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Amid record-breaking daily COVID-19 cases

# DOH renews call to place EV under GCQ

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TACLOBAN CITY-The Regional Task Force against COVID-19(RIATF) and the Department of Health(DOH) has renewed its call before the National Inter-Agency Task Force (NIATF) to approve their recommendation to place the region under a stricter General Community Quarantine (GCQ) due to its successive record-breaking daily cases of the dreaded disease.

On Saturday (June 19), the DOH reported of 606 cases which increased further on Sunday (June 20) with 712 new cases, by far the highest recorded in the region since the pandemic started last year.

Currently, the total coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the region now stands at 27,247 with 2,815 considered as active cases.

Nine new deaths were also reported by the DOH on weekend with the oldest involving a 97-year-old woman who succumbed on June 10 with the youngest involving a 52-year-old man who died on June 8. Both were from the town of Burauen, Leyte.

"In response to this overwhelming spike of cases in the region, the DOH and the Regional Task Force against COVID-19 continues its recommendation to the NIATF to escalate the community quarantine classification of Eastern Visayas from Modified General Community Quarantine to General Community Quarantine," the DOH said in a statement.

The continued increase of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the region was attributed by the DOH due to super spreader events like birthday par-

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**HEALTH PROTOCOLS.** Eastern Visayas has been identified as among the areas of concern in the country due to its increasing coronavirus disease (COVID-19). On Sunday (June 20), the Department of Health reported of 712 new cases, the highest for the region since the start of the pandemic. Photo shows police from Balangiga town in Eastern Samar giving facemasks to civilians as a measure to contain spread of the infection. (BALANGIGA PULIS)



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez meet with doctors on Monday(June 21) via online to give them update on the situation of the city on COVID-19 and the measures being undertaken by the city government to contain further spread of the infection. The doctors, in turn, vowed to help the city government on this campaign. (CIO)

## After more than a week of suspension, vaccination drive in Tacloban resumes

TACLOBAN CITY-The vaccination activities here in the city resumed Monday (June 21) after of more than a week of temporary stoppage.

The scheduled inoculation drive on June 21 to 25 at the USAID Building in Kanhuraw Hill will be for target barangays 76, 1&4, 50-A, 59-B, 59, and 79.

On June 21 to 24, another vaccination drive will take place at Robinsons North Tacloban Mall in Abucay for the A2 Priority Group or Senior Citizens.

These senior citizens will come from target Barangays 3&3A, 18, 17, 28, 47, 5, 89, 30, and 50-B.

Around 500 elderly citizens of the city are expected to receive the jab at each site on the said dates, from 8a.m. to 11a.m., according to the city government.

Senior citizens scheduled for inoculation are reminded to bring their OSCA ID, ball pen, and QR Code; wear facemask and face shield; and show confirmation text message at the verification area to get a priority number.

"No walk-in will be allowed. Only senior clients who have received the confirmation text will be entertained. Those not belonging to the A2 category will not be entertained,"

the city government said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the city government said the resumption of the vaccination drive came after a week's pause due to the surge of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases which also infected several vaccinated healthcare workers or vaccinators in the city.

Dr. Gloria Fabrigas, acting city health officer, said three nurses, one doctor, two information technologists, and two medical technologists were tested positive for COVID-19.

"However, even before they were infected with the virus, they have been isolated," said Fabrigas.

The infected health workers were discharged last June 19.

The health official also clarified the confusion see After more /page 7 ...



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Former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano (left) has described House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez (right) as a diligent and compassionate public official, making him a very credible vice presidential candidate.

file photo by Ver Noveno

## DOH...

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ties, reunions and other gatherings that gathers big number of people.

"The fleeting joy and celebration that the public is hopeful about when they meet in social gatherings may cause a dreadful ending for others, especially the vulnerable groups," the DOH said.

According to the DOH, with the surge of cases in the region, medical health facilities are now overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients.

At the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) in Magsaysay Boulevard, this city, out of its 111 -bed capacity for COVID-19 patients, 86 are now occupied.

Likewise, almost all

provincial hospitals and private hospitals in the region are also experiencing almost full capacities, the DOH said.

With the surge of COVID-19 cases, the DOH has called on the hospitals to also increase their COVID-19 bed capacities to accommodate more patients infected of the virus.

The DOH also reported that at least four hospitals in the region have ceased operations since June 18 due to high infection among its medical workers and staff.

These are the Felipe Abrigo Memorial Hospital and Saint Jude Hospital, both in Guiuan, Eastern Samar; Pintuyan District Hospital in Pintuyan, Southern Leyte; and the Kananga Municipal Hospital in Kananga town, Leyte.

## RDC-8 endorses 13 key projects for Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY – The Eastern Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC) has endorsed 13 major programs and projects for funding support in 2022, the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) reported.

The RDC advisory committee endorsed these programs and projects in a recent virtual meeting with members of the House of Representatives in Eastern Visayas, NEDA Regional Director Bonifacio Uy said in a phone interview.

These projects are the completion of the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical

Center in Tacloban City; upgrading of the Schistosomiasis Control and Research Hospital in Palo, Leyte; upgrading of Samar Provincial Hospital in Catbalogan City, Samar; and construction of the outpatient department of Southern Leyte Provincial Hospital in Maasin City, Southern Leyte.

Others are airport infrastructure development projects; port development projects; provincial bridges for economic development; WiFi projects; flood management programs; geohazard operations center and laboratory; Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan pro-

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gram pillar 3; aquaculture post-harvest and marketing program; and Special Areas for Agricultural Development.

Uy has no data on the cost of projects.

"We presented these 13 priority programs and projects of the region for 2022 to the congresspersons to solicit their support in securing funding for the said projects. These projects are crucial to the recovery of the region from the coronavirus pandemic," Uy said.

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## Eastern Samar provincial gov't to provide cash incentive to BHERTs

TACLOBAN CITY- The provincial government of Eastern Samar is to provide a P1,000 cash incentive to the members of the barangay health emergency response teams (BHERTs) to be distributed starting this week.

The giving of the cash incentive to the BHERTs is their way of providing 'financial relief' to them,

Governor Ben Evardone said.

For this purpose, the provincial government has earmarked P16 million from a local source for this cash incentive to be given to more than 15,000 BHERTs in Eastern Samar.

"This assistance aims to provide financial relief to local health and emergency workers who have

been in the forefront in fighting the spread of the coronavirus in the province since the start of the pandemic last year," Evardone said in a statement.

The governor said that the distribution of the financial aid is set to start this week and is expected to be completed before the end of July.

He added that he instructed all concerned offices to expedite the processing of the payrolls to avoid any unnecessary delays in the distribution of the cash aid.

Earlier this year, the provincial government distributed face masks and face shields to BHERTs across the province.

Currently, Eastern Samar has 1,791 total COVID-19 cases of which 244 are considered as active with 48 deaths.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

## COVID-19 positive woman found dead inside her house in Southern Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY-A woman was found dead inside her house in Barangay Cawayanan, Bontoc town in Southern Leyte on Sunday afternoon.

The 35-year old woman was said to be under home quarantine after she was tested to be positive of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), report from the police said.

