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As classes start on Monday using online and modules method of learning

More than 950,000 students enrolled in EV

JOEY A. GABIETA



DISTANT LEARNING. *With the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic continues to wreak havoc in the country, to include Eastern Visayas, face-to-face method of learning remains to be not an option with the new school term formally started Monday (Sept.13). Photo shows pictures of Grade II students enrolled at the Dona Brigida Elementary School in Tolosa, Leyte placed on empty chairs. (MELVIN AMARGO)*

TACLOBAN CITY- About 954,073 students across the region are now enrolled for this school year which started Monday (Sept 13).

Jasmin Calzita, information officer of the Department of Education (DepEd), said that they expect the number of enrollment to further increase as enrollment is still underway.

The enrollment will last until the end of this month.

The region had an enrollment of 1.26 million in last school year.

And just like in the past school year, students in the region are still to observe blended learning method which means either they will have modules or through online classes as Eastern Visayas continue to experience surge of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

But Calzita said that despite of the challenges brought by the pandemic, teachers in the region are ready to start their classes beginning Monday (Sept.13).

"Our teachers are always ready despite of the limitations brought by the current health situation," she said.

Calzita said that considering of the experiences that they have encountered during last year's first implementation of the distant learning method, they are now more prepared to handle the challenges brought by the pandemic.

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3 of them have the Delta variant infection

27 medical workers in EV among active COVID-19 cases

TACLOBAN CITY- At least 27 medical workers in the region are among patients who continue to battle with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

And three of them were detected to have infected of the highly transmissible Delta variant, Dr. Marc Steven Capungcol, head of the regional surveillance and epidemiology unit of the Department of Health (DOH), said.

Of the three medical workers confirmed to have been infected of the Delta variant of COVID-19, two

were from Taft in Eastern Samar and one from Alangalang in Leyte.

And of 27 medical workers whose COVID-19 infection are considered as active, 16 of them were from Leyte; eight from Northern Samar; two from Samar; and one from Southern Leyte.

Since the start of the pandemic, 1,733 medical workers from the region have been infected with COVID-19 of which 1,699 of them have recovered and seven of them died due to COVID-19 complications.

Capungcol said that these medical workers infected of COVID-19 have see 27 medical /page 2 ...



NEWLY BUILT TCPO HUB. *Tacloban City Police Office (TCPO) has its new multi-purpose building for the use and well-being of its personnel, with Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez gracing the inauguration and turnover ceremony held last September 9, 2021. (ALFRED ROMUALDEZ FACEBOOK)*



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WE DELIVER!

Over 71,000 students in Tacloban enrolled for this school term

TACLOBAN CITY- About 71,153 Taclobanon young learners are about to take another step towards the realization of their dreams as Department of Education (DepEd) officially opened the 2021-2022 school year calendar Monday (September 13).

Amidst the National Health Emergency, all 98 schools from the Tacloban City DepEd have been working on keeping their system afoot and efficient to the learners, the parents/guardians, and the institution itself.

Despite the odds, all 3,500 educators from the city division have braced themselves to meet the learning needs of these school children, which started on Monday.

“On behalf of the city division, I welcome our school children with open arms and happy heart, to the first day of classes. I also wish that our parents will

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Goma says Rep. Torres Gomez has yet to decide on possible Senate run

TACLOBAN CITY- Leyte Rep. Lucy Torres Gomez has yet to decide whether she will run for the Senate.

This was disclosed by Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez, husband of the lady solon.

Rep. Gomez, who is now on her last term as congresswoman representing Leyte’s fourth district, was included on the list of possible Senate bets by the PDP-Laban, Cusi wing.



Mayor Richard Gomez

But Mayor Gomez, in a media interview, said that she has yet to decide on what position she will run

in next year’s elections.

“She was surprised that she was included on the list,” he said.

“But if you will ask me, of course I want her to stay here in Ormoc. There is still lot to be done here,” Gomez said.

The city mayor said that despite of the obvious convinc-

ing of Pres. Rodrigo Duterte for her to run for the Senate, the final decision will still be hers.

For his part, Gomez has openly said that he is interested to replace his wife in Congress.

The movie actor-turned politician is only on his second term.

While the filing of certificate of candidacies will be next week, there are still no information who might Gomez will be squaring off for the congressional post and Rep. Gomez if she will gun for the mayorship of Ormoc City.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Still with missing fishermen in the wake of ‘Jolina’ BFAR joins search and rescue operations

TACLOBAN CITY- The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) has joined in the search and rescue operation of still missing fishermen in the wake of the onslaught of Typhoon “Jolina” that hit Eastern Visayas last Sept.6.

The operations, which is spearheaded by the Fisheries Protection and Laws Enforcement Group (FP-LEG), came in the wake of the request of the two families of Joseph Yano, 47, and Carpio Labongray, 65, both from Tacloban City, who are still missing after they went to the seas despite of the prevailing storm.

The search and rescue operations of BFAR are being conducted in the waters of Samar Seas and Biliran waters.

“We appeal to the public to help us find our dear fisherfolks whose bodies are still missing until this moment,” BFAR said in a statement.

Aside from BFAR, the Coast Guard in Samar is also conducting their own operations and has several rescued fishermen from Catbalogan City.

Several fishermen were earlier reported missing across the region of which 12 have been confirmed to have died while still scores are still missing.

In Santo Niño, an island town in Samar, 50 fishermen were rescued by the local police and four others who were drowned after their fishing boats were cap-sized due to the battering of strong winds and heavy rains spawned by Jolina.

The BFAR in the region said that it will also extend financial assistance to the families of fishermen who were killed due to the typhoon.

“The office has also submitted a damage and loss assessment report for provision of appropriate funding and immediate response to the victims of the typhoon,” it said. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

Matag-ob has been ruled by a family for decades now

Businessman confirms plan to run for mayor in a Leyte town

MATAG-OB, Leyte- A businessman will try to challenge the reelection bid of the incumbent mayor of this town, Michael Torre Villas.

Bernardino ‘Bernie’ Tacoy has confirmed that he will be running for mayor of this fourth-class municipality which has a population of more than 17,000 people.

According to the budding politician, his decision to throw his hat to the political ring is due to his desire to improve the living condition of his people and end division prevailing in their town.

“I want to show to the

people of Matag-ob of my sincerity why I decided to run. That I am true to my wish to serve and bring unity to this town,” Tacoy said.

Tacoy added that while he does not have any political experience, he believe that he could bring unity among the people of his town.

But more than bringing unity and peace to this town, Tacoy said that he is more incline to provide a good and decent condition among his people.

Tacoy will be teaming up with son Vincent comes next year’s elections.

He also said that he is finding some difficulty as

who will compose his line up for councilors saying many want to run under his ticket.

The town of Matag-ob has been ruled by the family of Mayor Torre Villas for years now.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

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most likely get the infection from their work places.

Thus, he appealed to the public to strictly follow all the health minimum protocols as their way of helping the medical workers from getting the infection.

“It is most high likely that these medical workers get the COVID-19 from their work stations; from the (patients tested positive for COVID-19),” Capungcol said.

The health official said that they continue to receive report that mass gatherings which are considered to be super spreader of COVID-19.

“If our COVID-19 cases will continue to increase, the more we are exposing our medical workers to infection,” Capungcol said.

He asked the public to report to their office or to the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) or at their respective local government units those who continue to stage mass gatherings.

The region, as reported by DOH on Monday, has 143 new cases, bringing its total cases to 44,240 of which 41,723 have recovered.

About 2,032 are considered as active and 485 deaths. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

Region 8 LGUs to produce transition plans by November

TACLOBAN CITY - Local government units

(LGUs) in Eastern Visayas (Region 8) are expected to come up with their devolution transition plans by November, in preparation for assuming new responsibilities next year, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) regional office here said.

DBM Eastern Visayas regional director Imelda Laceras said on Friday that key regional line agencies have completed the regional workshops for local governments last month while the provincial workshops are ongoing.

“Most likely, by October to November, local govern-

ments will be able to finish their devolution transition plans,” Laceras said in a phone interview.

Preparation of transition plans is in close coordination with national government agencies (NGAs). The plans will serve as guides on the monitoring and performance assessment of local governments by the agencies concerned, according to the official.

“The plan is always a work in progress and local government units can still modify before approval of their plan or even after approval,” Laceras added.

Executive Order No. 138

and its Implementing Rules and Regulations mandate all provinces, cities, municipalities, and villages to prepare their devolution transition plans in close coordination with the concerned NGAs to guide them towards the full assumption of devolved functions and services that come with more financial resources.

President Rodrigo Duterte issued the directive to boost the local government’s preparation for more responsibilities with the implementation of the Mandanas-Garcia ruling in 2022.

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Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla led the turn over of a newly constructed two storey building on September 2, 2021 worth P6.8 million and a pergola worth P1.07 million in Pawing Central School, Palo town. Assisting the governor were board member Ranulfo Abellanosa of the 1st district; Josephine Daza, school principal; Marisa Martillo, district supervisor and Pawing village chairman Virgilio Agner. (GINA P. GERREZ)

Another teenager nabbed involved in a gang rape incident in Southern Leyte town

TACLOBAN CITY- A joint police force arrested another 16-year-old student who was alleged to be involved in a gang rape incident involving a minor in St. Bernard.

Personnel of St. Bernard Municipal Police Station, led by Major Ronnie Abendan, together with the 2nd Southern Leyte Provincial Mobile Force Company, led by Corporal Constancio Sumayod under the supervision of force commander Lieutenant Colonel Joel Nicha, apprehended the student around 6 p.m. last Friday (Sept. 10).

The accused, who is identified as the Top 1 most wanted person

(provincial level), was facing a warrant dated July 7, 2021.

Presiding judge Jacinto Elle, of Regional Trial Court-Branch 26 in San Juan, Southern Leyte, did not recommend bail to the accused.

He was brought to the police station for documentation prior to turn-over to the court of origin.

On August 24, 2021, joint police operatives also arrested a 16-year-old student for alleged 13 counts of rape in Saint Bernard.

To recall, a 14-year old girl reported that she was gang raped repeatedly by 11 suspects, some of them were minors. (RONALD O. REYES)

TACLOBAN CITY – A non-government organization linked to the New People's Army (NPA) has been accused of shortchanging farmers in Carigara, Leyte.

Former members of the Leyte Center for Development, Inc. (LCDE) reported to the Philippine Army that despite a huge amount poured in for post-Super Typhoon Yolanda recovery in 2013, they received barely enough help to rebuild their lives after the disaster.

"The farmers felt aggrieved that the organization merely used them to generate funds from humanitarian aid agencies and other donors," the Army's 802nd Infantry Brigade said in a statement on Saturday.

They complained that the few farm pieces of machinery distributed by

LCDE from 2014 to 2016 were "defective" and that they spent their own money for its repair to make the equipment functional.

Likewise, LCDE members in Hiluctogan, Canlampay, Caghalo, and Candigahub villages in Carigara town claimed that the few farm animals such as carabaos and goats, dispersed to them by the agency were "sickly."

Farmers wanted to discuss the problem with LCDE Executive Director Jazmin Jerusalem but the NGO stopped visiting their place after 2016.

To resolve the issue, the Municipal Upland Farmers Association of Carigara (MUFAC) members decided to sell the defective farm equipment and sickly animals and divided the proceeds among themselves.

Using the fund assistance from Peace Wind of Japan – another NGO supporting people in distress, and threatened by conflict, poverty, or other turmoil – LCDE with the help of a local politician distributed construction materials like coconut lumber, roofing sheets, and nails to pre-identified typhoon victims, mostly members of MUFAC.

MUFAC was later renamed to LCDE when the former was embroiled in financial controversy, the military statement said.

Bernie Bates, an NPA member arrested in April 2021 in his hideout in Hiluctogan village, revealed that the NPA assigned him during day-time as "volunteer carpenter" to help the MUFAC member-beneficiaries in rebuilding their

houses.

At night, he had to report back to the NPA camp at the forested area of the neighboring village of Canlampay, near his home.

"Bernie claimed that there were occasions that LCDE Executive Director Jerusalem visited their livelihood projects in Carigara and in those occasions she also met Juani to Sellesa Jr., alias Tibor, platoon commander of NPA Eastern Visayas regional party committee," the Army added.

After the super typhoon on Nov. 8, 2013, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has tapped LCDE as one of its partners in the implementation of recovery projects. see 'NPA-/page 6 ...

Particularly its out-patient department Northern Samar Provincial Hospital shut down due to infection of its personnel of COVID-19

TACLOBAN CITY-The Northern Samar Provincial Hospital (NSPH) located at the provincial capital of Catarman, services offered by its outpatient department will be closed due to the infection to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) among its personnel.

This was disclosed by Dr. Ninfa Caparoso-Kam, NSPH chief of hospital, in an advisory on Monday.

"Due to the increase of breakthrough COVID-19 infection among hospital personnel of Northern Samar Provincial Hospital, the outpatient department services will again temporarily put on hold," she said.

She, however, said that other services like follow up of post-surgery, post caesarian section, animal bites, among others, will still be entertained.

The closure of the hospital's OPD will be in effect until further notice, Kam said.

In her advisory, Kam did not mention as to how many personnel of the 100-bed capacity health facility have been infected by COVID-19.

Last August 23, the hospital has announced limitation on the number of admission due to the rising COVID-19 patients admitted at the NSPH.

Kam announced last Sept. 6 on the reopening of the operation of the OPD after the recovery of medical workers assigned there.

Northern Samar, at present, has 3,487 COVID-19 cases of which 78 of them were confirmed to have died due to the infection the latest involved a 67-year old man from the town of Victoria.

Its recoveries cases are at 3,010 and with 66 active cases.

Meantime, the Department of Health (DOH) announced on Monday (Sept. 13) of 143 new COVID-19 cases, bringing to 44,240 cases the total cases of Eastern Visayas, bringing its total cases to 44,240 and recoveries of 41,723.

Its active cases are now at 2,032 and with 485 deaths.

Aside from the 67-year old man from Victoria town, the DOH reported of three new deaths related to COVID-19 infection: 83-year old woman from Hindang, Leyte; 87-year old man and 84-year old man, both from Calbayog City who both died on Sept. 11.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA/JOEY A. GABIETA)

Sara Duterte followers in Leyte hope she will reconsider in running for President

TACLOBAN CITY- A group in Leyte calling for Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte Carpio to run for President has expressed their optimism that she will change her mind and eventually seek the country's highest elective post

in next year's elections.

Bernie Tacoy, who on August 8 spearheaded the 'Sara All 2022' for President movement, said that while they respect the decision of the presidential daughter, they are still see Sara/page 20 ...

'NPA-linked' Leyte group hit for shortchanging farmers

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The culprit

As the country continues to reap record-high surges of COVID cases nationwide, government critics are taking the opportunity to downgrade government efforts as something inutile in handling the crisis, thus conditioning the minds of the electorate for the upcoming national elections next year.

As the pandemic intensifies, so does the propaganda machine that busily works to topple down this regime. For sure, the Duterte administration has plenty of mistakes in handling this pandemic. No government, except that of China, was prepared for it. There are blunders and errors that are being committed; add to this the tendency of those in positions to employs ways through which they can siphon funds to their pockets.

What the critics do not mention in their tirades is that even the more advanced and cautious nations in trying to contain the virus are now experiencing record-high spikes in coronavirus infections. Coun-

tries such as Vietnam and Israel used to be good models in handling the crisis, but look at how disorderly and panicky they had become in battling with this virus. If, in these countries, covid cases are soaring high, how much more in the Philippines where the majority of people are poor, uneducated, and undisciplined?

It's good to be critical against the government; it makes the public servants aware that people are particular with what they are doing. But if these critical darts are just fabricated from political factories, meant to replace an administration that has already done much for the improvement of the nation and against the country's nagging problems, then they are nothing but demolition propaganda.

The people should exercise prudence even in the midst of this crisis, if possible not allowing politics to mess up the situation. We all know that were it not for this pandemic, our lives now would have been better—the traffic problem in Metro Manila eased up, the nationwide transportation needs were addressed. This pandemic is the culprit.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIWAN

Tale of a pedicab driver

As Robin headed home on his bicycle just before dusk, he stopped at the side of the highway, at the entrance of the small road leading to the school where

his dear, pretty wife was teaching. He wanted to surprise her with his presence, and with his newfound hobby of biking to nearby places late in the afternoon.

This was his way of amusing himself since he lost his job due to the pandemic. The beautiful sights he could glance at, the sight of happy people who were walking and jogging along the road, and the fresh air that bathed his face could relieve his stress.

