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*Amid crowding incident due to J&J vaccination*

# Alfred ready for DOH suggestions

ROEL T. AMAZONA

**TACLOBAN CITY** – Mayor Alfred Romualdez said that he is open to implement the recommendation made by the Department of Health (DOH) to improve the inoculation process for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines.

He, however, was quick to say that several things must be considered first before adapting them.

These includes the number of vaccines provided to the city, and additional vaccination sites and teams.

Currently, Covid-19 inoculation drive of the city is conducted at two Robinsons mall located in Marasbaras and in Abucay.

In the latest inoculation drive of Tacloban using the Johnson and Johnson(J and J) vaccine, several people aired their sentiments

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**HUGE CROWD.** Big number of people crowded the two vaccination sites during last week's vaccination using the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, an incident the DOH says could result to spread of COVID-19 infection. Mayor Romualdez assures DOH that similar overcrowding incident will be avoided.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

## Mayor Romualdez: vaccines delivered to the city are for Taclobanons



**Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez said that Taclobanons are the priorities in all vaccines delivered by the DOH. The city mayor made this assurance as he noted that non- city residents were able to avail the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Photo shows Mayor Romualdez with other city officials among them was city health officer Dr. Gloria Fabrigas. (CIO)**

**TACLOBAN CITY**–The vaccination campaign being initiated by the city government is intended only for city residents and not those coming from outside Tacloban.

This was stressed by Mayor Alfred Romualdez in a press conference held

last July 24, 2021 at the Pacific Point, San Jose, Tacloban City.

“The Department of Health (DOH) vaccine allocation for Tacloban is for our constituents. You have yours in your place,” he said.

He further asked residents of neighboring places

to please give way to Taclobanons. “Don’t flock at vaccination centers by taking chances, you will not be entertained,” Mayor Romualdez said.

The city mayor made this statement after thousands of people flocked to the two vaccination sites

last week to avail Johnson and Johnson vaccine which is administered on a single-dose only.

The city has received 10,000 doses of the American manufactured vaccine.

It was learned that among those who went to the vaccination sites, held at the two Robinsons shopping malls, were those from outside the city, depriving in the process qualified residents of Tacloban City.

The chaotic situation at the two vaccination sites also received negative reactions from some netizens, criticizing the city government for what they claimed to be an unorganized vaccination campaign.

“It’s not fair for the team working behind the vacci-

## Based on the 2020 census Region’s population up by 107,000

**TACLOBAN CITY**–The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in Eastern Visayas has announced that that region’s population now stand at 4,547,150 as of May, 2020.

The region’s population is higher by more than 107,000 compared to the 2015 population survey.

PSA Regional Director Wilma Perante said that the census of the region’s inhabitants was successfully conducted despite of the raging coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

All six provinces of the region have posted increase of population with Leyte posting the highest population with 1,776,847 followed by Samar with 793,183 and Northern Samar, 639,186, she said on her report.

Eastern Samar has 477,168 inhabitants; Southern Leyte, 429,573; and Biliran, 179,312, which incidentally posted the fastest population growth rate with 0.93 percent of all

the provinces.

Tacloban City, the regional capital and the only highly urbanized city, has a population of 251,881, higher by 9,792 compared to the 2015 survey.

Following Tacloban is Ormoc City in Leyte with 230,998 people followed by Calbayog City in Samar, 186,960 and Baybay City, Leyte with 111,848.

Meantime, Catbalogan City in Samar has a population of 106,440 and Borongan City in Eastern Samar as the least populated city with 71, 961.

The least populated town in the region, based on the 2020 survey, is the municipality of Maslog in Eastern Samar with 5,463 inhabitants.

The number of residents of the said town is lower compared to the most populated barangay in the region which is Barangay 105 in Tacloban City with 12,296 inhabitants.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

nation. They are sacrificing themselves serving thousands of constituents per day only to be bashed,” Romualdez lamented.

“We are trying our best to improve the system. Rest assured we are here to serve you the best way we could. Let’s all be safe by following the minimum health protocols such as wearing of mask and shield and social distancing,” the city mayor said.



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**4Ps Graduation Ceremony.** Northern Samar Rep. Paul Daza (1st district) was the guest of honor during the graduation ceremony of Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program (4Ps) members in Lavezares held last July 23. Other present during the 'Pugay Tagumpay' ceremony were DSWD Regional Director Grace Subong, Mayor Editor Saludaga, MSWDO Mezalina Dulfo, among others. (PETER D. PAREDES)

## 2 former rebels yield in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- Another two alleged members of the New People's Army (NPA) have surrendered to the authorities here in the region. Alias Libor, 43, and alias Nic, 23, said they "want to cut their ties with the rebel group and help the government to end the local terrorism" during their surrender last July 20, 2021, in Basey, Samar.

In the information released by the Police Regional Office-Eastern Visayas, Libor also turned over a caliber .45 Springfield armory pistol, one magazine assembly, and five pieces of live ammunition for the same caliber of firearm.

Authorities identified the surrenderers as former squad members of the

sub-regional committee Sesame in the region.

Their surrender was facilitated by the 805th Maneuver Company of the Regional Mobile Force Battalion.

The two former rebels are now under the custody of the company for proper documentation while they will be availing the national government's Enhance Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP). (RONALD O. REYES)

## Clearing operations of illegal structures in Tacloban City to continue

TACLOBAN CITY- Intensified road clearing operations here in the city will continue after the city DILG (Department of Interior and Local Government) convened with the City Task Force to discuss the project's updates last July 22, 2021.

A mandate of DILG MC 2020-027 or "The Continued Implementation of the Presidential Directive to Clear Roads of Illegal Obstruction (Road Clearing 2.0)," the group emphasized the need to continue with the intensified information dissemination to which the City Information Office committed its support.

Meantime, the need to address the problem on illegally parked vehicles in some identified areas, the need to coordinate with the Punong Barangays on demolition activities, and the move to tap Highway Patrol's involvement in road clearing operations were among the

see Clearing /page 11 ...

### AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

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## 10 drugs suspects fall separate drug stings across the region

TACLOBAN CITY-Ten suspected personalities were arrested for alleged selling and possession of illegal drugs during separate buy-bust operations across the region from July 17 to 20, 2021.

In Naval, Biliran, the suspect was identified as Jover Parilla, 32, and listed as top 10 provincial level re-calibrated list.

Purchased from him was a sachet believed to be containing suspected shabu, while recovered from his possession were P500 buy-bust money, three sachets of suspected shabu, and cash on July 20.

On July 19, joint operatives arrested Jean Mae Grafe Gorzon, 27, in So-god, Southern Leyte.

She allegedly sold a sachet of suspected shabu worth P1,000 to an undercover operative.

In Tacloban City, police rounded up Jeffrey Estonillo, 31, and listed as top 15 drug personality of the city.

Confiscated from him during the buy-bust oper-

ation on July 18 were a sachet of suspected shabu as a subject of sale, four sachets believed to be containing shabu, another sachet containing 18 pieces of unidentified type of drug capsule, P500, personal items, and a red Hyundai Accent vehicle.

The recovered drug items have an estimated street value of P6,500 and estimated weighing 1 gram, police said in the report.

On July 17, authorities nabbed Rafael Cabahug, 34, after he allegedly sold sachets believed to be containing suspected shabu.

Also confiscated from his possession and control were P1,000 used as buy-bust money, four sachets of suspected shabu, mobile phone, and P850 cash.

In Maasin City, Jose Angelo Coz Lim, 41, listed as high-value individual (HVI) was apprehended by police and anti-narcotics agents on July 17.

A poseur buyer was able to buy 10 sachets believed

to be containing suspected shabu worth P10,000.

Authorities confiscated from the suspect's possession two sachets of suspected shabu, 10 pieces of P1,000 bill and nine pieces boodle money, mobile phone, motorcycle, bank deposit slip, and P1,880 cash.

In Calbayog City, joint operatives nabbed Christil Tallo, 30, and listed as HVI.

During the buy-bust operation, authorities confiscated from his possession a sachet of suspected shabu as a subject of sale, another sachet believed to containing shabu, mobile phone, personal items, and P500 bill used as buy-bust money.

The drug evidence had an estimated weight of more or less 0.5 grams with a DBB value of P3,400, police said.

Another suspect, Ricky Morano, 33, and listed as top 10 regional street-level see 10 drugs /page 11 ...

## NSSDEO completes 80.17% of Mondragon-Silvino Lobos (Phase 5)



NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar- Implemented by the DPWH-Northern Samar Second District Engineering Office, the construction of the Mondragon-Silvino Lobos Road (Phase 5) has 80.17% work accomplishment as of June 30, 2021. It is under contract with Monolithic Construction and Concrete Products Inc. and Solid M Construction on joint venture.

This P235M road project

with a contract ID number 18II0053 is funded under the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process/Payapa at Masaganang Pamanayan (OPAPP/PAMANA) thru the General Appropriation Act (GAA) of CY 2018.

It has a total length of 3,358.50 meters of PCCP and 81.40 meters construction of Suba Bridge. The project is under the direct supervision of Gil Herrera as Project Engineer with

Bryan Fortes as Materials Engineer.

By building this road, the remote town of Silvino Lobos previously separated from major road networks and growth centers of the province can now link to the neighboring municipalities not only to trade but on other socio-economic aspects that will benefit the local people.

Also, other government programs and services can be easily accessed and the

peace and order situation is expected to greatly improve.

Once completed, Silvino Lobos which is regarded as the summer capital of Northern Samar because of its cool temperature will be surely visited by the people from neighboring towns, promoting its eco-tourism potentials, thus, playing a more active role in the economic growth of the province. (Lyca Mae T. Quilicol, PIO Alternate



## Over 2,000 cops have so far received jabs

TACLOBAN CITY – More than 2,000 personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP) here in Eastern Visayas have so far been inoculated with vaccines against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

There are 10,118 police personnel across the region with 1,192 of them are under the Regional Support Unit (RSU).

At the regional office, 329 are already totally inoculated while 67 RSU personnel are totally vaccinated.

A total of 1,685 policemen are fully inoculated by their respective local government units while 239 are totally vaccinated by personnel from the Regional Medical and Dental Unit (RDMU).

A total of 1,449 were vaccinated with Sinovac for first dose while 276 of them have completed their second doses.

At least 432 cops received their jabs using AstraZeneca for first dose of which 118 of them have

completed the vaccination.

Sixteen policemen were inoculated with Sputnik-V, seven with Pfizer, while 29 others were inoculated with Johnson and Johnson.

During his visit in the region last July 22, PNP Chief Guillermo Eleazar said that they are targeting to vaccinate the entire police force of the country by end of next month.

At least 93 percent of the total number of PNP personnel had signified to be inoculated with COVID-19 vaccines.

"We are waiting for our vaccine allocation (and) when it arrives, we will start rolling it out to our police offices," Eleazar said.

The police official added that they will not be picky on what kind of vaccine will be used for the inoculation.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico 'Mic' L. Petilla lead in the inauguration of the two-storey building of the regional office of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR-8) on July 16. Joining the governor were Atty. Desiree Alvero Pontejos, CHR regional director and Ma. Rosario Margallo, chief maintenance division representing Director Neri Bueno of the DPWH 08. (GINA P. GEREZ)

## Biliran towns receive land, sea ambulances

NAVAL, Biliran- The eight towns of the province of Biliran received land and sea ambulances from the provincial government on Wednesday, July 21.

The towns of Naval, Almeria, Kawayan, Culaba, Caibiran, Cabucgayan, and Biliran received each a Toyota Hi-Ace GL Grandia land ambulance worth P2,241,717.83.

The island town of Maripipi got a modern fiberglass sea ambulance with twin 115 horse power, 4-stroke Mercury engine worth P4,459,000.

Governor Rogelio J. Espina said in his message that despite the meager resources of Biliran, as it is only a fourth class province, the program on health services for the Biliranons is always a top priority.

Gov. Espina thanked the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the province for the support in the realization of said ambulances.

He added that the dialysis machines at the Biliran Provincial Hospital (BPH) are already operational.

Soon-to-be-operational is a CT scan at the BPH, a mobile clinic with X-ray and Ultrasound machines, and the procurement of another

one unit sea ambulance for Higatangan Island, a tourist destination in Naval.

For his part, Rep. Gerardo J. Espina Jr., emphasized in his message the value of unity among local leaders in the realization and achievement of health projects that can better

serve the needs of the Biliranons.

Rep. Espina also made mention on the status update of the P400-M worth construction of the new Biliran Provincial Hospital Project located at Barangay Larrazabal, Naval, Biliran.

(NBQ/RSV/PIA-8/Biliran)

## Soldier kills self in Samar

TACLOBAN CITY-A 28-year-old personnel of the Philippine Army died due to an apparent suicide in Calbiga, Samar.

Authorities said the victim, an active member of the 20th Infantry Battalion based in Las Navas, Northern Samar, was found hanging on the wooden beam of his house using a nylon cord around 1:40 p.m. last Saturday (July 24).

The victim, a resident of Calbiga, had a live-in partner.

According to the victim's 16-year old brother, the 28-year-old soldier had been uttering some suicidal attempts before the incident.

The body of the victim was brought to Calbiga Rural Health Unit for proper disposition.

(RONALD O. REYES)



OPENING OF SESSION --- House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez (center right) and House Speaker Lord Alan Velasco (center left) with Deputy Speakers, Deputy Majority Leaders and members of Minority Leaders shares a historic moment during the opening of the 3rd Regular Session of the 18th Congress at the plenary, before the last State of the Nation Address (SONA) of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. The House Members takes their RTPCR test and Antigen test before entering the session hall.

