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The regional campaign starts Monday

DOH targets over 1 million for 3-day vax campaign

RONALD O. REYES, LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA

TACLOBAN CITY- At least a million individuals across the region are being targeted of the three-day vaccination campaign of the Department of Health (DOH) which started Monday (Jan. 31).

With this regional vaccination, the DOH expects that almost 100 percent of the total population of the region could receive the much needed vaccine against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Out of the region's more than 4.86 million people,

around 53.3 percent of them have received the vaccine either for first dose or second dose.

On Monday, the three-day regional vaccination drive started with the DOH reporting of 60 new cases of COVID-19, the lowest daily new cases since the start of

the year.

Still, the decrease of new cases should not be considered that the COVID-19 cases in the region are slowing down, Jelyn Lopez Malibago, DOH regional information officer, said.

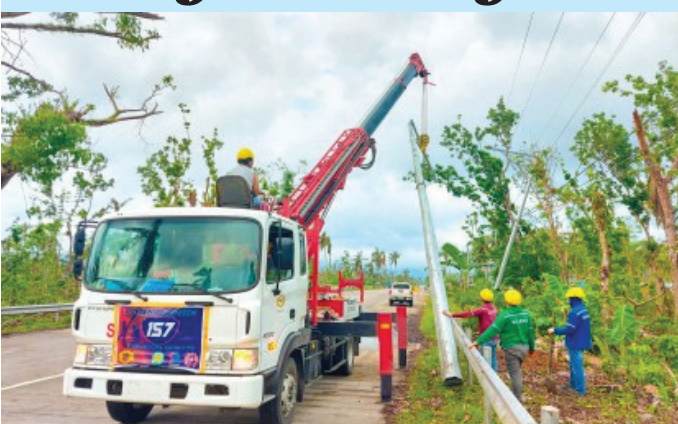
The 60 new cases for COVID-19 was its lowest

since the start of the year which also saw the region posting a record-breaking 879 cases last Jan. 20.

Since the start of the year, the region posted its lowest daily cases on Jan. 2 with just three cases. Since then, its daily cases have

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Power back in 110 of 500 Southern Leyte villages



POWER RESTORATION. Linemen work to restore electricity in Sogod, Southern Leyte in this Jan. 29, 2021 photo. Power has been restored in 110 out of 500 villages in Southern Leyte after more than a month of outage due to the destruction wreaked by Typhoon Odette. (Photo courtesy of Southern Leyte Electric Cooperative)

TACLOBAN CITY – Electricity has been restored in 110 out of 500 villages in Southern Leyte after more than a month of power outage caused by Typhoon Odette.

The Southern Leyte

Electric Cooperative (Soleco) reported on Sunday that as of January 28, at least 36,016 houses and establishments have been energized out of the 105,787 affected power consumers.

"As of this posting, 21.87 percent of villages are already partially energized within the coverage area of Soleco. Per consumer status, 34.05 percent are already energized," Soleco said in its report.

These partially-energized communities are in Maasin City, Macrohon, Padre Burgos, Tomas Oppus, Bontoc, Sogod,

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COVID-19 FACILITY. Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez formally received the temporary treatment and monitoring facility from Dr. Roldofo Antonio Alborno, the assistant regional director of the Department of Health on Jan. 28 which is located in Abucay district. The facility will cater COVID-19 patients considered as mild and moderate cases. Joining the Mayor Romualdez and DOH Assistant Regional Director Alborno were Councilors Aimee Grafil, Evangeline Esperas and Elvira Casal, City Health Office Gloria Fabrigas, DOH Development Management Officer V Doc. Antonio Ida, DOH DMO Elsie Jaca, village chairman Ricardo Benitez and Hiraya Foundation president Raymund Romualdez.

(ALFRED ROMUALDEZ FACEBOOK)

DOH turns over COVID-19 treatment facilities in Tacloban City and Samar province

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Health (DOH) has turned over two temporary treatment and monitoring facilities (TTMFs) in Tacloban City and Samar province amid the surge of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the region.

“While Tacloban City currently has the highest percentage of individuals vaccinated with at least one dose from its total population across the region, the TTMF would serve as an extension of the hospitals in the city in catering probable, confirmed, mild, and moderate Covid-19 cases,” the regional health department said on Friday, January 28, 2022.

Dr. Rodolfo Antonio Albornoz, assistant regional director of DOH-Eastern Visayas, attended the ceremonial turnover together with the Provincial DOH headed by Dr. Antonio Ida, Tacloban Mayor Alfred Romualdez, Councilors Dr. Elvira Casal, Evangeline Esporas, and Aimee Grafil, City Health Officer Dr. Gloria Fabregas, and other health personnel.

Tacloban’s TTMF, which has 16 to 18-bed capacity, is located at Bypass Road Barangay 91-Abucay while that in Samar has a 14-bed capacity and can be maximized to handle up to 25 beds and is located at the

Samar Provincial Hospital in Catbalogan City.

The ceremonial turnover was also attended by Albornoz, Samar Governor Reynolds Michael Tan, and other health officials and personnel of Samar Provincial Hospital.

According to the regional health department, the TTMF was constructed through the Bayanihan II Funds of the DOH-Eastern Visayas EVCHD, courtesy of the Health Facility Enhancement Program.

As of Monday, the region’s total active COVID-19 cases stand at 2,354 with the additional 60 new cases.

(RONALD O. REYES)

Boy, 7, dies due to snake bite in Biliran

ORMOC CITY – After washing his wound caused by a snake bite past 10 pm on Thursday (Jan.27), the 7-year old boy went to bed but did not wake up anymore.

Police Staff Sergeant Stanley Duran, the investigator on-case of Cabucgayan police station in Biliran, said that first-grader Jhon Mark Mollejon was walking home taking the grassy portion of the village road with his mother around 10 pm when a snake bit him off. He did not inform his mother until they arrived home.

As they reached their home in Barangay Magbangan in Cabucgayan, Biliran, the boy washed off with water a wound at his right foot believing it was the snake bite and later laid to sleep. His mother never thought it would be the last time she would talk with the boy.

After more than an hour of sleep, his mother, Era Nogas, noticed Jhon Mark’s face turning black.

Alarmed, his family then rushed the boy to the Rural Health Unit located at the same village to seek medical help. However, Dr.

Julieta Tan, the attending municipal health officer, declared him dead, the police continued.

The police later reported that the boy was bitten on his left arm, which confirmed the doubts of his mother that what they first believed the wound at his right foot was only a bruise he sustained after a quick jump when the snake swiftly bit him up.

Earlier that day, Jhon Mark and his mother went to his grandmother, Lorna Mollejon, as she was to celebrate her birthday.

(ELVIE ROMAN ROA)

Popcom sets blueprint for special protection program for teen mothers

TACLOBAN CITY- The Commission on Population (Popcom) here in the region is keen on piloting the Social Protection Program for Mothers and their Children (Sppamc).

Thus said its regional director, Elnora Pulma, who stressed that the program will offer an ‘opportunity’ to adolescent mothers.

“What we are offering with the program is an opportunity for our adolescent mothers to continue to a better life including their children

and not the discrimination they often experience after giving birth at a young age,” she said.

The program offers social protection for adolescent mothers and their children by providing continued opportunities for education, access to health services, and other assistance to safeguard a better quality of life for them and in the process reduce the incidence of poverty and other vulnerabilities.

An estimated P33 billion in potential lifetime

income for teenage girls is lost due to early pregnancy and compounded when there are repeat pregnancies among these teen moms, according to the agency.

In an earlier statement, Popcom said the situation “can adversely affect their future and potential and without proper interventions such as the Sppamc, they could be trapped into a vicious cycle of intergenerational poverty.”

The program is based

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NSSDEO holds monthly contractors’ coordination meeting

NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar- The DPWH-Northern Samar Second District Engineering Office (NSSDEO) headed by OIC-District Engineer Charlito Carlobos conducted the first contractor’s coordination meeting for calendar year (CY) 2022 held at the Multipurpose Building, NSSDEO on January 14.



The meeting was presided over by OIC-DE Charlito Carlobos assisted by OIC-ADE Atty, Arthur Eric L. Sabong, Chief of Sections and the technical personnel of the District Office. Also in attendance are client contractors and their liaison officers.