Besides, his wife had also gotten into the habit of coming home late. Sometimes, it was already six or past seven in the evening when she came home. The numerous paper works and reports to submit were her usual reasons for being late. Good thing her school was not too far from their

house, perhaps just a kilometer away. He would sometimes offer to fetch her from school, but she often declined, especially if she had no plentiful things to carry home.

From the corner where makeshift huts were housing some vendors, he saw his wife exiting from the gate, just carrying her ladies bag. He moved backward for about ten meters away and hid behind a parked car. Giggling to himself, he wanted to delay the surprise. Normally, people who would get out of that small campus see Tale /page 9 ...

Malunggay, a versatile plant

In science “Malunggay”, known to us by its binomials *Moringa oleifera*, has transcends its multifarious uses to mankind from food (vegetable, baby breast-feeding, etc.) to medicine.

The plant is easy to grow, faster from cuttings (vegetative process) or the time consuming process using matured seeds grown in seed-box. Only cuttings from matured, healthy branches with sharpened lower end and stuck in the backyard soil, is all that is needed to see it produce young branchlets in weeks. Malunggay subsists with soil nutrients and dews to water it. In months time the same branchlets shall have grown and issue pinnate leaflets ready for kitchen use.

Farmhands have found Malunggay leaves to eat in



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many viand preparations and goes well with fish, meat or other vegies. Young pods or seeds of matured pods are also cooked and eaten as vegetables, popular among rural folks.

Laboratory works report that “Moringa is packed with over 90 nutrients, 46 antioxidants, and amino acids potent enough to help address 300 diseases – making it a great supplement not only for moms . . .” – marketed in capsules. More importantly is the certification by the European Union (EU) issued to an organic Moringa supplement . . . 100percent sourced and manufactured in the Philippines.” A product of UNILAB’s Synno-

vate Pharma Corporation, the Sekaya Moringaling Philippines, Moringa capsule retains its “life-giving” nutrients tested against microbial contamination, pesticide residues, heavy metals, and molds, having been carefully processed in pharma-grade laboratory facilities.

Such is an essay on the versatility of Malunggay, source of many consumer products in unprocessed and processed forms.

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NEXT TOPIC : “Prospect of Molnupiravir as an Oral Pill for COVID-19?”

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Let's be close to Mary and Joseph

THE feast of the Nativity of Our Lady (September reminds us that we should be close to both Mary and Joseph since they can serve as the surest guide for us to be with Christ. And to be with Christ is, in the end, what is most important in our life.

In the gospel of that feast (cfr. Mt 1,18-23), we are reminded of how both Mary and Joseph handled their divine vocation, something that if looked upon only with human eyes, can never be understood. Both show us how to correspond to the supernatural interventions that God continues to make on us, making use even of dreams to relay his messages to us.

We have to find a way to be intimately close to Our Lady, our Mother. We need to learn how to read her mind and catch the slightest insinuations she makes, because all these are a tremendous help in our spiritual life.



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

tual life.

That's precisely because with all the bombardment of things we are subjected to these days, Mary, the Mother of Christ who gave her to us to be our mother too, shows us how to be spiritual and supernatural in the midst of our glutting human affairs.

Let's remember that the present mad race to technological progress can stimulate us wrongly, pressuring us to succumb to mindless activism and to drift to uncharted territory guided only by ignorance, confusion if not outright error.

In this way, she shows us how to live our life to the full, not reduced to the purely earthly and material levels. She shows us how to fall in love properly, since love is why we have been created, the principle that

gives meaning and direction to our life. And to think that there are endless bogus versions of love!

Let's also be close to Joseph who knew how to give priority to the supernatural interventions in his life over his natural and human understanding of things. Even if those divine interventions were communicated to him in dreams, he knew how to correspond to them properly, that is, with deep faith in God that enabled him to correspond with dispatch and wisdom.

If we are truly close to God, dreams can be an effective vehicle to know God's will and ways. Yes, it is possible that God, angels and saints can enter into our dreams. We can be divinely inspired. Everything

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What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Typhoon Signal # 1 Bagyo Election 2022

Yep, it already looks like this -- this early -- Twenty-four (24) days before October 8th -- the last day of filing COCs -- Candidates' Certificates of Candidacies.

.... and Two Hundred Twelve (212) days before the 9 May 2022 National Elections!

Columnists like me believe that judging from recent political developments, the May 2022 National Elections is expected to be “a bruising, bitterly contested, and possibly a violent (hopefully not bloody) political contest.”

At stake are: a new President, a new Vice-President, Twelve

(12) seats in the Senate; Three Hundred Eight seats in the House of Representatives, Sixty-One (61) Party-List seats...

Eighty-one (81) provincial governors & vice-governors, Seven Hundred Eighty (780) seats of Eighty-one (81) provincial legislative councils, One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-four (1,634) mayors & vice-mayors and Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Six (13,546) seats in all city & town councils.

- ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL -

The Nacionalista Party (NP) of former Senate President & former Speaker Manuel B. Villar, Jr., -- has Forty-One (41)

congressmen and Four (4) senators.

The Nationalist People's Coalition of the late business magnate, Eduardo “Danding” Cojuangco, Jr., the former business partner of Ramon S. Ang (of the San Miguel Corporation conglomerate); the NPC has Thirty-three (33) congressmen and Three (3) senators.

The Lakas-UMCD of former President & former Speaker Gloria M. Arroyo and Majority Floor Leader Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, has Nineteen (19) congressmen and One (1) senator.

The Liberal Party (LP) headed by Senator Francis Kiko Pangilinan has Seventeen (17) congressmen and Three (3) senators.

The PDP-Laban which is now embroiled in an internal leadership squabble has Sixty-two congressmen and Five (5) senators.

The Duterte-Cusi Faction held their National Convention last Wednesday, 8 SEP 2021; and announced (hesitantly) that

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Why Online Learning is best, for now (Part 1)

There is this post from one of the firebrand websites that mock the manner or the nature of having online classes. Citing Philippines and Venezuela as the countries that has not been able to open classes, worldwide.

While we shrink, cringe and wince and feel hopeless as COVID continue to wreak havoc in our country, we must appreciate the astuteness and humble acceptance of the Department of Education that opening classes on a face to face manner is impractical and further, it is dangerous. The Office of the President is correct to have prudence not to allow the same.

DepEd Issued a Memo on this behalf, and I would



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CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

quote partly here;

The Department of Education issues the School Calendar and Activities for SY 2021-2022, in accordance with its commitment to learning continuity amidst the health crisis.

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



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

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

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

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

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LCDE was involved in all three phases of the post-typhoon response – emergency phase covering the period from November 2013 to February 2014; early recovery phase from February to December 2014; and the medium-term recovery from January 2015 to November 2016. The four villages in Carigara where LCDE implemented most of the heavily funded medium-term recovery projects were in the same communities where the NPA rebels were active from 2007 until 2020.

In a webinar organized by the Army's 802nd Infantry Brigade, Alma Gabin, former deputy secretary for

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their "favored" presidential bet, Senator Christopher Bong Go is hesitant to accept the party's nomination for president.

On the other hand, President Rodrigo Duterte has coyly admitted that he is "comfortable with his plan to run for Vice-President under the PDP-Laban faction."

But this Columnist's media friends in their camp, disclosed their plans to elevate their People's Champ Party-list into a national party -- if the Commission on Elections eventually rules in favor of the Cusi-Duterte faction as the "real true-blue PDP-Laban political party.

So, if this happens,

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is possible with God.

But let's remember that what we usually dream about are what we have in our mind and heart, in our spiritual life, whether there is faith or unbelief, whether we tend more to our rationality or to our animality, whether we are more open to the supernatural or to the infranatural. In short, our dreams reflect the kind of life we have, the kind of person we are.

The dreams these trying times of the Covid

education of NPA Eastern Visayas Committee, claimed that many funded projects of LCDE in post-Typhoon Yolanda were either done as "credible reality" or "partial implementation" to divert half or more of the funding to the communist terrorist group.

"We used both our left and right hands to sign the attendance sheets and documents just to make it appear that we executed the training projects but actually we diverted the money to the NPA to support the armed struggle that aims to topple the government," Gabin said.

Farmer-members of the MUFAC-LCDE challenged Jerusalem to face them and provide the answers to assure them they are not being short-changed.

let's not be surprised if the People's Champ Party would field the Pacquiao for President with Koko Pimentel as the Vice-Presidential candidate tandem!

Meanwhile, Senator Richard Dick Gordon with his Bagumbayan -- Volunteers for New Philippines, though relatively silent, still has presidential plans, judging from his recent pronouncements.

Lastly, the suddenly revived Reporma Party (RP) is fielding Senator Panfilo Lacson for president and Senate President Tito Sotto III for vice-president.. This is the so-called "Pi-Sot" Tandem for President & Vice-President.

Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata about the latest political happenings!

pandemic are occasioning, can serve as some kind of catalyst to show the kind of life we have and the kind of person we are.

And mind you, it is not only the state of mental health or psychological condition that is reflected in these dreams. It is also the kind of spiritual and supernatural life one is having. Thus, our dreams can show whether we are dominated more by fear or by hope.

Let's be close to Mary and Joseph to know how to deal with God's interventions in our life.

The Philippine News Agency (PNA) has reached out to the LCDE for comments through its Facebook account and received an automatic generated reply saying: "Hi, thanks for contacting us. We've received your message and appreciate you reaching out."

The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP)-NPA is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States, European Union, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Philippines. **(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)**

Region 8...
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The Supreme Court Mandanas-Garcia ruling resulted from the petition made by Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas and former Bataan governor Enrique Garcia Jr. before the Supreme Court on local government shares on internal revenue allotment (IRA).

According to the petitioners, LGU shares should include all national taxes.

The Supreme Court affirmed that local government units are entitled to a "just share" on all national taxes collected and not only from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

At present, the local government's IRA share comes from 40 percent of national internal revenue taxes collected by the BIR.

With the Mandanas-Garcia ruling implementation in 2022, it is projected that LGUs will have a 27.61 percent increase in the overall IRA shares.

With the increased budget share, the LGUs are expected to be responsible for the funding and delivery of the activities which have been devolved to them under Republic Act 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, and other subsequent laws.

Among the functions assigned to local governments based on the Local Government Code are agriculture programs, local infrastructure, environmental services, revenue mobilization, health services, maintenance of peace and order, employment facilitation, transportation, tourism, and housing. **(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)**

More than...
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tance learning, they will be adopting more measures to ensure that students will still have quality education like the strengthening of the radio and television-based instructions.

The DepEd in the region also expressed its gratitude to all local officials

Why Online...
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President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, upon the recommendation of the DepEd Secretary, has approved September 13, 2021, as the opening date of the school year. The school year shall consist of 209 school days and shall end on June 24, 2022.

The conduct of face-to-face classes, whether partial or full scale, will not be allowed unless permitted by the Office of the President.

And why On-line is best for now? First, it is something that we in the teaching profession admire for the Flexibility it offers. It would allow teachers to be situated in a safe place to beam her content. It would also allow the teacher to record his or her lecture two nights before via screen recording and just

cially for their continued support to them, especially during this time of pandemic.

"The local government units and our education partners have been extending their full support to our basic education learning continuity plan since the onset of pandemic. Regional Director Gemma

play the content, various free platforms can do this. The flexibility is also useful as students can be present and attend classes wherever they are, cutting both ways between the teacher and the learner's availability. Multi-tasking can also go handy. I have one student who is working in Cebu City as a Call Center Agent and in Graduate School, I have one Doctoral student who is in North Carolina working as a teacher. All these would have been impossible in the old normal. The distance was compressed to fit the screen, this flexibility is a blessing.

Second, it's less expensive than traditional face-to-face education. The money that will be used for the commute is not that big, but daily commute expenses


(Ledesma) is grateful for their robust partnership with them," Calzita.

Tacloban City Alfred Romualdez has donated P50,000 to all public elementary and secondary schools in the city to augment their school expenses for this school year.

Both Leyte Governor *see More than/page 7 ...*

es would be bigger than one's expectations. With the old normal comes the expense for food and in-betweens (whatever comes out of fancy as students are enticed by what the classmates are using or eating). True the economy had a downturn as the Old Normal with the enticing business opportunity was removed, canteens are closed, t-shirt printing is not in-thing, cafés are less frequent now. Sadly, while parents save a little bit the businessmen in them losses too. Perhaps the ongoing Senate hearing on the billions worth PPE had revealed is one of the best business models of profit in these times. However the moral side of it is another thing, though.

(to be continued)...



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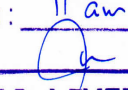
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NOTICE OF DECISION

SPS. MANUEL QUILANTANG and PRIMITIVA ALBIENDA,

Landowner,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0036-2018

LV-0801-0038-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0036-2018 and LV-0801-0038-2018, For: Fixing of Just Compensation was rendered by this office, the dispositive portion states:

"WHEREFORE, decision is rendered ADOPTING the value as the just compensation of the following subject landholdings:

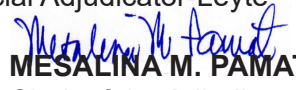
Case No.	Landowner	Title No.	Lot No.	Area (hectares)	Location	LBP Valuation
1.LV-0801-0036-2018	SPS. MANUEL QUILANTANG & PRIMITIVA ALBIENDA	TCT T-6102	6408-C-1,2,3&4	1.7489 has. area acquired is 1.5093 has.	Brgy. Lilo-an, (Kananga) Ormoc City, Leyte	₱343,965.95
2.LV-0801-0038-2018		TCT T-6101	6408-B-1, 4,14&16	3.1262 has. area acquired is 2.3637	Brgy. Lilo-an, (Kananga) Ormoc City, Leyte	₱549,581.72

SO ORDERED.

DARAB Provincial Office, Leyte, July 11, 2019.

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY

Regional Adjudicator/
Provincial Adjudicator-Leyte"



MESALINA M. PAMAT

Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: September 7, 14 & 21, 2021

In Northern Samar**Composting facility now serves Palapag community**

CATARMAN, Northern Samar- The municipal composting facility of Palapag, this province, is now helping the municipality capture and divert compostable wastes coming from households, to prevent biodegradable or organic wastes from polluting nearby surface water, land, and air.

The project, established with the assistance of the provincial government under Governor Edwin Ongchuan, started its operation since January 2021.

The stored materials from the composting facility are processed to produce vermicast. This by-product can be used to fertilize the soil and improve the production of the local farmers, vegetable growers and other agricultural workers.

“Sa ngayon meron na kaming binigyan, an

amo demo farm. May na kami didto ginhatag na 4 sacks para sa kanra vegetable production. Kami nag-apply din dito sa aming area, sa ampalaya production”, Palapag’s Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office technician Sixto C. Ano said.

The provincial government, through the Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office, assisted the establishment of the facility by allocating support fund to the municipality of Palapag amounting to P50,000.

Protecting the environment is a priority agenda of Governor Edwin Ongchuan dubbed as Continued PROGRESS, under Sustainable Eco-Tourism and Environmental Management. **(NORTHERN SAMAR PROVINCIAL INFORMATION OFFICE)**

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Leopoldo Dominico Petilla and Eastern Samar Gov. Ben Evardone have also vowed their continued support to DepEd, especially during this time of pandemic.

Gov. Petilla, aside from praising the teachers for their efforts during this time of pandemic, has also gave credit to the ‘sacrifices’ of their parents who are

helping their children on their lessons and gathering their modules from the schools.

Gov. Evardone said that teachers will be given priority for the vaccination against COVID-19 to ensure their safety against the dreaded virus.

For his part, Catbalogan City Mayor Dexter Uy has encouraged the parents to enroll their children of school age.



LUNCH MEETING --- House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez (2nd left) assisted by Committee on Appropriation Vice Chairman Rep. Manuel “Mannix” Dalipe (left) talks with Secretary Ramon Lopez (right) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Secretary Isidro Lapena (2nd right) of the Technical Education and Skills Development (TESDA) and Secretary Ed Del Rosario (center) of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) During courtesy call and lunch meeting at the Majority office before the Committee on Appropriations Budget Briefing for 2022 Budget Briefing of their departments at the House of Representatives. photo by Ver Noveno

RE leader echoes IPCC’s ‘code red’ alarm on climate change

Unless there are immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, limiting global warming within 1.5 to 2 degrees Celsius will be beyond reach.

This is the alarming reality sounded by First Gen-owned renewable energy (RE) leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) at a landmark Zoominar organized by the Ecumenical Initiative Forum, a gathering of faith-based organizations against

climate change guided by the landmark Laudato Si encyclical of Pope Francis.