Report said that the body of the woman was found at around 1:20 pm Sunday inside their bathroom in a kneeling position with her head inside a pail full with water.

It was not clear yet what could have been the immediate cause of death of the woman who was also said to be undergoing dialysis treatment.

But Dr. Eva Padalapat, health officer of the town, asked the members of the family of the victim to bury her immediately to avoid any possible spread of the virus.

Suicide incidents involving COVID-19 victims have been reported in different parts in the region with the latest involving a school teacher residing in Tacloban City who took her life last June 10 by drinking a laundry bleach.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. PEDRO DONADILLO AND MATILDE GALVEZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land denominated as Lot No. 5524, Cad 444-D, Case 5 with the improvements found thereon situated in the Barrio of San Agustin, Gandara, Samar covered by OCT No. 26127 containing an area of 44,517sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of TERESITA G. OTANGUIN as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 8, Page No. 3, Book No. 71, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Edilberto G. Morales.

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## Maasin City to lay down more strict protocols amid COVID-19 surge

TACLOBAN CITY- Maasin City Mayor Nacional Mercado reported that they had a meeting with the representatives from the Diocese of Maasin, along with officials from different law enforcement agencies and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), to discuss the strict implementation of health protocols particularly on religious mass gatherings "for the benevolent purpose of slowing down the rising cases of COVID-19 affliction as well as the morbidity rate in our province."

"The city government of Maasin stands behind all our frontliners for relentlessly working under these precarious circumstances just to make the ends meet. Thereby, we fervently urged the public to strictly adhere to our established Covid-19 infection-prevention and control measures," Mercado said.

The mayor's statement came after two incidents of alleged health protocol breach were reported

during the priestly ordination on May 24, 2021 and the first communion event on June 11, 2021 in the Our Lady of Assumption Parish Cathedral in the city.

Monsignor Oscar Cadayona, parish's executive pastor, also issued an apology for the said incidents.

"I would like to emphasize that we have no intention to disrespect our LGU (local government unit) by not following the minimum health protocol mandated by them. There was no intention to betray the trust and confidence afforded to us by our parishioners," Monsignor Cadayona said.

"We are painfully cognizant to the rising cases of COVID-19 in our community, that in our efforts to intensify our prayers by way of Catechisms and Evangelization so that this pandemic will end the soonest, there may be consequences of our actions that could have jeopardize our parishioners," added the priest.

Maasin City is experiencing a surge of COVID-19 cases with total cases of 838

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The victim was hit several times with the use of an undetermined caliber of firearm.

According to the police, the suspects immediately

fled in an unknown direction after the incident.

The victim was brought to the Calbayog Sanitarium Hospital but was declared dead on arrival by the attending physician.

And on Sunday (June 20), a 22-year old man, identified as Sam Castil was shot and killed by still unidentified suspect.

The victim, who worked as an assistant truck driver, was shot by the suspects at around 2:30 pm while he was in the act of loading scrap materials to the truck at Barangay Bagacay.

The motor-riding suspect, armed with an undetermined caliber of short firearm, shot the victim several times.

The victim, a resident of Purok 2, Brgy Aguit-Itan, Calbayog City and a native of Brgy. Malobago, Almagro Samar, was hit on the different parts of his body that caused his instantaneous death.

Police are investigating the incidents.

(RONALD O. REYES/  
LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

## Prodigies need financial support Sogod town Math wizards bag bronze, merit awards in HKIMO heat round

TACLOBAN CITY- Three students from Sogod National High School in Sogod, Southern Leyte won bronze and merit awards in the prestigious Hong Kong International Mathematics Olympiad (HKIMO) heat round-Philippines recently.

"It is the first time for Sogod National High School to join an international Mathematics contest. This is indeed a good jump-start because the students this year garnered an award and we laud them for their achievement," said Mathematics teacher and coach Lea Pavo-Caraquil.

The senior high school students who excelled during the competition were Melojean Flores, Grade 12-STEM; Emm Margarette Caraquil, Grade 12-STEM; and Marc Gil David, Grade 11-STEM.

Flores, whose parents worked as security guard and vendor, got a bronze award.

Caraquil, a daughter of Pavo-Caraquil, clinched another bronze.

David, the fifth child among nine siblings, received a merit award.

"Striking a balance between review sessions and doing school stuffs is no easy task, but for these students who garner awards, juggling things is a piece of cake," added Pavo-Caraquil, who thanked the students for bringing "pride and honor" to the school.

According to their coach, the students' journey started last April 13, 2021, when Flores, Caraquil, and

another consistent honor student Angeline Cañega received merit awards when they competed in the Philippine International Mathematical Olympiad (PHIMO) heat round.



Students from the Sogod National High School in Sogod town, Southern Leyte made their marks during the Hong Kong International Mathematics Olympiad qualifying rounds. They were Melojean Flores, Emm Margarette Caraquil, and Marc Gil David. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

The coach then challenged the three female students to the HKIMO heat round but Cañega decided not to register.

Pavo-Caraquil picked David as a replacement for Cañega.

David developed his Math skills in Silago National Vocational High School from Grades 7 to 10 while Caraquil and Flores were known to be Math wizards in Sogod National High School since they were in Grade 7, according to the coach.

"Despite the poverty they are facing, the four students were constant recipients of high honors," Pavo-Caraquil said.

The coach said that winning in the HKIMO heat round "proved that powers of studying hard and time management in this new normal are key ingredients

for success."

"Despite the busy schedules dealing with the demands of their different subjects and doing household chores and with less than a month of prepara-

online from August 28 to 29, 2021.

The winners in the final round will compete with students from other countries.

"The two ladies qual-

tion, the team decided to resort to an online review through social media platforms as it was the only means to meet their minds," said Pavo-Caraquil.

According to her, they faced so many challenges before the competition since face-to-face review sessions were not allowed and their school was temporarily closed for almost a month due to cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

"Through constant discovery on a genuine enthusiasm for Mathematics, the three were able to top hundreds of contestants in HKIMO," said Pavo-Caraquil, whose husband is also a Mathematics teacher.

Meanwhile, Pavo-Caraquil said they are now looking for financial assistance so they can join in the final round which will be held

ified to compete in the HKIMO final round but are hesitant to join since each needs P7,280 to register. They have determination, knowledge, and skills but poverty tends to hinder them to discover how far can they go," the coach said.

"We are praying and hoping that we can raise the money before August 1 so our students can register," Pavo-Caraquil said.

HKIMO, with over 25 participating countries, is known as one of the sophisticated competitions in the world.

The topics during the tournament include logical thinking, arithmetic (kindergarten/primary section), algebra (secondary section), number theory, geometry, and combinatorics. (RONALD O. REYES)

## Eastern Samar mayor gets infection of COVID-19

TACLOBAN CITY - The town mayor of Artechno in Eastern Samar has confirmed that he was infected of the virus that causes coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Mayor Roland Boie Evardone said last June 18 that the result of his RT-PCR test turned positive though he was in self-isolation since June 7 after he experienced flu.

He requested those who had been in contact with him while in isola-

tion to submit themselves for swab test and isolate especially if they are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19.

Evardone said that even he is in isolation, he had meetings with officials of his town to plan how they can manage to decrease cases and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the municipality.