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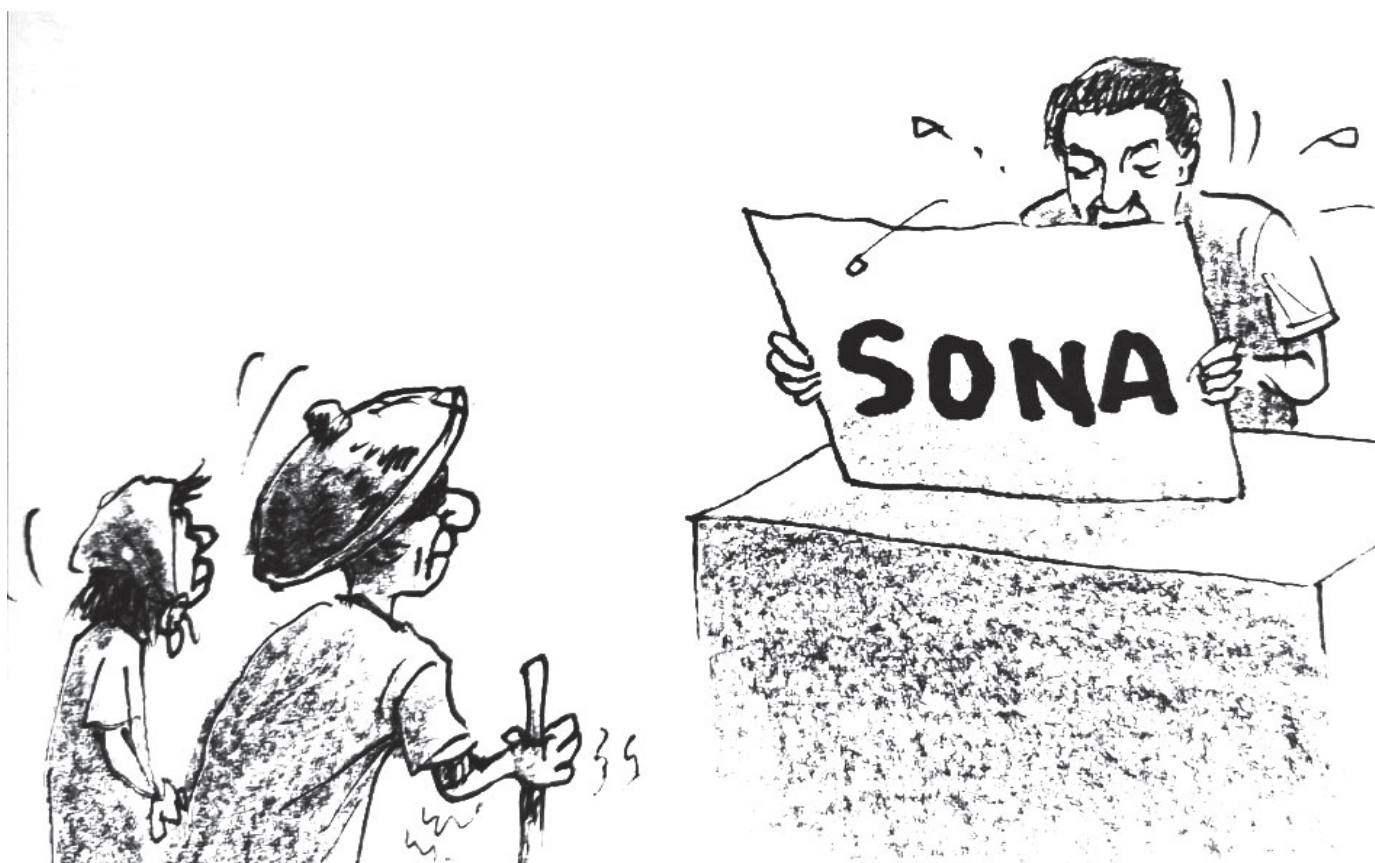
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## Last SONA

**A**s of this writing, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte was about to deliver his last State of the Nation Address (SONA) at the Batasang Pambansa in time when the country continues to reel from a global pandemic that had paralyzed even the world's biggest economies.

The 1987 Constitution, Article 7, Section 23 requires the president to address Congress at the opening of its regular session every year to report the state of country, to unveil the administration's agenda and to ask Congress for a speedy passage of priority bills.

Since it is his last SONA, many are expecting that the president is going to report his nearly six-year accomplishments although, as usual, he is not fond of boasting about his accomplishments since, according to him, he is just doing what he should as the country's chief executive, even lamenting that he has not done that much

for certain reasons.

While his critics are accusing him of doing nothing worthwhile, records show that this administration has had monumental accomplishments that are unsurpassed even by the previous administrations combined, particularly in the areas of infrastructure developments, the war against drugs, fight against terrorism and insurgency, battle against corruption, poverty, criminality, and irregularities in government.

As usual, a president's report to the entire nation is just composed of figures and statistical data, plus his/her verbal pronouncements. But in reality, it is the people under one's regime who can truly tell the state of the nation as they experience it. What the president does is just to make claims and reap the credits as the real state of the nation is the very way the citizens of this country fare in their daily activities.

Good luck to you, Mr. President, and to all the citizens of this archipelago.



## We shall break the Olympic egg

Conspicuous in the Medal Tally of the on-going Tokyo Olympic is the egg (zero) in the country's Gold, Silver and Bronze Tally. The said egg was waiting for cracking or better yet breaking to usher

in a golden, silver or even bronze gem hidden.

Carlos Edriel Yulo, EJ Obiena, Nesthy Pretacio, Eumir Marcial are but a few of the tiny delegation number we had fielded this year. The Olympics is the

most famous global event thus, far, after Covid 19 Pandemic. It shows that the world is given this spectacle to be diverted by the bleak reality caused by the Pandemic specially so as the new Delta Variant poised for the kill.

The Gold Medal drought seems to be long enough to merit a centennial, we were not able to win a Gold Medal in nine decades. As my memory serves me right, Mansueto Onyok Velasco won Silver and Bong Coo won Gold from Bowling a Demo Sports back then, not a legitimate Gold he feel short of beating Hungarian Bugilov. From days of old we have the following Medalists in the Summer

Olympics Bronze (Athletics) Teofilo Yldefonso, Simeon Toribio, Miguel White, in Boxing we have, Leopoldo Serrantes, Roel Velasco, Silver medals were won by Mansueto Velasco and Anthony Villanueva in Boxing and Weightlifting Hydilyn Diaz.

The present Olympics is one of the most peculiar event, no spectators, no families watching on the sidelines and less fanfare. But I would say this Pandemic Olympics is the most difficult Olympic ever, knowing the fight is from all fronts and within the immunity of the athlete.

We would like to see the breaking of the egg, soon!





## What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

### ABS-CBN's NEW FRANCHISE OBSESSION - *What's the latest?*

Justice Secretary Medardo Guevarra declared that the 25-year ABS-CBN Franchise covered by R.A. 7966 enacted 30 March 1995 expired on 4 May 2020.

ABS-CBN's application for a new Franchise was voted down by the House Committee on Legislative Franchises on 10 July 2020 due to violations of the franchise by the network.

Committee Chairman Palawan Cong. Franz Alvarez declared that "Seventy (70) of the panel voted to deny the network's bid; while Eleven (11) voted that the ABS-CBN be given a new franchise; while Three (3) congressmen inhibited and One (1) abstained."

The hard-hitting Manila Times columnist Rigoberto Tiglaio wrote on 14 FEB 2020 that "The Communist Party, through its 'party-list' parties, are demanding that Congress should allow ABS-CBN to operate, claiming that the closure of ABS-CBN would be an infringement on press freedom."

Rappler also reported "Kabataan Representative Sarah Elago paid tribute to those who fought for ABS-CBN's franchise and urged them 'huwag tayong mawawalan ng pag-asa sa ating pag-samasama at organisadong lakas.'"

The ASEAN POST declared "After 13 congressional hearings, the controversial application of ABS-CBN was finally concluded in July 2020, wherein the members of the House of Representatives Committee on Legislative Franchises denied the application of

the media network with an overwhelming Seventy (70) votes, denying the franchise application of ABS-CBN Corporation 'to construct, operate & maintain radio & broadcasting stations in the Philippines.'

#### THE REVIVAL TRIAL BALLOON

The 11 July 2021 Philippine Star issue carried the following news "Two congressional leaders are pushing to revive the franchise application of ABS-CBN, now that the year has passed since the network's renewal application was overwhelmingly rejected by the House of Representatives."

Several lawmakers have filed bills seeking to revive the broadcast franchise of ABS-CBN, including Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto and Senate President Vicente Sotto III.

Several men & women outside the ABS-CBN gate were seen holding yellow posters with big "DEFEND PRESS FREEDOM, WAKASAN; DUTERTE! letters, with smaller blue & red letters Bayan Muna."

At this stage, this Columnist hereby quotes a portion of his 'What's New' Column dated 11 May 2021, entitled - "ABS-CBN, NAGBAYAD NA BA?"

Philippine Daily Inquirer - Business Inquirer, net, 01 Sept 2017 - "LOPEZ FIRMS' UNPAID OBLIGATIONS."

"President Rodrigo Duterte declared that Benpres Holdings -- the flagship holding firm of the Lopez family -- had unpaid debts with the Development Bank of the Philippines."

"Duterte declared that a thorough examination of DBP's books in 2017

revealed financial obligations of Lopez firms that went unpaid, and were eventually written off.

"To be exact, DBP in 2006 wrote off P710 million in loans of Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (a firm which President Duterte said, still continues to over-charge users in Metro Manila.)"

"P 591 million in loans of Bayan Telecommunications."

"P 207 million of Central CATV Inc."

"P 157 million of Benpres Holdings, Inc."

"The above are all Lopez-owned or controlled firms at that time."

"Documents about the deals obtained by the Inquirer from banking sources showed that the bank had, in fact, written off P9.56 billion worth of bad loans (this is another story) with the controversial Lopez group loans accounting for 17% of that total."

"A list of soured loans of the DBP at that time showed that the combined loans of the Lopez group accounted for a substantial portion of the portfolio, but there were other corporate loans that were also put up for so-called special purpose vehicles -- a move meant to free the government bank of bad loans that were weighing down its balance sheet."

"The write-off were made possible by the Special Purpose Asset Vehicle Law of 2002, which was enacted to help the Philippine Banking system dispose of accumulated bad loans then estimated at P520 billion -- equivalent to an alarming 12% of the size of the local economy." (End of quote.)

Utang ito nila sa bangko ng gobierno. Pera ng bayan na hindi binabayaran.

These are loans from a government-owned Development Bank of the Philippines. Loans which somehow turned sour that were unpaid.

The total unpaid obligations of the Lopezes as of September 2017 was P 1.67 Billion!

Plus penalties and interests, this is quite a huge amount, that if paid plus penalties & interests,



## Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

### Heaven thru the little things

IMPOSSIBLE? Think again. It's Christ who says it in so many words. "The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed... The Kingdom of heaven is like a yeast..." (cfr. Mt 13,31-35)

We need to reconcile ourselves with this happy truth of our faith that we do not have to wait for extraordinary circumstances for us to reach heaven and even to have a taste of it even while still here on earth. With the little, ordinary things in our life, we have all the means and chances to have heaven within our reach.

The secret again is to do everything, no matter how little or insignificant it is in human terms, with love. That is, with the love of

**the Duterte administration does not have to borrow much to pay for the Covid-19 Vaccines for his beloved Filipinos.**

My fellow senior citizens group in our barangay ask -- why are the critics of the Duterte administration talking about press freedom, when this is nothing but loans from government banks by the Lopez and ABS-CBN group that have not been paid until now?

No less than President Duterte has declared that when the Lopezes pay their obligations to the government, they can have their franchise and reopen ABS-CBN once again.

So, the big question is -- Nagbayad na ba ang mga Lopezes at ABS-CBN?

At heto pa ... not to be outdone, Speaker Lord Allan Velasco said "The ABS-CBN Franchise issue is best left to the next Congress."

So, alams na! -- Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata!

God, reflecting and channeling God's abiding love for us in everything that we do, which usually are small and ordinary things in our day.

Sanctity, our ticket to heaven, certainly requires heroism, even to the point of martyrdom. But we can be sure that by being consistently loving in doing the little things of life, especially when they are hidden and unappreciated humanly, we would already be very heroic indeed.

The Book of Sirach says: "He who despises small things will fail little by little." (19,1) We have to be most careful because the neglect of little things can easily lull us to complacency, or to think that nothing is wrong and that everything is just fine.

In short, we fail to develop a unity of life. Not only would we be unable to link the present with the future, the means with the end, the internal with the external, we would also fail to relate the mundane with the sacred, the fleeting character of the prosaic elements in our daily life with the permanent value in our life beyond death.

We obviously have to contend with many obsta-

cles along the way. We can tend to be narrow-minded and short-sighted, full of improper biases and attachments. We easily make rash judgments and are often at the mercy of our emotions and passions, putting our reason and faith to sleep.

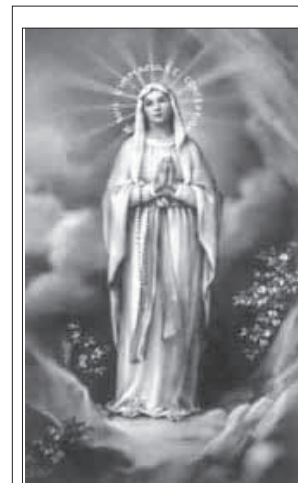
We can also get tired, or rather, we can cover laziness as tiredness. The general environment, the prevailing culture can be insensitive to the value of little things. It only gives attention to the big things, not the little ones, the desired success, not the necessary effort.

What we have to do is to learn to find Christ in the little things which comprise most of our day, if not of our whole life. Another way of saying it is to learn to refer everything to Christ, no matter how little or insignificant it is.

We should always be with Christ at every moment of our day, offering things to him, asking him questions like, "Lord, how should I deal with this particular situation, be it an exciting work, a boring and tiring moment, etc.?"

We should never dare to do things simply on our own. Especially when we find ourselves in difficulties, in a quandary, in moments of temptation, etc., we have to go to Christ as quickly as possible and cling to him as tightly as possible.

And we should never forget to thank him all the time, for such gesture connects us with him in an abiding way. When we are with Christ especially in the little things of our day, how can we doubt about having heaven in us while still here on earth?