Dubbed “Climate Change: The Greatest Crisis of Our Time,” the digital meet brought together stakeholders from the business sector, civil society, academe, and the Catholic Church led by the Focolare Movement Philippines, Season of Creation Pilipinas, and the National Laudato Si Program organized by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philip-

pines (CBCP).

“Contrary to what a lot of us may think, the COVID-19 pandemic is not our greatest problem. Even when we get out of this pandemic, the biggest crisis of our time still remains and that’s climate change,” said EDC president and chief operating officer Richard B. Tantoco as the forum’s keynote speaker.

Tantoco bared the findings of the latest assessment report from the United Nations Intergovernmental

Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued last August. The sixth in a series of periodic reports put out since 1990, it is the most daunting and alarming to date, pointing to irreversible consequences of climate change if no drastic action is taken to decarbonize the atmosphere.

Among the undeniable facts the IPCC report established was that human activities have unequivocally warmed the

see RE leader /page 9 ...

U.S. donates school equipment to boost online learning in the Philippines

MANILA-As part of the United States’ commitment to support early grade learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) turned over 25 laptop computers and 479 tablets to the Philippine Department of Education (DepEd).

At a ceremony held at the DepEd Central Office on September 6, USAID Philippines Office

of Education Director Dr. Thomas LeBlanc handed the school equipment over to DepEd Undersecretary Nepomuceno Malaluan of the Office of the Secretary and Undersecretary Diosdado San Antonio of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

In his remarks, LeBlanc said that “despite the pandemic situation, we hope to promote learning among young children while at the same time support the in-

novative practices of teachers and schools in creating technology-aided learning experiences.”

The laptops and tablets will be distributed to select schools in Regions 5, 6, and to schools associated with the authors of the MTB-MLE interactive Primers developed using the Kotobee software purchased by USAID for DepEd last year.

The tablets will be loaded with eResources in an


easy-to-use navigation system allowing for offline use. Additionally, USAID will test a model of teacher-directed continuous assessment supported by targeted resources for early reading improvement to be implemented in 2021 to 2022 school year.

“This gesture is a product of partnership that we have on learning continuity and contains both substance and the building of the learning spaces of

this time. In this situation there are many learning gains, and this is what we must be able to harness and build for the future,” according to Undersecretary Malaluan.

Undersecretary San Antonio added that “we are very grateful to USAID for this support. This will definitely spell the difference between mediocrity and excellence in delivering basic education services.”

This assistance is part of USAID’s All Children Reading, a four-year, Php250-million project that supports DepEd in improving reading outcomes for early grade learners. USAID focuses on impact, scale, and sustainability through provision of evidence and capacity building activities for the successful implementation of strategic early grade reading initiatives. **(PR)**



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MELINDA SALAZAR,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0026-2017

Landowner,

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0026-2017, 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 amount stated above in accordance with the existing laws and policies.


SO ORDERED.

DAR, Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, 2 October 2019.

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY
Regional Adjudicator/
Provincial Adjudicator - Leyte”


MESALINA M. PAMAT
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NOTICE OF DECISION

FAUSTA I. GUTIERREZ,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0030-2018

Landowner,

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0030-2018, 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 **FAUSTA I. GUTIERREZ** in accordance with existing laws and policies.


SO ORDERED.

16 September 2019.

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY
Regional Adjudicator/
Provincial Adjudicator - Leyte/Biliran”


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NOTICE OF DECISION

SPS. EMETERIO LARRAZABAL
and ADELINA YRASTORZA,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0032-2018

Landowner,

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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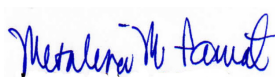
“WHEREFORE, finding that the computation is based on the existing laws and policies, the aforesaid amount is the valuation of the land.

The Land Bank of the Philippines is directed to pay the said amount to **SPS. EMETERIO LARRAZABAL AND ADELINA YRASTORZA** in accordance with existing laws and policies.


SO ORDERED.

16 September 2019.

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY
Regional Adjudicator/
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NOTICE OF DECISION

LEO EAMIGUEL,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0033-2018

Landowner,

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0047-2018, For: Fixing of Just Compensation was rendered by this office, the dispositive portion states:

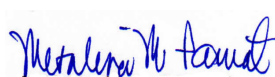
“WHEREFORE, finding that the computation is based on the existing laws and policies, the aforesaid amount is the valuation of the land.

The Land Bank of the Philippines is directed to pay the said amount to **LEO EAMIGUEL** in accordance with existing laws and policies.

SO ORDERED.

16 September 2019.

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY
Regional Adjudicator/
Provincial Adjudicator - Leyte/Biliran”


MESALINA M. PAMAT
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RE leader...

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oceans, land and atmosphere, when it was merely deemed a possibility eight years ago. It has also been confirmed that the scale of the recent climate system changes as a whole are unprecedented within a period of thousands of years of Earth’s existence.

“Global surface temperatures will continue to increase at least until 2050,” explained Tantoco. In terms of exceeding the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference or COP 21 limit of global temperature increase, “under most scenarios, crossing 1.5 degrees will happen in the early 2030s. [But] in the absence of deep carbon cuts, 2 degrees will be exceeded during this century.”

In response, Tantoco outlined practical steps that nations and enterprises can take such as accelerating the pursuit of RE in powering not just homes and industries but transportation as well, coupled with “green” investing and an unequivocal rejection of fossil-based fuels such as coal. Forest cover rehabilitation and regeneration

is also critical. For communities, resilience against extreme weather disturbances needs to be of utmost priority for local government units. For families and individuals, simple but impactful lifestyle practices such as conservation of natural resources and decreased material consumerism continues to be a big help.

“While we can no longer undo the environmental mistakes that humanity has made in the past, it is up to all of us to do something to prevent them from happening again—to be a part of the solution to the greatest crisis of our time,” concluded Tantoco.

EDC is the country’s biggest 100-percent RE company that accounts for over 40 percent of the Philippines’ RE output and serves about 10 percent of the country’s overall electricity demand with its installed capacity of almost 1,500MW. Its 1,181MW geothermal portfolio accounts for 62 percent of the country’s total installed geothermal capacity and has put the Philippines on the map as the world’s third largest geothermal power producer. **(PR)**

Tale...

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would wait for a pedicab or a multicab, there at the side of the highway for a ride home or elsewhere.

It took quite long before his wife came out, and when she did, she was already boarding a pedicab. At reaching the corner, the driver stopped, parked the pedicab on the side, and went to the vendors for something, exchanging laughs and happy conversations.

He must have been a new pedicab driver as Robin sized him up. He stood tall, with a white complexion, a muscled body, and a handsome face. He wore a basketball uniform that time. How he towered above the rest. And as he lingered, Robin noticed that his wife’s eyes from inside the pedicab were glued on him, following him.

Robin followed stealthily after them when the driver finally left. The driver was talking to his wife while on the way, but Robin could not hear well what they were talking about as the noise of other vehicles

was too loud. His stalking lasted up to their house, in front of which the driver stopped and his wife alighted.

To Robin’s surprise, she did not hand her fare to the driver. And as soon as she disembarked, the driver left at once without reminding her of the fare in case she forgot. Robin was momentarily puzzled and instinctively asked her, his voice mixed with amazement and suspicion:

“Why did you not give him your fare?” he asked.

“I did,” she answered. “He even gave me a ten-peso coin since my money was a twenty-peso bill.”

But Robin could not see any coin in her hand, nor did he see her pocketing it. He could visualize the innumerable instances when she would arrive home on a pedicab and would only give her fare to the driver upon alighting.

Robin felt bothered by the things that he saw, so he ended up being too inquisitive. He felt pain inside, but he was not mad. He kept asking his wife who that man was, and her repeated answer was that he was just a pedicab driver. But

he didn’t look like one, with his athletic looks and whiter complexion, he thought. How he wished he had followed him to see if he was really picking up passengers along the way.

The argument lasted till bedtime. Robin could not just let this pass. Finally, with his persistence, she revealed some more bits of information.

“He is the father of one of my students,” she reluctantly disclosed. “But your suspicions will never happen because, first, I am not alone in school who work overtime. Besides, his wife is very strict and jealous. Go to sleep now.” Then she closed her eyes.

But Robin could not force himself to sleep. He was not satisfied with those assurances. Had she said that it will never happen because he is the only one that she loves, he could have gone to sleep soon. Some more queries just bothered him. How did she know the wife is jealous, and why? How long had she been riding his pedicab for free? What does this driver get in exchange for his services? Robin now was hurting.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
WTH DEED OF ABSOLUTE
SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CARLOS OBINA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a one-half portion of a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 2902-B-6-B, Psd-296856, situated in the Barrio of Caibaan, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 1,637 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-21216, and heirs have separately a Special Power of Attorney making their mother TERESITA VILLA OBINA as their Attorney-in-fact, giving her the authority to sign in their behalf the herein Extrajudicial settlement. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. MANOLITO GO & RHODORA GO as vendee for the whole of the above property described property including its improvements, the one half portion conjugal property and the other one half portion; per Doc. No.516, Book No. 105, Page No. VI, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Federico R. Huñamayor.

LSDE: September 14, 21 & 28, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE
SALE OF A PORTION OF REAL
PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ADRIANO SABATE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Locso-on, Borongan, Eastern Samar covered by OCT No. 17433 designated as Lot No. 7122, Cad 434-D, Case 8 containing an area of 2,238sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. NELSON B. CAPONES AND AN-NABELLE D. CAPONES as vendees of a portion equivalent to 1,119sq.m., more or less from the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No 328, Page No. 67, Book No. XLV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA.

LSDE: September 14, 21 & 28, 2021



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

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


LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. ANTONIO CASTILLANES	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	T-3096	1369	3.9565	MAHAPLAG, LEYTE	MABUNGA	SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
2. FLAVIANO MAGLASANG	JUNE 19, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	TCT-398	10765	1.3381	KANANGA, LEYTE	RIZAL	SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
3. BONIFACIO CALDOSA	JUNE 23, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	N-1465	5052	8.5512	ALANGALANG, LEYTE	LUKAY	SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
4. TEOFILA U. BABIANO	JUNE 23, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	P-32517	2638	2.3019	SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE	BAHAY	SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
5. EMILIA POLINAR	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	T-6883	5793	9.9359	BAYBAY, LEYTE	BIDLINAN	SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
6. JESUS E. TECSON	JUNE 24, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	TCT-T-15065	10465	4.4594	BURAUEN, LEYTE	VILLA ROSAS	SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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

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

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

(Sgd.) JOSEFINA CORAZON N. TURLA, MRDA
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CONCORDIA CALDOSA,
Landowner,
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DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0042-2018
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0042-2018, 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 his authorized representative the aforesaid amount pursuant to existing laws and policies.

SO ORDERED.


18 November 2019

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

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Clerk of the Adjudicator

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USUALDO LAGUITAN,
MARRIED TO REMEDIOS RIVERA
Landowners,
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DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0034-2021
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

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LANDBANK
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Tacloban City

RENATO G. BADILLA
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Real St., Tacloban City


Greetings,
Please take NOTICE that this Office, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of R.A. 6657, as amended and its implementing rules and regulation, will conduct a summary administrative proceedings on **September 30, 2021 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at DARAB, Office of the Provincial Adjudicator, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City**, to determine the just compensation of the property of **USUALDO LAGUITAN, MARRIED TO REMEDIOS RIVERA** under **Original Certificate of Title No. P-189, Lot No. 10270-A, C & E, with an area of 8.7243 has., area acquired is 8.0793 hectare/s and located at Brgy. Monterico, Ormoc City**, subject of Compulsory Acquisition scheme of R.A. 6657.
The proceeding being summary in nature, you are directed to submit within thirty (30) days from receipt hereof your respective memorandum/position paper and affidavits, supported with pertinent documents and evidence as to just compensation of said property. Parties may examine the claim folder in the Adjudicator's Office.
Attached please find 1.) Memorandum of Valuation; 2.) Field Investigation Report; 3.) Land Valuation Worksheet and 4.) Advise to DARAB/Adjudicator to Conduct Administrative Proceedings, for your ready reference.
DAR, Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, August 25, 2021.

FOR THE ADJUDICATOR

[Signature]

MESALINA M. PAMAT
Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: September 7, 14 & 21, 2021



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DARAB-LEVTE

NOTICE OF DECISION

FRAN FARMS INCORPORATED
and JESUS M. FRAN,
Landowner,
X-----X

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0037-2018
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0037-2018, 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 **FRAN FARMS INCORPORATED AND JESUS M. FRAN** in accordance with existing laws and policies.

SO ORDERED.


16 September 2019

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY
Regional Adjudicator/
Provincial Adjudicator - Leyte/Biliran”

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Clerk of the Adjudicator

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JESUS M. PASAGUI married to
JULIETA DUMDOMA PASAGUI,
Landowner,
X-----X

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0043-2018
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0043-2018, 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 **JESUS M. PASAGUI married to JULIETA DUMDOMA PASAGUI** or to any authorized representative, in accordance with existing laws and policies.

SO ORDERED.


02 October 2019

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY
Provincial Adjudicator - Leyte/Biliran”

[Signature]

MESALINA M. PAMAT
Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: September 7, 14 & 21, 2021



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LUCILA PEDERE
Landowner,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0025-2021

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

X-----X

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

LUCILA PEDERE
Poblacion, La Paz, Leyte

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

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

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


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

DAR, Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, August 06, 2021.

FOR THE ADJUDICATOR

[Signature]
MESALINA M. PAMAT
 Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2021



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NOTICE OF DECISION

CELSO MUERTEGUI,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0035-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

X-----X

Landowner,

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0035-2018, 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 the landowner or any authorized representatives in accordance with existing laws and policies.


SO ORDERED.

09 December 2019.

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY
 Regional Adjudicator/
 Provincial Adjudicator - Leyte/Biliran

[Signature]
MESALINA M. PAMAT
 Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2021



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NOTICE OF DECISION

SPS. MARCELINO DEL SOCORRO and CONCEPCION LAUDE,

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0041-2018

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

X-----X

Landowner,

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0041-2018, 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 LAUDE, or any of their authorized representative, in accordance with existing laws and policies.


SO ORDERED.

16 September 2019

SGD. VIRGILIO L. ROSACAY
 Provincial Adjudicator - Leyte/Biliran

[Signature]
MESALINA M. PAMAT
 Clerk of the Adjudicator

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PACIFICO MAGANDA, married to TECLA CALUBIRAN

DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0024-2021

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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Landowners,

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

To:

PACIFICO MAGANDA, married to TECLA CALUBIRAN
Brgy. Katipunan, Dagami, Leyte

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

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

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DAR, Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City, August 06, 2021.

FOR THE ADJUDICATOR

[Signature]
MESALINA M. PAMAT
 Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2021

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

RE: Application for issuance 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 21-052

HOLY CROSS OF LIMASAWA, INC.,
Applicant

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ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with the Maasin Satellite Unit (MSU) on **06 September 2021** and received by this Office on the same date, to wit:

NAME OF SHIP'S OWNED			SERVICE TO BE OFFERED		
<i>MV "ASUNCION"</i>			<i>For the carriage of Passengers</i>		
ROUTES TO BE SERVED					
<i>Triana/Magallanes, Limasawa, Southern Leyte-Padre Burgos, Southern Leyte and vice versa</i>					
SCHEDULE OF TRIPS					
Origin	DEPARTURE		Destination	ARRIVAL	
	Time	Day		Time	Day
<i>Triana/Magallanes</i>	<i>6:30 AM</i>	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Padre Burgos</i>	<i>7:15 AM</i>	<i>Daily</i>
<i>Padre Burgos</i>	<i>12:30 AM</i>		<i>Triana/Magallanes</i>	<i>1:15 PM</i>	
<i>* Magallanes port shall serve as an alternate port in case of rough seas in Triana.</i>					

SCHEDULE OF RATES CARGO RATES			
ROUTE/PORTS(S) LINK(S)	PASSENGER RATE	Item(s)	Rate/Unit
<i>Triana/Magallanes-Padre Burgos</i>	<i>P100.00</i>	<i>Cement</i>	<i>P50.00/sack</i>
		<i>Steel Bars/</i>	
		<i>Steel Pipe</i>	<i>P5.00/piece</i>
		<i>Plywood/</i>	
		<i>Galvanized Iron</i>	<i>P30.00/piece</i>
		<i>Rice/Animal</i>	
		<i>Feeds</i>	<i>P35.00/sack</i>
		<i>Softdrinks</i>	<i>P25.00/box or</i>
		<i>Groceries</i>	<i>P35.00/sack</i>

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **21 September 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 **13th day of September 2021** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

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

COPY FURNISHED:
Applicant, Holy Cross of Limasawa, Inc., Osmeña St., Cor. Leopoldo St., Zone 5, Sogod Southern Leyte
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Vill., Makati, MM
File
CMB/MMC
SFSU Issuance No. O-NOH-I-2021-060
Reference No. TMRO-O-2021 - 21-057

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SIMFOROSA F. CHUA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Tamoso, Borongan, Eastern Samar covered by OCT No. RP-175 (8264) designated as Lot No. 18857, Case 19, Cad 434-D containing an area of 1,584sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of FELIX B. LEBRILLA as vendee of the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No 255, Page No. 52, Book No. XLII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA.