The town mayor added that he is thankful that he is already vaccinated because he does not experi-

ence any symptoms.

Mayor Evardone had issued an order to temporarily close the municipal hall of the town for disinfection and contact tracing after an official tested positive with COVID-19.

He also issued Executive Order No. MB-16 that places the entire town under Modified General Community Quarantine restricting movements of the town residents and limiting them to only accessing goods and services

from permitted establishments or for work.

The order also prohibits super spreader events such as cockfighting, assemblies, public events, meetings, drinking session in public place.

Operations of tourism related establishments and destinations are also temporarily suspended.

The order also directed all returning residents from outside the region

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## Vaccination time

**A**fter much waiting for vaccine volumes to arrive, we finally got this development regarding the country's plans to speed up COVID-19 vaccinations and to start inoculating the youth later this year, after signing the biggest supply deal yet with Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE.

This was revealed by the government's vaccine czar Carlito Galvez himself. According to him, the 40 million doses from Pfizer-BioNTech are expected to begin arriving by August, bringing the country's total supply to 157 million. That adds to deals for 26 million doses from Sinovac Biotech Ltd., 20 million from Moderna Inc., 17 million from AstraZeneca Plc. and 10 million from an agreement with Russia for Sputnik V.

Aside from these, the country also has a commitment from Covax for 44 million doses, and a further 16 million from Novavax Inc. and Johnson & Johnson are still under negotiation. As of June 18, the government had administered a little more

than 8 million doses and targets ramping up the daily inoculation rate to 500,000 by the third quarter, and at least 740,000 by the last three months of 2021 from a high of about 323,000 on June 15.

At least now, government critics will not anymore be accusing the government pocketing the loan with the Asian Development Bank for the procurement of these shots. The Philippines has the second-highest number of COVID-19 infections in Southeast Asia, with 1.35 million as of June 19 compared to Indonesia's cases approaching the 2 million mark.

The Philippines began vaccinating about 35 million workers this month and is monitoring how other countries inoculate their young population as guidance for about 29 million Filipinos in that age group according to Galvez. The economy, which suffered five straight quarters of contraction after implementing one of the world's longest lockdowns last year, is counting on vaccines for its recovery.

And most of all, there are those who may be positive, with symptoms shown, but are not submitting themselves to swab testing.

Well, aside from the fact that there are fears associated with this testing—like being taken away from home and confined in isolation facilities with no one caring for them—they refuse hospital confinement as they are yet trying their luck at quackery. Call them home treatments if you may. But that's what they do, especially in the provinces, in remote areas, and particularly among the have-nots.

When all home treatments fail and their conditions deteriorate, that's the only time they go to the hospitals, but it's usually

too late already. And as a result, the cure is hardly attained.

Certainly, there must be symptomatic people who are not responding and are in fact avoiding the authorities as regards following protocols beyond social distancing and the wearing of masks and face shields in public. When it comes to cooperating in the trace as to who they got exposed to, and observing quarantine procedures just in case contagion occurred, they hardly cooperate and just keep things to themselves.

Per common knowledge, the coronavirus is not an exception. When

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**Things To Mind**

**DOMS PAGLIAWAN**

## Local treatments

We can't blame the average Filipinos if they resort to home treatments when they get afflicted with illnesses. That's what they have been accustomed to doing. Hospitalization, to them, is the last recourse. And so, with this coronavirus in progress, we can only

expect them to do the same thing.

Do you think the number of COVID-19 cases nationwide is accurate? I don't think so. First, there are those who are tested positive but, in reality, they are not. Some things have just gone wrong in the process.





## Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

### Charity always in our judgments

"Judge not that you may not be judged." (Mt 7,1) We have to understand these words of Christ well. It does not mean that we should not judge at all. In fact, in the succeeding verse of the gospel passage, Christ said: "For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. And with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again."

In fact, in the gospel of St. John, we hear Christ saying: "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge just judgment." (7,24) It's clear that we have to be most careful in our judgments. We cannot be reckless about them, judging persons and things on the basis of instincts or feelings alone, or on some opinions, personal preferences, social trends, and even sophisticated theories and ideologies.

What is clear is that whatever judgment we make, which is an unavoidable act we do all the time actually, it should be done properly, that is to say, to judge the way Christ himself would judge persons and things. We should shun making rash judgments. Judging is an unavoidable and indispensable operation of our intellect that is meant to know people and things in general.

So, we just have to learn to judge fairly, because that Christian injunction not to judge people refers more to when we judge people rashly or unfairly. It does not mean that we should not judge at all, because that would be impossible and would directly go against our God-given nature.

To judge people fairly, we need to see to it that charity always prevails.

And this can begin by always thinking well of everyone. The reason for this is simply the fact that we are all children of God. We are all object of his divine love that goes all the way to saving us from our sin by God becoming man and that God-man, Jesus Christ, accomplishing our redemption by bearing all our sins on the cross.

Christ, who is the pattern of our humanity and the restorer of our dam-

aged humanity, was always judging. He could even read minds of the people. That is why he many times was moved to compassion and mercy when he saw people in some state of misery, and at other times, to anger also when he saw people bristling with self-righteousness. All these reactions of Christ are a result of judgment.

We all should strive to be persons of sound judgment. It's an ideal whose importance, relevance and urgency are increasing these days, given the complicating conditions we are getting into.

Let's realize that we can only see, judge and know persons, events and things properly when we have a vibrant interior or spiritual life, a vital link not only with theories and principles, but with God himself.

This is how wisdom is acquired, nourished and kept. This is how we can counsel others properly, seconding the will and ways

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## What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

### PACMAN's "Ups & Downs" (7<sup>th</sup> of a Series)

With boxing idol, now Senator Manny Pacquiao's entry into the latest political squabbles, the situation is now turning out to be a nice-to-be-followed political tele-novela....

With President Rodrigo Duterte's latest tirades, calling on Senator Pacquiao "na mag-aral muna, bago maghimasok sa mga issue na hindi niya masyadong alam ..."

Senator Pacman "side-stepped" the president's remarks; and came up with a "counter-punch" by means of the following headlined pronouncement --

PACQUIAO TO BUILD SUBDIVISIONS FOR SQUATTERS

... with the following story -- "Senator Emman-

uel "Manny" Pacquiao vowed to end squatting if he becomes President!"

WHAT? No more "Squatters or Informal Settlers" in the whole country in 4 to 5 years -- IF Senator Pacquiao is elected President? Wow!

Last June 13th, Senator Pacquiao declared that "No one will live in a squatter (area) especially in Metro Manila." Kung ako maging presidente, In 4 to 5 years, wala kang makikitang squatter sa buong Pilipinas."

"... Lahat magkakaroon ng sariilng tahanan, lalo na iyang sa Metro Manila, lahat ng squatter magkakaroon sila ng tahanan, condominium o subdivision. Wala silang babayaran kahit piso," the boxing champ said in



## Automatic for the People

CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

### The lesson from ants

Now that is sweltering hot we must never forget the rain. The ants gather their food on sunny days to prepare for the rains. We must plan now for the worst of times to come. Typhoon typically comes after a long dry spell and that now is the high time to plan for it.

