May 25 & June 1 & 8, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PRIMO GAGABU-AN ABRENZOSA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land denominated as Lot No. 8680, Mod 2-A, DAR-ADB-ARC Project covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-5639 located at Brgy. Tagpuro, Guiuan, Eastern Samar and heirs hereby CONFIRMED the sale of a portion of land designated as Lot 8680-A consisting of 2,340sq.m., unto VINCENT A. CABLAO from the above-described property. Per Doc NO. 338, Page No. 34, Book No. VIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Clotilde Japzon-Salazar.
LSDE: May 25, June 1 & 8, 2021

REVOCAION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANACT (Sale of Conveyance of Real Property)

NOTICE is hereby given that ROBERTO I. ENRIQUEZ of legal age, married and resident of Brgy. 63, Pleasantville, Sagkahan, Tacloban City do hereby declare that i may given authority to one FILOMENA 'FE' PIDO DAJES, of legal age, married and resident of Brgy. Cogon, San Jose, Tacloban City, to offer to sell or convey or transact any business in my behalf pertaining to the real properties belonging to me including but not limited to properties inherited by me from my father Panfilo Enriquez Sr., son and heir of Ciriaco Enriquez who owned several real properties in Tacloban City and elsewhere. Now Therefore, I hereby give NOTICE that being of sound mind, I hereby REVOKE and RESCIND any and all authority whether written or oral given to said Filomena 'Fe' Pido Dajes, thereby she cannot transact any business in my behalf. As such any and all power and authority granted to said Filomena 'Fe' Pido Dajes is hereby TERMINATED; per Doc. No. 485, Page No. 47, Book No. XXIII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Asterio A. Villero.
LSDE: May 18, 25 & June 1, 2021

DEED OF PARTITION OF LAND WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FERNANDA PANONG extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an agricultural land containing an area of 4323sq.m., designated as Lot No. 2671, CAD 863, situated at Brgy. Capahu-an, Tabon-tabon, Leyte covered by TD No. 08-37010 00278 containing 4323 hectares. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of NORMA A. COLLANTES as vendee of a portion containing 578sq.m., designated as Lot No. 2669-C together the one-storey house erected thereon within the Lot. Per Doc No. 508, Page No. 103, Book No. IV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Gil Mengullo.
LSDE: May 25 & June 1 & 8, 2021

AMENDED SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that GILSON P. MURILLO, sole heir of the late PELAGIA P. MURILLO extrajudicially amended, settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4489 situated at Brgy. Tacuranga, Palo, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-21810 containing an area of 3,272sq.m., more or less. Per Doc No. 472, Page No. 96, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Rosalie S. Almaden
LSDE: May 25 & June 1 & 8, 2021

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF A ONE-HALF PORTION OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late REGINA FELIPE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1680 with improvements thereon situated at Barrio Malabca, Burauen, Leyte covered by TCT No. T-16514 containing an area of 20,280sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of the MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN, LEYTE represented by Mayor Juanito Renomeron as vendee of a 1/2 portion containing 10,140 from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 86, Page No. 19, Boo No. XIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Buenaventura A. Renomeron.
LSDE: May 25, June 1 & 8, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that RAMER C. BARTOLINI, heir of the late DOMINGO BARTOLINI AND EULALIA CORTEZ BARTOLINI executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Candadam, Baybay, Leyte consisting of 32,852sq.m., with OCT No. P-27561. Per Doc No. 149, Page No. 30, Book No. LI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Eden B. Chavez-Butawan.
LSDE: May 25, June 1 & 8, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that JOSEPH VINCENT E. PEPITO, heir of the late SPS. BEN C. PEPITO AND WELHELMINA E. PEPITO executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1814-A-2-S of the subdivision plan Psd-08-006140, being a portion of Lot 1814-A-2, Psd 08-005154 situated at Barrio San Jose, Tacloban City, Leyte containing an area of 250sq.m., Per Doc No. 476, Page no. 97, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Rosalie S. Almaden.
LSDE: May 25, June 1 & 8, 2021

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
 Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development
Kagawaran ng Pananahanang Pantao at Pagpapaunlad ng Kalunsuran
Regional Office 8

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BILIRAN, of Provincial Capitol Bldg., Calumpang, Naval, Biliran Province** has/ have filed with this office a sworn registration statement for the sale of **LOTS** in **BILIRAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROJECT** located at **Brgy. Larazabal, Naval, Biliran** and more particularly described as **LOT No. 11-B, Psd-08-017401-D, Psd-08-023011-D** containing an area of **160,630** sq.m. and covered by **TCT No. T-756** respectively.