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

R8-NC/PA-TH-2021-09-0048
Case No. VIII-2021-0048

Application for **Issuance** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TH** Service with prayer to adopt trade name

EV GOLDEN WHEELS MOVER INC.
Rep. by: **Mr. Henry Y. Gosyco,**
Applicant/s

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TRUCK FOR HIRE** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **FROM TACLOBAN CITY, LEYTE TO ANY POINT IN REGION VIII & VICE VERSA**", with the use of **NINE (9)** unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

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

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

WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **6th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.**

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

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines
LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE
Province of Northern Samar
Municipality of Gamay

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
(R.A. 9048/10172)

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172). Notice is hereby served to the public that MAKI M. ENCISO has filed with this office a Petition for Correction of Entry in SEX from **“MALE”** to **“FEMALE”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of MAKI MILLA ENCISO who was born on September 6, 2001 at Gamay, Northern Samar and whose parents are KENNETH GALOY ENCISO and MARIEL GEN BALASTA MILLA.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(Sgd.) LITO M. GOMBA
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: September 14 & 21, 2021

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Palo

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048 and in compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **DAREAL ROVEDIZO SONGALIA** have filed with this Office a Petition forcorrection of clerical error of Sex from **“FEMALE”** to **“MALE”** in the certificate of live birth of **DAREAL ROVEDIZO SONGALIA** who was born on July 18, 1998 at Palo, Leyte, Philippines and whose parents are **Francisco Gamba Songalia** and **Lilibeth Pahinado Rovedizo.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than ten (10) days.

(Sgd.) EDGAR Y. TAÑALA, J.D.
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: September 14 & 21, 2021

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT/PARTITION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FORTUNATA M. GONZAL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Bacolod, Culaba, Biliran bearing TD No. 00165 (R11) with an area of 4,748sq.m.,assessed at Php7,340.00. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of ROGELIO C. GONZAL-RUDDERFORTH as vendee of the above-described property, free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No. 408, Page No. 82, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve.

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF UNREGISTERED PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that BEN JOSE ESTUARIA AND ARGE0 ESTUARIA executed a Deed of Absolute Sale in favor of GENARO O. GALVEZ married to GERALDINE S. GALVEZ over a parcel of residential land located at San Street, Brgy. San Luis, Capul, Northern Samar designated as Lot No. 3323-Pls-1056-D with an area of 269.10sq.m., under ARP No. 2012-05-011-00061, assessed value at Php5,380.00. Per Doc No. 380, Page No. 77, Book No. II, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Jayvee Wilfred C. Baya.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ADRIANO SABATE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Locso-on, Borongan, Eastern Samar covered by OCT No. 17433 designated as Lot No. 7122, Cad 434-D, Case 8 containing an area of 2,238sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ALADIN D. DELA ROSA AND SANDRA C. DELA ROSA as vendees of a portion equivalent to 1,119sq.m.,more or less from the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No 331, Page No. 61, Book No. XLV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA.

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LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-NC/PA-TH-2021-09-0049
Case No. VIII-2021-0049

Application for **Issuance** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TH** Service with prayer to adopt trade name **EC DELIVERY SERVICES**

HENRY A. KUNIMITSU,
Applicant/s

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TRUCK FOR HIRE** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **“FROM TACLOBAN CITY TO ANY POINT IN REGION VIII & VICE VERSA”** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s.

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

WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **8th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.**

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

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SOCORRO G. JOSEP extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Caraycaray, Naval, Biliran covered by TD No. 01006 with an area of 0.3769hectares with market value of Php55,229.00 and assessed at Php8,836.00. Per Doc No. 415, Page No. 82, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Clemencio C. Sabitsana, Jr.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AMBROCIO GEROLAGA AND PRISCILA O. GEROLAGA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at Brgy. Libertad, Cabucgayan, Biliran with an area of 102.74sq.m., covering ARP No. 00213 R-11, assessed at Php2,260.00. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of PEDELYN C. CABALTIERRA as vendee of a portion measuring 42.50sq.m., from the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No 376, Page No. 76, Book No. 60, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty Redentor C. Villordon.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VICENTE BANGCOYO AND FRANCISCA M. BANGCOYO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Capiñahan, Naval, Biliran denominated as Survey No. 2520 under TD No. 00062 with an area of 2.107955 hectares. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of MARIO NELSON A. VELARDE as vendee of a portion measuring 2,634.94sq.m., from the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No 239, Page No. 48, Book No. 62, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ESTEBAN SABAGKIT extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated at Brgy. Calumpang, Naval, Biliran under TD No. 01128 with an area of 300sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. MARILOU S. GARIN AND ERIC O. GARIN as vendees of the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No 3416, Page No. 560, Book No. XI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinno R. Opeña.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LETAECIA A. CARAÑAGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land located at Sitio Deyo, Brgy. Tabunan, Borongan City covered by OCT No. 16939, Lot No. 9804, Case 22, Cad 434-D containing an area of 2,679sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. ROWENA A. ARAYA married to RUBEN ARAYA as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 21, Page No. 5, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Celestino A. Cabato.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LETECIA A. CARAÑAGAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land located at Sitio Deyo, Brgy. Tabunan, Borongan City covered by OCT No. 16939, Lot No. 9804, Case 22, Cad 434-D containing an area of 2,679sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. ROWENA A. ARAYA married to RUBEN ARAYA as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 21, Page No. 5, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Celestino A. Cabato.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FORTUNATA M. GONZAL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Bacolod, Culaba, Biliran bearing TD No. 00165 (R11) with an area of 4,748sq.m.,assessed at Php7,340.00. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of ROGELIO C. GONZAL-RUDDERFORTH as vendee of the above-described property, free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No. 408, Page No. 82, Book No. I, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ADRIANO SABATE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Locso-on, Borongan, Eastern Samar covered by OCT No. 17433 designated as Lot No. 7122, Cad 434-D, Case 8 containing an area of 2,238sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ALADIN D. DELA ROSA AND SANDRA C. DELA ROSA as vendees of a portion equivalent to 1,119sq.m.,more or less from the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No 331, Page No. 61, Book No. XLV, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SOLEDAD NAGA-DECATORIA extrajudicially amended, settled, adjudicated and partitioned over a bank deposit with BDO Unibank, Inc. - Samar, Catbalogan Branch described as; Type of Account: Kabayan Savings Account; Account No: 006060006506; Amount: Php423,491.79 and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights and interest over the deposit in favor of ANECIA NAGA DECATORIA. Per Doc No. 298, Page No. 059, Book No. 061, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Demetrio Medino J. Acuba.

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. LUCRECIO T. CALO AND ER-LINDA S. CALO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land identified as Lot 3427-D-3-A-1, Psd 08-029822-D situated at Brgy. 81, Marasbaras, Tacloban City containing an area of 309sq.m., covered by TCT No. 122-2013000905. Per Doc No. 118, Page No. 24, Book No. I, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Adonis A. Ofanda.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that JOANES M. VERTERRA, heirs of the late TITA M. VERTERRA executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a certain parcel of land located at Brgy. Can-uguib, Abuyog, Leyte containing an area of 75sq.m., covered by TD No. 08-01004-00405. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. DARIO L. MULDERA AND RUBY T. MULDERA as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 421, Page No. 86, Book No. XIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Yzabel Eden M. Bertumen-Lerios.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF SHARE


NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LYDIA GORDA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land identified as Lot No. 3621, Pls 857-D containing an area of 28,608sq.m., covered by OCT No. 14980 situated at Brgy. Polangi, Catarman, Northern Samar and heirs ELMO G. CARIAS AND RICHARD G. CUANICO hereby WAIVED all rights, interests and participations in favor of GRYPHEL G. DELA UMBRIA over the above-described real property together with al the improvements existing thereon. Per Doc No. 131, Page No. 28, Book No. II, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Noriel D. Diaz.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MANUEL MAPA MANCOL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 parcels of land described as: **1)** A parcel of agricultural land, designated as Lot No. 657, Survery No. CAD, 640-D, containing an area of 2,512.13 square meters, situated at Brgy. 002, Baras, Sto. Niño, Samar, under Tax Dec. No. 11-170002-00349; **2)** A parcel of residential land, designated as Cad Lot No. 1818-H, containing an area of 232 square meters situated at Easte Awang, Calbayog District, Calbayog City, under Tax Dec. No. 99-01006-01374; **3)** Building, containing an area of 114.13 square meters, situated at Brgy. East Awang, Calbayog District, Calbayog City under Tax Dec. No. 99-01006-0174; per Doc. No. 7770, Page No. 44, Book No. 387. Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Ma. Rowena L. Urot.

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARBEN SALAZAR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Cantulay, Canjaway, Borongan, Eastern Samar covered by ARP No. 08027-00411/PIN: 037-230-027-16-041 designated as Survey No. 19451, Lot No. 041, Block 16 containing an area of 951sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. ROZENE D. DAZA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 61, Page No. 14, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA.



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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-OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN-

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON January 8, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.

Acting Mun. Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO

SB Member

HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON

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HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR.

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HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT

SB Member

HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO

SB Member

ABSENT:

HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO

SB Member

Leave of Absence:

HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR

SB Member

Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2020
Sponsored by: HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR.

AN ORDINANCE
REGULATING ALL TYPE OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH HAVE MODIFIED AFTERMARKET PIPES/MUFFLERS OR SWAPPING OUT OF STOCK PIPES/MUFFLERS RESULTING TO THE EMISSION OF EXCESSIVE AND UNREASONABLE LOUD NOISE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that “the State shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 partly provides that “every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, incidental for the efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Section 81 of Ordinance No. 01, Series of 2011, an Ordinance Enacting the Traffic Management and Safety Code of the Municipality of Guiuan provides that no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a street unless such motor vehicle is equipped, at all times with a muffler or mufflers in constant operation and of sufficient capacity for the motor, and equipped with an exhaust system to prevent the escape of excessive fumes or smoke and unusual noise. Owners or operators of motor vehicles within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality shall at all times ensure that their vehicle comply with the exhaust emission standards ser forth in R.A. 8749 otherwise known as the “Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999” and its implementing rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, the rampant proliferation of all types of vehicles which emit deafening roar coming from modified aftermarket pipe/muffler or swapped out stock pipe/muffler is quite alarming;

WHEREAS, some motor vehicles with loud and roaring mufflers often-times cause serious discomfort especially during unholy hours and has elicited numerous complaints and public condemnation;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of –Hon. Carlito S. Abrugar, duly seconded by Hon. Francis Aldous B. Sison and Hon. Pedro M. Macabocsit;

BE IT ORDAINED, By This Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session duly assembled that –

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the “ANTI-OPEN MUFFLER ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN”.

Section 2. Scope. This Ordinance shall cover:

1. All motor vehicle owners/drivers.
2. Motor vehicles having modified aftermarket pipes.
3. Motor vehicles emitting excessive and unreasonable loud noise.
4. All motor vehicles traveling within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Guiuan

Section 3. Definition of Terms. When used in this Ordinance the following terms are hereby defined:

- a. Motor Vehicle – is a self-propelled road vehicle and off-road vehicle commonly wheeled, that does not operate on rails such as trains or trams and used for private/industrial/commercial/public purposes on the municipal/provincial/ highways in the transportation of passengers or passenger and property.
- b. Modified with aftermarket pipes – it is the aftermarket changed/replacement of mufflers from its original form which emit excessive and unreasonable loud noise.
- c. Excessive noise – means any sound which annoys or disturbs humans or which causes or tend to cause an adverse psychological effect.
- d. Unreasonable loud noise – noise which is substantially incompatible with the time and location to the extent that it creates an actual or imminent interference with peace and good order.
- e. Muffler/Stock pipes – exhaust device that cools exhaust gases, quiets exhaust noise and provides back pressure to improve engine performance.
- f. Emission - any air contaminant, pollutant, gas stream or unwanted sound from a known source which is passed into the atmosphere.

Section 4. Prohibited Acts. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to regulate and penalize all type of motor vehicle owners/drivers traveling within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Guiuan having modified aftermarket pipes/ mufflers which emit excessive and unreasonable loud noise at all times.

Section 5. Formulation and Implementation.

- a. The Municipality of Guiuan Police Office/Philippine National Police and the Municipal Traffic Enforcers Group shall fully implement this ordinance and mandated to coordinate with the Land Transportation Office (LTO)

- for the proper implementation of this Ordinance.
- b. The members of Sangguniang Barangay and other officials, within their jurisdiction, in coordination with the Barangay Tanods shall effectively implement this Ordinance and apprehend offenders and shall have the responsibility to deliver the same to the authorities mentioned.
 - c. Apprehending officers shall issue a Citation Ticket or Ordinance Violation Receipt (OVR) in favor of the Municipality of Guiuan.

Section 6. Penalty. Any motorcycle or motor vehicle driver or owner who violates the provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized accordingly:

- a. First Offense – by a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) or an imprisonment of not more than six months or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court;
Provided, that the owner shall install its original setup or a silencer device.
Second Offense – by a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00 or an imprisonment of not more than six months or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court; Provided, that the owner shall install its original setup or a silencer device.
- b. Third Offense or subsequent offenses – confiscation of vehicle, fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) or an imprisonment of not more than six months or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court; Provided, that the owner shall install its original setup or a silencer device.
- c. Administrative sanctions or reprimand shall be imposed on Barangay Officials/Tanods who would not effectively implement this Ordinance within his jurisdiction.

Section 7. Incentives. There shall be an incentive system to be instituted by the issuance of appropriate guidelines by the Municipal Mayor through the recommendation of the Traffic Management Committee which will be taken from the net proceeds of the payment of fines of certain violations of this ordinance.

Section 8. Separability Clause. If for any reason any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by the court, other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. All municipal ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a newspaper of regional circulation.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: January 8, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO SB Member	(SGD.)HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO SB Member
(SGD.)HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON SB Member	(SGD.)HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR. SB Member
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(SGD.)HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT SB Member	HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR SB Member President – Liga ng mga Barangay
(SGD.) HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO SB Member President – SK Federation	

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance:

(SGD.)RECTITO A. MELQUIADES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan


Attested by:

(SGD.)HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.
Acting Mun. Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

Approved:

(SGD.)HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ
Acting Municipal Mayor

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON January 29, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO

OIC Acting Vice-Mayor
Temporary Presiding Officer

HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO

SB Member

HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON

SB Member

HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR.

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HON. JOSE ERIC C. CORDERO

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HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT

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HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR

SB Member

HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO

SB Member

ABSENT:

HON. MANUEL L. VELASCO

SB Member

Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE
PROMOTING A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR AND PROVIDING SANCTIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article XI, Section 1 provides that public office is a public trust; thus, public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives;

WHEREAS, the RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code,

Section 16, Chapter 2, Title 1, Book 1, provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;

WHEREAS, the Board Regulation No. 13 of the Dangerous Drugs Board provides for the establishment and institutionalization of Drug-Free workplace policies in all Government offices, including the conduct of authorized drug testing for elective local officials and appointive public officers and employees;

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Issued Resolution No. 101359 prescribing the conduct of mandatory drug test as a requirement for pre-employment to ensure that only those qualified shall be screened and recruited in the government service;

WHEREAS, CSC Resolution No. 1700657 mandates the heads of agencies to ensure that drug-free workplace policy and program be disseminated to all officials, and employees as a condition for retention in government service and be implemented by means of random drug-testing to prevent and control the risk of dangerous drugs incidence within the workplaces, consistent with MC No. 13, s. 2017);

WHEREAS, Section 36 (d) of RA 9165, otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Dangerous Act of 2002”provides that offices and employees of public and private offices, whether domestic or overseas, shall be subjected to undergo random drug test at the expense of the employee/employers concerned;

WHEREAS, presence of drug abuse problem among the working personnel in workplaces will reduce efficiency productivity and will lost respect from both the peer and the clients.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Carlito S. Abrugar, Jr. duly seconded by Hon. Mary Charmaine G. Villar;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Guiuan, Eastern Samar session assembled that:

Section 1.Title. This Ordinance shall otherwise be known as “**The Drug-Free Workplace Ordinance in the Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar**”.