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)

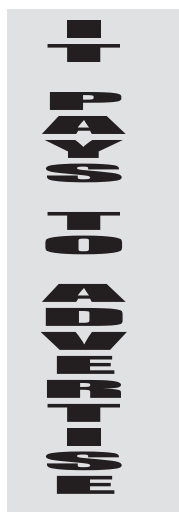


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8th Judicial Region  
**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
Branch 15  
Balyuan Building,  
Balyuan Grounds  
Magsaysay Blvd.,  
Tacloban City  
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**IN RE: PETITION FOR DECLARATION AS LEGAL BENEFICIARY OF THE DECEDENT-PENSIONER GORDIANO BANDOLON FELOMINA L. BANDOLON, maiden name FELOMINA B. LUDO,**  
*Petitioner,*  
-versus-  
**PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION (PRBS),**  
*Respondent*  
SP. PROC. No. R-TAC-21-00466-SP  
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**ORDER**  
The court received on June 21, 2021 the compliance to the Order dated June 1, 2021 with the Amended Petition attached. The filing thereof is duly noted.  
Before this court is the

above-mentioned Petition filed and raffled on May 19, 2021.  
Petition alleges that she was married to Gordiano Bandonlon (*hereinafter Gordiano*) on 10 October 1979 in a civil ceremony; two years thereafter, on May 2, 1982 petitioner and Gordiano married in church, without opposition and issue. They begot six (6) children and been married for forty-one (41) years and had been openly and continuously cohabited with each other until Gordiano’s death on October 30, 2020. That during their entire marriage, petitioner and Gordiano were known and recognized by the community as husband and wife, and in all of Gordiano’s dealings, he recognized petitioner as his legal spouse. Petitioner further alleges that months after Gordiano’s death, she processed the application for survivorship/derivative pension, and one of the documentary requirement is CRS Form No. 5 - Advisory of Marriages of decedent. When petitioner secured a copy of the said Advisory of Marriages, she found out that decedent Gordiano was married to a certain Luzminda Tingzon Teves on November 10, 1978. Through her personal investigation, she found out that said Luzminda was married to Silverio Gempeson, Sr. in 1980, and Luzminda died in 2017. Petitioner further state that she is the Declared Legal Beneficiary of decedent-pensioner Gordiano, but respondent PRBS does not recognize petitioner as the legal spouse because of the said remarks appearing on the PSA

issued Advisory of Marriages. Hence, this action is resorted to so that she may be declared as the legal beneficiary of deceased Gordiano.  
Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby given due course and set for initial hearin on **August 31, 2021 at 1:30 o’clock in the afternoon** at the session hall of this Court, RTC Branch 45, Tacloban City, wherein on said date, time and place, any person or persons may appear and show cause if any they have, why this petition may not be granted.  
The herein respondent, is directed within fifteen (15) days from notice of the petition, to file their opposition thereto, furnishing copy thereof to petitioner’s counsel, who is given (5) days from notice within which to reply, if desired.  
Let a copy of this Order together with the petition posted in at least three (3) conspicuous places - in the Municipal Hall of Dulag, Leyte where the alleged marriage between Gordiano and Luzminda took place, the Barangay Hall of Brgy. Campetic, Palo, Leyte where petitioner is residing, and at the Bulletin Board of this Court.  
Likewise, let a copy of this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Region 8 once a week for three (3) consecutive

weeks - all at Petitioner’s expense.  
Furnish copy of this Order to the Office of the Regional Director of the Philippine National Police RO8, the respondent PNP Retirement and Benefits Administration, the petitioner and her counsel.  
SO ORDERED.  
GIVEN in Chambers, this 29th day of June 2021 at Balyuan Grounds, Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City.  
**(Sgd.) GEORGINA UY PEREZ**  
Presiding Judge  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*



**EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION/SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. RAMON HERAMIS AND ADELTRUDA VILLOCINO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 9976 with improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Baybay, Leyte, containing an area of 21,230 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-3132. A Deed of Sales was executed in favor of JOVELYN VILLOCINO ERHART as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 302, Page No. 61, Book No. I, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez - Butawan.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VICENTE VELARDE and SALVACION VELARDE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land, described as: **1)** A parcel of Agricultural land located at Brgy. Blanca Aurora, San Jorge, Samar, designated at Lot No. 3953, Cad 444-D, having an area of 0-95-24 hectare more or less, under ARP No. 2005-25012-00218, having an assessed value of Php8,440.00; **2)** A parcel of agricultural land located at Brgy. Blanca Aurora, San Jorge, Samar, designated as Lot No. 3957, Cad -444-D, having an area of 0-15-86 hectare, more or less, under ARP No. 2005 No. 2005-25012-00223, having an assessed value of Php1,400.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of CATH-ERINE B. ROSALES married to BALTAZAR ROSALES as vendee for the above-described parcels; per Doc. No. 5949, Page No. 90, Book No. 383, Series of 2021 od Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION AMONG HEIRS WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. ANTONIO P. CAPANGPANGAN AND LUCENA MANAGBANAG CAPANGPANGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Mailhi, Baybay, Leyte containing 10,000 more or less covered by TD No. 07-0065-00185. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of LORETA P. BLORECIA as vendee of the above-described property, free from any liens and encumbrances whatsoever. Per Doc No. 04, Page No. 02, Book No. 206, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. John Domingo Ponce, Jr.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*

**DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that SOPHIA IBANEZ-BITERBO, heir of the late SPS. DELFIN IBANEZ AND AQUILINA CASAS executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land known as Lot No. 1166 with improvements thereon situated at Baybay, Leyte containing an area of 2,586sq.m., embraced by TCT No. T-8421. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of LORETA P. BLORECIA as vendee of the above-described property, free from any liens and encumbrances whatsoever. Per Doc No. 121, Page No. 26, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DAVID QUIJANO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land known as Lot 25, Block 5, Pcs 08-000241 situated at Brgy. Diit, Tacloban, Leyte containing 120sq.m., more or less covered by TCT No. T-4999. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of HARVEY G. RAMIREZ AND JANE ANN C. DOYOLA as vendee of the above-described property, free from any liens and encumbrances whatsoever. Per Doc No. 192, Page No. 40, Book No. XV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Kenneth De Veyra.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*

Publication Notice  
RA 101.72 (LCRO)

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1-Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **WILMAR PELEGRIO PINCA** (*(name of document owner)*) has filed with this Office a petition for correction of entry in the date of birth from **“11 FEBRUARY 1987”** to **“11 NOVEMBER 1987”** in the certificate of live birth of **WILMAR PELEGRINO PINCA** at the Municipality of **LAOANG, NORTHERN SAMAR** and whose parents are **ROSALINA CANO PELEGRINO JUSTINIANO MODRIGO PINCA.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than **AUGUST 2, 2021.**

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

*LSDE: July 20 & 27, 2021*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late RUBEN TABAR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 bank deposits with LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES with Account Numbers: 1) 1731-0813-16; 2) 1736-3548-41; 3) 1737-0321-80 and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares, claims, interests and participation over the above-described money unto TERESITA UY TABAR. Per Doc No. 146, Page No. 31, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Allysa Ria C. Rañola.  
*LSDE: July 27, Aug 3 & 10, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late NELLY BELLE VILASCO GENOTI-VA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposit with METRO-BANK - Palo Branch, Palo, Leyte with Savings Account No. 638-3-63852860-7. Per Doc No. 096, Page No. 21, Book No. VI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Leah C. Caminong.  
*LSDE: July 27, Aug 3 & 10, 2021*

Publication Notice  
RA 10172

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

CCE-0013-2021 RA 10172      Date: 07 JUNE 2021  
In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1-Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **WILMAR PELEGRINO PINCA** (*(name of document owner)*) has filed with this Office a

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Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than **AUGUST 13, 2021.**

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

*LSDE: July 27 & Aug. 3, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. ELISEA NUEVAS AND BAR-TOLOME C. NUEVAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 1137 Case 13, CAD 822-D situated at Brgy. Canmogsay, Tolosa, Leyte containing an area of 1,206sq.m., Katibayan ng Orihinal na Título Blg. P-66949. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of UNIE A. OLIMBERIO as vendee of the above-described parcel of land with no improvements thereon. Per Doc No. 149, Page No. 31, Book No. IX, Series of 2021. Notary Public Yoko Carolyn C. Watanabe.  
*LSDE: July 20, 27 & Aug 3, 2021*

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that GORGONIA B. MARTINADA, heir of the late FRAN-CISCO E. MARTINADA executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a motor vehicle described as; Make/Model: TOYOTA MINI BUS LITE-ACE, Engine No: 5K-1194804, Chassis No: KM30-9013118, Plate No: TTV677, Certificate of Registration No: 01728614. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of RUPERTO ARANDILA, JR. as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 277, Page No. 56, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Eric L. De Veyra, Jr.  
*LSDE: July 20, 27 & Aug 3, 2021*

**ADDENDUM TO THE EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late HAROLD F. BALASOLLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 bank accounts with Philippine Veterans Bank described as; 1) Account No. 0000000-16063, Balance per Bank Record: \$2,079.17 2) Account No. 0052-348213-100, Balance per Bank Record: Php17,857.75 and heirs hereby WAIVED all share, claim and participation in the above-described money in favor of our grandmother, MILAGROS F. BALASOLLA. Per Doc No. 140, Page No. 30, Book No. IV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Henecito F. Balasolla.  
*LSDE: July 20, 27 & Aug 3, 2021*

**AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION**  
NOTICE is hereby given that EMILIANA A. MAGAYONES heir of the late Emiliano P. Arpon executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land covered and embraced by OCT No. P-22926, designated as Cad Lot No. 4368, located at Brgy. Bulod, Barugo, Leyte, with an area of 2.4771 hectares, more or less; per Doc. No. 215, Page No. 43, Book No. 40, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Ulpiano Arpon, Jr.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FIDEL VALENZONA and MARCE-LINA DAMSEL, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, identified as Cad Lot No. 3187 located at Brgy Ulhay, Javier, Leyte, covered by OCT No. P-7530, under Tax Dec. No. 0819028000198, with total area of 26,693 square meters and hereby confirmed the said sale; per Doc. No. 486, Page No. 98, Book No. 76, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Rosarie A. Peteros-Phua.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VENERANDO BERUAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land identified as Lot No. 3, Block No. 8 located at Brgy. 88, Fisherman’s Village, San Jose, Tacloban City, said decendant is a National Housing Authority (NHA) awardee and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights, shares and participation over the above-described property unto ROMULA BERUAN MOLAAN married to SEGUNDINO P. MOLAAN. Per Doc No. 103, Book No. 21, Page No. XII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Aluino O. Ala.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*

**JOINT AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION**  
NOTICE is hereby given that CATHERINE CAPANGPANGAN AND AMOR C. CANINDO, heirs of ANTONIO P. CAPANGPANGAN, who was the only child and sole heir of late SPS. CLAUDIO CAPANGPANGAN AND EUFROCINA PILAPIL CAPANG-PANGAN executed a Joint Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Mailhi, Baybay, Leyte containing 10,000sq.m., more or less covered by TD No. 07-0065-00185. Per Doc No. 24, Page No. 06, Book No. 206, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. John Domingo Ponce, Jr.  
*LSDE: July 13, 20 & 27, 2021*





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### NOTICE OF DECISION

SPS. MARCELINO DEL SOCORRO & CONCEPCION DEL SOCORRO,  
 Landowners,  
 X- ----- X  
 DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0013-2017**  
 FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0013-2017, For: Fixing of Just Compensation was rendered by this office, the dispositive portion states:

**“WHEREFORE**, finding that the computation is based on the existing laws and policies, the aforesaid amount is the valuation of the land.

The Land Bank of the Philippines is directed to pay the said amount to **SPS. MARCELINO DEL SOCORRO AND CONCEPCION DEL SOCORRO**, or to any of their authorized representative, in accordance with existing laws and policies.

**SO ORDERED.**

17 September 2019.

**SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY**  
 RARAD/Provincial Adjudicator”

[Signature]  
**MESALINA M. PAMAT**  
 Clerk of the Adjudicator

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 DATE: 24 FEB 2021  
 TIME: 8:20  
 BY: [Signature]  
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### NOTICE OF DECISION

SUSAN RUEDAS married to  
 DESIDERIO RUEDAS,  
 Landowners,  
 X- ----- X  
 DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0012-2017**  
 FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0012-2017, For: Fixing of Just Compensation was rendered by this office, the dispositive portion states:

**“WHEREFORE**, decision is rendered ordering the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to pay the landowner or his legal heirs or representatives the above-mentioned amount in accordance with existing laws, jurisprudence and policies.

**SO ORDERED.**

DAR Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, 5 November 2019.

**SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY**  
 Regional Adjudicator/  
 Provincial Adjudicator (Leyte/Biliran)”

[Signature]  
**VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY**  
 Regional Adjudicator

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### NOTICE OF DECISION

REGINO BURCA married to  
 ROSITA BURCA,  
 Landowners,  
 X- ----- X  
 DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0005-2017**  
 FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0005-2017, For: Fixing of Just Compensation was rendered by this office, the dispositive portion states:

**“WHEREFORE**, as the computation by the Land Bank of the Philippines is based on the existing laws and policies, the aforesaid amount is the valuation of the land.

The Land Bank of the Philippines is directed to pay the landowner or authorized representative the aforesaid amount pursuant to existing laws and policies.

**SO ORDERED.**

4 October 2019.

**SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY**  
 Regional Adjudicator/  
 Provincial Adjudicator (Leyte/Biliran)”

[Signature]  
**VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY**  
 Regional Adjudicator

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### NOTICE OF DECISION

DANIEL DULAY and  
 ANDRESA YAHOT,  
 Landowners,  
 X- ----- X  
 DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0001-2017**  
 FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0001-2017, For: Fixing of Just Compensation was rendered by this office, the dispositive portion states:

**“WHEREFORE**, the Land Bank of the Philippines is directed to pay the landowners or their legal heirs or representatives the amount stated in accordance with existing laws, rules and policies.

**SO ORDERED.**

03 October 2019.

**SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY**  
 Regional Adjudicator/  
 Provincial Adjudicator (Leyte/Biliran)”

[Signature]  
**VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY**  
 Regional Adjudicator

LSDE: July 20, 27 & August 3, 2021





AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF LANDS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAWAAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR AND IMPOSING FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE APPLICATION THEREFOR.