Various issues and concerns were tackled during the meeting such as the

Department Orders, CY 2022 Regular Infrastructure Projects, 2021 and prior years Regular Infrastructure Projects Status including the claims/billings and retentions, Project Engineer’s project status report and Contractor’s issues and concerns. Mainly, problematic infrastructure projects were given emphasis during the meeting.

First, Engr. Gil Herrera, Jr., Acting Chief of the Construction Section, discussed and highlighted all the problematic projects, likewise, the concerned contractors/liaison committed to finish the project as soon as possible.

In terms of the rising cases of CoViD-19, DE Carlobos encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and practice minimum health protocols for the prevention of the spread of the CoViD-19 virus. He informed not to allow unvaccinated visitors inside the premises and to present vaccination cards upon entering NSSDEO.

“Let us be careful and observe health protocols,”

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US, Philippine forces kick off marine exercise 22

Manila-On January 27, the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps began training with the Armed Forces of the Philippines as part of Marine Exercise (MAREX) 22 to further the maritime security capabilities of the U.S. and the Philippines.

During MAREX 22, the U.S. and the Philippines will conduct maritime operations training to boost their joint ability to enhance mutual defense capabilities and respond to natural disasters. Due to the pandemic, the forces will minimize contact throughout the exercise and implement protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

“We appreciate this opportunity to strengthen our enduring alliance with the Philippines in

the Indo-Pacific region through combined amphibious operations,” said Capt. Karry DeWayne Sanders, commodore of Amphibious Squadron One. “Our shared focus of regional security, stability, and prosperity in the Pacific will continue to enhance our partner nation’s capability as it has for the last seven decades.”

Among the events for this year’s MAREX, which will last until February 2, are amphibious assault coordination and execution, subject matter expert exchanges, and integrated maritime operations such as search and seizure operations and tactical maneuvering.

“Our goal is to successfully integrate our forces during planning

and execution to conduct a full-scale, expeditionary amphibious operation, side-by-side with our Filipino partners. This exercise will further strengthen our commitment in the Indo-Pacific region, as well as be a memorable experience for our Marines and sailors,” said Col. James Lively, Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

“We must continue to conduct relevant training that will improve our individual and collective capabilities,” said Maj. Gen. Ariel Caculitan, commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps. “MAREX is joined by our foreign counterpart and our major ally, the United States.”

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Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla lead in the cutting of the ribbon and turn over of the new temporary treatment and monitoring facility on Jan. 28, 2022. The said facility funded by the DOH 8 worth P10 million for the building, implemented by the province and the location, filing materials, beds and other equipments as counterpart of the province. The said temporary treatment and monitoring facility has a 15-bed capacity. The activity was graced by Dr. Eupe-ria Salberino, regional director DOH 8; Dr. Adolfo Antonio Alborno, assistant regional director DOH 8; Dr. Antonio Ida, Dr. Amelita Gacis-Avenid, officer-in-charge Leyte provincial hospital, Dr. Edgardo Daya PHO II and SB Pipes Agrubay of Palo. The turn over was held at the Leyte Provincial Hospital compound government center Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (GINA P. GEREZ)

Construction of farm-to-market roads help farmers amid COVID-19 pandemic

PALO, Leyte - The infrastructure projects implemented in the countryside is greatly helping the farmers amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla said that the farm-to-market roads (FMRs) constructed in the rural areas in the province are now helping the farmers with their farming and economic activities.

Petilla explained that the FMRs provided the farmers with easier trans-

portation of farm products to the market.

This results in cheaper prices of farm products, the governor said.

Petilla cited the case of residents living in the villages of Sapsap, Manaybanay, Cancaraja, Arabunog, Socsocon, and Lima, all in Pastrana town

He said that with the construction of FMR, these interior villages could now easily reach the town proper with farmers could now transport their products with ease.

It was learned that the

project was constructed under the convergence program of the Department of Public Works and Highways-Leyte Second District Engineering Office based in Carigara, Leyte, and the regional office of the Department of Agriculture

Regional Office 8 at a cost of P15 million.

The objective of the FMR is to promote inclusive growth and poverty reduction in the country's hard-to-reach areas through better road connectivity. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

DPWH in Leyte's second district prepares big-ticket projects for this year

TACLOBAN CITY - The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) - Leyte Second District Engineering Office is set to carry out a total of 57 infrastructure projects amounting to over P1.38 billion under the CY-2022 DPWH General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Among these projects are four preventive maintenance; 21 widening/rehabilitation/reconstruction/ upgrading of damaged paved roads - primary/tertiary roads; one construction of bypass roads; two construction of missing links/new roads; 11 bridge program-retrofitting/ strengthening of permanent bridges; 11 flood control systems; six multi-purpose buildings

and covered court; and one completion of Leyte 2 DEO office building.

OIC-District Engineer Leo Edward Oppura reported that 97.77% of these projects have been bid out and are ready for award.

Once awarded to the contractor, he advised the project engineers and contractors involved in the project implementations to prepare the necessary documents and immediately start the project upon issuance of Notice to Proceed (NTP).

"It is necessary to start the project implementation so that delays will be avoided especially now that the COVID-19 pandemic is still a threat in the workplace," Oppura added. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

Victims of Typhoon 'Odette' Southern Leyte residents clamor for housing materials

LILOAN, Southern Leyte - Members of agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) in the Panaon Island area are so grateful for the relief assistance that keeps on pouring from various sectors as they still feels the impacts of Typhoon 'Odette' that made its third landfall in this town on December 15, 2021 leaving many families homeless.

On January 5 of this year, a team from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), headed by Chief of the Program Beneficiaries Development Division, Victoria Ligtas, brought re-

lief goods for the members of the Anilao Farmers Association, San Roque Farmers Association, Pandan Farmers Association, Himayangan Rice Farmers Association and the Liloan farmers Agricultural Cooperative.

Ligtas shared that they have provided the member of the five ARBOs, who are all severely affected by Ty-

On December 29, 2021, the same relief goods were received by the members of the Tuno Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative and the Cangcasto Farmers Association, Ligtas added.

Ligtas shared that more than 400 ARBO members from the two municipalities, mostly ARBs, were



The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) conducted their relief operations to members of the agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations in Panaon Island which was hit by Typhoon 'Odette' last Dec. 16, 2021

phoon Odette, with food items, drinking water, garments and "trapal" (tarpaulin) to address their current needs.

The team likewise distributed shirts and biscuits to children at the Anilao Elementary School, which serves as evacuation center, where some agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) are taking refuge.

benefited. However, they are begging for housing materials to rebuild their homes that were destroyed when the typhoon hit the province nine days before Christmas.

ARB Ma. Nita Palabrica, 52, and a mother of three, appeals to those who are still planning to bring relief assistance for the ty-

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Ex-councilor from Samar survives slay try

TACLOBAN CITY-A former councilor in Jia-bong town, Samar province survived an attempt to his life perpetrated by still unidentified armed men last Jan. 28.

The victim, Rolando Cabadsan, 56, was working at his car shop located in Barangay Tigbago-an, around 8 kms away from the town proper, when the incident happened at around 3:28 pm, Lt. Elbest Taping, officer-in-charge of the Jiabong municipal police station, said.

Taping said that the suspects, who were wearing helmets and in face-mask, approached and shot him at his head and back.

The suspects immedi-

ately fled on board a motorcycle.

"There was a lone witness but he could not provide as to the identities of the suspects as both were wearing helmet and face-mask. The area where the incident happened is isolated and there is no mobile phone signal there," Taping said in a phone interview.

He said that they are ruling out any political motive on the shooting of Cabadsan considering that he has been out of local politics since 2010 and is not a candidate in this year's elections.

"This is not politically-related incident but see Ex-Councilor/

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Rain or shine

We can hardly tell whether it's good news or not at all, but according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), almost the entire country will still be experiencing the La Niña weather phenomenon, which increases the likelihood of above normal rainfall, in the next three months.

But this forecast does not guarantee enough rainfall to all. In fact, PAGASA advised residents in the Ilocos region, the Cordilleras, much of Central Luzon, Occidental Mindoro and Palawan to save water because they are forecasted to have below normal and way below normal rainfall during the same period thus, the reserves in the Ambuklao, Pantabangan and Angat dams will be affected.