Section 2. Definition of Terms. When use in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined:

- a.) **Officials** – refer to elected or appointed working personnel with highest ranking position in both the public and private offices;
- b.) **Employees** – refer to rank-and-file employees, whether in private or in public regardless of their status of employment, it maybe regular, casual, job hired, contractual or temporary;
- c.) **Random drug test** – shall mean the conduct of drug testing to the concerned personnel without prior notice;
- d.) **For-course drug testing** – shall mean the conduct of drug testing to a personnel who is suspiciously under the influence of illegal drugs;
- e.) **Probable cause drug testing** – shall mean drug testing required when there is a probable cause or reasonable ground to believe that a person is using or is under the influence of dangerous drugs;
- f.) **Screening test** – shall mean a rapid test performed to establish potential/presumptive result;
- g.) **Confirmatory test** – shall mean an analytical test using a device, tool, or equipment which will validate and confirm the result of the screening test;
- h.) **Refusal** – shall mean evading. Escaping, refusing or making self-unavailable;

Section 3. General Guidelines in the Conduct of Random Drug Testing. As a government policy and as part of employees rules and regulations, hereunder are the guidelines for random testing:

- a.) Random drug testing shall be:
 - 1.)Applicable to all officials and employees of the Municipal Government of Guiuan, Eastern Samar and other Line Agencies of the National and Provincial Government and shall be implemented as a collaborative undertaking of the government its officials and employees, local and national; and
 - 2.) Implemented primarily for a drug free workplace;

Section 4. Creation of a Drug Free Workplace Committee. A Drug Free Workplace Committee shall thereby be created by the Local Chief Executive to be composed as follows:

Chairman	: Local Chief Executive
Vice- Chairman	: Municipal Health Officer
Members	: Human Resource Management Officer
	Four (4) Representatives from select Line Agencies of the National Government
	Members of the MADAC
	MLGOO
	Representative – Office of the Mayor

The Drug-Free Workplace Committee shall formulate Implementing rules and Regulations for purposes of implementing this Ordinance.

Section 5. Procedural Guidelines in the Conduct of Random Testing:

- a)Drug Testing shall be done by the Municipal government of Guiuan, Eastern Samar drug testing laboratory or any government forensic laboratories accredited and monitored by the Department of Health (DOH) to safeguard the quality test results;
- b)The drug testing shall employ among others, two (2) testing methods:
 - b.1) the screening test which will determine the posture result, as well as the type of drug used; and
 - b.2) the confirmatory test which will confirm a positive screening test.
- c) Random testing shall include, either all or a certain number of employees – the means of selection shall remain confidential.
- d) All information related to drug-testing a identification of person/s as

users shall be treated as confidential, unless otherwise when the law so requires, as overriding public health and safety concerns, or authorized in writing by the person concerned.

Section 6. Testing for Probable Cause or Reasonable Ground. Random testing shall be conducted when certain employee/s display/s misconduct, such as:

a.Attendance – frequent unauthorized absences, repeated tardiness, absenteeism from the job.

b.Personal appearance – slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, drastic change in appearance, etc.

c.Mental factor – hot headedness, irritability, increased difficulty in handling assignments, etc.

d.General performance – missed deadlines, low productivity, increased wastage, public complaints, and other signs;

e.Peer relation – isolation, frequent quarrels with officemates, heavy borrowings, and frequent mood swings, etc.

Section 7.Funding. Expenses for drug-testing shall be taken from the MADAC fund of the Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

Section 8. Sanctions.

a) Official and employees whether permanent/regular (appointive/elective), contractual, temporary or job order shall be subjected to disciplinary/administrative or criminal proceedings if he or she is:

- 1.Found positive of dangerous drugs
- 2.Refuse to undergo drug testing

b)Immediate dismissal after release of confirmatory result for job order personnel, contractual and temporary employees.

Section 9. Separability Clause. If any part of this Ordinance is declared not valid, unconstitutional or unlawful, section or parts thereof which are not affected shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. Previous Ordinances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 11.Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect after the required publication.

(SGD.)HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO **(SGD.)HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON**
SB Member SB Member

(SGD.)HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR. **(SGD.)HON. JOSE ERIC C. CORDERO**
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(SGD.)HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR **(SGD.)HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO**
SB Member SB Member
President – Liga ng mga Barangay President – SK Federation

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance:

(SGD.)RECTITO A. MELQUIADES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:

(SGD.)HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO
OIC Acting Vice-Mayor & Temporary Presiding Officer

Approved:

(SGD.)HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.
OIC Acting Municipal Mayor

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON
January 13, 2021 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ	Municipal Vice-Mayor Presiding Officer
HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.	SB Member
HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO	SB Member
HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON	SB Member
HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR.	SB Member
HON. JOSE ERIC C. CORDERO	SB Member

ABSENT:

HON. MANUEL L. VELASCO	SB Member
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Leave of Absence:

HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO	SB Member
HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT	SB Member
HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR	SB Member
HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO	SB Member

Ordinance No. 002, Series of 2021
(Sponsored by: Hon. Carlito S. Abrugar, Jr.)

AN ORDINANCE
PROMOTING, DEVELOPING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING ORGANIC
AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Section 1. Title. – These Ordinance shall be known and cited as **“THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ODINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR”**.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the duty of the local government to protect life and advance the rights of all citizens to food sufficiency, sovereignty, and safety, sustainable livelihood and social equity in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the local government will mainstream organic agriculture as a main agricultural practice in Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a.Agriculture – shall include all fields, such as but not limited to aquaculture, animal husbandry agro-forestry and horticulture.

b.Biodiversity – means the variability among living organisms from all sources, including among others, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.

c.Consumer groups – organized consumer groups patronizing and advocating organic products.

d.Ex-situ – referring to the study, maintenance or conservation of an organism away from its natural surroundings.

e.Food Security – is the ability of the individual, household and community to produce and/or access/acquire appropriate, abundant, nutritious and safe food on a regular basis using socially acceptable means;

f.Gene Seed Bank – a collection of seeds from potentially useful wild plants, which may be used in the future for breeding new varieties;

g.Small and Marginalized Farmer – refers to natural persons dependent on small-scale subsistence farming as their primary source of income and whose sale, barter or exchange of agricultural products do not exceed a gross value of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Pesos (Php180,000.00) per annum based on 1992 constant prices (are marginal and sub-marginal farm households and/or cultivating not more than three (3) hectares;

h.OMAS – Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services

i.Organic – refers to the particular farming and processing system, described in the standards and not in the classical chemical sense. The term “organic” is synonymous in other language to “biological” or “ecological”. It is also a labelling term that denotes products considered based on the Philippine National Standards for Organic Agriculture (Organic Agriculture Act of 2010);

j.Organic Agriculture – includes all agricultural system that promotes the ecologically sound, socially acceptable, economically viable and technically feasible production of food and fibers. Organic agriculture dramatically reduces external inputs by refraining from the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and pharmaceuticals. It also covers areas such as but not limited to soil fertility management, varietal breeding and selection under chemical and pesticides-free conditions, the use of biotechnology and other cultural practices that are consistent with the principles and policies of this Act, and enhance productivity without compromising the soil and water, and harming farmers, consumers and the environment as defined by the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movement (IFOAM); Provided, that the biotechnology herein referred to shall not include genetically modified organisms or GMOs (Organic Agriculture Act of 2010);

k.Organic Center – is a center with the following goals:
1.Establish a strategic venue for consumer education, information and communication for a sustainable healthy lifestyle;
2.Design as a showcase for organic products and farm technologies;
3.Develop holistic and sustainable technology training programs;
4.Formulate farm-based farmer coordinated applied research program;
and
5.Promote environmental economic values in enterprise development.

Section 4. Organic Agriculture Zones. For the effective implementation of this Ordinance, there are hereby set aside agriculture zones that will be protected from encroachment and contamination of using chemical-based farm inputs, mining, including contamination of genetically-engineered crops and other similar activities. These zones shall be organized according to ecological districts based on existing categories of land tenure, instruments and arrangements such as the ancestral domain, the protected area, the agrarian reform communities, the community-based forest management zones, and such similar instruments and arrangements, including the coastal and marine zones.

Section 5. Organic Centers – The Municipality of Guiuan through the Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services (OMAS), shall establish, recognize and/or support Organic Centers including those initiated by the private sector that will promote, market, and develop organic agriculture;

The Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services (OMAS) may also recognize or support market centers which are established for the purpose of marketing organic products;

Section 6. Conservation of Indigenous Farm Practices. Measures shall be established, by the farming communities, including indigenous peoples’ communities, to conserve and protect indigenous knowledge relating to organic agriculture, including those that relate to seed conservation and propagation and the various ways in which on-farm and ex-situ mechanisms are established and sustained.

Section 7. Organic Gene/Seed Bank. – The Municipal Government of Guiuan, through the Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services, in coordination with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), international organizations and other appropriate agencies shall establish an Organic Seed/Gene Bank which will produce and supply organic, endemic or indigenous seeds to farmers.

Section 8. Support Services to Organic Farmers. – The Municipal Government of Guiuan shall ensure support to organic farmers who wish to engage in organic agriculture, such as training, production, marketing and branding, including financial management and accounting, among other necessary skills to develop an organic agriculture product that will secure a market niche, including the practice of fair trade.

Support services shall also be primarily extended to small and marginalized farmers and women’s groups including the promotion, enhancement and fulfillment of their rights as defined in national laws

Section 9. Access to Credit for Small and Organic Farmers. – Small and organic farmers, through the assistance of the Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services, shall have access to credit facility and financial services through organized groups of small farmers preferably those cooperatives registered with the Municipal Cooperative Development Office.

Section 10. Biological and Botanical Control. – Organic Farmers shall practice and utilize a biological and botanical method, which relies on predation, parasitism, herbivory or other natural mechanisms in the control of pests and diseases in their organic farm; The Municipal Government shall provide support for Research in the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office for the research and development of biological and botanical control.

Section 11. Implementation Mechanisms. – The Municipal Government of Guiuan, through the Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services, shall insure the implementation of this ordinance guided by the principles of organic value chain. It shall ensure the marketing of organic products by providing centers for selling, transport and other necessary services. It shall also ensure that organic products have certified organic branding in accordance to the Philippine National Standards.

Section 12. Organic Agriculture Management Council. The Municipal Government may institute the formation of an Organic Agriculture Management Council, headed by the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office that will assist in the implementation of the ordinance and the formulation of an Organic Agriculture Plan for Guiuan. The Council, to be composed of appropriate national government agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), People’s Organization (POs), academe, particularly Agricultural School (such as: Visayas State Univ. (VSU), Eastern Visayas State Univ. (EVSU), Eastern Samar State Univ. (ESSU), Samar State Univ. (SSU), Southern Leyte State Univ. (SSU), Maasin City College, University of Eastern Philippines (UEP), Biliran Province State Univ.) and such other appropriate offices such as Agricultural Training Institute, etc., engaged in or advocating organic agriculture, shall have the following functions:

- 1.Identify and recommend organic agriculture zones;
- 2.Adopt the existing national standards for the accreditation of organic agriculture practitioners which may take into account second party certification systems and farmers’ guarantee systems;
- 3.Develop incentive mechanism for the organic agriculture sector, in collaboration with local government agencies under the Municipal Budget Office, which may include, but not limited to, subsidies especially with farming areas that do not exceed the three (3) hectare limit, and the necessary crop insurance and other support system of agriculture sector;
- 4.Set criteria for organic farms, organic farmers, organic agriculture standards and practices; and
- 5.Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the realization of the policies as well as the principles enunciated under this Ordinance.

In the absence of the establishment of the said Council, the Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services shall perform the above-mentioned functions in collaboration with other government agencies, NGOs, POs, academe and other appropriate offices.

Section 13. Standard-Setting. – The Municipal Mayor, through the OMAS or the Organic Agriculture Management Council, in case it is established, shall formulate an Organic Agriculture Standard appropriate for Guiuan small farmers. The standard to be formulated by the municipality shall be anchored on the utilization of biodegradable waste as a resource for organic agriculture system.

Section 14. Capacity-Building. – To sustain and broaden the base for the implementation of this Ordinance, there is hereby adapted a continuous effort, funded by at least ten percent (10%) from the budget set aside for organic agriculture as identified in Section 24 of this Ordinance, for capacity-building and training, including the accreditation of institutions for standards-testing and verification. Measures shall also be adopted to encourage integration of organic agriculture in the primary, secondary and tertiary school curricula.

Section 15. Research and Development. – A Master Plan for Research and Development on Organic Agriculture shall be created by the OMAS in coordination with the Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Unit VIII that will be funded by the Municipality by at least ten percent (10%) of the budget set aside for organic agriculture as identified in Section 24 of this Ordinance. The Master Plan shall be regularly updated in consultation with different sectors. The participation of farmers and other stakeholders such as, but not limited to, private entities, NGOs and LGUs in the research, development and implementation of the master plan is preferred.

Section 16. Promotion Of Urban Organic Agriculture. – The Municipal Agriculturist’s Office shall promote urban organic agriculture even in urban areas utilizing new technologies and taking advantage of ecological solid waste.

Section 17. Participation of All Barangays – The sixty (60) barangays shall be encouraged to initiate its own short, medium and long-term programs with specific budget allocation from its Internal Revenue Allotment on organic agriculture.

Section 18. Watershed and Biodiversity Conservation and Rehabilitation. – In accordance with existing laws, there shall be biodiversity and watershed conservation and rehabilitation to ensure the continuous provision of these ecological and biological services vital to organic agriculture.

Section 19. Recognition Of Farmer’s Rights. – Any farmer who may choose to practice Organic Agriculture in the barangay shall be given priority in providing for support. Any existing arrangement of the farmer with any contract grower or trader shall not prevent the farmer from practicing organic agriculture. Any attempt to coerce the farmer not to switch is a violation of the farmer’s right to choose the method of farming suitable to his circumstance.

Section 20. Support Services to Small Holder Farmers. – There shall be support services provided to small holder farmers which include agrarian reform beneficiaries, who wish to engage in organic agriculture, from training, production, marketing and branding, including financial management and accounting, among other necessary skills to develop an organic agriculture product that will secure a market niche, including the practice of fair trade as well as ensure household level food security. These services shall not be limited to the following:

- a.Education – Continuous trainings, follow-up, hands-on consultations, field exposures, including research and development activities.
- b.Information Campaign – advocacies of organic agriculture, benefits, challenges, updates as well as farmers’ success stories and information access on the different alternative agricultural practices recognized and identified to organic agriculture through published hand-outs, handbooks, and other reading materials that farmers can access. In addition, information education and awareness campaign for consumers in general shall also be done;
- c.Production – information of making and other access to organic farm inputs (such as but not limited to compost fertilizers, inoculants and foliar such as effective micro-organism and other natural fermentations); financial assistance/support to pre and post production, including rehabilitation and postharvest facilities devoted solely for organic agriculture produce such as

but not limited to multi-pass rice mills for unpolished rice;

d.Marketing – fair trade and pricing (farm gate and market prices); avail-able market outlets, trading posts including “bagsakan”, organic markets and organic eateries and the like; inclusion of the marketing and trade or organic agriculture in festivals or fairs of cities, municipalities and the province;

e.Branding of products – consultation as to labelling the organic prod-ucts with DTI/DOST including processing for higher value-added of the agri-cultural produce;

f.Infrastructure and facilities – attuned to sustainable organic agricul-ture activities at the level of the marginalized farmer including but not limit-ed to shredder water impoundment structures for upland communities and others.

Section 21. Recognition Of The Role Of Women. – The role of women in the practice of Organic Agriculture is recognized. Towards this end, mea-sures shall be taken by the Municipal Government of Guiuan to comply with its obligations to ensure a gender-fair and gender-balanced development along with support mechanisms to take into account the particular needs of women, from those who are child-bearing and girls of tender age, and the elderly women farm workers.

Section 22. Annual Celebration of the Organic Farmers Festival. An Organic Farmers’ Festival shall be conducted during the Farmers and Fish-erfolks Month Celebration of the Municipality each year for the purpose of promoting organic agriculture. The festival shall be the official venue in the giving of recognitions and awards for individuals or organizations engaged in organic agriculture as stipulated in this ordinance.

Section 23. Incentives to Farmers, Schools, and Barangays. – The Mun-icipal Government shall give incentives, awards and financial support to farmers, schools, and barangay local government units which pursue, pro-mote and practice organic farming. The OMAS shall formulate guidelines for developing incentive programs, award system and/or financial support.

Section 24. Appropriation. The Municipal Government of Guiuan shall appropriate substantial budget to ensure the implementation of this Ordi-nance and to support the organic agriculture activities of the municipality.