The foregoing project is utilizing **Biliran Provincial Government Housing Project** located at **Brgy. Larazabal, Naval, Biliran** as its compliance pursuant to Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7279 and amended by R.A. 10884.

All papers relative thereto shall, upon request and payment of processing fee, be available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.

Absent any legal impediment, the above-cited projects is deemed registered and a certificate, in evidence thereof, shall forthwith be issued after five (5) days from the last day of publication.

Tacloban City, Philippines, 03 May 2021.

ENGR. EVELYN A. BOBIER
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PAUNAWA

Ipinagbibigay-alam na ang **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BILIRAN** ng **Provincial Capitol Building, Calumpang, Naval, Biliran** ay naghain sa Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development ng sinumpaang aplikasyon para sa pagbebenta ng mga lote sa **BILIRAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROJECT** matatagpuan sa **Brgy. Larazabal, Naval, Biliran** at sinasakop ng **Lot 11-B, Psd-08-017401-D, Psd-08-023011-D**, na may lawak na **160,630** sq.m. sa ilalim ng **TCT No. T-756**.

Ang nasabing proyekto ay ginagamit ang **BILIRAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROJECT** na matatagpuan sa **Brgy. Larazabal, Naval, Biliran** bilang pagtupad sa Seksyon 18 ng Batas ng Republika Blg. 7279 na at inanyenda ng Batas Republika Blg. 10884.

Lahat ng mga kasulatang kaugnay nito ay maaaring suriin ng sinuman na nagtataglay ng legal na interes dito matapos humiling ng pagsusuri at magbayad ng kaukulang halaga sa tanggapang ito.

Kapag walang sagabal na legal, ang proyektong nabanggit ay ituturing na rerehistrado at maari nang bigyan ng sertipiko bilang katibayan nito, pagkalipas ng limang (5) araw mula sa huling paglalathala.

Tacloban City, Pilipinas 03 Mayo 2021.

ENGR. EVELYN A. BOBIER
 ENGR. EVELYN A. BOBIER
 OIC-Regional Director

LSDE: May 25 & June 1, 2021

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR
 Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. PAZ C. ALMENDRAL** has filed with this (Complete name of petitioner)

Office a petition for change of first name from **DELIA** to **MA. PAZ** in the Birth Certificate (First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)

of **DELIA MERIN CARPINA** who was born on **JANUARY 24, 1970** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **EUIPIGENIA J. MERIN** and **EUFEMIO A. CARPINA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **June 4, 2021**.

(Sgd.) IMELDA A. ROA
 City Civil Registrar

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2nd extension of Samar Pacific Coastal Road project sought

TACLOBAN CITY

Thursday (May 27).

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) is reviewing the proposal to re-extend the construction of the nearly P1 billion foreign-funded Samar Pacific Coastal Road project.

Citing monitoring reports, Uy said the frequent heavy rains in the area have stopped construction for weeks.

As of January 2021, project slippage was at negative 19.088 percent.

From the revised completion target of Dec. 31, 2021, the proposal approved by the Eastern Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC), is to extend the completion date of the foreign-funded project to June 30, 2022.

Slippage is the difference between the actual accomplishments versus the target accomplishment in a particular period.

Originally slated to be finished by March 12, 2020, only 45 percent of the work was finished as of January this year. The project was previously extended until December 31, 2021 but the slow rate of work due to the weather meant that the deadline will not be feasible," NEDA Eastern Visayas Regional Director Bonifacio Uy said in a phone interview

The RDC endorsed the proposed extension to the NEDA Investment Coordination Committee in early May for deliberation in June.

The Korean-funded project, which started in May 2018, has been delayed also by movement restrictions brought about by coronavirus disease 2019 and frequent typhoons.

The contractor reported that since they started the project two years ago, 11 typhoons have hit the site, causing long delays in the

implementation last year.

The sudden unavailability of aggregates from its source in Ormoc City also contributed to the delay since the city government banned the extraction of sand and gravel in February citing environmental impacts.

It was in May 2018 when Public Works Secretary Mark Villar and South Korean Ambassador to the Philippines Han Dong-man led the project's groundbreaking ceremony in Northern Samar.

Shortly after, DPWH officials had expressed confidence in its timely completion, citing the foreign contractors' capability and lessons learned from past projects in Samar Island.