When it rains it really pours! When good things and good events comes, sometimes it comes in bursts and conversely when disaster comes it does so in terrifying on-

slaughts that it can jar us hard, even tragically cause the demise of our people. Looking at the destructive power of the entourage of Typhoons from Quinta, Siony, Tonyo, Rolly, Ulysses, these in the backdrop of the COVID-19 Pandemic, makes us think that it's one of the worst year in our collective lifetime.

But looking close, we see a clear failure on our people (not only a failure of governance) to anticipate disaster, mitigate its effect and rebuild there-

an interview with broadcaster Anthony Taberna.

He did not specify if his plan is to build houses for "Squatters or Informal Settlers" in Metro Manila only, because this early, one can already anticipate "Squatters or Informal Settlers" (also known as VOTERS) in other areas, shouting "Senador, eh papano kami? Bakit sila lang ang may pabahay?"

Now, per the figures released by the World Bank in 2017 (that's the latest statistics, per this Columnist's research) -- that would be 1.3 million "Squatters or Informal Settlers" in Metro Manila alone; and 2.2 million "Squatters or Informal Settlers" nationwide.

It's a sorry thing that this Columnist has no direct access to Senator Pacman's office, so he could get (sana) the cost per Squatter's house, the senator plans to build.

But let it stay at that, until the "Battling Senator" talks about his "Housing Plans" once again..

And then BANG! All of a sudden, the Manila Times came up with this headline in its June 17th issue --

PASTOR QUIBOLOY RESPONDS TO MAN- NY PACQUIAO'S STATE- MENT ABOUT SQUAT-

TERS.

Senator Pacman's statement earned reactions from well-known personalities and Pastor Apollo C. Quiboloy was among those who commented last Thursday, June 17th.

He said "The complexity of problems in society cannot be solved by simple-minded people.

He continued by saying "Senator Pacquiao's statement is wishful thinking. Kung gusto mo mawala ang squatter sa Pilipinas? Huwag mo silang gawan ng tahanan. Alisin mo ang pagiging isip-squatter sa kanilang utak. Kasi hangga't 'SQUATTER' ang nasa utak nila, kahit ilagay mo sila sa condominium, babalik sa squatting ang

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after. Citing the Section F of the Republic Act 10121 *An Act Strengthening Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management System* clearly states to adopt implement a coherent, comprehensive integrated, efficient and responsive disaster risk reduction program *incorporated in the development plans in various levels of government.*

The point I am driving here is that how can we be the year in year out victim of calamities and come out unprepared and ill-equipped to face challenges of nature's fury? How every year we are visited and sieged with Tropical Disturbances and its sharpnel the flooding, landslides, fallen trees and even lack of supplies when we are reminded every year by more than 20 typhoons (that is easily a typhoon every month and more).

This year is doubly painful, we have rigidly controlled economy, restricted travel and out of business commerce and calamities like typhoons coming in clusters and to top it all, every country in the world including our friends are also saddled with the reeling effect of the pandemic.

It's about time, we the people spearhead our own individual preparations given the amplified awareness that we glean from real time access to sad stories we see every day. Let's not base our efforts nor wait for a cue from the usual source of it, government, NGOs and even politicians. We must set up our HOUSE-HOLD DRR plans. We can view and download ways of doing it via the

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

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

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

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



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



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY  
REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII  
G/F Uytinkoc Building  
Senator Enage St., Tacloban City

RE: Application for Sixth (6th) Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to the 2014 Amendments to the Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 9295 or the IRR of 2014 to effect the Permanent Addition of Ships to Applicant’s Fleets.

CASE NO. **TMRO 18-038**  
**INDUSTRY MOVERS CORP.,**  
Applicant  
x-----x

**ORDER**  
Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on 15 June 2021, to wit:

<b>NAME OF ADDITIONAL SHIPS</b> <i>MTug “IMC 26” &amp; Barge “IMC 27”</i>	<b>SERVICE TO BE OFFERED</b> <i>For Towing services For Carriage of freight/cargoes only</i>
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**ROUTE TO BE SERVED**  
*Tacloban City, Leyte (Homeport) to any port in the Philippines*

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **29 June 2021, Tuesday, at 10:00 o’clock in the morning** at this Office, G/F Uytinkoc Bldg., Senator Enage Street, Tacloban City.  
The applicant shall publish this Order once in any newspaper of general or regional circulation in the Philippines at least **five (5) days** before the hearing.  
The applicant shall submit a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE) during the hearing or **five (5) days** thereafter.  
**WITNESS**, the Honorable Administrator, this **16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021** at Tacloban City, Philippines.  
**(Sgd.) ENGR. RODULFO P. PANER**  
**Officer-In-Charge**

*COPY FURNISHED:*  
Applicant, Industry Movers Corp. 3/F Mondrian Bldg., 1423 Pablo Ocampo Sr. Ext., Brgy. San Antonio, Makati City  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Vill., Makati, MM File  
CMB/ZCM  
SFSU Issuance No. O-NOH-1-2021-044  
Reference No. TMRO-21 - 041