Section 25. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Local Chief Ex-ecutive is hereby authorized to cause the formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance upon its effectivity.

Section 26. Separability Clause. – If any section or provision of this Or-dinance is held or declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 27. Repealing Clause. – All Ordinances, Orders and other issu-ances or parts of pertinent laws inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly;

Section 28. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect immedi-ately after its compliance with the posting and publication requirements set forth under the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: January 13, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

(SGD.)HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR. SB Member

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance:

(SGD.) RECTITO A. MELQUIADES

Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:

(SGD.)HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ

Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

Approved:

(SGD.) HON. ANNALIZA P. GONZALES-KWAN

Municipal Mayor

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Province of Eastern Samar

MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN

-OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN-

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON March 25, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ	Vice-Mayor
	Presiding Officer
HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO	SB Member
HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO	SB Member
HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON	SB Member
HON. CARLITO S. ABRUGAR, JR.	SB Member
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HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT	SB Member
HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR	SB Member
HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO	SB Member

ABSENT:

HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.	SB Member
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Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2020

Sponsored by: Hon. Carlito S. Abrugar, Jr.

AN ORDINANCE

PROHIBITING THE DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC STREETS, SIDEWALKS, BRIDGES, TERMINALS, AIRPORT, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, MARKETS, WHARVES, EVACUATION CENTERS AND PUBLIC PARKS/PLAZA AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN AND PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS AND SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 5 provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoy-ment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, the Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Govern-ment Code, Section 16, Chapter 2, Title 1, Book 1, provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Guiuan is composed of friendly, hospitable and magnanimous people for visitors as evidence by the influx of tourists and investors to the place;

WHEREAS, an ordinance prohibiting drinking in streets, bridges, terminals, schools, hospitals, markets, public parks/plaza and other public places in the Municipality of Guiuan is necessary to prevent anti-social behavior and intimi-dation to law-abiding members of the public, visitors and tourists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sang-guniang Bayan, in session duly assembled that;

Section 1. **Title-** This ordinance shall otherwise be known as the “**Responsi-ble Drinking Ordinance of the Municipality of Guiuan.**”

Section 2. **Definition of terms.** The following words and phrases as used in this Ordinance shall mean:

a. **Alcoholic beverages or intoxicating beverages** – a liquor or brew con-taining alcohol as active agent including tuba, lambanog and other intoxicating drinks or beverages.

b. **Airport** – a place from which aircraft operate that usually has paved runways and maintenance facilities located within the Municipality of Guiuan.

c. **Bridges** – a structure carrying a pathway or roadway over a depression or obstacle such as sea, river or any body of water located within the Municipality of Guiuan.

d. **Evacuation centers** – refers to facilities that can accommodate people or families in transition displaced due to an emergency or calamity such as but not limited to schools, churches or other community buildings within the Muni-cipality of Guiuan.

e. **Hospitals** – are institutions where the sick or injured are given medical or surgical care whether public or private located within the Municipality of Guiuan.

f. **Markets** – an areas where commercial dealings for the purchase and sale of provisions, livestock, fish, vegetable and other commodities whether public or private are conducted within the Municipality of Guiuan.

g. **Public streets and sidewalks** – are public roads within the Municipality of Guiuan intended as safe access for all users.

h. **Public parks/plazas** – are land areas within the Municipality of Guiuan intended for various purposes such as recreation, entertainment and the like.

i. **Public places** – shall include any highway, boulevard, avenue, road, street, bridge or other thoroughfares, park, plaza, square, shorelines and seashores not covered by an effective fore shore lease, seawalls and/or any open space of public ownership where the people are allowed access.

j. **Schools** – are public or private organizations or institutions and centers of learning that provide a learning environment and educational instructions located within the Municipality of Guiuan.

k. **Terminals** – shall refer to facilities within the Municipality of Guiuan, where public transport services, buildings and other related facilities and ame-nities within the area or space established, whether publicly or privately owned, where authorized public transport vehicles (except non-motorized transport modes) are allowed to park, and load/unload passengers and freight.

l. **Wharves** – a structure built along or at an angle from the shore of naviga-ble waters so that ships, pump boats or boats may lie to receive and discharge cargo and passengers.

Section 3. **General Provision.** No person shall drink any alcoholic or in-toxicating beverage in any public street, sidewalk, bridges, terminals, airport, schools, market, wharves, public parks/plazas and other public places within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Guiuan.

Section 4. **Exemptions.** The following shall be exempted from the provi-sions of this ordinance:

- Special occasions or festivities that shall be authorized or permitted of the Municipal Government or the Barangay concerned;
- Special events and occasions that are sponsored, co-project and co-host-ed by the Municipal Government or the barangay as the case may be;
- Customers of any establishment whose business is authorized or permit-ted by the Municipal government to use portion or part of the street, sidewalk, airport, terminal, market, wharfs or public park/plaza;
- Persons, entities, business establishments who secured a permit for the conduct of special events.

Section 5. Special Permit. The barangay council is hereby authorized to is-sue special permit to any person or entities that shall conduct special events within their Barangay Plaza, Barangay Hall, Basketball court or Barangay parks, and other public places in the barangay, such as but not limited to the following:

- Christmas Party
- Valentines Party
- Reunions
- Weddings
- Birthdays

- Wakes and funeral
- Fiestas

Section 6. **Implementing agencies.** – The Philippine National Police, Liga ng mga Barangay, Barangay officials and Barangay Tanods shall be responsible for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

Section 7. **Penalty Clause.** - Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be liable to the following penalties for each violation:

a) **First offense** – by a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) or an im-prisonment of not more than six months or both, such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

b) **Second offense** – by a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) or an imprisonment of not more than six months or both, such fine and impris-onment at the discretion of the court.

c) **Third or subsequent offenses** – by a fine of Two thousand Five Hun-dred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) or an imprisonment of not more than six months or both, such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

All fines imposed resulting from a violation of any provision of this ordi-nance shall be collected by and paid to the Municipal Treasurer or his/her duly authorized representative who will properly issue a receipt therefor.

Section 8. **Separability Clause.** If for any reason, any provision of this or-dinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by the court, other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. **Repealing Clause.** All municipal ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or mod-ified accordingly.

Section 10. **Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect immedi-ately after the required publication.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: March 25, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR. SB Member

(SGD.)HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO SB Member

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HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO SB Member

President – Liga ng mga Barangay President – SK Federation

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance:

(SGD.) RECTITO A. MELQUIADES

Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:

(SGD.)HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ

Municipal Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

Approved:

(SGD.)HON. ANNALIZA P. GONZALES – KWAN

Municipal Mayor

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN-

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON April 8, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ	Vice-Mayor
	Presiding Officer
HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.	SB Member
HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO	SB Member
HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO	SB Member
HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON	SB Member
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HON. MANUEL L. VELASCO	SB Member
HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT	SB Member
HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO	SB Member

ABSENT:

HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR	SB Member
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Ordinance No. 09, Series of 2020

(Sponsor: Hon. Carlito S. Abrugar, Jr.)

AN ORDINANCE

PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM COMMITTING ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON INFECTED, CONFIRMED/PROBABLE/ SUSPECT DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS INCLUDING THE HEALTH WORKERS AND OTHER FRONTLINERS AND IMPOSING THE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREIN.

WHEREAS, under Article III, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 expressly provides that “every government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, incidental foe the efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Proclamation 922, dated March 9, 2020 of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines mandated all government agencies and local government units to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical , urgent and appropriate measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) recently warned the public on discrimination against person reported to have contracted COVID-19 as well as suspect/probable/confirmed, including Health Workers and emergency workers who are among those at the fronlines of the battle against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, there are several reports of false and inaccurate social media posts even circulating online spreading names of people allegedly to been infected with COVID-19 and urging the recipients to check of they had contact with those listed as PUIs and PUMs;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Municipality of Guiuan to bring normalcy and order amidst the crisis and protect its constituency from unjust discrimination brought on by the fear and panic of the public;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of –Hon. Carlito S. Abrugar, Jr., duly seconded by Hon. Pedro M. Macabocsit.;

BE IT ORDAINED, By This Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session duly assembled that –

Section 1. **Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the “**ANTI-COVID-19 DISCRIMNATION ORDINANCE**” of the Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

Section 2. **Definitions.**

- a) Person infected, Confirmed/Suspect/Probable – are those defined by the protocols and guidelines of the Department of Health (DOH).
- b) Health Workers – are those who deliver care and services to the sick and ailing, either directly or indirectly such as but not limited to doctors, nurses, hospital and clinic aides, midwives, and laboratory technicians.
- c) Frontliners – include officers and members of the PNP, AFP, PCG, IATF, Brgy. Officials, Brgy. Tanods, BHERTS and instrumentalities of the Government rendering emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services. Frontliners also include service workers who are working in private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e. public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drug stores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power energy, telecommunications and water supplies and other related facilities.
- d) Discrimination – unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things especially on the ground of health condition, race, age or sex and others and including but not limited to any act or utterances which may cause or tend to cause stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation or harassment.

Section 3. **Prohibited acts.** It shall be unlawful for any person, whether natural or juridical, to commit any act or make utterances which cause or tend to cause stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment or otherwise discriminating against a person infected, under investigation, or monitoring due to COVID-19, health worker and frontliner as defined under this Ordinance.

If any public officer refuses or fails to give assistance to a person infected, confirmed/probable/suspect due to COVID-19, health worker and frontliner who intends to return to his place of residence or domicile, after obtaining clearance of the COVID-19 infection from the proper health officials, he/she shall be equally liable under this section.

Any person who shall publicly claim, post on social media, spread or announce that a person is infected, is under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19 whether or not the same has been confirmed or validated from the list given by authorized proper health officials, agency or department, shall also be liable under this section.

If the person violating is a public officer, the penalty imposed shall be in its maximum and can also be aground for filing of an administrative case against said official.

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Except when the patient concerned waived his/her right to privacy and for purposes of contact tracing and other medical purposes.

Section 4. **Implementing agencies.** The Philippine National Police (PNP), Liga ng mga Barangay, Barangay officials, Barangay Tanod shall be responsible for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 5. **Penalties.** Any person who violates this ordinance shall be liable to pay the fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or both, at the discretion of the court.

If the offender is a public officer, the maximum penalty herein shall be imposed.

If committed by a juridical person, the President, General Manager, Corporate Secretary or person with related interest in the Corporation or Partnership or Association shall be held liable or penalized accordingly.

Section 6. **Separability Clause.** If for any reason, any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by the court, other provisions thereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. **Repealing Clause.** All municipal ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 8. **Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: April 8, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

(SGD.)HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR. (SGD.)HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO
SB Member SB Member

(SGD.)HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO (SGD.)HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON
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SB Member SB Member

HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR (SGD.)HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO
SB Member SB Member
President – Liga ng mga Barangay President – SK Federation

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance:

(SGD.)RECTITO A. MELQUIADES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:

(SGD.) HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ
Municipal Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

Approved:

(SGD.)HON. ANNALIZA P. GONZALES – KWAN
Municipal Mayor

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON July 15, 2020
AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:
HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer
HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR. SB Member
HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO SB Member
HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO SB Member
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HON. MANUEL L. VELASCO SB Member
HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR SB Member
HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO SB Member

ABSENT:
Official Travel:
HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT SB Member

Ordinance No. 38, Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE
DESIGNATING THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF THE EXISTING CONCRETE
STAGE AT THE MAGELLAN LANDING SITE, BARANGAY PAGBABANGNAN,
HOMOHON ISLAND AS PLACE FOR THE QUINCENTENNIAL MARKER
OF THE HOMONHON EPISODE OF THE FIRST CIRCUMNAVIGATION
OF THE WORLD IN THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall conserve, promote and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations;

WHEREAS, consistent with this constitutional mandate, Republic Act No. 10086 or Strengthening Peoples’ Nationalism Through Philippine History Act. Declares tha thte State shall “give utmost priority not only to the research on history but also to the popularization of history”, and that in “this way, the State will be able to build a Philippine national identity based on unity and pride in diversity held together by a common history;

WHEREAS, one way of popularizing Philippine history is to identify and declare a place as a historical site by way of the historical marker installed by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code, particularly Section 16 thereof, mandates that local government units ensure and support the preservation and enrichment of culture and to preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;;

WHEREAS, while the Sangguniang Bayan of Guiuan, Eastern Samar aims for economic and social advancement, it is firm and steadfast with its principle and policy that the cultural and historical heritage of Guiuan should not be sacrificed;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte created the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC) by virtue of Executive Order No. 55, S-2018 to prepare the country for the commemoration of the 500th anniversaries of the Victory of Mactan, the Philippine part of the first circumnavigation of the world, and other related events in 1521, collectively known as the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP);

WHEREAS, as its contribution to 2021 QCP and tourism, the NHCP will mark the Philippinew sites associated to the first circumnavigation of the world, as achievement of science and humanity from 1519-1522; and

WHEREAS, the NHCP identified that Homonhon Island of Guiuan, Eastern Samar played a vital role in the Philippine part of the first circumnavigation of the world, in 1521;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of –Hon. Jose Eric C. Cordero, duly seconded by Hon. Antonia R. Cablao and Hon. Marie Charmaine G. Villar;

BE IT ORDAINED, By This Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session duly assembled that –

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Designating the North-West Corner of the Existing Concrete Stage at the Magellan Landing Site, Barangay Pagbabangnan, Homohon Island as the Place for the Quincentennial

Marker of the First Circumnavigation of the World in the Philippines.

Section 2. The Quincentennial Marker, containing the NHCP historical market and bas relief artwork in a pedestal, is hereby set to be built at the North-West Corner of the Existing Concrete Stage, with the following core zone bounded by:

Technical Descriptions			
Line		Bearing	Distance
PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE HISTORICAL MARKER IN HOMONHON			
1	2	N 84º 05’ W	5.07 m
2	3	N 03º 14’ E	5.15 m
3	4	S 85º 39’ E	5.17 m
4	1	S 04º 21’ W	5.29 m

There shall be a 5-meter buffer zone surrounding the site delineated above for the protection of the historical marker.

Section 3. The zoning classification of the property is hereby changed or overlaid as a Local Historical Site in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

Section 4. The Municipal Government of Guiuan, Eastern Samar shall preserve, protect and promote the historical significance of this market through local tourism and public programs.

Section 5. A copy of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) for the inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Sites and Structures and Philippine Registry of Cultural Properties (PRECUP)

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: July 15, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

(SGD.)HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR. (SGD.)HON. ROGELIO O. CABLAO
SB Member SB Member

(SGD.)HON. ANTONIA R. CABLAO (SGD.)HON. FRANCIS ALDOUS B. SISON
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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance:

(SGD.)RECTITO A. MELQUIADES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:

(SGD.)HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ
Municipal Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

Approved:
(SGD.)HON. ANNALIZA P. GONZALES – KWAN
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON
July 15, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:
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HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR SB Member
HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO SB Member

ABSENT:

Official Travel:
HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT SB Member

Ordinance No. 39, Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE
DESIGNATING THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF THE BARANGAY PLAZA OF
BARANGAY SULUAN, AS PLACE FOR THE QUINCENTENNIAL MARKER OF THE
SULUAN EPISODE OF THE FIRST CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE WORLD IN
THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall conserve, promote and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations;

WHEREAS, consistent with this constitutional mandate, Republic Act No.

10086 or Strengthening Peoples’ Nationalism Through Philippine History Act. Declares tha thte State shall “give utmost priority not only to the re-search on history but also to the popularization of history”, and that in “this way, the State will be able to build a Philippine national identity based on unity and pride in diversity held together by a common history;

WHEREAS, one way of popularizing Philippine history is to identify and declare a place as a historical site by way of the historical marker installed by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP);

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code, particularly Section 16 thereof, mandates that local government units ensure and support the preservation and enrichment of culture and to preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;;

WHEREAS, while the Sangguniang Bayan of Guiuan, Eastern Samar aims for economic and social advancement, it is firm and steadfast with its princi-ple and policy that the cultural and historical heritage of Guiuan should not be sacrificed;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte created the National Quin-centennial Committee (NQC) by virtue of Executive Order No. 55, S-2018 to prepare the country for the commemoration of the 500th anniversaries of the Victory of Mactan, the Philippine part of the first circumnavigation of the world, and other related events in 1521, collectively known as the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP);

WHEREAS, as its contribution to 2021 QCP and tourism, the NHCP will mark the Philippine sites associated to the first circumnavigation of the world, as achievement of science and humanity from 1519-1522; and

WHEREAS, the NHCP identified that the waters of Suluan of Brgy. Su-luan, Guiuan, Eastern Samar played a vital role in the Philippine part of the first circumnavigation of the world, in 1521;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of –Hon. Jose Eric C. Cordero, duly sec-onded by Hon. Antonia R. Cablao;

BE IT ORDAINED, By This Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session duly assembled that –

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Designating the South-West Corner of the Barangay Plaza of Suluan, as Place for the Quincentennial Marker of the Suluan Episode of the First Circumnav-igation of the World in the Philippines.