But for the rest of the country, it forecasts a near normal to above normal rainfall because of easterlies and shear lines and possible low-pressure areas or tropical cyclones. At least one tropical cyclone is expected to enter the Philippine area of responsi-

bility each for February, March and April. PAGASA said no weather system is expected to enter the country in the next five days but most of the Philippines will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms.

Based on our experience, too much rain is rather destructive especially when it's already causing floods and mudslides in low-lying areas. But this same phenomenon is just tolerable, even advantageous, in areas where sources of potable and irrigation waters are located. Normal rains are sometimes not enough for these dams to get filled, hence their need for heavy and prolonged downpours.

But the dry season and the tendency of drought is not beneficial either. We are not a desert country wherein prolonged dry seasons are but normal. As an agricultural country, our plants cannot survive under long droughts, hence our need for rain. It follows, then, that for us to have a normal existence and daily chores, we just need a balanced dose of sunshine and rain. Beyond these, we get headed for disasters.



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Balanced gaze

Yes, the number was set, there are close to 1800 elective posts that will be filled after the May 9, 2022 General Elections of this almost 48,000 applied for the job with their Certificate of Candidacy filed. After the pruning of names, these

will eventually go down and this February 8, 2022, we will have the final list.

While every Filipino can hear the news and have access to the shouting social media, it seems the Presidency is the most trending topic. The news that gears

towards the outcome of that single yet most important position cast a very large shadow that obscures the other important positions which could make or break the future of the people.

My daughter penned a timely Facebook post and I am publishing it here in Toto:

As much as many people are obsessed with their favored Presidential Candidates, I hope that we will not forget about the other positions that are part of the 2022 elections.

Let's also take time to research and consider the candidates from the Vice Presidential Candidates down to the SB members in our city/

municipality.

It's our chance to exercise our right to suffrage and identify who will have the power and authority to make changes in our society and in our lives in the next few years.

Let's make wise votes because every vote counts.

While I don't dictate nor influence their political inclinations, I am in the constant inspection of the intensity of their posts as to the standards of public servants. This time, however, pointing out of that fact was something that I need to pick up.

The expression you see *Balanced* /page 8 ...



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Comelec Commissioner ROWENA AMELIA V. GUANZON (Bida o' Contrabida ?)

(DEPENDS ON WHICH SIDE OF THE POLITICAL
FENCE OUR READER IS IN.)

Born 64 years ago on 29 August 1957, Atty. Ma. Rowena Amelia V. Guanzon finished law at the University of the Philippines & took graduate studies at Harvard University in the US.

On her personal life, the unmarried Comelec Commissioner Guanzon said "I chose to be single, because I am a feminist; having grown up in a family where women are strong. We were not compelled to get married. We were not encouraged to get married, and neither were we discouraged to get married."

At only 28 years of age, Atty. Amelia Guanzon was appointed by President Cory Aquino as O.I.C. City Mayor of Cadiz City, Negros Occidental; a position she was duly elected to, after her stint as officer-in-charge.

Appointed as a Commissioner at Comelec by President Noyoy Aquino on 28 April 2015, she's about to finish her 7-year stint at the Institution; and on the side, was unofficially known as the "Fiery Commissioner" of the Commission on Elections.

Guanzon's term at the Comelec expires 2 February 2022, on the day copies of this Leyte-Samar Daily Express newspaper are released to the public. She is the last Aquino-appointed Comelec Commissioner.

The Six (6) other Commissioners were appointed by President Rodrigo Duterte, including Chairman Sheriff Abas, Antonio Kho, Socorro

Inting, Marlon Casquejo, Aimee Ferolino & the newest appointee, Rey Bulay.

Three (3) Comelec Commissions will on 2 February 2022 -- they are Chairman Sheriff Abas, Commissioner Antonio Kho and Commissioner Rowena Guanzon, the presiding commissioner of the Poll's First Division, under which Petitions vs Bongbong Marcos are being held.

HOW GUANZON PRESIDES OVER HEARINGS

Last 7 January 2022, Friday, was the Preliminary Conference on the Disqualification Petitions against presidential candidate Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos, Jr., filed by Akbayan Partylist.

Presiding Commissioner Amelia Guanzon earlier announced her usual "warning" as follows -- "Lawyers, be prepared because I have low tolerance for incompetence. The Preliminary Conference on the Disqualification Cases versus Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos, Jr. will be held at Comelec's Session Hall at 9:00am on Friday, January 7, 2022."

"All lawyers must be inside the premises before 8:55am. Parties must personally appear with their Vax Cards & Face Masks."

"In the interest of public transparency, the mainstream media will be admitted for Five (5) minutes, or until the joining of Issues is finished and before their exhibits are marked."

"These are the Petitions filed on November

17, 2021, by the organizers of the 'Campaign Against the Return of the Marcoses & Martial Law' by the supposed officials of Marcos' Partido Federal ng Pilipinas and by martial law survivors led by Akbayan, which were filed on December 2, 2021.

Guanzon's usually - remembered statement before reporters, just after an altercation with then Comelec Chairman Andres "Andy" Bautista (remember him?) is as follows,-- Guanzon defiantly declared that "As a Commissioner at Comelec, I am not a subordinate or employee of Comelec Chairman Andres "Andy" Bautista, nor does he have any administrative supervision or control over me.

(Former Comelec Chairman Andres Bautista's whereabouts abroad has been unknown for several years!)

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FAST - FORWARD
Per the Yahoo News last 28 January 2022, Commissioner Guanzon see Comelec/page 8...



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Fruit crops production posted gains in 3rd

Except for banana, other major fruit crops production was up in the 3rd quarter of 2021.

Fruit Crop	Production Year (MT)		Location	Remark
	2020	2021		
Pineapple	651,128.4	736,402.6	N. Mindanao	13.1 % up
		(459183.4)		62.4 %
Mango		59,927.4		0.6 %
		(Carabao mango) contributing		82.1 %)
		49,220.0		
Banana		29,069.5	C. Visayas	35.2 %
			N. Mindanao	18.6 %
			Caraga	12.1 %
		2,350.0		0.2 % dec
(Cavendish variety)		1.18		50.0 %
Saba				28.6 %
Lakatan				11.5 %)



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Bigger problem, stronger hope, greater grace

WE should always remember this comforting triad. Where we encounter big problems in life, let's react with stronger hope, and expect some extraordinary grace, favor and mercy from God, our Father.

This truth of our faith is somehow dramatized in that gospel story where Christ was confronted with a man so possessed by a legion of devils that "no one could restrain him any longer, even with a chain." (cfr. Mk 5,1-20)

That gospel story somehow demonstrates what can happen to us in-

dividually or collectively as a society. If we are not careful, we can allow the devil to enter and possess us. And things can get worse when, God forbid, a demonic infestation can occur.

We should always be wary of the devils and be ready to handle them properly. They exist. And their only purpose of their existence is to do evil, to go against God and to everyone and everything that God loves. They were originally good angels who rebelled against God upon their creation.

Being pure spirits and

therefore are free and intelligent beings, the devils misused their intelligence and freedom by choosing to replace God upon their creation. That choice has plunged them, being pure spirits, into an irreversible eternal state of enmity against God and against everything else that comes from God and is still with God.

Many if not all the temptations that come our way originate or are being orchestrated by devils. The proper attitude we should have when temptations come is to reject these temptations immediately, never giving them a chance to advance in their plot by dialoguing with them, and to go to God immediately.

Let's remember that when temptations come, it is because we have let down our guard. It means that our union with God has loosened, if not completely broken, often without even our noticing it.

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Note:

Davao was the top producer of bananas with a 36.8 % share at 867,852.7 MT; Northern Mindanao 2nd with 27.7 % at 534,716.5 MT.

With the destructive typhoon ODETTE's that wrecked havoc to agriculture in N. Mindanao, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Central Visayas, fruit crops production are likely to decrease in the 4th quarter of 2021, Luckily, Davao was spared of the typhoon's wrath.

My concern is on the fallen banana plants considering that boiled Saba is part of the staple food of the Bisayans and the Mindanaoans. The typhoon did not spare our own banana plants at the back of our ancestral home in San Diego, Burauen, Leyte.