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DEOGRACIAS DE VERA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 2450 containing an area of 693sq.m., under TD No. 99-01015-01181 situated at Brgy. Capocan, Calbayog District, Calbayog City. Per Doc No. 8070, Page No. 16, Book No. 364, Series of 2020. Notary Public Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: June 8, 15 & 22, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SOFRONIO BOMBOT extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Poblacion Motiong Samar, covered and embraced by the OCT No. 10491, Lot No. 660, Pls 658-D, containing an area of 7,404 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ELMA FABRI-GARAS-GABIETA, married to Reynaldo R. Gabieta as vendee for the above described property; per Doc. No. 359, Page No. 73, Book No. 151, Series of 2012 of Notary Public Atty. Medino L. Acuba. *LSDE: June 15, 22 & 29, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AURORA ILAGAN ANG with married name AURORA ANG ALEGRIA who inherited from her late parents SPS. DOLORES D. ILAGAN AND DIEGO S. ANG extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 5 parcels of land described as; 1)A parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 262-A, Pls 833-A situated at Brgy. 07, Balud, Sta. Margarita, Samar containing an area of 52,971sq.m., under ARP No. 15007-00592; 2) A parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 239, Pls 833-D situated at Brgy. 07, Balud, Sta. Margarita, Samar containing an area of 87,628sq.m., under ARP No. 15007-00625; 3) A parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 459-Part situated at Brgy. 0001 Salug, Catbalogan City containing an area of 123sq.m., under TD No. 01-0001-00192 with TCT No. 6658; 4) A parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 4715 situated at 037, San Vicente, Taranngnan, Samar containing an area of 41,677.92sq.m., under TD No. 00058 with OCT No. 24842; 5) A parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 7756 situated at Brgy. Caparangasan, Gandara, Samar containing an area of 30,971sq.m., under ARP/TD No. 2006-010-00098 with OCT No. 21766. Per Doc No. 8387, Page No. 78, Book No. 364, Series of 2020. Notary Public Ma. Rowena L Urot. *LSDE: June 8, 15 & 22, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIPE RAMBACUD extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-5602, TD ARP No. 11-090056-00568, Lot No. 8675 with an area of 4,147sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of CHRISTINE CABERIO-SAMBELI represented by her sister, CATHERINE ASPARA-GOMEZ as vendees of a portion containing an area of 2,551sq.m., more or less from the above-described property. per Doc No. 384, Page No. 77, Book No. II, Series of 2021. Notary Public Vincent A. Cablaol. *LSDE: June 15, 22 & 29, 2021*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CECILIA Q. ALFEREZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 7) of the consolidation subdivision plan being a portion of Lots 2 (LRC) Pcs-23671 3-C (LRC) Psd 289701 and 2861-C-1 (LRC) Psd 277561 situated at Tacloban City consisting of 582sq.m., under TCT No. T-36604 and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights, ownership in the above-mentioned property unto FELIX A. ALFEREZ. A Deeds of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. PRAVEEN HARESH KHIATANI AND MARY GRACE BALINTONG KHIATANI as vendees of the above-described property. per Doc No. 511, Page No. 44, Book No. VII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Jerome Cordero Avila. *LSDE: June 8, 15 & 22, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL ADJUDICATION OF PROPERTY WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that FLORENCIA OBEJAS, AMASCUAL TRINIDAD OJALES, SALVADOR ORTILLO OJALES AND TERESA O. BALINTONG, heirs of the late SPS. ROMAN OJALES AND FRANCISCA MISTADES executed an Extrajudicial of Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 214 situated at Brgy. Calicugan, Sta. Rita, Samar containing an area of 7,508sq.m., under TCT No. T-3877. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of NILO C. GULA married to LUCITA D. GULA as vendees of a portion containing an area of 1,575sq.m., designated as Lot No. 214-A from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 153, Page No. 31, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Notary Public Rogelio P. Gula. *LSDE: June 15, 22 & 29, 2021*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late KRISTOFFER TYRONE R. BRA-SILEÑO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 properties described as; 1) A parcel of land (Lot 2479-A-3-G, Psd-08-002748 containing an area of 844sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. 69741 situated at Brgy. Utap, Tacloban City; 2) A parcel of land (Lot 2479-A-3-C, Psd-08-002748 containing an area of 114sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. 69740 situated at Brgy. Utap, Tacloban City; 3) The sum of Php136,884.44 deposited under Savings Account No. 000990174735 with the Banco de Oro, Zamora Branch, Tacloban City. Per Doc No. 309, Page No. 62, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Eric L. De Veyra, Jr. *LSDE: June 15, 22 & 29, 2021*

**AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR OF ESTATE OF A DECEASED PERSON**  
NOTICE is hereby given that EDUARDO DORICO DE LA CRUZ, sole heir of the late MARCIANA DORICO DE LA CRUZ executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a two storey residential house made of wood and concrete materials covered by TD No. 06013 10157 0511551 and PIN 035-06-013-01-021-1001 located at 201 Balite Street, Brgy. Sampaguita, Catarman, Northern Samar containing an area of 269.80sq.m., covered by ARP No. 2012 060013 00020 and PIN No. 035-06-013-01-021. Per Doc No. 723, Page No. 41, Book No. II, Series of 2015. Notary Public Jonathan L. Loberio. *LSDE: June 8, 15 & 22, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SABINO S. TUAZON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 properties described as; 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot 498-B-6, Psd 108572 situated at Barrio Mercedes, Catbalogan, Western Samar containing an area of 180sq.m., more or less under TD ARP No. 01-0044-00304; 2) A residential building of mixed materials with assessed value of Php63,600.00 under TD ARP No. 01-044-00305 with an area of 91.42sq.m., situated at Brgy. 44, Mercedes, Catbalogan City, Samar; 3) An agricultural land. situated at Brgy. 023 Caguisipan, Catbalogan, Samar containing an area of 10 hectares more or less under TD ARP No. 01-023-00087 with as-sessed value of Php24,680.00. Per Doc No. 454, Page No. 92, Book No. 71, Series of 2021. Notary Public Edilberto G. Morales. *LSDE: June 8, 15 & 22, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GILBERTO ROSALES and MILA-GROS CONCEPCION ROSALES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land located in Brgy. Bulao, San Jorge, Samar, covered by OCT No. 20691 issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Samar, under Lot No. 5261, Cad-444-D, Case 5, containing an area of 13,062 square meters, more or less. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of ENRICO R. CINCO married to LYNN SOCORRO DACARA CINCO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 2807, Page No. 92, Book No. 317, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: June 15, 22 & 29, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**  
NOTICE to the public that heirs of the late AURORA A. ALEGRIA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 29 properties particularly described as; **1)** A parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 229, Pls 633-D situated ta Brgy. 019, Sta. Margarita, Samar containing an area of 21,345sq.m., declared under ARP No. 15019-00442; **2)** A parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 357, Pls 833-D situated at Brgy. 07, Balud, Sta. Margarita, Samar containing an area of 568sq.m., declared under ARP No. 15007-00172; **3)** A parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 227, Pls 833-D situated at San Margarita, Samar containing an area of 18,515sq.m., under ARP No. 15019-00453; **4)** Bank deposit with Philippine National Bank - Calbayog City with Savings Account No: 312910012607; **5)** Bank deposit with Philippine National Bank - Catbalogan City with Time Deposit Account No: 01313260000910134, Account Name: Almira Ang Alegria by Aurora Ang Alegria; **6)** Bank deposit with Philippine National Bank - Catbalogan City with Time Deposit Account No: 0131326000910112, Account Name: Alexander Ang Alegria by Aurora Ang Alegria; **7)** Bank deposit with Philippine National Bank - Catbalogan City with Time Deposit Account No: 01301326000910123, Account Name: Alma Ang Alegria by Aurora Ang Alegria ; **8)** Bank deposit with Metrobank Calbayog Branch with Time Deposit Account No: 294-1-29401059-7; **9)** Bank deposit with Metrobank Calbayog Branch with Time Deposit Account No: 294-1-29401085-6; **10)** Bank deposit with Metrobank Calbayog Branch with Time Deposit Account No: 294-1-29401089-9; **11)** Bank deposit with Metrobank Calbayog Branch with Time Deposit Account No: 294-1-29401149-6; **12)** Bank deposit with Metrobank Calbayog Branch with Time Deposit Account No: 294-1-29401166-6; **13)** Bank deposit with Metrobank Calbayog Branch with Time Deposit Account No: 294-1-29402217-0; **14)** Bank deposit with Metrobank Calbayog Branch with Time Deposit Account No: 294-1-29402221-8; **15)** Bank deposit with Metrobank Calbayog Branch with Savings Account No: 294-3-29450062-7, Account Name: Aurora Alegria or Alma Rosales ; **16)** Bank Deposit with UCPB Calbayog Branch with Dollar Savings Account No. 13-063-00155-8; **17)** Bank Deposit with RCBC Catbalogan City with Regular Savings Account Passbook No. 0000001426311123; **18)** Bank Deposit with RCBC Calbayog City with Savings Account No. 1351309241, Account Name: Aurora Alegria or Almira A. Baluyan or Alexander A. Alegria or Alma A. Rosales; **19)** Bank Deposit with RCBC Calbayog City with Account No. 7351110230002, Account Name: Aurora Alegria or Almira A. Baluyan; **20)** Bank Deposit with RCBC Calbayog City with Account No. 1351350144, Account Name: Aurora Alegria or Alexander A. Alegria; **21)** Bank Deposit with RCBC Calbayog City with Dollar Account No. 9020093264, Account Name: Aurora Alegria or Alma A. Rosales; **22)** RCBC Calbayog Business Center, Calbayog City, Security Name: RTB 20-01, RC Name: Calbayog City; Ref No: 551355, Currency: Php; **23)** RCBC Calbayog Business Center, Calbayog City, Security Name: RTB 20-01, RC Name: Calbayog City; Ref No: 561063, Currency: Php; **24)** RCBC Calbayog Business Center, Calbayog City, Security Name: RTB 20-01, RC Name: Calbayog City; Ref No: 561075, Currency: Php; **25)** RCBC Calbayog Business Center, Calbayog City, Security Name: RTB 20-01, RC Name: Calbayog City; Ref No: 561084, Currency: Php; **26)** RCBC Calbayog Business Center, Calbayog City, Security Name: RTB 20-01, RC Name: Calbayog City; Ref No: 564050, Currency: Php; **27)** LandBank of the Philippines, Client Name: Alegria, Aurora A., Transaction Date: 3-31-2014, Maturity Date: 3-01-2021; **28)** LandBank of the Philippines, Client Name: Alegria, Aurora A., Transaction Date: 3-05-2014, Maturity Date: 3-01-2020; **29)** Bank Deposit with LandBank of the Philippines, Calbayog Branch, Calbayog City with Peso Savings Account No: 2171-0169-43; Per Doc No. 8386, Page No. 78, Book No. 364, Series of 2020. Notary Public Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: June 8, 15 & 22, 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 **ISAIAH M. DIASANTA** has filed with this (Complete name of petitioner)  
Office a petition for change of first name from **BABY BOY** to **ISAIAH** in the Birth Certificate (First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)  
of **BABY BOY MACASA DIASANTA** who was born on **AUGUST 17, 2001** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **EVANGELINE F. MACASA** and **MELECIO I. DIASANTA III.**  
Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **June 30, 2021.**