Section 2. The Quicentennial Marker, containing the NHCP historical marker and bas relief artwork in a pedestal, is hereby set to be built at the South-West Corner of the Barangay Plaza of Barangay Suluan, with the fol-lowing core zone bounded by:

Technical Descriptions			
Line		Bearing	Distance
PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE HISTORICAL MARKER IN SULUAN			
1	2	S 78° 04’ W	16.08 m
2	3	N 15° 19’ E	16.20 m
3	4	N 74° 39’ E	5.51 m
4	5	S 15° 19’ W	11.35 m
5	6	N 78° 04’ E	10.86 m
6	1	S 11° 56’ E	5.17 m

There shall be a 5-meter buffer zone surrounding the site delineated above for the protection of the historical marker.

Section 3. The zoning classification of the property is hereby changed or overlaid as a Local Historical Site in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

Section 4. The Municipal Government of Guiuan, Eastern Samar shall preserve, protect and promote the historical significance of this market through local tourism and public programs.

Section 5. A copy of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and the National Commis-sion for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) for the inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Sites and Structures and Philippine Registry of Cultural Properties (PRECUP)

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: July 15, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance:

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Attested by:

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HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO	SB Member

ABSENT:

Official Travel:
HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT SB Member

Ordinance No. 40, Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE
DESIGNATING A STRIP OF LAND IN CALICOAN ISLAND, BARANGAY NGOLOS,
LEADING TO “OFFICER’S COUNTRY” AS THE LOCATION FOR THE
QUINCENTENNIAL MARKER OF THE GUIUAN EPISODE OF THE FIRST
CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE WORLD IN THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall conserve, promote and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations;

WHEREAS, consistent with this constitutional mandate, Republic Act No. 10086 or Strengthening Peoples’ Nationalism Through Philippine History Act. Declares that the State shall “give utmost priority not only to the research on history but also to the popularization of history”, and that in “this way, the State will be able to build a Philippine national identity based on unity and pride in diversity held together by a common history;

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WHEREAS, as its contribution to 2021 QCP and tourism, the NHCP will mark the Philippine sites associated to the first circumnavigation of the world, as achievement of science and humanity from 1519-1522; and

WHEREAS, the NHCP identified that the Calicoan Island of Guiuan, Eastern Samar played a vital role in the Philippine part of the first circumnavigation of the world in 1521;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of –Hon. Jose Eric C. Cordero, duly seconded by Hon. Antonia R. Cablao;

BE IT ORDAINED, By This Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session duly assembled that –

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Designating a Strip of Land in Calicoan Island, Brgy. Ngolos, Leading to “Officer’s Country” as the Location for the Quincentennial Marker of the Guiuan Episode of the First Circumnavigation of the World in the Philippines.

Section 2. The Quincentennial Marker, containing the NHCP histori-cal marker and bas relief artwork in a pedestal, is hereby set to be built at a strip of land in Calicoan Island, Brgy. Ngolos, with the following core zone bounded by:

Technical Descriptions			
Line		Bearing	Distance
PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE HISTORICAL MARKER IN NGOLOS			
1	2	N 35° 16’ W	14.54 m
2	3	N 54° 46’ E	18.76 m
3	4	S 36° 38’ E	14.84 m
4	5	S 55° 39’ W	19.12 m

Section 3. The zoning classification of the property is hereby changed or overlaid as a Local Historical Site in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

Section 4. The Municipal Government of Guiuan, Eastern Samar shall pre-serve, protect and promote the historical significance of this market through local tourism and public programs.

Section 5. A copy of this ordinance shall be transmitted to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and the National Commis-sion for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) for the inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Sites and Structures and Philippine Registry of Cultural Properties (PRECUP)

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: July 15, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON
December 23, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ	Municipal Vice-Mayor Presiding Officer
HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.	SB Member
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HON. JAYSON C. ABRAJANO	SB Member

ABSENT:
HON. MANUEL L. VELASCO SB Member
HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT SB Member

Ordinance No. 90, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE
RECOGNIZING AND VALUING UNPAID CARE AND DOMESTIC WORK AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines pro-vides that the State recognizes the role of women in nation-building and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Guiuan recognizes that the State shall exert efforts to address issues regarding the unequal distribution of unpaid care and domestic work in keeping with the fundamental freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution and the Provisions of the Universal Decla-ration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of dis-crimination Against Women, Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international human rights instruments of which the Philippines is a party;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Guiuan recognizes that gen-der equality and women’s empowerment are integral to achieving the Sus-tainable Development Goals (SDGs). Specifically, target four (4) of SDG5 is focused on recognizing and valuing unpaid care and domestic work that is primarily undertaken by women and girls worldwide. Specifically, target four (4) addresses the need to provide “public services, infrastructure, and social protection policies” and advocates for the “promotion of shared responsibili-ty within the household and the family;”

WHEREAS, every local government unit (LGU) has been granted power and authority by Republic Act No 7160, otherwise known as the Local Gov-ernment Code of the Philippines, to promote the general welfare of its con-stituents to include, among others, the promotion of their health and safety, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Women, seeks to eliminate discrimination through the recognition, pro-tection, fulfillment, and promotion of the rights of Filipino women, especially those belonging to the marginalized sectors of the society. It conveys a frame-work of rights for women based directly on international law;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Guiuan recognizes and values unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infra-structure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared respon-sibility within the household and the family;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Guiuan subscribes to a theory of change called the “Four Rs” that involves; (a) recognition of care and a change in attitudes towards gender roles, reducing arduous and difficult care tasks/hours of women and families; redistributing care in the household, in

the community, to the State, or employers; and representation of careers in decision-making;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Guiuan recognizes that the participation of civil society and all sectors of the community are essential in achieving the objectives of this Ordinance and the economic and social value of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work to constituents;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Guiuan recognizes that a more gender-equitable division of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work is needed to achieve national growth and development goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, AS IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT;

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as “THE WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND CARE ORDINANCE OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR.”

Section 2. Purpose – This Ordinance is enacted in response to women who, as evidence shows, works 9.4 hours of household chores such as but not limited to childcare, food preparation and laundry without compensation. Investments supporting households to better meet these unpaid care responsibilities can have an impact in terms of macro-economic growth, job creation and other key government priorities.

To achieve this, Local Government Unit of Guiuan shall undertake to:

- (a) Include commitments to support households’ unpaid care work in relevant policies and programs, and collect data on unpaid care to support policy-making;
- (b) Increase households’ access to care-supporting infrastructure and services;
- (c) Encourage men and boys to share care work; and
- (d) Scale-up efforts to give women and men a real voice in policy-making, and a real opportunity to speak out about unpaid care.

Section 3. Definition of Terms – As used in this Ordinance:

- a. Unpaid Care and Domestic Work” (UCDW) refers to the work that women and girls do for which they are not paid, such as, but not limited to, cooking, cleaning, washing, child-rearing, elder-care, and collecting fuel or water, among others. As unpaid work, these tasks occupy time that women and girls could alternatively use to attend school, pursue higher education, or hold full-time and meaningful employment.
- b. “Care Champions” refer to opinion leaders, social norm setters, role model families that recognize unpaid care work as a shared responsibility among family members, and practice redistribution of household and care tasks.
- c. “GAD Focal Point System” is an interacting and interdependent group of people in all government agencies tasked to catalyze and accelerate gender mainstreaming within the agency. The GFPS is expected to advocate, guide, coordinate, and monitor the development, implementation, review, and updating of their GAD plans and GAD-related programs, activities, and projects (PAPs);
- d. “Gender and Development” (GAD) refers to the development perspective and process that is participatory and empowering, equitable, sustainable, free from violence, respectful of human rights, supportive of self-determination, and actualization of human potentials. It seeks to achieve gender equality as a fundamental value that should be reflected in development choices and contends that women are active agents of development, not just passive recipients of development;
- e. “Gender Mainstreaming” refers to the strategy for making women’s as well as men’s concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design , implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, programs, and projects in all social, political, civil, and economic spheres so that women and men benefit equally. It is the process of assessing the implications for women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies, or programs in all areas and at all levels;
- f. “Gender” refers to the socially constructed difference between men and women. Differences are created artificially, partly through socialization and partly through positive and negative discrimination in society’s various institutions and structures.
- g. “Household Care Survey” refers to the new approach in measuring and evaluating social norms in relation to care;
- h. “Rapid Care Analysis” (RCA) refers to Gender Analysis refers to a framework to compare the relative advantages and disadvantages faced by women and girls relative to unpaid care work. It also considers how class age, race, ethnicity, culture, social and other factors interact with gender to produce discriminatory results;
- i. “Social Norms” refer to shared beliefs about what is typical or appropriate behavior in the community;
- j. “Time and Labor-Saving Equipment” (TLSE) refers to a host of labor-saving devices and technologies used as the household level according to the community’s needs and priorities. The purpose of the equipment is to reduce the physical and heavy nature of labor, save time in carrying out essential daily tasks, and improve well-being. These may include, but are not limited to, mechanical washing machines, washing devices, stoves, and laundrettes; and
- k. “Women’s Economic Empowerment” refers to a goal of and an essential process for women’s advancement in the economic sphere. It is the process and condition by which women mobilize to understand, identify, and overcome gender discrimination to achieve equality in welfare and equal access to resources. In this context, women become agents of development and not just beneficiaries enabling them to make decisions based on their views and perspectives.

DATA COLLECTION OF UNPAID CARE WORK

Section 4. Data Collection. – The implementation of the Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) shall include collecting data on unpaid care work that includes the percentage of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age group, and location.

Results from Household Care Surveys, which measures and evaluates social norms concerning care, shall be used in developing programs, interventions, and strategies addressing the unequal distribution of UCDW.

SHIFTING SOCIAL NORMS

Section 5. Creation of Municipal GAD Council. The following shall be the members of the Municipal GAD Council

Chairperson:	Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairperson:	Vice Mayor
Members:	Chairperson, SB Committee on Women & Family
	Chairperson, SB Committee on Health
	Municipal Social Welfare & Development Officer
	Municipal Health Officer
	Human Resource Management Officer
	DILG Officer
	School District Supervisor

	Municipal Cooperative Officer
	MDDRM Officer
	PNP WCPD Officer
	Municipal Budget Officer
	Municipal Treasurer
	Liga ng mga Barangay President
	President, Federation of Women’s Associations or Clubs
GAD Secretariat:	Municipal Planning & Development Officer

Section 6. Information Dissemination. – The GAD Council of Local Government Unit of Guiuan’s GAD Focal Point System shall aid in the implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of this Ordinance, as well as to undertake educational awareness campaigns, information dissemination, and capacity building programs for constituents and enforcers with the aims of

- (a) Shifting social norms to ensure the elimination of practices that fail to provide for mechanisms to offset or address sex or gender-based disadvantages or limitations of women; and
- (b) Addressing and countering negative perceptions that care activities are related to gender roles in care work.

TIME AND LABOR-SAVING EQUIPMENT

Section 7. Time and Labor-Saving Equipment. – The distribution of TLSE shall always be accompanied by an information dissemination component, which may include, but are not limited to, family dialogues, educational awareness campaigns, distribution of IEC materials, and capacity building programs to shift social norms to counter negative perceptions that care activities are related to gender roles in care work.

CARE SERVICES

Section 8. Access to Safe Water. – All barangays in Local Government of Guiuan shall provide easy access to a safe water supply. Appropriate systems shall be installed to ease women’s workload in accordance with other existing laws and policies, including but not limited to rainwater harvesting in public buildings, etc.

Section 9. Daycare or Supervised Neighborhood Play (SNP) Centers. – The Local Government Unit of Guiuan shall ensure that Day Care Centers or Supervised Neighborhood Play (SNP) are set up in every barangay to free women from other activities such as income-generating activities or going back to school in accordance with other existing laws and policies.

INCLUSION OF UNPAID CARE WORK ISSUES IN GENDER MAINSTREAMING POLICIES, PLANS, AND STRATEGIES

Section 10. Barangay-Level Activities. – Issues relating to UCDW shall be included in the barangay-level set of activities on women and the law, current issues affecting and influencing women, and any assessment of the status of women in the Barangay, as well as any other form of critical consciousness-raising activities.

Section 11. International Day of Action for Women’s Health. – The Local Government Unit of Guiuan shall cause the celebration of the International Day of Action for Women’s Health on May 28 where UCDW shall be linked to issues and concerns relative to the protection and promotion of women’s health.

Section 12. All local offices, agencies, and establishments or companies, government and private shall conduct orientation on UCW. Certificate of compliance shall be submitted to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.

Section 13. Gender-Fair Approach to Pre-marital Counseling Program. – A review and redesign of the Pre-marital Counseling Program shall be jointly undertaken by the GAD Council and/or the GAD Focal Point System, Population Commission (POPCOM), Rural Health Unit (RHU), Local Civil Registrar (LCR), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and other concerned agencies. Agencies involved shall adhere to the principle of gender-fair pre-marital counseling service.

Section 14. Inclusion of UCDW in Gender-Sensitive Curricula. – The schools shall actively promote gender-sensitive professional school counseling and career education programs that shall discuss issues on UCDW and encourage women to pursue academic and technical courses in order to widen their future career opportunities.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 15. Financial Mechanisms. – To defray the costs and expenses necessary for or incidental to the implementation of this Ordinance and the operation of the GAD Council and/or the GAD Focal Point System. All Programs, Projects and Activities related to the implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from the 5% GAD fund.

Section 16. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The GAD Council and/ or the GAD Focal Point shall formulate and recommend, for the approval of the Municipal Mayor, such rules and regulations as are necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 17. Repealing Clause. – All Ordinances, rules, and regulations, or any part thereof, which are contrary to or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 18. Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or illegal, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of other provisions hereof.

Section 19. Effectivity Clause. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after all the Barangays of the Municipality of Guiuan has been furnished a copy and in a newspaper of general circulation within the province and posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the LGU, in accordance with Section 59 of RA 7160.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: December 23, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution:	

RECTITO A. MELQUIADES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

By:

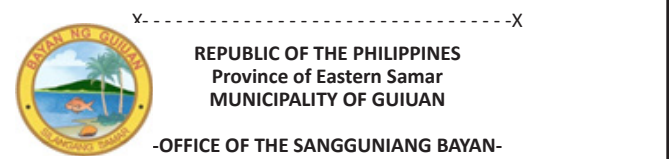
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Attested by:

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ABSENT:

HON. MANUEL L. VELASCO	SB Member
HON. PEDRO M. MACABOCSIT	SB Member

Ordinance No. 91, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE
CREATING THE PERSON WITH DISABILITY AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Principles and State of Policies in the Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development;

WHEREAS, Article 13, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution includes disabled persons as one of the priority sectors to be given access to essential goods and services at affordable cost and further provides that the State shall establish a special agency for disabled persons for their rehabilitation, self-reliance and their integration into the mainstream of the society;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 447 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, Local Government Units are mandated to pass resolution and ordinances necessary for an efficient and effective government and shall provide for the care of disabled persons;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 2010-103 issued by the late DILG Secretary Jesse M. Robredo dated September 23, 2010 issued to Provincial Governor, City and Municipal Mayors, DILG Regional Director and other concerned providing guidelines on the establishment of Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) in every province, city and municipality;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act 7277, also known as the Magna Carta for the disabled persons states the rehabilitation of the disabled person shall be concerns of government in order to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful, productive and satisfying life;

WHEREAS, R.A. 10070 also known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons as it is an act establishing an institutional mechanism to ensure the implementation of programs and services for Persons with Disabilities, in every Province, City and Municipality amending R.A. No. 7277;

WHEREAS, Batas Pambansa Blg. 344, otherwise known as the Accessibility Law, mandate all local government to promote a barrier free physical environment for the disabled persons;

WHEREAS, in order to sustain and continuously carry out the task of monitoring, evaluation, data gathering, needs assessment, planning, establishment of production center, creation of job opportunities and advocacy in all cities and municipalities as the case maybe; the need for establishing a Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) to serve as its structural organization for the implementation of above mentioned purposes is hereto recommended;

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Persons with Disability Affair Office Ordinance of the Municipality of Guiuan” or for brevity, the “Guiuan PDAO Ordinance”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The local government of Guiuan hereby adopts the policy of Republic Act No. 7277, as amended, as reduced to the following principles:

a) PWDs are part of Philippine society, thus the Municipal Government of Guiuan shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of PWDs and their integration in the mainstream of society. Towards this

end, the Municipal Government shall adopt policies ensuring the rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance of PWDs. It shall develop their skills and potentials to enable them to compete favorably for any available opportunity.

b) PWDs have the same rights as other people to take their proper place in society. They should be able to live freely and as independently as possible. This must be the concern of everyone – the family, the community and all government and non-government organizations. PWDs’ rights must never be perceived as welfare services by the government.

c) The rehabilitation of PWDs shall be the concern of the Municipal Government of Guiuan in order to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful, productive and satisfying life. To reach out to a greater number of PWDs, the rehabilitation services and benefits shall be expanded beyond the traditional urban-based centers to community programs that will ensure full participation of different sectors as supported by national and local government agencies.

d) The Municipal Government also recognizes the role of the private sector in promoting the welfare of PWDs and shall encourage partnership in programs that address their needs and concerns.

e) To facilitate integration of PWDs into the mainstream of society, the Municipal Government of Guiuan shall advocate for and encourage respect for PWDs. The Municipal Government shall exert all efforts to remove all social, cultural, economic, environmental and attitudinal barriers that are prejudicial to PWDs.