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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)



STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: Q4-2021 (DECEMBER)

Particulars		Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
GENERAL FUND						
General Public Services	1000					
Office of the Governor/Mayor	1011	10,060,419.95	88,425,930.60			98,486,350.55
Office of the Warden/Maintenance of the Prisoner	1012	14,878,316.15	6,354,584.65			21,232,900.80
Civil Security	1013	443,955.66				443,955.66
Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod/Pambayan	1021	7,331,643.59	4,368,202.04			11,699,845.63
Office of the Planning and Development Coordinator	1041	1,608,624.90	268,794.62			1,877,419.52
General Services Office	1061	232,268.00	3,940,315.52			4,172,583.52
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Budget Officer	1071	707,454.02	169,750.57			877,204.59
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Accountant	1081	290,343.84	468,063.53			758,407.37
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Treasurer	1091	6,387,632.04	513,133.05			6,900,765.09
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Assessor	1101	4,803,293.29	162,034.56			4,965,327.85
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Auditor	1111		137,530.36			137,530.36
Library Services	1122	446,513.13	25,578.00			472,091.13
Office of the Legal Officer	1131	579,164.41	134,045.98			713,210.39
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Prosecutor	1141		108,022.00			108,022.00
Regional Trial Court	1151		1,146,975.17			1,146,975.17
Office of the Registry of Deeds	1161	98,885.84	11,106.22			109,992.06
Public Order & Safety Department		423,709.12	247,500.55			671,209.67
Aids to Barangay						-
20% Local Development Fund	1912					-
70% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund			34,274,652.90			34,274,652.90
Disaster Prevention and Mitigation						-
Disaster Preparedness						-
Disaster Response						-
Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery						-
Procurement/Acquisition of Disaster Equipment for Disaster Response and Rescue Activities						-
30% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Others	1192					-
SOCIAL SERVICES						-
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000					-
Others	3999		7,425,875.17			7,425,875.17
Health, Nutrition & Population Control	4000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Hospital	4421	4,014,937.09	1,076,751.68			5,091,688.77
Office of the Population Officer	4999-1	1,352,385.44	477,530.35			1,829,915.79
Others (HOSPITALS)	4999	60,763,589.66	96,757,495.49			157,521,085.15
Housing and Community Development	6000					-
Maintenance of Plazas, Parks & Monuments	6544	1,943,522.01	388,678.24			2,332,200.25
Social Services and Social Welfare	7000					-
Office of the Social Welfare and Development Officer	7611	1,045,479.09	2,966,026.23			4,011,505.32
Budgetary Reserve						-
Others	7999					-
Economic Services	8000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturist	8711	19,253,815.41	4,917,378.65			24,171,194.06
Office of the Veterinarian	8721	193,268.00	237,431.87			430,699.87
Office of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer	8731	707,735.25	8,525.16			716,260.41
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer	8751	17,028,699.16	5,303,813.46			22,332,512.62
20% Local Development Fund	8911		23,852,183.22			23,852,183.22
Others	8912		91,604,609.50			91,604,609.50
Debt Service						-
Principal						-
Local Development Projects						-
Loan Amortization-Domestic (Debt Service-Principal)						-
Interest and Other Charges						-
Interest Payment - Domestic (Debt Service-Interest)			824,390.05			824,390.05
TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES		154,595,655.05	376,596,909.39	-	-	531,192,564.44
OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
Particulars	Budget Appropriation	Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
Purchase of Inventory						-
Disbursement of Trust Liabilities						-
Due to other NGAs			126,295.08			126,295.08
Due to other GOCCs						-
Due to other LGUs			3,173,362.29			3,173,362.29
Due to National Treasury						-
Due to BIR			23,364,050.04			23,364,050.04
Due to GSIS			42,355,420.25			42,355,420.25
Due to PAG-IBIG			2,365,605.20			2,365,605.20
Due to PhilHealth			3,097,948.05			3,097,948.05
Due to Officers and Employees			23,328,119.42			23,328,119.42
Grant of Cash Advances						
Intra-Agency Payables						
Due to Other Fund						-
Other Current Liabilities						
Guaranty Deposits Payable			2,124,768.24			2,124,768.24
Performance/Bidders/Bail Bonds Payable						
Other Payables			5,361,742.16			5,361,742.16
Other Deferred Credits						
Payable Accounts						
Accounts Payable			2,493,535.83			2,493,535.83
Notes Payable						
Dividend Payable						
Interest Payable						
Payment of Prior Year Expenses Debited to PY Adj						-
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES		-	107,790,846.56	-	-	107,790,846.56
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		154,595,655.05	484,387,755.95	-	-	638,983,411.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND						
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000-1					
General Administration	3311-1		3,762,396.00			3,762,396.00
Others	3999-1					
TOTAL SEF			3,762,396.00		-	3,762,396.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		154,595,655.05	488,150,151.95	-	-	642,745,807.00
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - GF						-
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - SEF						-
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - GF					10,564,954.10	10,564,954.10
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - SEF						-

Certified correct:

RUTH Y. SURPIA
Acting Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: Q4 2021 (DECEMBER)

Particulars	Acct. Code	Income Target (Approved Budget)	Actual Receipts (December)	Excess of Actual vs Target	% of Over/ (Under) to Target
LOCAL SOURCES					
TAX REVENUES		35,924,347.00	2,177,349.52	31,226,770.06	87%
REAL PROPERTY TAX		25,491,488.00	1,616,564.60	25,370,875.77	100%
Current Year		19,000,000.00	845,314.77	15,590,666.43	82%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		191,488.00	42,966.07	269,443.55	141%
Prior Year/s		5,300,000.00	451,603.18	5,405,806.65	102%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		1,000,000.00	276,680.58	4,104,959.14	410%
TAX ON BUSINESS		8,600,000.00	183,376.50	3,714,137.10	43%
Amusement Tax		500,000.00	7,637.50	353,095.90	-71%
Franchise Tax		1,500,000.00	630.00	1,313,846.83	88%
Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans		1,100,000.00	15,147.00	1,188,874.57	108%
Tax on Sand, Gravel & Other Quarry Resources		5,200,000.00	120,534.00	704,110.40	14%
Fines and Penalties-Business Taxes		300,000.00	39,428.00	860,401.20	287%
OTHER TAXES		1,832,859.00	377,408.42	2,141,757.19	117%
Professional Tax		250,000.00	10,188.00	118,534.01	47%
Real Property Transfer Tax		1,550,000.00	366,998.42	2,016,703.92	130%
Other Taxes		32,859.00	222.00	4,547.17	14%
Fines and Penalties-Other Taxes		-	-	1,972.09	
NON-TAX REVENUES		390,531,930.00	21,226,918.20	103,728,325.25	-27%
REGULATORY FEES (Permits and Licenses)		931,930.00	7,240.00	161,225.62	-17%
Occupation Fees		500,000.00	-	33,394.38	7%
Other Permits & Licenses		431,930.00	7,240.00	194,620.00	-45%
SERVICE/USER CHARGES (Service Income)		380,000,000.00	19,424,971.65	122,528,960.75	-32%
Clearance and Certification Fees		100,000.00	15,262.00	169,816.30	170%
Other Service Income		12,000,000.00	1,562,062.30	12,960,566.32	108%
Fines and Penalties-Service Income		-	-	-	
Hospital Fees		367,900,000.00	17,847,647.35	135,659,343.37	-37%
Medical, Dental and Laboratory Fees		-	-	-	
OTHER INCOME/RECEIPTS (Other General Income)		9,600,000.00	1,794,706.55	18,961,861.12	198%
Interest Income		9,500,000.00	1,794,706.55	19,010,439.00	200%
Miscellaneous - Others		100,000.00	-	48,577.88	-49%
TOTAL INCOME-LOCAL SOURCES		426,456,277.00	23,404,267.72	72,501,555.19	-17%
EXTERNAL SOURCES					
SHARE FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTION		2,712,543,723.00	227,451,781.41	19,620,077.71	1%
INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT		2,700,000,000.00	227,307,730.17	27,692,762.04	1%
Current Year		2,700,000,000.00	227,307,730.17	27,692,762.04	1%
OTHER SHARES FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS		12,543,723.00	144,051.24	8,072,684.33	-64%
Share from National Wealth				-	
Mining Taxes				-	
Utilization of hydrothermal, geothermal and other sources of energy				-	
Share from PAGCOR/PCSO/Lotto		12,523,723.00	144,051.24	8,052,684.33	-64%
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171)		20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-100%
Others				-	
EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS/GRANTS/DONATIONS/AIDS		1,000,000.00	-	1,000,000.00	-100%
TOTAL EXTERNAL SOURCES		2,713,543,723.00	227,451,781.41	18,620,077.71	1%
LOCAL and EXTERNAL SOURCES		3,140,000,000.00	250,856,049.13	53,881,477.48	-2%

OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS					
Collection Receivables			53,488.00	193,140.06	
Refund of Cash Advances			323.50	2,800,700.24	
Collection from Inter-Agency Receivables			-	-	
Collection of Trust Liabilities			7,101,360.00	78,495,805.32	
Due from other NGAs			6,820,114.00	64,648,253.00	
Due from other GOCCs			-	-	
Due from LGUs			281,246.00	13,847,552.32	
Other Receivables			1,164,723.33	42,174,690.30	
Collection of Prior Year Income credited to Prior Year Adjustment			-	-	
TOTAL OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS		-	8,319,894.83	123,664,335.92	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		3,140,000,000.00	259,175,943.96	69,782,858.44	2%

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND					
SPECIAL EDUCATION TAX					
Special Education Fund		70,000,000.00	2,345,310.18	2,541,979.09	4%
Current Year		48,000,000.00	897,328.48	1,155,304.62	2%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		2,000,000.00	78,889.86	58,121.09	3%
Prior Year/s		16,000,000.00	995,531.43	671,536.36	-4%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		4,000,000.00	373,560.41	2,000,089.74	50%
Other Receipts		-	-	47,833.09	
Interest Income		-	-	-	
Other Business Income (Miscellaneous)		-	-	47,833.09	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND		70,000,000.00	2,345,310.18	2,589,812.18	4%
GRAND TOTAL (GF + SEF)		3,210,000,000.00	261,521,254.14	72,372,670.62	2%

Certified correct:

RUTH Y. SURPIA
Acting Provincial Treasurer

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a short reminder from DE Carlobos.

He also instructs the contractors to conduct as-stake plans.

“Conduct as-stake plans para magamit natin agad ang variance. As much as possible, it must be prepared immediately,” DE Carlobos said.

Meanwhile, DE Carlobos thanked all who extended their help during the road clearing operations and relief operations for the victims of Typhoon “Odette” at Southern Leyte.

The activity winded up after all the issues and concerns and objectives of the meeting were tackled and addressed.

(LYCA MAE T. QUILICOL)

on the approved Social Protection Operational Framework and Strategy, which will include a pilot implementation of proposed interventions in select partner-local government units.

Citing data from the Philippine Statistics Authority's Civil Registration and Vital Statistics of 2019, Popcom said Eastern Visayas logged in 7,000 pregnancies among teens in 2019 with at least eight young mothers who had already given birth when they were 13 years old.

(RONALD O. REYES)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Northern Samar
Municipality of Catarman

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant too 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 **Marian Joy D. Galit** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in Child’s Sex from “FEMALE” to “MALE” in his certificate of live birth of **KYLE JORIZ ONG SOTTO GALIT** and whose parents are Marian Joy A. Ong Sotto and Ramon Jr. I. Galit.

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

(Sgd.) **DARWIN B. BEROS**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 1 & 8, 2022

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MA. ROSARIO T. CINCO heir of late Remedios Guy Joco, executed an affidavit of adjudication over a certain parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Dapdap, Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte, containing an area of 12,309 square meters, more or less, embraced in OCT No. 29846; per Doc. No. 439, Page No. 89, Book No. LXXXIII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Cesar E. Lee.

LSDE: January 25 & February 1 & 8, 2022

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF UNSEGREGATED PORTION OF A PARCEL OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. PORFERIO MIRALLES and CLARITA MONTOLO, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a conjugal property over a parcel of land and all the improvements thereon, located at Brgy. Binongtoan, Alangalang, Leyte, under Lot No. 657-A, Bsd-08-000137 and embraced under TCT No. TE-1186 (RTE-001) and portion of Lot 657, Pcs-15, containing an area of 9, 153 square meters, and heirs hereby executed a Deed of Absolute sale a portion of 1,000 square meters from the above-described parcel of land in favor of Sps. ANTHONY LORENZO DAKILA MIRALLES and KRISNA MACANIP MIRALLES as vendee for the portion of 1,000 square meters, known as Lot No. 657-A; per Doc. No. 160, Page No. 33, Book No. II, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Richmond G. Longias.

LSDE: January 25 & February 1 & 8, 2022

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that SALOME J. ARIAS surviving heir of the late ADELAIDA P. ESCOBIO executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 3 properties of land together with all improvements particularly described as; 1) Lot No 1-B, Psd 287856 situated at Brgy. Loyonsawang, Abuyog, Leyte containing an area of 139.50sq.m., covered by TCT No. T-28670 and TD No. 08-01006-00130; 2) A residential house with an area of 31.02sq.m., under TD No. 08-01006-00131 and Property Identification No. 044-01-006-01-(073)-1001; 3) Lot 4032-A, Psd-08-026537-D situated at Brgy. Can-aporong, Abuyog, Leyte containing an area of 4,249sq.m., covered by TCT No. TP-26741 and TD No. 08-01026-00135. Per Doc No. 24, Page No. 6, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Yzabel Eden M. Bertumen-Lerios.

LSDE: Jan. 18, 25 & Feb. 1, 2022

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States Marine Corps that has long been training with us and sharing with us the duty to preserve regional peace and security.”

U.S. maritime assets participating in the exercise include the ships of the Essex (ESX) Amphibious Ready Group comprised of USS Essex (LHD 2), USS Portland (LPD 27), and USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) with the embarked forces of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) to include Battalion Landing Team 1/1, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 165 (Reinforced), Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 214, and Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB) 11. Together, these units form a robust team to work alongside their Philippine Navy and Marine Corps counterparts.

As the U.S. and Philippines celebrate 75 years of security cooperation, MAREX 22 represents a mutual commitment to enhance the security and stability of the region.

(PR)



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR
Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

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

Office a petition for change of first name from **WILFREDO - ROMEO** to **WILFREDO** in the Birth (First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)

Certificate of **WILFREDO-ROMEO ALICER ARANTE** who was born on **DECEMBER 15, 1963** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **ERLINDA C. ALICER** and **VICENTE C. ARANTE**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **February 15, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: February 1 & 8, 2022

Publication Notice
RA 10172

Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE
Balangkayan, Eastern Samar

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

CCE-0001-2022 R.A. 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 **NESTERLIE B. MONTES** has filed with this Office a Petition, a petition for correction of entry in **SEX** from “FEMALE” to “MALE” in the certificate of live birth of **NESTERLIE BASTON MONTES** at Balangkayan, Eastern Samar and whose parents are **ARNULFO GILLO MONTES** and **ESTER SABONGDONG BASTON**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than 10 February 2022.

(Sgd.) **CARLOS G. MONTES**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Jan. 25 & Feb. 1, 2022

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BERNARDO S. DEJILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Lot 1, Pcs-083747-000377-D being a portion of Lot 562-A-3 and the whole of Lot 562-A-1, Psd-99880 situated in the Poblacion, Tacloban City, Leyte covered by TCT No. 35193 containing an area of 110sq.m., more or less and heir, CIRILA REFUGIO DEJILLO hereby WAIVED all rights, interests and participation of the above-described real property in favor of all my children, namely; EVANGELINE DEJILLO YOSHIHARA, LUZ DEJILLO MACION, LIGAYA DEJILLO ESTUR, JOSE LEONIDAS REFUGIO DEJILLO AND ANA MARIE DEJILLO SOLIOT. Per Doc No. 8, Page No. 03, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2016. Notary Public Atty. Irene T. Pontejos.