(Sgd.) IMELDA A. ROA  
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: June 15 & 22, 2021

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY WITH WAIVER**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ALEJANDRO SOLAJES, SR. extra-judicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Lot No. 467-A situated at Independencia Street, Tacloban City containing an area of 115sq.m., covered by TCT No. T-10567 including improvements thereon and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights and part-ownership over the above-herein property unto ALEJANDRO P. SOLAJES. Per Doc No. 286, Page No. 58, Book No. XI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Rogelio P. Gula. *LSDE: June 22, 29 & July 6, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIX AMAL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Osmeña, Bato, Leyte under TD No. 06002400025 with Cad Lot No. 5545 covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-44187 containing an area of 4,502sq.m.,A Deed of Absolute Sale was execut-ed in favor of SPS. GLENERIO C. BATAS, JR. AND EFFIE C. BATAS as vendees of the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No. 778, Page No. 56, Book No. 32, Series of 2015. Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo. *LSDE: June 8, 15 & 22, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GUIDA R. JAO and ERIBERTO S. JAO SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 5850, Cad 817-D, Case 19 with OCT No. 3187, situated at Brgy. Malo-palo, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, containing an area of 4,446.15 square meters, more or less, under Tax Dec No. 990300500427. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of ROSITA CALISTE MELE as vendee for a portion of 467.50 square meters, more or less from the above-de-scribed property per Doc. No. 067, Page No. 015, Book No. 041 of Notary Public Atty. Demetrio J. Acuba. *LSDE: June 15, 22 & 29, 2021*

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation  
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY  
REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII  
G/F Uytinkoc Building  
Senator Enage St., Tacloban City

RE: Application for First (1st) Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to the 2014 Amendments to the Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 9295 or the IRR of 2014.

CASE NO. **MRO8 21-035**  
**DOLLY JOY R. PABALINAS,**  
Applicant  
x-----x

**ORDER**  
Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this office on **18 June 2021**, to wit:

<b>NAME OF SHIP’S OWNED</b> <i>MBca “ANGEL’S WINGS”</i>	<b>SERVICE TO BE OFFERED</b> <i>For the carriage of Passengers</i>
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**ROUTE TO BE SERVED**  
*Inalad, Calubian, Leyte-Naval, Biliran and vice versa*

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS					
DEPARTURE		ARRIVAL			
Origin	Time	Day	Destination	Time	Day
Inalad	7:30 AM	Daily	Naval	8:00 AM	Daily
Naval	12:00 NN		Inalad	12:30 PM	

SCHEDULE OF RATES PER LINK			
ROUTE/PORTS/ LINKS	PASSENGER RATE	CARGO RATE PER LINK	
Inalad-Naval	P50.00	Item	Rate/Unit
		Rice	P25.00/sack
		Various Items	P10.00/box
		Softdrinks	P15.00/case
		Cement	P25.00/sack

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **29 June 2021, Tuesday, at 10:00 o’clock in the morning** at this Office, G/F Uytinkoc Bldg., Senator Enage Street, Tacloban City.

The applicant shall publish this Order once in any newspaper of general or regional circulation in the Philippines at least **five (5) days** before the hearing.  
The applicant shall submit a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE) during the hearing or **five (5) days** thereafter.  
**WITNESS**, the Honorable Administrator, this **18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021** at Tacloban City, Philippines.  
**(Sgd.) ENGR. RODULFO P. PANER**  
**Officer-In-Charge**

*COPY FURNISHED:*  
Applicant, Dolly Joy R. Pabalinas, Inalad, Calubian, Leyte  
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Vill., Makati, MM File  
CMB/ZCM  
SFSU Issuance No. O-NOH-1-2021-045  
Reference No. TMRO-2021-21-042

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late HAROLD F. BALASOLLA ex-trajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 bank deposits at Philippine Veterans Bank described as; **1)** Deposit Type: 03-USC-CTD-INDIVIDUAL, TD Account No: 000000016065, Balance Per Bank Record: \$2,093.50; **2)** Deposit Type: Savings Account-FCDU-INDIVIDUAL, Account No: 0052348213101, Balance Per Bank Record: \$8,410.02; **3)** Deposit Type: 03-USC-CTD-INDIVIDUAL, TD Account No: 000000016068, Balance Per Bank Record: \$2,443.71 and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares and interest unto MILAGROS F. BALASOLLA. Per Doc No. 85, Page No. 18, Book No. IV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Henecito F. Ballasola. *LSDE: June 22, 29 & July 6, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SOFIA MAGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural/rice land designated as Lot No. 5548 containing an area of 4,304sq.m., under TD No. 99-03006-00363 situated at Brgy. Malajog, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JONAS GENOGUIN TECBOBOLAN as vendee of the above-described parcel of land free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No. 5384, Page No. 77, Book No. 382, Series of 2021. Notary Public Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: June 15, 22 & 29, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SOFIA MAGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land/rice land, situated at Brgy. Malajog, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, designated as Lot No. 5546, containing an area of 4,304 square meters with assessed value of Php1,090, under Tax Dec. No. 09-0306-00363. A Deed of sale was executed in favor of JONAS GENOGUIN TECBOBOLAN as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 5384, Page No. 73, Book No., 381, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot. *LSDE: June 15, 22 & 29, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AURELIO A. BIROS that she was the sole heir of the late CARMEN AVENTAJADO-BIROS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated Babatngon, Leyte designated as Cad Lot 589 containing an area of 126sq.m., more or less covered by TD No. 5801. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ANABEL BELLITA-AGUIRRE married to RODOLFO D. AGUIRRE as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 257, Page No. 53, Book No. VIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Edwin B. Jomadioa. *LSDE: June 8, 15 & 22, 2021*



# Palay production grows by 6.7% in the 1st quarter of 2021

TACLOBAN CITY-Palay production in Eastern Visayas increased by 6.7 percent, from 252,869 metric tons (MT) in the 1st quarter of 2020 to 269,853 MT in the same quarter of 2021. This is attributed to a notable 10.5 percent expansion in the total area harvested for palay from 75,600 hectares (Ha) in the 1st quarter of 2020 to 83,522 Ha in the same quarter of 2021.