SPONSOR: HON. ERICO O. DACUNO, JR.  
Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, Housing and Land Utilization

WHEREAS, RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the cities and municipalities may reclassify agricultural lands into non-agricultural uses within respective jurisdictions, subject to the limitations and other conditions prescribe under section 20 of the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, on June 1993, former president Fidel V. Ramos issued a Memorandum Circular No. 54 which prescribes the guidelines governing Section 20 of RA 7160 and authorizing cities and municipalities to reclassify agricultural lands into non-agricultural lands;

WHEREAS, the implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of the LDC provides that the cities and municipalities shall continue to prepare their respective comprehensive land use plans enacted through zoning ordinance, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Memorandum Circular only covers applications for re-classification from agricultural to non-agricultural lands;

WHEREAS, there is also necessity to formulated guidelines for the reclassification of other lands not classified as agricultural land;

NOW THEREFORE, be it obtained by Sangguniang Bayan of Lawaan, Eastern Samar as follows:

ARTICLE I. TITLE OF ORDINANCE

Section 1 Title – this ordinance shall be known as “Land Reclassification ordinance of the Municipality of Lawaan, Province of Eastern Samar”.

Section 2. Scope – This ordinance covers all applications for reclassification of lands within territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Lawaan subject to the limitations prescribed in this ordinance and other related laws of the republic.

Section 3. Definition of terms

a. **Reclassification** – an act of specifying the agricultural land shall be utilized for non-agricultural uses such as residential, industrial or commercial as embodied in comprehensive land used.

b. **Agricultural land** –refer to lands devoted to or suitable for cultivation of soil, planting of crops, growing of trees, raising of livestock, poultry, fish or aquaculture production including the harvesting of such farm product and other farm activities, and practices of performed in conjunction with such farm operations by persons whether natural or juridical and not classified by the law as mineral land, forest land, residential, industrial, commercial land.

c. **Non-agricultural land** – means all land other than agricultural land such as residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial land.

d. **Residential land** – mean, as residential property, is utilized by individuals and families for private residences.

e. **Industrial land** – means use for commercial establishment, manufacturing plants, public utility, distribution of goods or services, administration of business services, research and development facilities, warehouse, repair and maintenance of commercial machinery or equipment and waste management.

f. **Commercial land** – means land most suitable for wholesale or retail businesses, financial institutions, professional offices and clinic, service trades and occupations, privately owned public utility and similar businesses.

ARTICLE 11. RECLASSIFICATION  
Agricultural Lands

Section 4. Reclassification of Agricultural Lands

1. **Agricultural lands may be reclassified in the following cases:**

a. When the land ceases to be economically feasible and sound for agricultural purposes as determined by the Department of Agriculture (DA) in accordance with standards and guidelines prescribed for the purpose; or

b. Where the land shall have substantially greater economic value for residential, commercial or industrial purposes as determined by Sanggunian. The Sangguniang Bayan shall notify the HLURB, DTI, DOT and other concern agencies of the proposed reclassification of agricultural land furnishing them the copies of the proposed ordinance together with the report of the Local Development Council for their comments, proposals and recommendations.

2. However, reclassification of agricultural lands shall be limited to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the total agricultural land of the municipality at the time of application.

3. In addition, the following types of agricultural lands shall not be covered by the following reclassification.

a. Agricultural lands distributed to agrarian reform beneficiaries under general provision of conversion of land at section 65 RA 6557 known as an act instituting a Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

b. Agricultural lands already issued a notice of coverage or voluntarily offered for coverage under CARP.

c. Agricultural lands identified under AO 20 s of 1992 known as the Interim guidelines on Agricultural Land use conversion, as non-negotiable for conversion as follows;

(i) All irrigated lands where water is available to support rice and other crop production;

(ii) All irrigated land where water is not available for rice and other crop production but within areas programmed for irrigation facility rehabilitation by Department of Agriculture and National Irrigation administration; and

(iii) All irrigable lands already covered by irrigation projects with form funding commitments at the time of the application for land conversion or reclassification.

Section 5. **Requirements for Reclassification** – prior to the enactment of an ordinance reclassifying agricultural lands, the applicant must first secure the following documents:

1. Letter of applicants in the name of the owner of the land addressed to the Sangguniang Bayan

2. Special Power of Attorney in case the applicant is other than the owner of the land

3. Certified true copy of the original, transfer certificate of title and or other documents establishing ownership

4. Certificate of updated Real Property Tax payments

5. Locational Plan or Vicinity map as certified by Municipal Assessor

6. Subdivision Plan in case only a portion of the title is sought to be reclassified

7. Detailed feasibility study of the proposed project or intended use of the land

8. Barangay Resolution endorsing the proposed project

9. Certification from National Irrigation Administration (NIA) that the land is not irrigated or irrigable as describe under Section 4 (3)(c) of Article II

10. Certification from Department of Agriculture indicating the reclassification is in consonance with Section 4 (1)(2) of Article II

11. Certification from Department of Agrarian Reform indicating that such land is not distributed or not covered by a notice of coverage or not voluntarily offered for coverage under CARP

12. Certification from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources that the land is not environmentally critical, and that the proposed project or intended use is ecologically safe.

13. Certification from the MPDC that the proposed re-classification is in consonance with the Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

14. Proof of payment/Official Receipt from the Municipal Treasurer’s Office. Of the LGU.

Non-Agricultural Lands

Section 6. **Reclassification of Non-Agricultural Land** – non-agricultural lands may be reclassified when it ceases to be compatible with its use or there is a change in its use other than that what it was intended for.

Section 7. **Requirements of Reclassification** – prior to the enactment of an ordinance reclassifying non-agricultural lands, the applicant must secure the following documents:

1. Letter of Applicant in the name of the owner of the land addressed to Sangguniang Bayan

2. Special of Power of Attorney in case the applicant is other than the owner of the land

3. Certified true copy of the original/ transfer certificate of title and other documents establishing ownership

4. Certificate of updated Real Property Tax payments

5. Locational Plan or Vicinity map as certified by Municipal Assessor

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9. Certification from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources that the land is not environmentally critical, and that the proposed project or intended use is ecologically safe.

10. Certification from the MPDC that the proposed re-classification is in consonance with the Municipal, Zoning Ordinance

11. Proof of Payment/Official Receipt from the Municipal Treasurer’s Office of the LGU.

ARTICLE III PROCEDURE

Section 8. **Application** – all applications shall be addressed and submitted to the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan for the mandatory three reading principle process.

Section 9. **Referral to the committee** – upon receipt of the application, the Secretary of the Sanggunian or the committee on rules shall calendar the same on the next regular session for referral to the concern committee. The concern committee shall make a report for their findings and recommendations and make a draft of reclassification ordinance for deliberation and public hearing purposes.

Section 10. **Recommendation from Local Development Council** – after the deliberation of the proposed ordinance, the concerned committee shall forward the application and so with the proposed ordinance to Local Development Council for preliminary determination on whether the proposed reclassification is in consonance with the development plan of the municipality and to check compliance of the requirements set forth by law of this ordinance. If it was found to be feasible and satisfactory compliance with the requirements, the Local Development Council shall favorably recommend to the Sangguniang Bayan for reclassification of such land.

Section 11. **Public Hearing** – upon receipt of the favorable recommendation from the Local Development Council, the sanggunian committee concern will conduct public hearing to determine public acceptance of the proposed land reclassification.

Section 12. Passage of the ordinance – after the public hearing the concerned committee shall recommend to Secretary of the Sanggunian or to Committee on Rules to calendar the proposed land reclassification in the order of business for the upcoming regular session to review the recommendation made by the Local Development Council, and for final approval of proposed land reclassification ordinance.

ARTICLE IV FEES AND CHARGES

Section 13. **Imposition of fees**–the following fees shall be imposed for the reclassification of agricultural and non-agricultural land;

a. Agricultural Land to Residential P10.00 per square meter

b. Agricultural Land to Commercial Industrial or Institutional Land P10.00 per square meter

c. Non-Agricultural to other uses of Reclassification of land P10.00 per square meter

Section 14. **Surcharge** – In case the owner of lot introduced improvements in the land before for a reclassification, or before the passage of the ordinance or without prior written consent from the sanggunian, an addition Five pesos (P5.00) per square meter shall be collected apart from the fees indicated in the next preceding provision. This is without prejudice to the institution of legal action under Article V.

If in case the application of land reclassification be disapproved by the Sangguniang bayan the entire fees and charges are refundable.

ARTICLE V PENAL PROVISION

Section 15. **Penalty Clause** –Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be penalized with a fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment,at the sound discretion of the court. In case of a corporation the president, or the owner if sole proprietorship, shall be liable in so far as impositions of penalties is concerned.

ARTICLE VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 16. **Year Prohibition** – a land may only be reclassified once a period of two (2) years starting from the passage of an ordinance reclassifying the same.

Section 17.**Other Prohibition.** It shall be unlawful under this ordinance to introduce improvements of any kind that makes the land incompatible with its intended use pursuant to its classification without the necessary ordinance from the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 18. **Reversion** – a land reclassified under this ordinance shall be used solely for the purpose intended as stated in the ordinance reclassifying the land. Violation of this provision shall be ground for its reversion to the original classification of the entire land. Non-conversion of the use as stated in the reclassification ordinance within three (3) years from the passage shall be ground for automatic reversion of the land.

Section 19. **Declaration of intent to Conform Law** – this ordinance is subject to national laws, rules and regulations governing its subject matter.

Section 20. **Repealing Clause** – all ordinances, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 21. **Separability Clause** – if for any reason, any section or provision of this ordinance or any part thereof, or the application of such section, provision or portion is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder thereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

Section 22. **Effectivity** – this ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

APPROVED ON ITS THIRD AND FINAL READING: JULY 21, 2021 AT LAWAAN, EASTERN SAMAR, PHILIPPINES.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FORGOING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05, SERIES OF 2021 WHICH WAS APPROVED ON ITS THIRD AND FINAL READING BY THE COUNCIL ON JULY 21, 2021.

(Sgd.) EVA G. GAYDA  
*SB Secretary*

Attested: (Sgd.) HON. RAVI PARKER G. INCISO  
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Approved: (Sgd.) HON. ATHENE L. MENDROS  
*Municipal Mayor*



CHILDREN'S CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY LAWAAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR.

INTRODUCED BY: HON. IVY NATHALIE B. GAÑAS  
COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and other international treaties and conventions for the survival, development and protection of children;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 states that municipalities shall exercise and discharge its powers, functions, and responsibilities appropriate or incidental to the efficient and effective provision of basic services and facilities, which includes, among others, programs and projects on child and youth welfare;

WHEREAS, Child 21 states that it is a need to be sensitive to the needs of children by building a Child Friendly Society where children are nurtured and allowed to grow and develop in dignity, protected from threats to their well-being and free to express themselves and participate on their development;

WHEREAS, the municipality of Lawaan recognizes that children are important assets of society and should be given a decent quality of life and it is only when children are able to exercise their rights that they develop their full potentials;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Lawaan, Eastern Samar duly assembled, that:

CHAPTER 1  
Section 1. Title, Policies and Principles

Article 1.**Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the “Children's Code of the Municipality of Lawaan, Province of Eastern Samar”.

Article 2.**Declaration of Policies and Principles.** In unity with the Filipino people and the State, the Municipality of Lawaan hereby adopts and declares the month of November of every year as Children's Month and Children's Day. The Municipality further adopts and adheres to the following guiding principles and policies and recognizes:

a) The vital role of the child in the society. It shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, and encourage the child's involvement in public and civic affairs.

b) The child has the rights to survival, development, protection and participation in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. These rights are interdependent, invisible and should be respected, promoted and protected so that the child can enjoy a full life.

c) The child is fully functioning human being capable of participating in proceedings affecting them, within their involving capacities.

d) All rights apply to children without discrimination, irrespective of the child's or his or her

parent's or legal guardian's nationality, identity, race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, paternity and filiation, birth or other status.

e) The best interest of the child shall be the paramount consideration in all matters affecting them. All doubts in the interpretation of the provisions of this Code, including its implementing rules and regulations, shall be resolved in the best interest of the child.

f) The child is different from the adult and they have different capacities and needs. The child is largely influenced and molded by social experiences and natural environment encounter by in this critical stage of human development.

g) The Local Government shall defend the rights of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation, and discrimination and other conditions prejudicial to their development.

Section 2. Definition of Terms

Article 3. **Definition of Terms.** For the purposes of the Children's Code of Municipality of Lawaan, the following terms shall be understood to mean as follows:

a) **Child** – any person below 18 years old

b) **Child Labor** – any work performed by a child that subjects a child to economic exploitation, or that is likely to be hazardous for the child or that interferes with the child's education, or that is harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

c) **Child in Conflict with the Law** – is a child alleged as, accused of, or recognized as having committed an act or omission defined and punished as a crime of offense under the laws, including violations of traffic laws, rules and regulations and ordinance and local government units.

d) **Child in Need of Special Protection** – a child who, for shorter or longer periods in his or her life, is exposed to the intense, multiple risks to his or her physical and mental health.

e) **Drug dependent** – persons who are addicted to prohibited and regulated drugs.

f) **Differently-abled Children** – children with physical or mental disability.

g) **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of a Child** – engaging in any act of child prostitution, child pornography or trafficking of children for sexual purposes.

h) **Council** – Municipal Council of the Welfare of Children.

i) **CRC** – the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

j) **Diversio** – shall refer to alternative child-appropriate processes of determining a child's responsibility for an alleged offense as well as in determining the measures if any, to be undertaken by the child and other persons without resorting to formal court litigation.

k) **Diversio program** – shall refer to programs that the child is required to undergo after he is found to be responsible for an offense without resorting to formal court litigation.

l) **Intervention** - refers to a series of activities which are designed to address issues that caused the child to commit an offense. It may take the form of an individualized treatment program which may include counselling, skills training, education, and other activities that will enhance his/her psychological, emotional and psycho-social well-being.

m) **Guardian** – a person defined as guardian by The Family Code of the Philippines, live-in partner of the natural and/or adoptive mother and/or father of a child, a person exercising substitute parental authority and custody over a child

n) **Parents** – natural and/or adoptive mother and/or father of a child

o) **Physical abuse of a child** – any act of violence that results in injury or death of a child such as but not limited to beating, mutilation, wounding.

p) **Sexual abuse of a child** – any contact or interaction between a child and an older or more knowledgeable child or adult where the child is used as an object for the older child or adults' sexual needs, such as but not limited to rape, acts of lasciviousness and sexual harassment.

q) **LGU** - shall refer primarily to the Local Government Unit of Lawaan and subsequently to the component barangays under its jurisdiction.