LSDE: February 1, 8 & 15, 2022

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PONCIANO SAY AND EXALTACION M. SAY extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Cad Lot No. 6354 consisting an area of 2,575sq.m., situated at Brgy. Salvacion, Palo, Leyte covered by TCT No. T-8978, TD/ARP No. 08-30-0027-00420, Property Identification No. 044-30-0027-004-14. That, it is the best interest to divide, partition and adjudicate unto themselves the above-described estate into 11 parts; **1)** Lot 6354-A with an area of 220sq.m., to PONCIANO M. SAY, JR.; **2)** Lot 6354-B with an area of 220sq.m. to RODOLFO M. SAY; **3)** Lot 6354-C with an area of 220sq.m. to VIRGINIA S. QUEQUE; **4)** Lot 6354-D with an area of 220sq.m. to ARSENIO M. SAY; **5)** Lot 6354-E with an area of 220sq.m. to RAUL M. SAY; **6)** Lot 6354-F with an area of 220sq.m. to HEIRS OF NESTOR M. SAY; **7)** Lot 6354-G with an area of 220sq.m. to HELEN S. PETILLA; **8)** Lot 6354-H with an area of 220sq.m. to MILAGROS S. SAY; **9)** Lot 6354-I with an area of 220sq.m. to JULIE S. YU; **10)** Lot 6354-J with an area of 220sq.m. to RUBEN WENDELL M. SAY; **11)** Lot 6354-K with an area of 220sq.m. to JUDITH S. ZABALA. Per Doc No. 125, Page No. 22, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Jessica Joy U. Bendoy.

LSDE: February 1, 8 & 15, 2022

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late AGAPITO CESAR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9849, Cad 505 situated at Brgy. Arado, Tanauan, Leyte containing an area of 4,618sq.m., and heirs hereby WAIVED all rights, participation and interests over the Lot No. 9849-B in favor of ROTELIO LACANDOZE. Per Doc No. 126, Page No. 13, Book No. III, Series of 2006. Notary Public Atty. Asterio A. Villena.

LSDE: February 1, 8 & 15, 2022

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late CATALINO SALUTAN, JOSEFA CLOSA, VICENTE SALUTAN AND FELICISIMO SALUTAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1455, Pls 645 containing an area of 27,085sq.m., situated at Brgy. Picas Norte, Abuyog (now Javier) Leyte covered by OCT No. P-4328, TD No. 081902200182. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. MA. TERESA G. MALQUISTO AND NICKIE S. MALQUISTO as vendees of a portion containing an area of 6,771.25sq.m., together with all the improvements found thereon. Per Doc No. 22, Page No. 5, Book No. X, Series of 2015. Notary Public Atty. Joy Estolano-Cerro, CPA.

LSDE: February 1, 8 & 15, 2022

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ANTONIO MONTILLA CABIDOG executed a Deed of Sale in favor of TRIVERDIA PROPERTIES CORPORATION represented by GEM-MALENE B. TRINIDAD as vendee over a parcel of land designated as Lot 833, Pls 450 situated at Brgy. Rizal, Dagami, Leyte containing an area of 6,576sq.m., more or less covered by OCT No. OC-18790. Per Doc No. 486, Page No. 99, Book No. XVI, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Rea Abigail M. Candido.

LSDE: February 1, 8 & 15, 2022

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOSE F. MURILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 3203-A-2 containing an area of 36sq.m., being a portion of Lot 3203-A with the total area of 257sq.m., covered by TCT No. T- 3355 situated at Brgy. Caibaan, Tacloban City. Per Doc No. 132, Page No. 29, Book No. II, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Gerry Val V. Baquilod.

LSDE: February 1, 8 & 15, 2022

DAILY PROGRAM:

“IGSUMAT KAN KA OYO”

HIMANGRAWON - 104.7

MON. - SAT 8:00 PM
DYVL AM

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
DYAB-FM

Office of the President
NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
Regional Office VIII, Tacloban City

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF AWARD
Lot 6, Block 14, Pcs-5296
Muñoz Estate, Catbalogan City

December 14, 2021

MR. CELSO PAGDONSOLAN
Allen Avenue
Catbalogan City, Samar

Dear Mr. Pagdonsolan,

Please be informed that due to your non-compliance with the terms and conditions of Individual Notice of Award (INA) over the lot awarded in your favor, and despite the demand letter to you dated September 14, 2001, your award over the above stated property is hereby CANCELLED effective immediately.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,
By Authority of the General Manager:

ENGR. CONSTANCIO G. ANTINIERO
Regional Manager
Region VIII

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openly asked “Alam ba ni presidential aspirant Bongbong Marcos that Partido Federal ng Pilipinas (PFP) is threatening me --- the presiding commissioner, while his case is pending? Baka e-contempt ko kayo at ipakulong ko kayo sa Manila City Jail!”

(This was declared due to the First Division’s supposed delay in the announcement of the Marcos Disqualification Case.)

Guanzon believes that there was “interference” in the decision, causing its delay. She then said “Now, they already know my vote. They think that if I retire, my vote will not count, which is not true!”

Partido Federal ng Pilipinas, through their general council, Atty. George Briones urged the Comelec en banc to hold an administrative investigation of Guanzon’s statement, alleging that the public disclosure of her vote before reporters, was an “illegal leak” of her dissenting opinion & Briones’ statement went as far as calling for Guanzon’s disbarment.

Atty. Briones said “She should be disbarred for her premature disclosure of her unpromulgated dissenting opinion, with forfeiture of her retirement benefits and lifetime pension, be-

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phoon victims, “Sana financial assistance na lang para makapagpatayo kami ng kahit kubo lang” (We hope for financial assistance instead, so we could build even a small house only).

Palabrica’s family is among those who are still staying in the evacuation center after their houses were crashed down by the typhoon.

Markenn Jay Maloto, 25, daughter of an agrarian reform beneficiary (ARB), when asked why she was crying, said “Wala na kam-

cause she destroyed the reputation of the Institution.

But Guanzon declared that she did not state that it was her dissenting opinion. She said that she only disclosed her vote.”

Then Guanzon defiantly answered Briones saying -- “Mas marunong pa kayo sa akin, propesor ng batas yata ito.. Masyado kayong marunong. Sinong abogado diyan na haharap sa akin sa debate, kung may violation ako dito?”

“I challenge George Briones of Partido Federal ng Pilipinas ng BBM Group to a debate on TV if he thinks he is brighter than me.”

Guanzon did not appear intimidated by PFP’s call for an investigation and disbarment.

She declared “Huwag n’yo akong takut-takutin, dahil puede akong magtanim nga tubo (sugar cane) kung hindi na ako makapag- practise nga bogasiya,” The word war continues

PHILSTAR’S FEDERICO PASCUAL JOINS THE FRAY

On the side, the Philippine Stars’ well-read columnist Federico Pascual declared that presidential aspirant Bongbong Marcos through his lawyers, led by Martial Law-era solicitor-general Estelito Mendoza has pointed out that BBM was able to file his Certificate of Candidacy numerous times in various elections, and his eligibility

ing bahay. Di kami makat-ulog ng maayos.” (We have no house anymore. We can’t sleep well.)

According to her, their house was knocked down by a coconut tree. Now she, her parents, and her younger brother, are crammed in one bed to sleep in a corner of their destroyed house with a makeshift roof.

She appeals for housing materials they would use in repairing their house.

DAR Eastern Visayas Regional Director Robert Anthony Yu is looking for ways the office could help the distraught ARBs recover and start a livelihood. **(PR)**

was never questioned.

He said the Supreme Court has the exclusive jurisdiction to decide on qualifications of presidential bets.

For a misrepresentation to be material -- which is the sole issue -- it must pertain to the candidate’s eligibility for public office, he said, adding that there must be “a prior authoritative finding” of Marcos’ ineligibility, which is not the case presented by the petitioners.

Marcos’ submission also mentioned a point of defense put forward by Partido Federal ng Pilipinas, in an answer-in-intervention that was not allowed by Comelec.

He said that the 1977 National Internal Revenue Code did not impose “perpetual disqualification” as a penalty.

This was part of PD 1994 that took effect on January 01, 1986, under which the mandatory filing of Income Tax Returns for the years of 1982 to 1984 already lapsed before PD 1994 took effect.

Applying it would give the law an ex post-facto effect, which is unconstitutional.

And also, for the filing of Income Tax Returns for the year 1985, Marcos said he was already out of government and forced to leave the country.

..... Enough said ... and so this Columnist declares “Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata !

Ex-councilor... ...from Page 3

rather an isolated one. While our investigators are still conducting their investigation, we are seeing other possible reasons like personal grudge,” the police officer said, without elaborating as probe is still underway.

He, however, said that he has received a directive from Mayor Julie Cereno to hasten their investigation on the shooting of Cabadsan.