Likewise, the hefty increase in production was due to the increase in the production in Northern Samar by 73.5 percent during the reference period.

The province of Leyte contributed the biggest share in palay production in Eastern Visayas at 139,207 MT during the 1st quarter of 2021.

It comprised more than half or 51.6 percent of the total palay production in the region. Samar came next with 52,865 MT production, accounting for 19.6 percent of the region's total palay production.

Northern Samar followed with 40,228 MT production contributing 14.9 percent share to the total production. Eastern Samar and Southern Leyte shared 7.2 percent (19,377 MT) and 4.7 percent (12,600 MT), respectively. Biliran had the least contribution at 2.1 percent (5,576 MT) of the total palay production in the region.

All provinces except

Biliran and Leyte registered increases in area harvested for palay. Northern Samar posted the biggest increment at 76.7 percent from 8,575 Ha in the 1st quarter of 2020 to 15,155 Ha in the same quarter in 2021. Likewise, area harvested for palay in Eastern Samar, Samar and Southern Leyte increased by 17.8 percent, 2.0 percent, and 0.5 percent, respectively.

Among the provinces, Southern Leyte recorded the highest yield per hectare at 4.36 MT/Ha during the 1st quarter of 2021.

This figure was 1.9 percent lower compared with the 4.45 MT/Ha recorded in the same quarter of 2020.

Biliran followed at 4.32 MT/Ha, 0.7 percent lower

than its 4.35 MT/Ha recorded in the 1st quarter of 2020. Leyte ranked third with 4.21 MT/Ha, also a 0.7 percent lower compared with its figure in the same quarter of 2020.

Northern Samar ranked fourth with 2.65 MT/Ha, a decrease of 1.8 percent from 2.70 MT/Ha recorded in the same quarter of 2020. Samar registered a 2.33 MT/Ha in the 1st quarter of 2021, a decrease of 2.1 percent from 2.38 MT/Ha in the same quarter in 2020. (PR)



## DPWH-Leyte 2nd DEO completes P9.55M road improvement project leading to Mahagnao Natural and Volcano Park

TACLOBAN CITY-The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – Leyte Second District Engineering Office (L2DEO) recently completed the P9.55-million off-carriageway road improvement leading to Mahagnao Natural and Volcano Park in Burauen, Leyte.

The project involves an additional 1.5-meter of road pavement on both side of the existing road in Barangay San Esteban along Burauen-Mahagnao road section covering a total length

of 519 meters which was completed last May 31, 2021.

MVNP, about 65 kilometers south of Tacloban City, the regional center and proclaimed as a national park in 1937, is endowed with other natural attractions -- a lake, falls, multi-colored mud, hot springs, virgin forests, and lagoon.

Mahagnao's summit is a steep-walled heavily forested crater that opens to the south with a peak elevation of 860 meters.

According to OIC-District Engineer Leo Edward Oppura, this project will enhance the road conditions and traffic flow in the area especially that this road section is leading to a tourist destination.

Oppura is optimistic



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla hands over a check to Baybay City Mayor Jose Carlos Loreto Cari as financial assistance for the newly-constructed one story hospital which has a 50-bed capacity worth P2. 8 million on June 16, 2021 during the turnover and inauguration of Immaculate Conception hospital, formerly the Western Leyte Provincial Hospital. Joining him were Dr. Cristine N. Baldevia, officer-in-charge chief of hospital. The activity was held at the compound of the Immaculate Conception Hospital located at the new diversion road Barangay Cogon, Baybay City.(GINA P. GEREZ)

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over the online vaccination registration that checks the status of the applicant's job appointment.

The clarification was issued after some alleged complaints in recent weeks, saying that registrants have not been given their schedules after signing up for vaccination.

Under the new system, <https://safecity.tacloban.gov.ph/vaccine-registration/>, residents are asked to sign up online and are advised to wait for a text message detailing where and when they can get their first or second dose, according to the City Information Office (CIO).

Citing Fabrigas, the city's information arm said that registering online does not mean that the applicant can immediately be notified of their schedule and can be vaccinated.

our HOUSEHOLD DRR plan because knowledge abounds and is free. It's time we cultivate this mindset of personal, family based preparation. Our lives depend on it.

After all these catastrophes, when will we ever learn?



"Almost 15,000 have already registered online, but this does not denote that they will be automatically be inoculated. It has to follow the priority population," Fabrigas said.

"They have to be scheduled based on the priority groups (A1-A3) and second, they have to be verified by the barangay," she added.

According to the health officer, the vaccination activities in the city also depend on the vaccine allocation by the Department of Health (DOH).

As of June 17, the city received 3,000 doses of Sinovac shots, which are good for 1,500 vaccine recipients.

It was learned that since the start of the rollout, about 15,300 people have received the COVID-19 jab and of the said number, almost 9,000 have been fully vaccinated.

Meantime, Tacloban officials urged the public to continue complying with minimum health standards.

Individuals who will be scheduled for vaccination are also advised to get ample rest right after getting their shot, as it typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity, the city government said.

"COVID-19 is here to stay, so we can't neglect the fact that we need to follow the minimum health standards--it is a shared responsibility," Fabrigas said. (RONALD O. REYES)

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TEODORICO T. CALUPAZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over his conjugal share of a parcel of land located at Brgy. 58, Sagkahan, Tacloban City designated as Lot No. 815-A-5 containing an area of 101sq.m., more or less embraced by TCT No. T-22336. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of JOSEFINA L. BRUN married to ROMEO C. BRUN as vendees of the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances of any kind whatsoever. Per Doc No. 487, Page No. 98, Book No. 02, Series of 2015. Notary Public Samuel C. Lagunzad. LSDE: June 22, 29 & July 6, 2021

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND ADJUDICATION WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that VICENTE A. CABORNAY extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a savings bank deposit with Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) Catbalogan Branch, Catbalogan City under Account No. 0601-1647-95 with outstanding balance of Php101,285.00 Philippine Currency as of June 14, 2021 and heirs do hereby name, constitute and appoint our sister LITA BATULA CABORNAY-CURIOSO to be our true and lawful attorney-in-fact for us and in our names, place and stead to do and perform the following powers to wit; To transact, process, claim, withdraw receive the outstanding balance, To sign and acknowledge receipt or issue, sign execute other similar documents, To process, pay and secure estate tax clearance with BIR AND ROD, To perform all and every act and thing which may be requisite or proper to carry out the above purposes. Per Doc No. 446, Page No. 091, Book No. 064, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Demetrio Medino-Acuba. LSDE: June 22, 29 & July 6, 2021

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF A REGISTERED LAND

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of God in everything that happens in our life.