CHAPTER 2: RIGHTS OF THE CHILD  
Section 3. Survival Rights

Article 4. **Right to life.** Every child has the inherent right to life. The municipality shall ensure the maximum extent possible to the survival of the child.

Article 5. **Right to adequate standard of living.** Every child has the right to standard of living adequate for his or her physical, mental spiritual, moral and social development.

Article 6. **Right to health.** The child has a right to the highest standard of health and medical care attainable.

Article 7. **Right to parental care and support.** The child has the right to live with and be cared for and supported by his or her parents unless this is deemed to be incompatible with the child's best interest.

Article 8. **Right to a name, nationality and identity.** The child has a right to be registered immediately at birth and shall have the right from birth to a name, to acquire a nationality and as far as possible to know his or her parents and be cared for by them. The child also has a right to preserve his or her identity, including nationality, name and family relations.

Article 9. **Responsibility of parents and guardians.** To ensure the survival of the child, all parents and guardians shall perform the following responsibilities:

a) All persons who intend to have a child shall exercise responsible family planning methods.

b) All pregnant/expectant mothers, together with the father, shall undergo pre-natal, post-natal and neo-natal check-ups.

c) All mothers of children between 0-2 years old shall breast feed their children.

d) Parents and guardians shall ensure that their children are immunized against all childhood diseases.

e) Parents and guardians shall keep their children in their custody and shall provide adequate support for their food, clothing, shelter and medical needs.

Article 10. **Prohibited acts of parents/guardians. It shall be unlawful for any parent and/or guardian to perform the following acts:**

a) Smoking and consumption of alcohol beverages and prohibited drugs by pregnant women.

b) Smoking in public and enclosed places, especially in the presence of pregnant women and children.

c) Refusal of parents to give financial support to their legitimate and / or illegitimate child.

d) Refusal to provide adequate food, shelter and clothing to their legitimate and /or illegitimate child.

e) Refusal to avail of medical assistance, including full immunization at local health centers.

f) Abuse of an unborn child orfetal abuse.

During the first violation, the offender shall be issued a warning by arresting officer and will be required to attend counseling sessions with the appropriate agency. After attending the counseling session, the offender shall be issued a violation ticket, which shall be recorded by the Social Welfare office and furnished to MSWDO.

In the event of a second or succeeding violation, the offender shall be charged before the competent court and if found guilty will be fined an amount of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (2,500.00) and imprisoned for not less than 6 months to not more than 1 year, both at the discretion of the Court.

Article 11. **Responsibility of private and public doctors, midwives and other health care providers.** It shall be responsibility of all doctors, midwives and other health providers to educate parents on proper care and nutrition of the child. They shall also exercise due diligence in ensuring the safe delivery of the child. The physician, midwife, in attendance at birth or the parents of the new born child in accordance with the Civil Registry Law.

Article 12. **Prohibited Acts.**

The following acts shall be considered unlawful:

(a) Failure to facilitate the registration of the child at birth.

(b) Calling a child any name or identity other than his or her own for the purpose of insulting, belittling or humiliating him.

(c) Facilitating, encouraging or coercing the child or parent/guardian of the child's records, including birth, baptismal or school records.

(d) To withhold, provide inadequate or incorrect information about the care and nutrition of a child.

During the first violation, the offender shall be issued a warning by the arresting officer and a ticket shall be issued against the offender. In the event of second or succeeding violation, the offender shall be charged before the competent court and if found guilty will be fined an amount of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (2,500.00) and imprisoned for not less than 6 months to not more than 1 year, both at the discretion of the Court.

In case where the violation results in the unreasonable and foreseeable injury or death of the child, the first violation-rule shall not apply. In addition, the municipality shall institute proceedings to suspend the practice or revoke the license of such doctor, midwife and other health care provider and ban the offender from practicing within the Municipality of Lawaan.

Article 13. **Responsibility of the Municipality.**

The Municipality shall ensure that no child is deprived of his or her right to proper health care services and pursue full implementation of this right. The Municipality shall place special emphasis on the provision of primary and preventive health care, public health education and the reduction of infant mortality. It shall also encourage inter-city and inter- municipality cooperation in this regard. The municipality shall ensure that all children are registered at birth, shall provide adequate assistance and protection with a view of re- establishing his or her family, if necessary.

Article 14. **Programs and Services of the Municipality.**

To promote and ensure the child's basic right to survival, the Municipality through the MHO, shall institute mechanism to provide the following programs and services, however Constitutional Rights of Parents and the Child, Consistent with Principle of Parents Patria and other religious freedoms shall be respected:

a) Infant birth rate and mortality rate monitoring, analysis and data- bank

b) Pre/Post natal care for mother and child

c) Immunization of all children

d) Proper child health and nutrition information campaigns, which shall include the promotion of breast feeding

e) Temporary shelter/food assistance for abandoned and neglected child, and child-survivors of man-made and natural disasters and calamities

f) Medical and financial assistance for medical needs of indigent children through an integrated Health Plan for Families

g) Birth Registration Awareness Campaign

h) Birth Registration Day (every 2nd Wednesday of January)

i) Monitoring of registration of live births

j) Late registration of waiver of fees for indigents

The MHO shall likewise coordinate with the Municipal Nutrition Council and the Local



Health Board on matters undertaken to promote, enhance and protect the child’s right to survival. Provided that, the programs and services under (e) and (f) shall be coordinated by the MSWDO.

The MHO shall submit a quarterly report to the MCWC regarding all plans and progress of programs and services for the child.

Section 4. Development Rights of the Child

**Article 15. Right to information.** The child has the right to appropriate information on matters of interest to them, especially those aimed at the promotion of his or her social, spir- itual and moral well-being and physical and mental health.

**Article 16. Right to leisure, recreational and cultural activities.** The child has the right to rest and leisure, to cubage in play and recreational activities appropriate to his or her age and to participate freely in cultural life and arts.

**Article 17. Right to education.** The child has the right to education. This right shall in- clude the right to avail of early childhood care and development (ECCD) programs, primary, secondary and tertiary education, appropriate to the evolving capacity of the child.

**Article 18. Responsibility of parents and guardians.** To ensure that children are given all opportunities to develop their full potentials, all parents and guardians shall perform the following responsibilities:

- (a) Ensure that their school-age children are enrolled in primary and /or secondary ed- ucation.
- (b) Monitoring their children’s attendance and performance in school.
- (c) Cooperate and coordinate with educational institutions to fully develop the child’s potentials and talents.
- (d) Encourage their children to engage in wholesome recreational, cultural and artistic activities and to monitor their involvement.
- (e) Give proper guidance to their children on viewing television and movies, reading printed materials and accessing information through the internet.

Article 19. Responsibility of Educational Institutions.

In addition to the role of all educational institution to impart knowledge and skills like- wise institute programs and services that will include proper values formation.

Educational institutions, from the primary to the tertiary level shall provide creative, in- novative and appropriate recreational, cultural and artistic activities to develop the child’s full potentials and talents. Elementary educational institution shall see to it that the basic rights of the child are incorporated in the elementary curriculum.

All educational institutions shall maintain quality education and use child-friendly meth- ods in teaching the child.

All educational institutions shall ensure the safety of children within and without school premises during school house and authorized school activities.

**Article 20. Role of mass media.** The mass media is largely accessible to the child and has a major influence in their behaviour and attitudes. Media shall refrain from showing any form of violent and pornographic material. Mass media shall endeavour to show wholesome and educational material during prime time viewing.

**Article 21. Role of the private business sector.** The private business sector, particularly those who have direct contact with the child, have a corporate social responsibility to all chil- dren. The conduct of their business should consider the best interest of the child.

The private business sector is encouraged to become involved and to support programs, projects and services for children, especially those provided in the Children’s Code of Lawaan.

Bookstores, libraries internet cafés and other sources of information shall ensure that children have access to information that is appropriate to their evolving capacities. Obscene, pornographic and violent material shall not be made accessible to children.

Restaurants, KTV bars, nightclubs, hotel, motels and other business establishment in en- tertainment, tourism and travel industry, and gambling centers including cockpits that provide access to adult entertainment shall ensure that the child is not allowed within their premises.

Shopping malls and centers, boutiques, novelty stores, video arcades and other gaming centers shall monitor the presence of these children shall be reported to the schools to which these children belong. In cases where these children are not enrolled in school, the parents and/ or guardians shall be informed.

Article 22. Prohibited acts. The following acts shall be considered unlawful:

- (a) Refusal of parents and /or guardians to send their children to school.
  - (b) Refusal of public schools to accept children for enrollment in the primary and second- ary level, without valid reason and due process. In no case shall the lack of birth certificates or birth registration, or the marriage certificate of parents of child, constitute a valid ground for refusal to enroll the child.
  - (c) Requiring student to buy special project and other objects and items outside of the approved school curriculum as a condition for passing or getting higher grades.
  - (d) Selling, showing exposing and allowing children to access obscene, pornographic and violent material in television, radio, print and internet.
  - (e) For schools to require parents/ guardians to waive the special parental authority during field trips, excursions and similar school activities. Any person who violates this provision shall be penalized with a fine of not more than P 2,500.00 and imprisonment of 1 year, both at the discretion of the court. If the offender is engaged in business and such business is used in violation of this provision, the establishment shall be summarily closed. In case of con- viction, all property used during such violation shall be confiscated in favor of the Municipality.
- Article 23. Responsibility of the Province and all Local Government Units under the Province.** The Municipality shall ensure that the child’s right to development are promoted and ensured. Towards this end the Municipality shall:
- (a) Ensure that primary and secondary education is free and compulsory, pursuant of the Philippine Constitution, R.A. 6655 “An Act Establishing and Providing for a Free Public Second- ary Education and for other Purposes” and other relevant laws and policies.
  - (b) Encourage different forms of secondary education accessible to every child and to make higher education available on the basis of capacity.
  - (c) Establish, support and monitor the Municipal School Board as located in the Local Government Code of 1991.
  - (d) Encourage the mass media to exercise guidelines that promote and respect the rights of the child.
  - (e) Provide administrative and financial support to schools, barangays, in promoting ap- propriate recreational, cultural and artistic activities for children.
  - (f) Create Municipal Sports Commission to ensure sports activities and training for child athletes.

**Article 24. Programs and Services of the Municipality.** To promote and encourage the child’s basic right to develop his full potential, the Municipality shall institute mechanism and endeavor to provide the following programs and services:

- (a) Education and training on the CRC for teachers, health workers and other persons or institutions who have direct contract with children.
- (b) Inclusion of the CRC in the school curriculum
- (c) Study-now-pay-later Plan in private education institutions.
- (d) Private-funded educational scholarship grants to indigent and deserving children.
- (e) In-school feeding program for ECCD and primary school students.
- (f) Participation of children in tri-media.
- (g) Public library and resource center for children.
- (h) Interactive Learning Center for children.
- (i) Parks and Playgrounds
- (j) Annual Palarong Panlalawigan.
- (k) Provide for Municipal Youth Center.

Section 5. Participation Rights of the Child

**Article 25. Right to opinion.** The child who is capable of forming his or her views has a right to express those views freely in all matters affecting him or her.

**Article 26. Right to freedom of expression.** The child has the right to express his or her views, obtain information and ideas of all kinds, either orally or in writing or in print, in the form of art, or any other form of media of the child’s choice.

The child’s right to express his or her views shall be subject to the rights and reputation of other people. Likewise, the child’s right to express his or her views shall be within the bound of national security, public health and morals.

**Article 27. Right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.** All children, have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, subject to appropriate guidance by the parents and/ or guardians.

**Article 28. Right to enjoy and practice his own culture, religion, and language.** All chil- dren have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, subject to appropriate guidance by the parents and /or guardians.

**Article 28. Right to enjoy and practice his own culture, religion, and language.** In all municipalities where children of minority communities and indigenous people exist, they shall have the right to exercise and enjoy their own culture, profess and practice their own culture, profess and practice their own religion, or to use his or her own language. The child shall ex- ercise the right within the boundaries of respect and courtesy of other cultures, religious and languages. Likewise, such right shall be exercised within the bounds of national security, public order, public health and morals.

**Article 29. Right to freedom of association.** The child has the right to meet other per- sons, and to organize, form or join associations and to freedom of assembly. Such right shall be exercised within the bound of national security, public order, public health and morals.

**Article 30. Right to privacy.** Children have the right to protection from inference of their privacy, family, home and correspondence. Under circumstances that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the safety and security of the child, the family and the community is under threat, such right shall be waived.

**Article 31. Responsibility of the Parents and guardians.** To ensure the child’s basic right to participate, all parents and guardians shall perform the following responsibilities to:

- (a) Give the child the opportunity to air his views and participate in discussions in matters affecting him or her.
- (b) Give due consideration to the views expressed by the child in accordance with the child’s age and maturity.
- (c) Guide the child by providing the proper information and option in all matters concern- ing the child’s religion and beliefs. The guidance shall take into consideration the child’s age, mental and physical capacities and other factors affecting the child’s decision making process.
- (d) Educate the children, particularly parents of indigenous children and other ethnic minorities, about their history, culture and religion.
- (e) Respect the child’s right to privacy in their homes, and correspondence unless there is reasonable ground to believe that there is a treat to the safety and morals of the child or public policy and national security.
- (f) Guide and encourage children to meet with other persons and /or organize, join of form organizations.

**Article 32. Responsibility of Educational Institution.** All educational institutions shall give their full support to student body organizations. The school administration shall conduct periodic consultations with students regarding matters affecting their students. Student representatives shall be elected by the student body to sit in Parent- Teacher Council (PTC) and other recommen- datory and decision-making bodies in school.