It was learned that Cabadsan has been brought to a hospital in Tacloban and is now in stable condition. **(JOEY A. GABIETA)**

Eastern Visayas kicks off 2023 budget prep

TACLOBAN CITY – Eastern Visayas has started preparing the 2023 budget proposal utilizing the Regional Development Council (RDC) review drive, a cloud-based repository of budget proposals from the different agencies.

National Economic and Development Authority Regional Director Bonifacio Uy said Monday RDC members have been oriented on the budget preparation and review process, highlighting the newly approved RDC Eastern Visayas budget

guidelines for next year.

“These particular guidelines now spell-out the various steps that needs to be complied with for an effective budget review of proposals. Particularly, these guidelines adopt prioritization criteria for the ranking of projects proposed by agencies and state universities and colleges,” Uy said in a phone interview.

Similar to last year, the 2023 budget review will use the online RDC budget review drive, which is open to the public and can be viewed and comment-

ed on by stakeholders at the national, regional and local level to ensure transparency and inclusivity of priority proposals.

The upgraded budget drive was introduced to improve ease of use of the online review facility. It will also allow government entities and regional stakeholders to easily submit, facilitate, review and store documentation of the budget preparation, in real time.

“We hope that through this tool, it will enable us to submit budget proposals that are responsive and will lead to higher socioeconomic growth for the region for 2023 and onward,” Uy said.

Under the 2023 budget calendar issued by the Department of Budget and Management, budget preparation consultations will be held in February, encoding of submission of budget proposals is between February 1 to April

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Buri Elementary School announces winners of ‘Attendance Mo Raffle Entry Mo’ BY: MA.GLENDA D. SUYOM

The Buri Elementary School, Burauen, Leyte announces last week the 36 winners of ‘Attendance Mo, Raffle Entry Mo.’

The school gave away 4 sacks of rice, kitchen utensils, personal items, and other home essentials as raffle prizes.

Winners were happy upon receiving their prizes.

Attendance Mo Raffle Entry Mo is a school-initiated innovation to motivate and encourage parents and other stakeholders to participate in different school activities such as pintakasi, meeting, and submission of modules, among others.

Parents and other stake-

holders are entitled to one raffle entry in every school activity that they attend.

The school aims to increase the parents and stakeholders attendance through this school-initiated intervention.

(Note: The author is a Principal II of the Buri Elementary School, Burauen, North District, Burauen, Leyte)

Power... ...from Page 1

Liloan, Saint Bernard, San Juan, Hinunangan, and Silago towns.

Towns that are still in darkness are, Malitbog, Libagon, San Francisco, Pintuyan, San Ricardo, Anahawan, Hinundayan, and Limasawa.

Soleco is expected to fully restore its services in mid-February.

Task Force Kapatid, composed of personnel from electric cooperatives in Eastern Visayas, has deployed over 100 linemen to repair damaged distribution facilities.

They are augmented by teams from power cooperatives in Luzon.

The Department of Energy has set March for the full restoration of power in Southern Leyte.

The power supply was severely affected after the province was pummeled by Odette on December 16, 2021 with Soleco placing the damages at P723.48 million as power poles were toppled down. **(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/ PNA)**

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Palo, Leyte

**R8-CN/EV/PA-FC-2022-01-0001
REF. CASE NO. VIII-2014-3141**

Application for **Change of Party/Name of Applicant** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** service with prayer to adopt trade name with **Extension of Validity**

**NICOLAS MORINA-Old Party Applicant
MOUNTAIN VIEW TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE (MVTC)-New Party Applicant,**

Applicant/s
x- -----x

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant-vendor request authority for the approval of Change Name of Applicant from **NICOLAS MORINA** to **MOUNTAIN VIEW TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE (MVTC)**, of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **“ORMOC CITY-NUEVA VISTA-MILAGRO-WELCOME & VICE VERSA”** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until **NOVEMBER 14, 2021.**

In the present application, applicant request authority for Change Name of Applicant with Extension of Validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **FEBRUARY 15, 2022** 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 **25TH** day of **JANUARY, 2022.**

(Sgd.) ATTY. GIL D. MENGULLO
Attorney IV/Hearing Officer

SSS urges FB followers to utilize online portals and facilities

The Social Security System (SSS) encourages its more than five million Facebook (FB) followers to actively utilize its portals and various online facilities including its social media platforms for easier access to SSS information, services, and transactions. SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio said that the SSS made available its My.SSS Portal on its website www.sss.gov.ph for members to have exclusive access to their contributions and membership records, facilitate online transactions, set appointments with their servicing branch, and request for copies of their records, among others.

Over the last few years, the My.SSS Portal has undergone enhancements and now includes online applications for loans, benefits, requests for member data change (simple corrections), Payment Reference Number (PRN) generation, and enrollment of disbursement accounts.

“The majority of our FB followers interact with us by writing queries and making follow-ups in the comments section of our official FB posts and the SSS Social Media Services Section is in charge of responding to these

concerns. As we encourage active social media engagement, we also invite them to maximize the usage of the My.SSS Portal since benefit claims and loan status are readily available in their respective accounts. Likewise, they may also reach us through the FB Messenger where a Chatbot can respond to their basic and frequently asked questions,” Ignacio said.

Members and employers may also use the SSS Mobile App, with similar features and may be downloaded via Google Play Store, Apple App Store, or Huawei AppGallery for free. They may also avail of the Text-SSS facility via 2600 with a service fee of P2.50 per transaction for Globe, Smart, and Sun Cellular subscribers.

Aside from the My.SSS Portal, the SSS also launched in November 2020, the ExpreSSS e-Learning (ExSSSeL) Portal which allows participants to learn the different SSS policies, programs, and updates at the comfort and safety of their homes. The ExSSSeL Portal is a free online computer-based training wherein participants may choose among the modules, study at their own pace and time, take the post examination to assess the learnings gained, and receive an e-certificate

upon obtaining a passing rate of at least 80% in the post examination. Members and other individuals can visit said Portal via http://bit.ly/ExSSSeL_Portal. After selecting a module, they will receive an online registration form via Google Form for them to fill out. Multiple modules can also be accessed simultaneously.

SSS has also launched the uSSSap Tayo Portal via www.crms.sss.gov.ph last September 2021 providing users with easier, simpler, and faster access to SSS information, and an avenue for sending their concerns on how to avail of SSS programs, services, and status verifications of their follow-ups and complaints.

Moreover, the uSSSap Tayo Portal utilizes a ticket support system that provides a complete archive of users’ requests which helps them track the status of their tickets in the dashboard of their accounts.

For further information about SSS’ various online services, members and employers may also access <https://bit.ly/expreSSS>, follow “Philippine Social Security System – SSS” on Facebook, “mysssp” on Instagram or YouTube, “PHLSSS” on Twitter, or join SSS’ Viber Community at “MYSSSPH Updates.” (PR)

DOH... ...from Page 1

been in the upward.

“It is still early to say that our cases are on a decline. These 60 new cases are just from the 273 samples tested (from two COVID-19 testing laboratories),” Malibago said.

The region has four COVID-19 laboratories with a new one in Southern Leyte still not operating.

Of the 60 new cases, 46 were from Leyte province of which Tacloban City posting 16 new cases; six from Southern Leyte; four in Eastern Samar; three in Samar; and one from Biliran.

Its total active cases are now at 2,354.

Malacanang has announced that the provinces of Biliran and Southern

Leyte will be placed under Alert Level 2 beginning tomorrow, Feb.1 while the rest of the region to include its capital city of Tacloban will be categorized under a stricter Alert Level 3.

The DOH said that they hope that those who remain unvaccinated due to some reason will avail the three-day vaccination drive.

Aside from the unvaccinated, target for this three-day activity are those with due missed doses and booster doses.

“With the active implementation of vaccination activities supported by local government units in the region, we highly encourage the public to get vaccinated,” the DOH said on its bulletin.

“As we proceed to giving additional or booster doses, the DOH reiterates the importance of prioritizing vaccination among those who are yet to receive their primary series as our goal in achieving herd immunity remains in action,” it added.

Here in Tacloban City, aside from the Tacloban city astrodome, the sites for the massive campaign will be the City Health Office, Robinsons Place, and several barangay health units and gymnasiums.