Let's never dare to emit judgments that are mere products of our own making. We have to make them always in the presence of God and motivated by nothing other than love for God and for everybody else. We have to continually check on the rectitude of our intention, and the correctness and timeliness of our words and deeds.

## The lesson...

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net. We can set up our plans by the realities we have in our vicinity. We can prepare Grab Bags with medicine, food and water provisions etc... we can have a protocol what to do whom to call, where to meet and how we can contact each member of the family in the event of disasters?

There among others, we are blessed with millions of sources to make



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for mandatory quarantine for 10-days on their respective homes.

Border checkpoints were also established in two entries to the municipality where those who will enter will be required to present the original copy of their barangay health certificate, travel order for APOR and a negative RT-PCR test or non-reactive antigen test for APOR who will have interaction with children below 15-years old.

The EO also gives window hours for senior citizens to leave their house from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. provided it's for physical exercise purposes.

The town has more than 28 COVID-19 cases. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

## Northern Samar 56<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary Gov. Ongchuan honors LGUs, groups for their contributions

TACLOBAN CITY – The provincial government of Northern Samar has recognized top performing local government units in the province as part of its 56th founding anniversary held through virtual program last Saturday (June 19).

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of which 679 considered recovered and 138 as active cases. The city has logged 21 deaths due to COVID-19 complications.

DILG Secretary Eduardo Año earlier directed all local chief executives “to strictly impose the prohibition or limitation of mass gatherings under the different community quarantine classifications to protect

The town of Allen was recognized for posting the highest collection of real property tax (RPT) among the 24 municipalities of the province. The town collected P4.311 million for RPT last year or an increase of over 126 percent compared

public health and safety or face sanctions for dereliction of duty.”

“Local government units have a critical role in enforcing mass gathering regulations as they are nearer to their constituencies compared to the national government. What LCEs can do is to adopt and implement guidelines and policies of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) as well as enact necessary local policies to support these regulations,” said the secretary, following President Rodrigo Duterte’s directive. (RONALD O. REYES)

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mga iyan!”

“Remember the Tenement Housing built by former First Lady Imelda Marcos? The squatters got awarded units alright; but they sold their units; got their money, and the squatters got back to squatters settlements just like before!”

“Rich people now occupy the former tenement buildings!”

And then, another BANG! -- All of a sudden, the following headline appeared in the June 19th issue of the Manila Times -

PACQUIAO URGES BOYCOTT OF THE JULY 17, 2021 PDP-LABAN MEETING

Senator Manny Pacquiao is urging his partymates in the Partido Demokratikong Pilipino - Laban ng Bayan (PDP-Laban) to boycott the meeting called by Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi, the party’s Vice-Chairman.

As written in this Column last 15 June 2021, PDP-Laban Secretary-General Melvin Matibag declared that “By law, the presidency of the PDP-Laban lasts Two (2) years, with Senator Manny Pacquiao assuming as Acting President after the sudden resignation of then PDP-Laban President Aquilino Koko Pimentel III; so this is the reason our Party will hold the PDP-Laban National Assembly on July 17th to elect a new set of officers in the party council.

During the above-mentioned PDP-Laban National Assembly, Senator Manny Pacquiao “may be confirmed” as President of the PDP-Laban -- not just an “acting” President, as he is now.

to 2019 collection or P1.90 million.

Also recognized were the towns of San Isidro and Laoang for also collecting real property tax.

The provincial government has also recognized the top 10 local government units with highest collection efficiency rate.

These were the municipalities of Palapag, Lavezares, Capul, San Antonio, Mondragon, Mapanas, Bobon, Catarman, Victoria, and San Isidro.

Special award was also given to Catarman town, the capital of Northern Samar, for contributing a significant amount of collection of their RPT to the province.

Meanwhile, Kadasig Award, which is given to the outstanding program initiated by youth organization, awardees were the Kabataan Kabubwasun Kausawagan (KKK) youth organization of Mapanas, Northern Samar for the environment and disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation category.

For the agriculture, livelihood and entrepreneurship category, the award was given to SK Federation of San Roque town.

For sports, culture and arts category, the award was given to the iTOURyahe of the Allen District Volleyball Organization of Allen town.

For the health and well-being category, the award was given to the psychosocial support services: Kumustahan sa Gitna ng Krisis of GIOS Kabataan Orga-

On the other hand, Ronwaldo Munsayac, PDP-laban Executive Director, a known supporter of Pacman, declared that Senator Pacquiao will not attend the July 17th PDP-Laban National Assembly, which incidentally will be held a few days before President Rodrigo Duterte, the PDP-Laban Chairman delivers his SONA or State of the Nation Address at the Batasang Pambansa.

Wow, the development



GET TOGETHER. School Batch 1976 of the Gala Vocational School in Gamay, Northern Samar had a reunion on May 6 held at the Gift Beach Resort. (PETER D. PAREDES)

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The RDC advisory committee acts as an advisory body to the region’s highest policy-making body, tasked to advise, assist, and support the council in discharging its functions.

nization of Laoang town.

Each winner was given P20, 000 cash prize.

Governor Edwin Ongchuan, in his message, said that while this year’s celebration is not the same with previous year due to the on-going pandemic of corona virus disease (COVID-19), the province made some victories that needs to be share and for people to know.

This include the reduction of poverty incident and the fight against COVID-19. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

brings forward the question on the minds of many people -- “What’s happening to the administration party PDP-Laban? Is it really cracking up? What happens if somehow Senator Manny Pacquiao is not confirmed President of the PDP-Laban, since he has no plans of attending the big July 17th PDP-Laban gathering?

So, as I usually end this Column, “Abangan na lang natin ang Susunod na Kabanata!”

The committee is composed of members of the RDC Executive Committee and lawmakers from the region. (SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

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people develop its symptoms, they most commonly resort to home treatments such as drinking hot salabat for fever, steam inhalation for breathing difficulty, gargling of warm water with dissolved salt for sore throat, squeezing of lemon juice into their throat for cough, hot compress for body and joint pains, doing breathing exercises, and sun bathing in the morning.

Somehow, based on testimonies, these have been working for them. Well, why not? Aren’t these observed as well when people are suffering from flu? If that’s their personal experience, and they can prove it, who are we to contradict their claims? In the process, then, many have claimed to have been cured even of this dreaded virus. Again, if that’s their real experience, we cannot disprove it just because medical science has other things to say.

Is there a law that prohibits home treatments of illnesses? I wonder if there is. They may be part of traditions or superstitions. But so long as they are not injurious to one’s health, or to other people, authorities should perhaps leave them alone. After all, even medical science is also fond of experimentation using the trial-and-error method. If home treatments are forms of experimentation, then they must be likewise scientific.

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