Article 33. Prohibited acts. The following acts shall be considered unlawful:

- (a) Inflicting any form of punishment and or abuse on a child for expressing a contrary opinion.
- (b) Refusing to listen to the views expressed by a child in a matter directly affecting the child.
- (c) Refusing to accept a child for enrollment or imposing sanctions by public schools because of his/her family’s religion, culture or ethnic background.
- (d) Forcing, coercing a child to change or join a certain religion or belief.
- (e) Causing undue publicity about cases of child abuse or other cases involving Children in Need of Special Protection (CNSP)
- (f) Discriminate against children of minority culture and indigenous people because of their culture, religion of beliefs.

During the first violation, the offender shall be issued a warning by the arresting officer and a warning by the arresting officer and a ticket shall be issued against the offender. In the event of a second or succeeding violation, the offender shall be charged before the competent court and if found guilty will be fined an amount of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (2,500.00) and imprisoned for not less than 6 months to not more than 1 year, both at the discre- tion of the Court.

In case where the violation results in the unreasonable and foreseeable injury or death of the child, the first-violation-rule shall not apply.

**Article 34. Responsibility of the Local Government of Lawaan.** To promote and ensure the child’s right to participation, the Municipality shall perform the following responsibilities:

- (a) Institutionalize child participation in all decision-making bodies from the barangay to the provincial level.
- (b) Require the civil registrar of municipalities and cities to ensure that birth records are kept confidential and no information relating thereto shall be issued expect under special circumstanc- es which the government shall require.
- (c) Encourage community members and leaders of minority communities to preserve their culture, religion and language.
- (d) Ensure that duly elected Sangguniang Kabataan representative of the Municipality is fully empowered to represent the children in matters brought before the Sangguniang Bayan.
- (e) Ensure that a child representative from a children’s organization shall become a member in all provincial committees that directly serve children.

**Article 35. Programs and services.** To promote and ensure the child’s basic right to par- ticipation, the Municipality shall institute mechanisms and endeavors to provide the following programs and services:

- (a) Advocacy and Awareness Raising Campaigns on the Rights and Responsibilities of the Child.
- (b) Inclusion of Child Rights and Responsibilities in the School Curriculum
- (c) Yearly Children’s Summit
- (d) Lawaan Municipal Cultural Center.

Section 6. Protection Rights of the Child

**Article 36. Children in Need of Special Protection.** The following children shall be accorded special protection and consideration by the Municipality:

- (a) Child-victims/ survivors of physical, psychological and sexual abuse.
- (b) Neglected and Abandoned Children.
- (c) Children Using Addictive Substances.
- (d) Differently- able Children
- (e) Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL)
- (f) Working children.

**Article 37. Right to Protect against Physical Abuse.** The child has the right to protection against physical abuse, violence, injury or maltreatment. The child has the right to protection against mental, psychological and emotional abuse, violence, injury or maltreatment.

**Article 38. Right to Protection against Sexual Abuse.** The child has the right to protection against rape, incest, sexual harassment, acts of lasciviousness, seduction abduction and other forms of sexual abuse and violence.

**Article 39. Right to Protection against Neglect and Abandonment.** The child has the right to quality care by his or her parents/guardians and to be protected against their neglect, negligent treatment and abandonment.

**Article 40. Responsibilities of parents, guardians and persons entrusted with the care and custody of children. It shall be the responsibility of parents and guardians to:**

- (a) Refrain from using any form of physical, verbal, emotional and psychological abuse to- wards their children.
- (b) Educate themselves and their children about safety measures against sexual abuse.
- (c) Care for their children within their financial means. In no case shall poverty be used as a justifiable reason for neglecting or abandoning their children.

**Article 41. Responsibility of all citizens to report.** It shall be the responsibility of any person who has knowledge or has learned of facts or circumstances that give rise to a belief that a child has suffered from any form of abuse to report the same, orally or in writing to the DSWD, police of other law enforcement agency or to the BCPD pursuant to R.A 7610.

Any person who shall fail to report any suspected case of child abuse shall suffer the penalty of a fine of not more than P 2,500.00 and imprisonment of 1 month to 3 months, both at the discretion of the Court.

**Article 42. Responsibility of the Municipality.** To promote and ensure the child’s right to protection from physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect and abandonment, the Municipality shall perform the following responsibilities:

- (a) Established of comprehensive social programs to provide necessary support for the child and for those who have the care of the child.
  - (b) Ensure that there is a mechanism for monitoring incidents of child abuse.
  - (c) Institutionalize prevention programs against child abuse.
- Article 43. Programs and Services.** To promote and ensure the child’s basic right to protec- tion form all form of abuse, the Municipality shall institute mechanism and endeavors to provide the following programs and services:
- (a) Center for Abused Children
  - (b) Parent Education and Child Abuse Prevention Seminars
  - (c) Child hotline for children in need of assistance

**Article 44. Right to be protected from drugs and other substances.** The child has a right to be protected from the use of narcotic and psychotropic drugs, and from being involved in their production or distribution.

**Article 45. Responsibility of the Municipality.** The Municipality shall undertake all appro- priate measures, including legislative, administrative, social and educational measure, to protect the children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as defined in the relevant international treaties, and to prevent the use of children in illicit production and traffick- ing of such substances.

**Article 46. Responsibility of Parents.** Parents shall be responsible for the monitoring of their children and to see to it that they are not involved in drugs and other substances.

**Article 47. Responsibility of the Child.** It shall be the responsibility of the child not to involve in the illicit use, production, and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and to report to the concerned authorities should any person recruit or attempt to influence her/him in said activity.

Article 48. Prohibited Acts. The following acts shall be considered unlawful:

- (a) Inducing a minor to use drugs.
- (b) Use of minors in the production and trafficking of illegal drugs. It shall be unlawful to use of hire minors in the production and trafficking of illegal drugs including acting as repacker, banker, runner, pusher, posting, and look-outs, among others.

Any violations of the above prohibited acts shall be penalized with imprisonment of not more than one year of a fine of not more than P 2,500.00, both at the discretion of the court. This is without prejudice to the filing of cases for violation of R.A. 9165 “Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002” and / or R.A. 7610 “Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act”. The child who has been victimized under this provision shall be consid- ered exempt from criminal liability but shall be committee to drug rehabilitation center.

**Article 49. Programs and Services.** To promote and ensure the child’s basic right to protec- tion against involvement in illegal drugs, the Municipality shall institute mechanisms and endeavor to provide the following programs and services:

- (a) RHM Drug Rehabilitation Center
- (b) Municipality wide campaign against prohibited drugs for children

**Article 50. Right to periodic review of treatment if placed under protective custody.** The child who has been placed by the competent authorities for the purpose of care, protection or treatment of his or her physical or mental health has a right to periodic review of the treatment provided to the child and all other circumstances relevant to his or her placement.

**Article 51. Responsibility of the custodian/ center where child is placed.** The custodian of the child or center where the child is placed for purpose of care, protection or treatment shall periodically review the treatment provided.

**Article 52. Responsibility of the Child.** It will be the responsibility of the child to cooperate with the competent authorities in the treatment being provided to her/ him

Article 53. Prohibited acts. The following acts shall be considered unlawful:

- (a) Failure to review treatment of child.

Article 54. Programs and Services.

- (a) Children’s Crisis Center
- (b) Free medical, psychological and psychosocial services for children victims of abuse.

**Article 55. Right to special protection of differently-abled child.** A differently-abled child has a right to special care, education and training to help him or her enjoy a full and decent life in dignity and achieve the greatest degree of self-reliance and social integration possible.

**Article 56. Responsibility of the Province.** The Municipality shall encourage and ensure the extensions, subject to available resources, to the eligible child and those responsible for his or her care, of assistance for which application is made and which is appropriate to the child’s condition and to the circumstances of parents or other caring for the child. The assistance extended in accor- dance with the preceding paragraph shall be provided free of charge, whenever possible, taking into account the financial resources of the parents or others caring for the child, and shall be designed to ensure that the disabled child has effective access to and receives education, training, health care services, rehabilitation services, preparation for employment and recreation oppor- tunities in a manner conducive to the child’s achieving the fullest possible social integration and individual development, including his to her cultural and spiritual development. The province shall

also see to it that the laws regarding access of the differently- abled are implemented in the province including requirements of buildings, public transportation and other laws concerning differently- abled.

**Article 57. Responsibility of the Parents.** It shall be the duty of the parents of a different- ly-abled child to see to it that he/she is given special care, education and training by appropriate institutions, depending on their resources.

**Article 58. Responsibility of Educational Institutions.** Public and private educational insti- tutions shall not discriminate against differently-abled children in enrollment and admission. As much as possible, they shall provide special classes for differently-abled children.

Article 59. Prohibited Acts.

To following acts are prohibited:

- a) Appropriate schools refusing to enroll or accept a differently-abled child merely by rea- son of a physical disability;
- b) Refusal to provide services to a person merely because of a physical or mental disability;
- c) Refusal to hire a differently-abled person even if he/she is capable of doing the work;
- d) Making fun or disrespect of a person by reason of a physical or mental disability;
- e) Other discriminatory and abusive acts directed towards differently-abled.

Any person violating this section shall suffer a penalty or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and/or fine of not more than P5, 000.00, both at the discretion of the Court.

**Article 60. Programs and services.** To promote and ensure that a differently-abled child is given protection and special care, the municipality shall institute mechanisms and endeavor to provide the following programs and services:

- a) Providing assistance to parents of differently-abled children in order for the children to have access to special care, education and training.
- b) System of incentives to companies who hire differently-abled children in order for the children to have access to special care, education and training.
- c) Provide health care services, rehabilitation services, preparation for employment and recreation opportunities to differently-abled children.
- d) Seminars and trainings on the rights of the differently-abled.

**Article 61. Rights of Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL).** All children who come in conflict with the law shall be entitled to the following rights:

- a) To be treated with dignity and in a manner consistent with the promotion of the child’s sense of dignity and worth, this reinforces the child’s respect for the human rights and funda- mental freedom of others.
- b) To be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law.
- c) To have the free assistance of an interpreter if the child cannot understand or speak the language used.
- d) To have his or her privacy fully respected by media and all persons.
- e) To be informed of his or her rights under the UN CRC and other International Instru- ments in relation to CICL, R.A. 7438, R.A. 8493, P.D. 603 and the Rules and Regulations on the Apprehension, Investigation, Prosecution and Rehabilitation of Youth Offenders.

**Article 62. Responsibility of the child.** It is the responsibility of a CICL to cooperate with the authorities in the investigation provided that his/her rights are respected. If the child com- mitted the offense, he/she should take responsibility for the consequences as provided for un- der this Code.

**Article 63. Responsibility of the Municipality.** To promote and ensure the child’s right to protection from physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect abandonment, the municipality shall perform the following responsibilities:

- a) Promote the establishment of procedures, authorities and institutions especially appli- cable to CICL, especially diversion at the Barangay and police level provided that human rights and legal safeguards are fully respected.
- b) Promote a variety of dispositions, such as care, guidance and supervision orders; coun- seling, probation, foster care, education and vocational training programs and other alterna- tives to institutional care to ensure that children are dealt with in a manner appropriate to their well-being and proportionate both to their circumstances and offense.
- c) Establish a monitoring system for Child Labor.

Article 64. Prohibited Acts. The following acts shall be considered unlawful:

- a) Branding or labeling CICL as young criminals, juvenile delinquents, prostitutes, snatch- ers, rugby boys or attaching to them in any manner any other derogatory names.
- b) Using discriminatory remarks and practices particularly with respect to the child’s class or ethnic origins.
- c) Threatening the child of whatever kind and nature and/or abusive, coercive and puni- tive measures such as, but not limited to cursing, beating and stripping.
- d) Use of degrading, inhuman and cruel punishment such as, but not limited to, shaving the heads or minors, pouring or irritating corrosive or harmful substances over their bodies, or forcing minors to walk around the community wearing signs which embarrass, humiliate, and degrade their personality and dignity which harm them psychologically, emotionally, spiritually, morally, and physically.
- e) Subjecting a CICL to involuntary servitude in any and all forms under any and all instanc- es by their arresting officers and/or custodians by designation and/or compelling minors to act and serve as errand boys/girls, cleaners, or helpers.

Any violations of the above prohibited acts shall be penalized with imprisonment of not more than one year and/or a fine of not more than ₱1,000.00, or both at the discretion of the Court.

**Article 65. Programs and Services.** To promote and ensure the rights of a CICL, the prov- ince shall institute mechanisms and endeavor to provide the following programs and services:

- a) Comprehensive CICL Prevention Plans instituted from the Community, Barangay, up to the Provincial level. The prevention programs shall include:
  1. Primary prevention which includes general measures to promote social justice and equal opportunity, which tackles perceived, root causes of offending such as poverty and other forms of marginalization.
  2. Secondary prevention which include measures to assist children who are identified as being more particularly at risk such as those whose parents are themselves in special difficulty or are not caring appropriately for them.
  3. Tertiary prevention which involves schemes to avoid unnecessary contact with the for- mal justice system and other measures to prevent reoffending.
- The Mayor, led by the MCWC shall call on all sectors concerned particularly the child-fo- cused institutions, NGOs, POS, Youth Organizations, Educational Institutions, and Government Agencies involved in delinquency prevention like the DSWD, PNP, DOJ, and Dep Ed to participate in the planning process. The Province should see to it that children and youth themselves par- ticipate in the formulation, development and implementation of these programs, particularly in the identification of needs.
- b) System of Diversion at the barangay and police levels including Diversion Programs such as, but not limited to written or oral reprimand or citation, restitution of property, reparation of the damage caused, indemnification of consequential damages confiscation of forfeiture of the proceedings, written or oral apology, guidance and supervision orders, counselling for the child and the family, trainings, seminars and lectures on: (a) anger management skills, (b) problem solving and/or conflict resolution skills, (c) values formation and (d) other skills which will aid the child to deal with situations which can lead to re-offending, community based programs available in the community and institutional care and custody.
- c) Institutionalize a system of diversion at the Katarungang Pambarangay Proceedings.
- d) Institutionalize a system of diversion at the Police Level.
- e) Establishment of CICL detention homes in the Municipality.
- f) Establishment of Open Detention facilities for CICL.