Ilsung Construction is a giant firm in Korea engaged in the construction of residential buildings, education facilities, public buildings, and commercial buildings, roads, railways, subways, industry complexes, and

green belts.

The PHP997.50-million road project, funded through a loan from the South Korean government, will open an 11.6-kilometer two-lane road, and build three bridges.

The project, which begins at the Simora junction in Laoang and Palapag towns, traverses the remote villages of Laoang, Catubig, and Palapag.

To reach the capital town of Catarman, residents of Palapag and three other Pacific towns -- Mapanas, Gamay, and Lapinig-- need to cross a river twice through a pump boat ride.

From the port in Pangpang village in Palapag town, travelers need to cross a river to Calomotan village of Laoang, then take a boat ride to the port in the town center, and ride another pump boat to cross the river going to Rawis village.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

2 farmers arrested for shabu possession worth P510,000

TACLOBAN CITY

Two farmers from Barugo town in Leyte were arrested during a buy-bust operation with suspected shabu worth P510,000 seized from them.

Arrested were Arsenio Tiuzon, 39, and Ericson Berha, 40, both residents of Barangay Amahit in Barugo town during a buy-bust operation in Brgy. Luntad, Palo town, also in Leyte, last Sunday at about 7 pm.

Also recovered from them were mobile phone and P249,000 boodle money.

Seized from the two suspects were 12 pieces heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet containing

The sting operation against the two were conducted by personnel of the Leyte police provincial office and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

The two suspects, detained at the PDEA facility, were charged for possession and selling of illegal drugs. **(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

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political party" -- PDP-Laban?

With many PDP-Laban leaders already disgusted with the way President Manny Pacquiao "deadma'd" the big gathering of PDP-Laban leaders in Cebu, led by Twenty-Five (25) mayors, board members and congressmen, last March 10, 2021...

... and rejected their Joint Resolution duly signed by the 25 PDP-Laban leaders, led by Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella and City Vice-Mayor Michael Rama, asking & pledging support for President Rodrigo Duterte to run for Vice-President in 2022...

Then lately, Pacquiao's rejection of PDP-Laban Vice-Chairman Alfonso Cusi's formal call for a PDP-Laban Assembly scheduled May 31st ...

... with Senator Pacquiao going on CNN Television, to announce his outright rejection of Cusi's planned Assembly; asking all PDP-Laban Members to IGNORE Vice-Chairman Cusi's call for said

gathering.

And so, with these problems brewing in the administration party, is the PDP-Laban about to crack wide open? Will the Party Chairman President Duterte intervene?

And oh wow, what a coincidence, we just heard on radio & television that yesterday, May 31st, was Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte Carpio's 43rd Birthday! OUR BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS, Lady Mayor SARA!

And so, at this point, wala tayong magagawa, kung hindi maghintay -- So, Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata!

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cleaner from plastic waste following the stoppage of commercial boats plying mainly from Manila and Leyte.

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NEXT TOPIC: "Prospects of Philippine-made COVID - 19 Vaccines"

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LGU-Maasin City launches 'Young & Rooted: Youth Initiative for Food Sustainability'

MAASIN CITY-The city government of Maasin has successfully launched the "Young and Rooted: Youth Initiative for Food Sustainability" project, Mayor Nacional V. Mercado said in his Facebook Account.

The project which was launched in the city on May 20, 2021 was initiated by the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation to ensure that the youths in the barangays have enough skills on gardening.

"The said project will also empower the young and inculcate sustainable influence as well as preferences on food sustainability

during this time of pandemic," Mayor Mercado said.

The four-month project aims to have an access to healthy and culturally appropriate food during this pandemic and to empower the youths towards the importance of having knowledge and skills in providing food.

The said project also targeted to encourage and promote the use of recyclable materials in gardening and to help improve the quality of life by respecting the environment and pro-

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BENIGNO GABOR AND AURELIA JAVINEZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over an agricultural land covered by Title No. P-73463 under TD No. 08-27012-00233 (R13), Cad Lot No. 1398, Cad 967-D with an area of 0.4316 hectares situated at Cangganay, Elevado, Matalom, Leyte. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of MARIANO S. MUYA married to VERONICA PALEN MUYA as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 05, Page No. 01, Book No. 24, Series of 2012. Notary Public Josenilo Marquez Reoma. LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

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the availability of funds. The more moneyed a candidate is, the bigger is the amount he can give; and the bigger is the amount given away, the wider is the chance to win.