Section 3. Rationale. Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), due to various kinds of restrictions in their abilities, are arguably the most disadvantaged sector in society. Most of them even lacked the educational attainment necessary for self-advancement. Thus, the Local Government of Guiuan needs to consider the plight of the PWD sector as a priority concern.

This ordinance provides a mechanism by which to uphold, promote and protect the rights and welfare of Persons with Disabilities in the Municipality of Guiuan, adopting measures for them to avail the privileges and incentives provided by law, and ensuring that they are made more proactive, responsible and productive stakeholders of society.

Section 4. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

PDAO – shall refer to the Persons with Disability Affairs Office.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY/IES (PWD) – shall refer to those suffering from restriction of different abilities, as a result of mental, physical and sensory disorder and/or any other handicap/conditions which include but not limited to the following:

Visual Disability – one who has impairment of visual functioning even after treatment and/or standard refractive correction and has visual acuity in the better eye of less than (6/18 for low vision and 3/60 for blind), or a visual field of less than 10 degrees from the point fixation. A certain level of visual impairment is defined as legal blindness. One is legally blind when your best corrected visual acuity in your better eye is 6/60 or worse, or your side vision is 20 degrees or less in the better eye.

Visually Impaired – one who has the ability to perceive light, to count fingers at a distance of three (3) meters in daylight, and with limitation to perform certain visual tasks such as reading, writing and mobility.

Hearing Disability – one who has moderate or worse hearing impairment on the better ear, that is, the permanent unaided hearing threshold level of the better ear of 41 or 31 decibels or greater in age under 15 years old.

Hearing Impaired – one who has inability to hear clearly and tell the difference between certain sounds and words (or can hear a little without hearing aid) and or the complete, partial loss of the ability to hear from one or both ears; with 26 decibels or greater hearing threshold, averaged at frequencies 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 and 4.0 kilohertz.

Speech Impaired – one who has speech difficulty raging from inability to speak to ability to speak but not sufficiently clear.

Orthopedically Handicapped – one who has physical disability due to bones, joints, tendons and muscles defects such as post-polio, fracture.

Mentally Challenged – one who has mental retardation, a person who has significantly sub-average intellectual functioning resulting in or associated with concurrent adaptive behavior, in coping with any demand of daily life manifested through their sensory motor, communication, self-help, socialization, academic and vocational skills.

Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder – one who has a condition in the brain that makes it difficult to control their behavior.

Persons with Autism – one who has a lifelong developmental disability which typically appears during the first three years of life resulting from a neurobiological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain and interferes with the normal development in the areas of reasoning, social interaction and communication skills.

Learning Disability – one who exhibits disorders in perception, listening, reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic and/or any disorder in one or more of the basic psychological or physiological processes (perception, comprehension, thinking, etc.) involved in understanding or in using unspoken or written language.

Mental Disability – one who acquired behavioral, cognitive, emotional or social impairment that limits one or more activities necessary for the effective interpersonal transactions and other civilizing processes or activities for daily living such as but not limited to deviancy or anti-social behavior.

Emotionally Disturbed Person – one who displays a significant behavioral psychological pattern that deviates from an arbitrary and relative social norm such as aggressive and acting out behavior or withdrawn behavior.

Other Handicap – one who has circumstances that may give rise to disadvantages, such as problems with cleft palate, harelip, etc.

Multi-Disability – one who has two or more disabilities such as those with mental retardation and blindness.

Chronic Illness – words to describe a group of health conditions that lasts a long time. It may get slowly worse over time or may become permanent or it may lead to death. It may cause permanent change to the body and it will certainly affect the person’s quality of life.

Congenital Diseases – diseases existing at and usually before birth,

which may have a hereditary or non-hereditary cause.

GUIUAN PWD Identification Cards – shall refer to the localized identification cards to be issued by the Local Government through the Guiuan – PDAO, which shall be required by persons, entities and agencies before benefits made available to PWDs by virtue of law maybe extended.

For clarity in coverage, the term “Persons with Disability/ies (PWDs)” does not distinguish age, race, creed or religious belief, political affiliation, economic and social status. In addition, PWDs who are also Senior Citizens can have two Identification Cards; however, they shall invoke their rights to avail the benefits privileges and incentives provided by law using only one of the IDs at the time of availment.

Section 5. Role of the Local Government Unit and National Government Agencies. Pursuant to Section 1 of RA No. 10070, amending Section 40 of RA No. 7277, Local Government Units and National Agencies shall have the following roles, namely:

a) Local government units shall promote the establishment of organizations or persons with disabilities (PWDs) in their respective territorial jurisdiction. National agencies and local government units may enter into joint ventures with organizations and association of PWDs to explore livelihood opportunities and other undertakings that shall enhance health, physical fitness and economic and social well-being of PWDs.

b) Local government units shall organize and establish Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO)

c) Local Government Unit through the Municipal Mayor shall create a Technical Working Group for the formation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Creation of Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO). There is hereby created under this Ordinance the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) in the Municipality of Guiuan, under the Office of the Municipal Mayor. The Municipal Mayor shall appoint a PWD Affairs Officer who shall manage and oversee the operation of PDAO, pursuant to the mandate under RA No. 10070. Priority shall be given to qualified PWDs to head and man the said Office.

The Municipal Mayor shall exercise supervision and control over PDAO. The Municipal Mayor is hereby empowered to design the PDAO organization/functional structure in consultation with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), and concerned NGOs; and may appoint such number of PDAO personnel as are necessary to carry out the functions and objectives of PDAO, subject to fund limitation.

For reasons of economy and expediency, interim appointments may be resorted to, and may be drawn from any department or officer now existing within the Municipal Government structure.

Section 7. Qualifications of PDAO Officer. The PDAO shall be headed by a PDAO Officer to be appointed by the Municipal Mayor, who shall have the following qualifications:

1. Filipino Citizen and a resident of Guiuan for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the appointment.

2. A registered voter of Guiuan.

3. Able to read and write, and

4. Must be a member of a bona-fide accredited PWD organization in the Municipality of Guiuan with a track record of at least three (3) years.

5. Other qualifications as may be required by the Civil Service Commission.

The nominees for the PDAO Officer shall be chosen or recommended in a general assembly by and among the accredited PWD organizations in the Municipality. The list of nominees shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan which shall choose the three (3) nominees to be forwarded to the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

Section 8. Functions of PDAO. The Persons with Disability Affairs Office, under its PWD Affairs Officer shall carry out the following functions, namely:

a) Formulate and implement policies, plans and programs for the promotion of the welfare of PWDs in coordination with concerned national government agencies, particularly the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA) and local government offices;

b) Coordinate the implementation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 7277 otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons and for Other Purposes”, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442 and Republic Act No. 10070; Batas Pambansa Blg. 344, otherwise known as the Accessibility Law, and other relevant laws at the local level;

c) Represent PWDs in meetings of local development councils and other special bodies;

d) Recommend and enjoin the participation of non-government organizations (NGOs) and people’s organizations (POs) in the implementation of all disability-related laws and policies;

e) Gather and compile relevant data on PWDs in coordination with the Barangay Councils and the concerned national and local government offices;

f) Disseminate information including, but not limited to, programs and activities for PWDs, statistics on PWDs, including children with disability, and training and employment opportunities for PWDs;

g) Submit report to the Office of the Municipal Mayor on the implementation of the programs and services for the promotion of the welfare of PWDs;

h) Ensure that the policies, plans and programs for the promotion of the welfare of PWDs are duly funded by both the national and local government;

i) Monitor fundraising activities being conducted for the benefit of PWDs;

j) Seek donations in cash or in kind from local and foreign donors to implement and approve work plan for PWDs, in accordance with existing laws and regulations; and

k) Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the promotion and protection of the welfare of the PWDs.

Section 9. Term of Office of the PDAO Officer. The PDAO Officer shall have a term of three (3) years and may be reappointed for another term based on the Sangguniang Bayan selection process. In case of resignation, incapacity, death or removal from office, the remaining term shall be served by the new appointee who has undergone the selection process.

Section 10. Renumeration of PDAO Officer. Per Section 15, Rule VI of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 10070, the Disability Affairs Officer who shall head the PDAO shall have the following position titles and corresponding minimum qualifications as approved by the Civil Service Commission

(CSC) for 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities – Disability Affairs Officer (DAO) with Salary Grade 18:

1. Bachelor’s Degree

2. Two (2) Years relevant experience on disability affairs

3. Career Service Professional/Second Level Eligibility

Section 11. Registration of PWDs.

a) The Guiuan – PDAO shall conduct a comprehensive survey with the assistance of each barangay Local Government and corresponding Barangay Health Officials to update the existing Master List and determine the necessary information for the implementation of projects and programs for PWDs in the Municipality of Guiuan. The office of the MSWD shall provide technical support for the completion of the survey. All Barangay Local Governments and Barangay Health Workers are hereby enjoined to cooperate with the Guiuan – PDAO in the implementation of the survey.

Section 12. The Guiuan PWD Identification Card. The Guiuan PWD Identification Cards shall be made in a manner that would minimize cost, reduce the period of production and maximize durability of each card. Each card must indicate the full name, address, date of birth of the holder and a control number to be assigned by the Guiuan – PDAO and must be manufactured in a manner that would ensure authenticity. The Guiuan – PWD identification Cards shall not be transferrable and shall have a space on which the PWD may sign his or her name on the card. No PWD shall be charged any fee to be issued a Guiuan PWD Identification Card.

The Guiuan – PDAO shall ensure that the Guiuan – PWD Identification Card holders shall be allowed to avail of the privileges attached to each card.

Section 13. Appropriations. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall prepare the budget estimate for the operations of the PDAO for the first year immediately following its establishment. However, it shall be the responsibility of the PDAO to prepare and submit to the Office of the Municipal Mayor its proposed budget for the succeeding years. The Sangguniang Bayan shall determine the amount necessary to carry out the functions of PDAO, taking into account the following:

1. Income of the Municipality;

2. The number of the PWDs identified as against the total population; and

3. Magnitude of the implementation program and services of the PDAO.

Section 14. Office Location. The PDAO herein created shall be located preferably within the Municipal Hall compound, in any of its buildings or in a new building that may be constructed in the future. For purposes of greater accessibility and convenience to PWDs, it can be located in the downtown area of Guiuan, when office space is available.

Section 15. The Role of the Barangays. It shall be the responsibility of the Barangay Councils, through their Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Social Welfare Volunteers (SWVs), to assist the PDAO in making a comprehensive listing and profile of all Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in their respective barangays, including its regular updating, moreover, to allocate and facilitate release of barangay funds accruable to the PWDs in accordance with DSWD Administrative Order No. 13, Series of 2008, in support of barangay PWD association’s plans and objectives; and furthermore, to assist PWDs in accessing the benefits, privileges and incentives provided by law.

Section 16. Separability Clause. Any provision or portion of this Ordinance found to be in violation of the Constitution or declared invalid by any competent court, shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

Section 17. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 18. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its compliance with the posting and publication requirements set forth under the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: December 23, 2020, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

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NEW LAKAS MEMBERS --- LAKAS-CMD Party President and House Majority Leader Rep Martin Romualdez (left) administers the oath taking of new Lakas-CMD Party from the province of Basilan from right to left are Paruk Majirul, Aldam Sansawi, Yasmeen Junaid and Sakib Salajin. The oath ataking was held at Lakas-CMD Headquarters in Manila. photo by Ver noveno

P9.8-million farm- to-market road project in Bobon N. Samar now completed

CATARMAN, North-ern Samar- Farmers and local residents are now benefiting from the recently completed farm-to-mar- ket (FMR) road Phase II, in Barangay Jose Abad San- tos, Bobon, this province.

OIC District Engineer Mario Villena said that the previously unpaved road was converted into two- lane concrete paved road with Grouted Riprap Slope Protection.

Over 71,000...
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continue to be our strong support for the success of this School Year's basic education learning imple- mentation. Mabuhay and welcome back to school!" To God all be the glory," says SDS Dr. Mariza S. Magan, pointing out on how the agency has been working hard on gener- ating the new normal ed- ucation system while the pandemic is still in dom- inance, to make it work for the Taclobanon school children.

"As we start our classes today for SY 2021-2022, it is my fervent prayer that DepEd Tacloban, with the support of our stakehold- ers, will be able to deliver quality services to all our learners with safety as our utmost priority," the Schools Division Superin- tendent added.
(TACLOBAN CITY INFOR- MATION OFFICE)

The 0.30-lane kilome- ter concrete road will give convenience to farmers and locals in transporting their farm products to the mar- ket centers, providing the community with the fresh- er goods for consumption. Motorists utilizing the said road section will no lon- ger be burdened especially during rainy days, when the unpaved road was muddy and slippery posing hazard to their safety during travel.

The P9.8-million FMR project started its construc- tion last March 22,2021 and was completed on June 22,2021, more than two (2) months ahead of schedule, funded under the conver- gence program of DPWH and Department of Agricul- ture (DA).
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PRDP turns over one unit hauling truck to NSIHCCPA

CATARMAN, North-ern Samar- The Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) under its Invest- ment in Rural Enterprise and Agricultural and Fish- eries Productivity (I-REAP) component recently turned over the hauling truck amounting to P1.9 million to the Northern Samar In- digenous Handicraft and Coco-coir Producers As- sociation (NSIHCCPA) through a simple ceremony at the provincial covered court, provincial capitol compound.

Vice Governor Gary Lavin, who represented Governor Edwin Ongch-

uan, extended gratitude to the PRDP for its continuous support to the association.

Faustina Yosores, NSIH- CCPA president, said that the dream they have been waiting for has finally realized.

She was thankful to the provincial government of Northern Samar under the leadership of Gov.Ong- chuan for the support and exposure to trade fairs in order to promote and show- case their products.

She added that the haul- ing truck will surely help in transporting their prod- ucts to different parts of the country such as Ormoc, La- guna, Quezon, etc.

Meanwhile, Editha Adalla, I-REAP head, re- minded the officers and members of the association to manage well their hand- icraft and coco-coir proj- ect particularly the hauling truck and to use it solely for the project.

Allan Ultra, assistant provincial agriculturist emphasized that the haul- ing truck will help in low- ering the cost of produc- tion of their products, and at the same time, create employment in their com- munities.

As of now, the NSIHC- CPA is composed of 16 as- sociations with more than 500 members in three clusters areas - Pambujan, San Roque and Laoang.

Also present during the turn-over ceremony were Provincial Planning and Development Coor- dinator Romeo Cardenas, staff of the Department of Agriculture Regional Project Support Office 08 and PRDP Visayas Cluster Support Office, and offi- cers and members of NSI- HCCPA.

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hopeful that she will change her mind.

"If she will not run, it's her decision to do so. We were not disappointed as we remain hopeful that she will change her mind and run for President," he said.

Tacoy said that he is not discounting the possibility that Mayor Duterte will be eventually be persuaded to run for President con- sidering that the filing of certificate will still be next month or she could fill in

as a substitute to a certain presidential candidate.

Tacoy, a businessman from the town of Matag- ob in Leyte, said that their group was able to gather 20,000 signatures on their desire to see Mayor Duterte supplant her father at Malacanang.

Mayor Duterte has earlier confirmed that she will no longer run for President after her father, Pres. Rodrigo Duterte, has announced that he will be running for Vice Pres- ident in next year's elec- tions.**(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

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