Article 66. Right to Protection of the Working Child. The child has the right to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child’s education, or to be harmful to the child’s health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development, in relation to R.A. 7658, as amended by RA 9231.

**Article 67. Responsibility of Parents.** It shall be responsibility of the parents to provide adequate support to their children and not to force their children to work. It shall be the re- sponsibility of the parent not to alter, falsify or conceal the age of the child to facilitate the child’s employment.

**Article 68. Responsibility of Employer.** It shall be the responsibility of the employer to verify the age of the person seeking employment. All employers shall not engage a child in work that endangers health, safety and normal development.

**Article 69. Responsibility of the Child.** It shall be the responsibility of the child to inform his/her parents of the work performed.

Article 70. Prohibited Acts. It shall be unlawful to perform the following acts:

- a) Employment of children below 15 years old, except those instances provided for in Art. 7658, as amended.
- b) Employment of children 15 years old and above in hazardous work, as provided for in Sec. 12 (b) of RA 9231
- c) Engaging of children in illegal activities.
- d) Parents to coerce or force the child to work.
- e) Parents who knowingly allow their children to work in hazardous work.

Any person violating this section shall suffer a penalty of imprisonment for a period not ex- ceeding one year and/ or a fine of not more than ₱2,500.00, both at the discretion of the Court.

**Article 71. Programs and Services.** To promote and ensure the rights of a working child, the Municipality shall institute mechanisms and to provide the following programs and services:

- a) Advocacy Programs against child labor in the community.
- b) Alternative livelihood opportunities for parents and children above 15 years old.
- c) Health services for working children.

**Article 72. Right to be protected against all forms of commercial sexual exploitation.** The child has the right to be protected from child prostitution, child pornography, child sex, tourism and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation, as provided in RA 9208 “ Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003” and RA 7610“Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploita- tion and Discrimination Act”.

**Article 73. Responsibility of Internet Café Owners.** It shall be the responsibility of inter- net café owners to regulate exposure of children to pornography and violence on the internet.

**Article 74. Responsibility of owners of nightclubs, bars, karaoke.** It shall be responsibility of the owners of the bars, karaoke joints to be require proof of age before employment in night- clubs, bars, karaoke, etc. Owners and managers of these establishment shall post a visible and legible notice disallowing minors from entering the premises.

**Article 75. Responsibility of Police and Medical Officers.** Confidential treatment of all child abuse cases (medical and police records, etc.)

Article 76. Prohibited Acts. It shall be unlawful to commit the following acts:

- a) To sell, force, coerce, deceive children and their parents/guardians for the purpose of engaging the children in prostitution or pornography.
- b) To recruit, transfer, transport, harbor, and hold a child for the purpose of engaging the



children in prostitution or pornography.

c) For parents to sell, force, coerce, and deceive their children, fort the purpose of prostitution or pornography.

d) To expose child to pornographic materials.

e) To show trailers classified as R or X in GP movies.

f) Failure to report to the proper authorities any suspected incident of commercial sexual exploitation of a child.

g) Falsification of birth records for employment in bars, karaoke, etc.

h) Failure of any recruiter, manager and employer of a child to require and verify the age of the child with the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Any person violating this section shall suffer a penalty of imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and/or fine of not more than ₱2,500.00, both at the discretion of the Court.

**Article 77. Responsibility of the Municipality.** The Municipality shall undertake to protect the child from all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse and shall take all appropriate measures to prevent the abduction of the sale of or prevent the abduction of the sale of or trafficking of children for any purpose or any form.

a) To educate the law enforcers about RA 7610 and RA 9208, through the Municipal Police Office.

b) To establish a monitoring mechanism for incidents of CSEC.

**Article 78. Programs and Services.** To protect the child from all forms of commercial sexual exploitation, the municipality shall institute mechanisms and endeavor to implement the following programs and services:

a) Monitoring of CSEC cases in the Municipality.

b) Support services for family of child survivors/victims

**Article 79. Right to protection from other forms of exploitation.** The child has the right to be free and to be protected from all other forms of exploitation prejudicial to any aspects of the child's welfare.

**Article 80. Prohibited Acts.** In addition to all acts defined and penalized under Republic Act 7610 on Child Abuse and Exploitation, other pertinent laws and other provisions of this Code, the following acts shall likewise be punishable:

a) Using children as a commodities in benefit dances such as but not limited to organizing a benefit dance, facilitating or anchoring such benefit dances, paying for children in benefit dances;

b) Discrimination of girl children by prohibiting and depriving them of formal education;

c) Physical and degrading forms of punishment – Any person who subjects a child to physical and degrading forms of punishment such as but not limited to the following:

1. Ordering or directing a child to kneel on salt;
2. Placing a child inside a sack and hanging him/her;
3. Unreasonable shaving the head of a child;
4. Whipping a child with the tail of stingray (pagi), stick, belt and other similar objects;
5. Stripping the child of his/her clothes;
6. Locking up a child in a cabinet or aparador or any closed structure
7. Tying up the child or otherwise limiting him/her
8. Throwing objects, such as but not delimited to erasers, chalk and notebook at the child;
9. Pulling the hair of the child
10. Making the child stand under the heat of the sun;
11. Exposing the child to be bitten by ants.

The above acts which are likewise punishable under R.A. 7610 or Child Abuse Act, the Revised Penal Code, or other pertinent national laws shall be penalized there under. Acts or omissions not falling under the said law shall be penalized by imprisonment of not more than (1) year and a fine of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00), at the discretion of the Court.

**Article 81. Programs and Services.**

a) Children's Crisis Center – consistent with the spirit and letter of the Constitutional provisions and Republic Act No. 7610 mandating the protection against child abuse, exploitation and discrimination, and likewise Republic Act 8505 mandating the establishment of a crisis center in every province and municipality the appropriation of funds shall endeavour to establish a crisis intervention centre. Services of the center shall not be limited to abused children but shall equally cater to the other vulnerable sectors of society particularly women.

**CHAPTER 3: MANAGEMENT MACHINERY AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Section 7. Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children**

**Article 82. Creation of the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children.** There is, hereby created the Municipal Council for the Welfare of Children which shall lead and coordinate the formulation, implementation and enforcement of all policies, programs and projects relative to the survival, development, participation and protection of children at the Municipal level, especially those provided in the Children's Code of the Municipality.

The Council aims to ensure the effective implementation of the Philippine government's commitment to the Convention of the Rights of the Child, World Declaration on the Survival, Development and Protection of Children, and the Philippine Plan of Action for Children (PPCA) and the Philippine National Strategic Framework for Plan Development for Children (Child 21)

and other International and National Instruments.

**Article 83. Function of the Council.** The Council shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

a) To coordinate with all line agencies of the government, including that of the Municipality, and non-government organizations on programs and activities for children.

b) To make a comprehensive and integrated Municipal Action Plan for Children and ensure the implementation thereof.

c) To monitor and review the implementation of Municipal Action Plan for Children.

d) To review and integrate the City/Municipal programs and projects needing assistance from the Province into the Municipal Action Plan for Children.

e) To assist by providing the necessary technical assistance and monitor City/Municipal Councils for the Welfare of Children, Council or Commissions for Children or any equivalent body at the municipal or component city level.

f) To submit bi-yearly status reports on all programs, projects and activities undertaken by the Council to the Mayor and Sangguniang Bayan

g) To mobilize resource assistance, specifically, to provide appropriate support to child-related projects/activities as recommended by the local councils for the welfare of children.

h) To advocate for the passage of ordinances pertinent to the Rights of the Child.

i) To require the municipalities and component cities to pass ordinances adopting the Municipal Children's Code.

j) To identify and recommend programs and services to be contracted for implementation by NGO's and other entities in the implementation of this Code.

k) To recommend to the Committee on Accreditation all NGO's and POs who may have programs for children.

l) To perform such other functions and responsibilities relative and incidental thereto.

m) Extend financial assistance to DSWD or Social Worker using the Assistance for Individual in Crisis Situation Fund (AICS) or any available source of fund of the Local Government Unit on reimbursement basis, for the strict and effective implementation of this ordinance.

**Article 84. Composition of the Council.**

The Council shall be composed of the following persons:

a) The Mayor, as Chairman of the Council.

b) The Chairperson of the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Women, Children and Family Affairs.

c) The President of the Municipal Federation of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK).

d) The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer.

e) The Municipal Health Officer

f) The School District Supervisor

g) A representatives from the PNP Women and Children's Desk.

h) A representatives from the Department of Labor and Employment.

i) A representative from the private business sector with a proven track record for implementing child-friendly policies/programs/services.

j) Four (4) or more NGO representative that implement programs and projects for children in the Municipality, to be appointed by the Mayor with the endorsement of the Sangguniang Bayan

k) A child representative with a proven track record for being an advocate for the Rights of the Child, to be appointed by the Mayor, with the endorsement of the Sangguniang Bayan

l) President of the League of the Barangay.

**Article 85. Appointment of Members to the Council.** No person from the Private Sector or NGO shall be eligible for appointment unless there is favorable recommendation/endorsement for membership to the Council from the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Women, Children and Family Affairs.

**Article 86. Term of the Office of Members.** Each Member of the Council shall serve for a period of three (3) years unless revoked for cause of resigns from Council. The Members can only be re-appointed for three (3) consecutive terms. If a Member of the Council is unable to serve the full term of office, a new Member can be appointed by the Mayor to serve the unexpired term of the original Member with the recommendation of the Sangguniang Bayan. The member of the Council, by 2/3 votes, shall confirm the new member as recommended by the Committee. For purposes of re-appointment, the new Member will be considered as the original Member.

**Article 87. Election of officers.** The members of the Council shall elect among themselves the following officers who shall perform the functions, as may be adopted in the By-laws of the Council.

a) Co-Chairperson

b) Vice-Chairperson

c) Secretary

d) Treasurer

e) Information Officer

**Article 88. Accountability of Members and Officers.** The Council shall be held accountable to the Municipality any wrongdoing committed by any member and officer of the Council in their official capacity shall be subject to disciplinary action as may be deemed proper by the Governor or the Sangguniang Bayan upon the observance of due process. Any disciplinary action imposed will be without prejudice to the investigation and filing of civil and criminal charges.

**Article 89. Adoption of By-laws and Rules of Procedure.** Within seven (7) days from the

appointment of the members, the Council shall hold a meeting to discuss and adopt, among others, the following matters:

a) Frequency and Rules of Procedure in Conducting Meetings.

b) Functions and Duties of Members and Officers of the Council.

c) Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Rules for Members and Officers of the Council.

**Article 90. Secretariat and Staff Support.**

The Council shall appoint an accredited children's NGO to serve as Secretariat to the Council with a term of three (3) years. The appointed Secretariat shall be eligible for re-appointment for maximum of three (3) consecutive terms. If the Secretariat is unable to serve the full term, a new NGO can be appointed by the Mayor to serve the unexpired term.

There shall be sufficient clerical staff and utility personnel provided and supported by the Municipality the Secretariat and the Council.

**Section 8. Budgetary Appropriation**

**Article 91. Appropriation.** The Municipality shall include in its annual/supplemental budget an appropriation for the administrative operations of the Council.

The Municipality shall likewise include in its annual/supplemental budget an appropriation for the implementation of projects programs and services for children, especially those provided in the Children's Code of Lawaan, Eastern Samar.

**Article 92. Fund-generating Activities for Children.** The Council may hold activities to generate funds for the exclusive use of the Council. All moneys and donations, whether cash or in kind, generated by the Council shall be placed in a special trust fund of the Council to be held by the Municipal Treasurer.

**CHAPTER 4**

**Section 9. Transitory and Final Provisions**

**Article 93. Separability Clause.** If any part or provision of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, other part or provisions thereof which are not affected shall remain valid and shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

**Article 94. Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take effect after its approval and official publication and posting in three conspicuous places in the municipality.

**APPROVED ON ITS THIRD AND FINAL READING: JULY 21, 2021 AT LAWAAN, EASTERN SAMAR, PHILIPPINES.**

(Sgd.) HON. BERYL SHARON G. TOLENTINO SB Member	(Sgd.) HON. ERICO O. DACUNO, JR. SB Member
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(Sgd.) HON. ROGER A. EDER LIGA President/Ex-Officio Member	(Sgd.) HON. IVY NATHALIE B. GAÑAS SKF-President/Ex-Officio Member
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FORGOING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 06, SERIES OF 2021 WHICH WAS APPROVED ON ITS THIRD AND FINAL READING BY THE COUNCIL ON JULY 21, 2021.	
(Sgd.) EVA G. GAYDA SB Secretary	
Attested:	(Sgd.) HON. RAVI PARKER G. INCISO Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Approved:	(Sgd.) HON. ATHENE L. MENDROS Municipal Mayor

# Project Innovation: Creativity amidst the global pandemic

BY:SHEILA C. CABAZARES

*“Creativity is the act of turning new and imaginative ideas into reality. Creativity involves two processes: thinking, then producing. Innovation is the production or implementation of a creative idea. If you have ideas, but don't act on them, you are imaginative but not creative.”*

The pandemic has rendered people to put extra effort and generate ideas to improve their work yet most of them find it difficult to be creative especially in such a dire situation. Nevertheless academic institutions such as the Department of Education still stepped up their game despite the risky work amidst the global epidemic. For one, Miss Sheila C. Cabazares a Teacher III in Barugo II Central School, Barugo II District decided to propose an alternative D-I-Y (do-it-yourself) application that could improve the teachers' work load thru their “work-from-home” shifts.

The inspiration for this project is Sir Reyneth Renan P. Matta a MT-1 of Manuel Luis Quezon HS

Manila an online Implementer and who conducted on monitoring on asynchronous classes pointed that to maximize learning creation of Classroom Application can be of great help to teachers and pupils, can be more interactive and not costly because it can be access offline, editable and can be updated for the teachers.