Aided by leaders tasked to distribute money, such candidates are employing one of the dirtiest tactics in Philippine elections. Apparently, it's an election fraud that later on breeds corruption in high places. Candidates who invest in vote-buying are likewise resolved to retrieve their investment via graft and corrupt practices later.

Those who sell their votes hardly realize this. The amount they receive in exchange for their vote is insultingly small, but the

politicos who pay them will rake in their taxes in huge amounts, several times higher than their vote-buying investment.

In the monetary distribution prior to the polls, people seldom get the exact amounts they are supposed to receive. The leaders slice portions from those amounts. Sometimes, these leaders do not even give the money to households noted to be well off or principled enough to accept bribes. So in this vote-buying frenzy, it's the leaders who get rich, not the common people.

This time, campaign sorties are still mounting. But at the end of the day, it's the glare and power of money that will prevail, the campaign efforts being merely fronts.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FRANKLIN GARCIA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 parcels of land described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot 3321-B-2 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-008359-D, being a portion of Lot 3321-B, Psd 08-006213 situated at Brgy. Caibaán, Tacloban City covered by TCT No. T-43653 containing an area of 300sq.m.; 2) A parcel of land designated as Lot 3321-B-3 of the subdivision plan Psd 08-008359-D, being a portion of Lot 3321-B, Psd 08-006213 situated at Brgy. Caibaán, Tacloban City covered by TCT No. T-43654 containing an area of 300sq.m.; 3) A parcel of land (Lot No. 3345-C-2-C-2 of the subdivision plan Psd-08-003293 LRC Cad Rec No. 1040 situated at Brgy. Caibaán, Tacloban City, Leyte covered by TCT No. T-27640 containing an area of 234sq.m., Per Doc No. 1734, Page No. 348, Book No. IV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Ramon N. Pedroza, Jr. LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SALVADOR DIMAANGAY extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1952-B covered by TD No. 11-090045-00578 containing an area of 959sq.m., located at Brgy. Salug, Guiuan, Eastern Samar and heir hereby WAIVED in a manner absolute and irrevocable in favour of ZORAIDA P. QUILONA. Per Doc No. 162, Page No. 33, Book No. II, Series of 2021. Notary Public Vincent A. Cablaog, CPA. LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

Northern Samar health workers receive hazard pay

TACLOBAN CITY – Public health workers in Northern Samar province finally received their active hazard duty pay (AHDP) and special risk allowance (SRA) after months of delay.

This was revealed by provincial information officer John Allen Berbon who said that the distribution of AHDP and SRA started in May 24 after the provincial government received the copy of the amended memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Department of Health (DOH).

Berbon said that the release of the SRA was deferred by the provincial government as the validity of the first MOA, which specifically provide the utilization of fund intended for SRA until December 31, 2020, has lapsed.

“The funding was only transferred to the provincial government from DOH only this year, hence the governor requested for a new MOA to allow the disbursement of the SRA fund even beyond 2020,” he said.

The amended MOA was personally handed over to Governor Edwin Ongchuan last May 20 by personnel of the DOH in the region headed by Ma. Teresa Caidic, officer-in-charge of the local health support division.

Berbon said that under the MOA the provincial government will disburse the SRA until June this year.

Meanwhile, provincial accountant Amalia Espinas clarified that not all health workers in Northern Samar government-run hospital will receive AHDP and SRA.

“Personnel and staff of the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital (NSPH) and the eight district hospitals are entitled to the AHDP and SRA authorized by the national government for health workers catering to or in contact with Covid-19 patients,” Espinas said.

“However, district hospitals in the two district hospitals in San Vicente and Catubig failed to submit their documents, hence only NSPH and six other district hospital will receive the benefit,” Espinas added.

Based on Department of Budget and Management and DOH Joint Circulars 1 and 2, series of 2020, and Administrative Order No. 35 and 36, dated November 16, 2020, health workers are entitled to a maximum of P5,000 SRA and P3,000 AHDP per month for a length of three months under the Bayanihan 1 or a total of P24,000 maximum.

“The grant, however, is computed based on the number of days physically reported for work. If the health worker has not completed 22 days in a month, the benefit is pre-rated,” Espinas explained.

While some NSPH staff were entitled to P24,000, she added, others have less, and some will not even receive SRA or AHDP.

The payroll and the requisite attachments were prepared at the hospital level long before the release of the benefit which documents served as basis for DOH to release the corresponding funds for the SRA and to subsequent request was allowed after the documents have been submitted.