DOH said Tacloban City has reached 68 percent, Ormoc City with 66.5 percent, Biliran with 65.3 percent, Southern Leyte with 57.5 percent, Eastern Samar with 55.6 percent, Leyte with 51.1 percent, Northern Samar with 47.6 percent, and Western Samar with 47.3

Cancellation Form No. 1

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
Province of BILIRAN
Region No. VIII

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APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION

I/We, RICO ADO PAGAO, Filipino/s, of legal age/s, married/single, a resident of P.S. EAMIGUEL NAVAL, BILIRAN, PHILIPPINES, do hereby apply for the cancellation of the title/s in accordance with DAR Administrative Order (AO) No. 2, Series of 2018, as amended, described as follows:

EP/CLOA No./Title No.	REGISTRY OF DEEDS (ROD)	AREA (sqms.)	REGISTERED OWNER/S	LOCATION
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The aforesaid application for cancellation of title/s is based upon any of the following: (Please check appropriate box)

1. ☒ Existence of a final and executory (FINEX) judgment with following information:

Docket No.

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DAR CASE NO. APO-0806-0094-2018

Case Title

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MARIA P. TABLATE VS. NERISSA R. SAMONTE

Name of Parties

:

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Office/Court

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2. ☐ Correction of technical description in the aforesaid title/s which do not affect the identity or number of agrarian reform beneficiaries or the size and scope of the landholdings under the said title/s

3. ☐ Transfer of title/s on the basis of a conveyance approved through a valid DAR Transfer clearance

4. ☐ Motion of the petitioner/s or all the parties to withdraw the Cancellation Action.

Hereto attached are the required document/s to support the processing of my/our application/s: (Please check appropriate box)

☒ Certified true copy/ies of the subject EP/CLOA/other title issued not later than six (6) months before the filing of the application/s

☒ Certified True Copy of the Decision of the court/office

☐ Certification from the court/office that the Judgment has become final and executory

☐ Motion to Dismiss or Withdraw in Case No. _____ pending at _____ docketed as _____

☐ DAR Transfer Clearance issued by the Regional Director (RD)

☐ Corrected Technical Description of the subject EP/CLOA/other title issued under agrarian reform program certified as true and correct by the DENR-LMS/LRA

☒ Proof of service that the registered owner/s of the EP/CLOA/other titles and the Registry of Deeds (ROD) were served with a copy of the Cancellation Form No. 1

I/We hereby certify under oath that all statements I/we made in this application/s are true and correct based on my/our personal knowledge and that all documents attached are authentic.

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15, while the deadline for the online submission of budget proposal is on May 31.

Executive Order 325 issued in 1996 mandates the RDC to review the annual budget proposals of government agencies to ensure that they address the strategic development needs and priorities of the region.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

percent of its actual population being vaccinated with at least one dose.

Meanwhile, 62.1 percent of the total population in Biliran are now fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines, followed by Tacloban City with 60.9 percent, 57.8 percent in Ormoc City, 50 percent in Eastern Samar, 48.7 percent in Southern Leyte, 43.4 percent in Leyte, 39.7 percent in Western Samar, and 37.5 percent in Northern Samar.

Bigger... ...from Page 5

Thus, when temptations come, we really should intensify our prayers and hope in God’s merciful providence, since only with God can we resist them. We should also submit our body to some severe discipline because when tempted the body easily falls and drags our spirit with it.

We have to reassure ourselves, based on what Christ has promised and has actually done for us, that there can be no crisis that is too big for the grace of God to handle.

We have to remember that nothing happens in this life without at least the knowledge and tolerance of God. And if God allows some really bad things to happen, it is because a greater good can always be derived from them.

We just have to put ourselves in God’s side to tackle whatever crisis plagues us. That is the real

challenge we have to face. And just like what Christ did and continues to do to redeem us, we have to follow the formula he once spelled out: deny ourselves, carry the cross and then follow him. (cfr. Mt 16,24)

If we are willing to do that, then we can even gain a lot more than what we appear to lose and to suffer. In other words, we can say that the bigger, the more serious the problem is, the bigger, plentier and stronger also would the grace God will give us. So, let us just be game and do our part of the bargain.

It’s not easy, of course. But neither is it impossible. If we consider God’s abundant grace, even the impossible can be possible for us.

It says bloc is a front of the communist terror group

NTF-ELCAC statement on the endorsement of Makabayan bloc to the presidential bid of Robredo

The National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) has been unstinting in telling the Filipino people the truth; the ironically named Makabayan Bloc/KABAG Bloc is made up of urban operatives of the Communist Party of the Philippines- New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) who have managed to weasel their way into the House of Representatives by deceiving the Filipino people by not telling them who they truly are: members of the terrorist CPP NPA NDF whose overarching goal is the destruction of government through violent means and the supplanting of our democracy with a failed and obsolete ideology: communism.

That they have officially endorsed Vice President Leni Robredo as their presidential candidate means they are hoping to forge a strong alliance with the VP if she wins the Presidency to further their rotten agenda: the violent overthrow of government and the perpetuation of the sufferings of our people.

The CPP- NPA- NDF is now on its last throes of life - thanks to our government's whole of nation approach via EO 70 and thanks even more to the Filipino people who have rallied behind government in ending this 53 year communist pestilence in our country.

If the VP accepts this endorsement, she is giving these communist

terrorists the strength they badly and desperately need to once again sow grief and pain on our people.

And she would have conferred on this terrorist organization a veneer of legitimacy and respectability to continue and intensify their terrorist activities: the radicalization of our youth, their recruitment into the NPA fold, terrorist financing, kidnapping, human trafficking, the murder of innocent civilians, our indigenous peoples and of our men and women in uniform.

She does not even need to win as President.

It is enough that she accepts the endorsement of this terrorist organization.

Such is the power of the high office she holds.

If, however, she rejects the damnable endorsement of the communist terrorist CPP NPA NDF, she would have given the Filipino people a strong message that even though we may have differences in our political beliefs, the Vice President of the land will solidly stand in complete defense of the Filipino people- as she has sworn to do.

Either way, Leni Robredo will show very clearly to the Filipino people who it is she truly is: a faithful public servant worthy of our trust or a traitor to her own country and who must never get within striking distance of the presidency. (PR)

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Application for Issuance of a Certificate of
Public Convenience to operate a **TRUCK
FOR HIRE** service with prayer to adopt
trade name as **BUENAS TRUCKING &
SERVICES** with Issuance of Provisional
Authority

MAY N. RABOY,
Applicant/s
x-----x

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 TANAUAN TO
ANY POINT IN REGION VIII & VICE
VERSA"** with the use of **TWO (2)** unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this
application will be heard by this Board on
FEBRUARY 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at its
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At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above
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This application will be acted upon
by this Board on the basis of its records and
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parties, unless the Board deems it necessary
to receive additional documentary and/or oral
evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional
Director, this 24TH day of JANUARY, 2022.

(Sgd.) ATTY. GIL D. MENGULLO
Attorney IV/Hearing Officer



SUPPORT. *Former senator Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos, Jr. is the presidential candidate for power couple Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez and Leyte Rep. Lucy Torres Gomez. The lady solon had earlier said that Marcos has provided Ormoc assistance when it was pummeled by Super Typhoon 'Yolanda' almost nine years ago.* (Photo Courtesy)

DOH turned over COVID-19 facility to Biliran province

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Health has turned over a temporary treatment and monitoring facility (TTMF) for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) patients in Biliran.

In Biliran, the turn-over ceremony was

graced by DOH-8 Assistant Regional Director Dr. Rodolfo Antonio Albornoz, Provincial DOH headed by Dr. Carlo Nartea, Vice Governor Brigido Caneja III, Naval Mayor Gerard Roger Espina, Dr. Joyce Caneja, chief of hospital for Bili-

ran Provincial Hospital, and Dr. Edgar Veloso, provincial health officer.

The TTME, located at the Biliran Provincial Hospital, is a 15-bed capacity that can cater to possible, suspected, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 patients with mild and moderate symptoms.

The TTME aims to

help in decongesting hospitals from COVID-19 infected patients who has mild to moderate symptoms.

In the wake of COVID-19 surge in the region, the DOH-8 had called for the local government units to treat their mild to moderate cases in their respective TTME to avoid conges-

tion of the hospitals.

At present, the hospital bed utilization rate in Biliran stand at 36.59% or classified as 'low' by the DOH.

Biliran has been classified under Alert Level 2 by Malacanang for the entire month of February.

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