Moreover, educational applications could track and monitor school's internal operations includes the teaching, learning processes and students performance. As their school's official MEA coordinator she took the initiative of proposing this project application to ease the burden of her colleagues with the amass paperwork they're experiencing whilst improving the data collection

process while still in line with her coordinatorship.

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

TACLOBAN CITY-An inmate at the Leyte Provincial Jail in Palo, Leyte died due to apparent suicide last July 20, 2021.

The victim, of legal age and a resident of Barangay Palali in McArthur town, was found hanging using a fabric rope inside cell number 4 around 10:15 p.m.

The incident was reported to Palo Municipal Police Station around 12:30 a.m. of July 21.

Initial investigation conducted disclosed that

# DAR chief to distribute CLOAs, turnover machines in So. Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY – Agrarian Reform Secretary Brother John Castriciones is expected to arrive in Eastern Visayas this week to distribute certificates of land ownership award (CLOAs) and turnover farm machineries in Southern Leyte.

Regional Director Ismael Aya-ay of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) said, the Secretary will distribute 575 CLO-

As to the same number of agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) from different parts of Southern Leyte.

Aya-ay also disclosed that the Secretary will likewise turnover during his visit various farm machineries to selected agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) as support assistance extended by the agency under the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries De-

velopment and Sustainability Program (ARBDSP).

Castriciones has been to the region twice already this year to distribute CLOAs and turned over packages of support services to help improve the quality of life in rural areas as envisioned by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). (JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA/PR)

# Inmate at the Leyte provincial jail hangs self

the victim was alone at cell number 4 in the annex building for the reason that he has a cough, police said in the report.

A prison guard said he did not notice anything strange to the victim when he conducted accounting of the inmate around 10 p.m. Tuesday.

However, authorities said the victim had a problem with his cases.

Based on the record, the victim was sentenced to reclusion perpetua for the crime of rape and was

presently charged for the crime of frustrated homicide, according to the police.

The victim was brought

to Schistosomiasis Hospital but pronounced dead on arrival by duty the attending physician. (RONALD O. REYES)

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FORTUNATA BACCOL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Pabanog, Paranas, Samar designated as Lot 2361, Pls 658-D containing an area of 10,087sq.m., covered by OCT No. 9414. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of VICTOR O. MABULAC married to ARLENE MABULAC as vendees of a portion consisting a 1/2 or 5,043sq.m., from the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No. 176, Page No. 36, Book No. VII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Florimond C. Rous. LSDE: July 27, Aug 3 & 10, 2021

## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TIBURCIO C. CATUCOD extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a cash deposit with LANDBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES - Catarman Branch, Account No: 1196128162. Per Doc No. 117, Page No. 93, Book No. 41, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Gorgonia F. Pineda-Encina. LSDE: July 27, Aug 3 & 10, 2021



# NSSDEO widens Bayog Bridge



NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar – Another widening of permanent bridge (Bayog Br.) is implemented by the DP-WH-Northern Samar 2nd District Engineering Office (NSSDEO) with 71.84% actual accomplishment as of this writing.

With a project cost of P 41 million under PJ Tan Construction and CDU Construction (JV) and funded under GAA CY 2021, this widening of permanent bridge from 2 lanes to 4 lanes



is located along the Rawis-Catubig Road Section, Laoang, Northern Samar.

With good and resilient bridges, the transport of goods and services as

well as movement of people becomes fast, easy and comfortable thus reducing travel time, cost and risk to the traveling public.

The completion of bridge widening project is of great significance to road users giving motorists additional two lanes

to accommodate the increasing volume of vehicles passing these lateral structures.

**(Lyca Mae T. Quilicol, PIO Alternate)**

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individual (SLI) drug personality, was arrested in Palo, Leyte.

A poseur buyer was able to purchase a sachet believed to be containing suspected shabu from the suspect.

While authorities confiscated from his possession and control four sachets of suspected shabu and a P1,000 9112 as buy-bust money.

In Catbalogan City, operatives apprehended two students, both 18 years old, on July 17.

Purchased from alias Eboy was a piece of folded paper containing dried leaves of suspected marijuana.

Also confiscated from

his possession and control were one transparent zip locked containing dried leaves of suspected marijuana, P500 as buy-bust money and P6 coins.

Another suspect, alias Lanz, allegedly sold a sachet of suspected marijuana worth P500.

Authorities confiscated from his possession and control a sachet containing dried leaves of suspected to be marijuana as a subject of sale, P500 buy-bust money, two sachets containing dried leaves of suspected marijuana, another piece of folder paper containing dried leaves of suspected marijuana, and other personal belongings.

In Carigara, Leyte, joint operatives also arrested Luke Rendora, 36, and list-

ed as an SLI of the town.

He allegedly sold a sachet of suspected shabu to an undercover operative.

Also recovered from his possession and control were another three sachets believed to be containing suspected shabu, a small plastic container containing assorted drug paraphernalia, mobile phone, cash, and P500 used as buy-bust money.

His companion, identified as Renante Ordoña, eluded arrest, according to the information released by the Police Regional Office-Eastern Visayas.

The suspects will be charged for violation of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. **(RONALD O. REYES)**

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on the process of inoculation due to overcrowding outside of the venue.

Due to this problem, some suggested that it should be done in the barangay while the DOH during the city council regular session last week gave several suggestion that the city may adapt to improve the system.

"We can take that suggestions but obviously it depends on the number of vaccines that comes,"

Mayor Romualdez said in a press conference held Saturday.

Romualdez added that once the repair of the Tacloban Astrodome is finish they will make it as additional site for vaccination.

"Right now we got two sites, and as you can see like on Monday, most likely mauubos na yung Johnson and Johnson, that is 10 thousand and we do that in three to four days. Now I will make that adjustment accordingly, let say Monday may dumating na 15 thousand see Alfred /page 12 ...

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issues discussed by the body.

Furthermore, with the combined efforts of the City Government and DILG-Tacloban to reclaim public roads being used for private ends, they appeal for the utmost support and understanding from the Taclobanons as the intensified operations continue.

**(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)**

# M LHUILLIER turn-over ceremony

BY: WILFRED CAPAYCAPAY GARIANDO

Buri Elementary School, Jaro I District, Jaro, Leyte holds M LHUILLIER turn-over Ceremony. The program started with the opening prayer followed by the Philippine National Anthem and DepEd Leyte Hymn via overture.

After which, the welcome message was delivered by the school head Mrs. Claricar G. Palconit and also followed by a message from the Leyte Regional Manager Ms. Grace L. De Gracia and inspirational message from the Municipal Mayor Hon. Rodrigo C. Arbas. Right after, the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) signing was followed through its Leyte Regional Manager and with the School Head of Buri Elementary School.

As part of the company's Mission and Vision to bring and reach out to the community their advocacy. One of its program is Adopt a school Program, luckily one of their beneficiary's school is BURI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

The M LHUILLIER Philippines through its Leyte Regional Manager Ms. Grace L. De Gracia, OPEC Leyte Movers President Mr. Azter Randy N. Potazo, Area Manager Mr. Melldwight R. Relon, Jaro Branch Manag-



Position: standing from left to right: Mr. Melldwight R. Relon Ms. Mary Ann P. Itliong, Mrs. Madilyn P. Verterra, Mrs. Ma. Elena C. Lebajo, Mrs. Adelaida A. Lago, Mrs. Claricar G. Palconit, Hon. Rodrigo C. Arbas, Mr. Wilfred C. Gariando, Ms. Grace L. De Gracia and seated downstairs from left to right: Mr. Nolasco Degamo and Mr. Azter Randy N. Potazo

er Ms. Christine G. Degamo and Assistant Branch Manager Gilbert Ryan B. Vega, and OPEC Officers namely: Nolasco Degamo, Ma. Jamelyn Dolina, Randy Nalda and Angelyn Mabini donated three (3) comfort rooms positioned inside the classrooms. This is to strengthen the partnership and first and foremost to addressed the needs of the pupils.

The turn-over was witnessed by the Municipal Mayor Hon. Rodrigo C. Arbas, different officials of M LHUILLIER Eastern Visayas and Buri Elementary School Teachers namely: Mrs. Ma. Elena C. Lebajo, Mrs. Mad-

ilyn P. Verterra, Mrs. Adelaida A. Lago, Ms. Mary Ann P. Itliong and Mr. Wilfred C. Gariando (Teacher III).

The M LHUILLIER sponsored project was through the effort of the school head. She was able to find in partnership with the leading financial services.

After the short program, the ribbon cutting was followed done by Jaro Municipal Mayor, M LHUILLIER-OPEC Leyte Movers officials assisted by the School Head.

**(NOTE: The author is a teacher of Buri Elementary School, Jaro I District, Jaro, Leyte)**

# Javier National High School conducts fourth quarter portfolio day

BY: JOEL C. DIGMAN

The faculty and staff of Javier National High School (JNHS) spearheaded by Mrs. Bernardita L. De Paz, the school principal, conducted Fourth Quarter Portfolio Day at Javier National High School quadrangle on July 19, 2021.

In the morning, it started with the flag raising attended by the faculty, staff, parents and other stakeholders. Announcements followed right after.

Most of the concerns by the principal to the parents were on the venue for card signing, records for release to Grade 12 and other year levels' prospect transferees, and things to secure for releasing of records.

"Records for release such as school form 9 and good moral of transferees are to be verified from the advisers and records section," De Paz said.

The principal showed gratitude also by thanking the parents for the support to the school in the entire school year.

"The entire school is grateful for your sustained support all throughout the school year even through



The activity highlighted the signing of cards and awarding of honors per year level wherein parents received the medals and certificates in behalf of the learners due to present health risks.

The said event was furtherly in compliance to the

tough times in the module distribution and submission," she added.

Booths were also prepared for parents' knowledge on exhibited performances of the learners in the quarter. Parents witnessed the showcased outputs and portfolios submitted by the learners in every year level.

Division Memorandum No. 429 s. 2021, Conduct of Quarter 4 SY 2020 – 2021 Division Portfolio Day, that geared to involve parents in the learners' educational program.

**(Note: The author is a department head of Javier National High School, Javier I District, Javier, Leyte)**



# Language Department holds Philippine Informal Reading Inventory, Bawat Bata Bumabasa Initiative School – Based Training

BY: JANETTE I. ABUEDO



To capacitate teachers and address literacy gaps among learners, Phil - IRI utilization and Bawat Bata Bumabasa (3 Bs) Initiative was conducted as spear-headed by the Language Department at Javier National High School Function Hall on March 11 – 13, 2021.

The Language Department teachers facilitated the three-day activity which was participated by all teachers and advisers from different departments.

Participants were immersed to a series of lectures and workshops that focused on reading advocacies for

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sand then I will ask the help of the Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) and we will look for additional places, then we can do that,” Romualdez said.

Romualdez added that they can’t just make one place as vaccination sites as they need to consider the some necessities such as the presence of running water, and toilets including if the location is near a pharmacy or drug store.

“We have to look for a place that is not only accessible but is also convenient and if they can practice social distancing,” he said.

During the regular session in July 21 at the city council Dr. Ma. Teresa Caidic, DOH-8’ chief local support division, shared to the Tacloban City council members some observation they have during the inoculation schedules of the city, noting the crowding that is happening outside the venue like what happened during the schedule for Janssen vaccine inoculation.

“We can consider that as super spreader event if we have crowding,” she said to members of the city council.

Caidic said that crowding needs to be address because of possibility that there are asymptomatic individuals who are infected with Covid-19 who are also in the

Big Six during the second day of the event.

Maricar E. Pongaron highlighted Action Planning regarding Phil – IRI and 3Bs implementation on the last day.

After the discussion of all topics, questions were raised during the open forum. Delia C. Taburada, Master Teacher I, asked regarding the persons responsible for the Phil -IRI administration wherein Mrs. Maricar E. Pongaron, the chairman of the said event, clarified that all advisers and subject teachers are obliged to facilitate and administer with the assistance of the floating teachers.

“All teachers are reading teachers,” Bernardita L. De Paz, School Head, highlighted for teachers’ information and guidance.

Meanwhile, DepEd Memorandum 173, series of 2019 and DO 14, s. 2018 – Policy Guidelines on the Administration of the Revised Philippine Informal Reading Inventory were among the references of the event’s conduct.

*(Note: The author is the department head designate of the Javier National High School, Javier I District, Javier, Leyte)*

crowd lining-up to get vaccinated particularly now with presence of Alpha and Delta variant in the country which are consider very transmissible, inoculation protocols must always adhere to the minimum health protocols such as physical distancing to limit transmission of the virus.

Caidic said that this crowding can be address by adding more vaccination sites in Tacloban.


She added that they city government may also replicate the vaccination by schedule wherein they are texting the people who will be inoculate in specific time.

“This should be strictly no walk-in, everyone should be registered to avoid crowding, and people will be comfortable and will not wait for longer time,” Caidic added.

She also suggested for the city to have partnership or seek help from groups like the Philippine Nurses Association and government agencies like the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Philippine National Police that has medical reserve group to increase the number of vaccination team.

The DOH official also recommended for the city to improve the accessibility of seniors to vaccines by making an specific schedule for them on holiday or during week-ends when their children or guardian are not busy at work.

Based on the record presented by Caidic to the city council members, the city has



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## NOTICE OF DECISION

MANILA BANKING CORPORATION,  
Landowner,  
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DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0003-2017**  
  
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

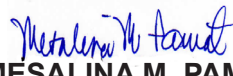
Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0003-2017, For: Fixing of Just Compensation was rendered by this office, the dispositive portion states:

**“WHEREFORE,** decision is rendered ordering the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to pay the landowner or assignee or representatives the amount stated above in accordance with the existing laws and policies.

**SO ORDERED.**

DAR Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, 3 October 2019.

**SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY**  
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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 21-041**

**ELMER G. BELCHES,**  
Applicant  
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**ORDER**  
Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with the Maasin Satellite Unit (MSU) on **13 July 2021** and received by this Office on the same date, to wit:

<b>NAME OF SHIP'S OWNED</b> MBca "DURAN DURAN 2"	<b>SERVICE TO BE OFFERED</b> For the carriage of Passengers
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Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **03 August 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 **20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **ENGR. RODULFO P. PANER**  
Officer-In-Charge

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