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DPWH builds flood control structures to safeguard lives and properties in Leyte town

TACLOBAN CITY – While natural disasters are inevitable their impacts can be mitigated through preventive measures such as flood control structures.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – Leyte Second District Engineering Office recently con-

structed a flood control measuring 322.70-linear meter along the riverbank of Naliwatan River in San Vicente, Tunga, Leyte.

“It is necessary to construct flood control structures to protect the lives and properties living nearby the Naliwatan River as it poses danger during onslaughts

of flood caused by heavy rainfall,” said OIC-District Engineer Leo Edward Oppura.

During his project inspection, Oppura said that disasters inflict great damage, destructions and devastations to lives and properties, thus mitigation measures should be an utmost priority of the department.

The P11.72-million flood control structure stand at 3.80-meter tall of stone masonry works to protect the riverbank from further soil erosion due to water scouring.

Tunga has two major rivers and are about 200-meter apart from each other.

Water flows from the mountains of south eastern part barangays of Carigara towards Barugo in north-west direction passing the poblacion and three barangays of the municipality of Tunga.

This also include Ormoc Bay covering Ormoc City, Merida and Albueria, and the Cancabato Bay in Tacloban City.

All types of shellfish and Acetes sp. locally known as ‘alamang’ or ‘hipon’ gathered from these areas are not safe for human consumption.

Fish, squid, crab, and shrimp gathered from the above mentioned areas are safe to eat provided that all entrails are removed and washed thoroughly with running water before cooking.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petilla (left) administered the oath taking of Diego Tolero as new Sanggunian Bayan member of Albueria, Leyte on May 26, 2021. The 60-year old Tolero substituted the posts of concilor Germanico Barte who resigned due to health reason. The oath taking was held at the New Governor’s Office at the Government Center in Brgy. Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (GINAP. GEREZ)

DPWH Eastern Samar and Police Regional Office VIII conducts joint inspection of PNP Buildings

BORONGAN CITY– The Department of Public Works and Highways – Eastern Samar District Engineering Office and the Police Regional Office VIII conducted a joint inspection of the two newly constructed police office buildings in Eastern Samar last May 19, 2021.

These projects are the two-storey Municipal Police Station (MPS) Building in Sulat and the three-storey building in Eastern Samar Provincial Police Office (ESPPO) in Borongan City which are convergence projects of DPWH and the Department of National Defense (DND).

Both projects were funded under General Appropriation Act (GAA) 2020.

The Sulat MPS Building

has a project cost of P 9.8 million while the ESPPO Building has a project cost of P 24.5 million.

The construction of the two buildings was completed in the last quarter of 2020.

The purpose of the said inspection is in preparation for the turn-over ceremonies which is to be scheduled in June 2021.

The inspectorate team found minimal defects and immediately directed contractors to do the rectification works before the projects will be turned over to the end-user.

Meanwhile, DPWH Eastern Samar District Engineer Ma. Margarita Junia said that the construction of the buildings is in conformance to DPWH standards

and specifications.

She added that all the scope of work that stated in the contract were done based on the approved detailed plan.

“These newly constructed buildings are a big help to both our uniformed and non-uniformed personnel because these will provide them with a convenient and safe working environment. This will inspire them to be more effective in their public service,” said DE Junia.

She also added that all rectification works will be closely monitored by the assigned project engineer and gave assurance that it will be completed before the schedule of the formal turn-over ceremonies. (PR)

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confirmed cases, were 19, 572 are recoveries, while 921 are active cases.

The DOH also said that of the new 72 new cases, it represented a positivity rate of 14.94 percent out of the 482 tested samples.

The health agency once again reminded the public to avoid or if not limit social gatherings

and celebrations that pose a danger to the community as such can be potential source of COVID--19 transmission to complement the intensified vaccination activities in the region

The DOH also reminded local government units to be active in contact tracing and swift case detection, ensure the completion of isolation or quarantine period, and continues implementa-

tion of the prevention, detection, isolation, treatment, and rehabilitation strategies and other localized interventions necessary to slow down the transmission rate and bring down the number of Covid-19 cases in the region.

DOH8 added that to date, the region has not detected any presence of COVID-19 variant of concern.

Higher turn-out in Borongan vaccination noted

BORONGAN CITY- The vaccination rollout in different vaccination sites and drive-through in Baybay Boulevard recorded a high number of people vaccinated against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The Borongan City Health Office (BCHO) through Dr. Raul Villanueva reported that as of May 24, 2021, they vaccinated 812 for the first dose, and 39 for the second dose for vaccination priority group A1-(Medical frontliners such as BWHs and BHERTs), A2 for Senior Citizens, and A3 (with co-morbid illness).

City Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan C. Agda attributed the high turn-out to the city's information drive on the importance of vaccination.

As many Boronganons showed interest in receiving the vaccines, the city government set up five vaccination sites, a drive-through in Baybay Boulevard, Eugenio S. Daza Pilot Elementary School (ESD-PES) Gymnasium, Brgy.

Maypangdan Gymnasium, Lalawigan National High School (LNHS) Gymnasium, and Brgy. Sta. Fe Gymnasium.

The mayor also appealed to the Department of Health -8 and the Provincial Health Office (PHO) to increase the budget allocation of vaccines which was granted. He thanked the DOH-8 and the PHO for the additional budget allocation of vaccines.

"I am happy that Boronganons waited for their turn to be inoculated and they observed the minimum

standards of health protocols," Mayor Agda said.

He also thanked the Boronganons for not choosing the brand of vaccine.

Meanwhile, the latest report of the Provincial Health Office (PHO) bared that there are 16,783 vaccinated for the first dose and 6,979 for the second dose as of press time.

(nbq/SDC/PIA-E. Samar)



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moting the interconnection of all things, Mayor Mercado said.

The opening and launching activity held at the Liga ng Barangay Office was

participated in by Sangguniang Panlungsod Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President Shane Valerie Roa, Youth Development Officer III Ray John Hatayna and youth leaders as participants.

(ldl/rgc/PIA8-SoLeyte)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ROSARIO E. LABRO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. San Isidro, San Julian, Eastern Samar covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-11472 under Lot No. 1756 CAD 1097-D, Case 9 containing an area of 11,330sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ZITA E. ALEGRE as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 145, Page No. 30, Book No. XVI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Charles B. Culo, CPA. LSDE: June 1, 8 & 15, 2021

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The DOH has granted a total of P12.76 million for the AHDP and SRA of health workers in the province.

List of health workers to receive SRA and AHDP are provided by the hospital but subject to review by the office of the provincial accountant.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Catubig flood control, 100% completed

NSSDEO, Brgy. Bubarabud, Laoang, Northern Samar-A P58 million river control has been completed by the Department of

Public Works and Highways Northern Samar Second District Engineering Office (DPWH-NSSDEO) that will benefit residents of low-lying area in Barangay Calingnan, Catubig Northern Samar.



The slope protection project was designed to reduce flood risks and hazards by improving the river bank stability and river capacity.

Prior to the construction of these projects, Catubig River overflows and floods the residential areas during rainy season, damaging properties and livelihood.

With these river control systems in place, at least 1230 residents of the flood-prone barangays of Barangay Calingnan who used to fear for their lives and properties during typhoon season will be protected.

Scope of works includes embankment, steel sheet pile foundation, concrete capping, 246.00 meters in length concrete slope structure, triple reinforced concrete box culvert and hand laid rock embankment. (RHODORA R. PUJANTE, PIO STAFF)



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to escape from the company of about 18 armed comrades.

He is now temporarily employed as an errand person and gardener inside the military camp set up in their village in Guirang.

The military is currently processing his application for the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program or E-CLIP.

The E-CLIP gives former rebels a holistic package of benefits, such as livelihood, medical, education, housing, and even legal assistance.

Cabab is just one of the over 200 NPA fighters, militiamen, community organizers, and staunch supporters in Basey town who have surrendered to authorities since 2019, according to 63rd IB commander Lt. Col. Edgar Allan Orbito.

"Their surrender really crippled the communist terrorist group. From 40 fighters, the number was reduced to only seven last year. They were forced to move to the northern part of Eastern Samar since they have already lost support from villagers," Orbito said.

The battalion set up its headquarters in Guirang village here in August 2019, with the mission to

dismantle the NPA operating in the towns of Basey, Marabut, and some parts of Eastern Samar.

The Communist Party of the Philippines - NPA is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines.

Since 2016, the central government and local government units have intensified the fight against the NPA by forming task forces to end local communist armed conflict.

The formation of the task force operationalizes Executive Order 70 issued by President Rodrigo Duterte on Dec. 4, 2018. The directive also institutionalizes a "whole-of-nation approach" in attaining an inclusive and sustainable peace.

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