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# Police says 1<sup>st</sup> day of local campaign in EV generally peaceful

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TACLOBAN CITY-Police in Eastern Visayas has declared as generally peaceful the first day of the campaign period for those seeking local positions.

Lt.Col. Ma. Bella Rentuaya, regional information officer of the Philippine National Police (PNP), said that they have not monitored any untoward incidents on Friday (March 25), the first day of the 45-day campaign period for those seeking local posts relative to the May 9 elections.

“The first day of the campaign for local candidates was generally peaceful. There were no reports of any (untoward) inci-

dents,” she said during a media forum “Point Corner’ held at the Pacific Point Events Pace and Resort, this city.

Rentuaya said that based on their record that since the start of the election period on January 9, 75 individuals have been arrested due to gun ban enforcement.

And of this number, 70 were civilians while the five others were barangay officials, she said. Also, 28 firearms and 52 deadly weap-

ons were also confiscated by police during this period.

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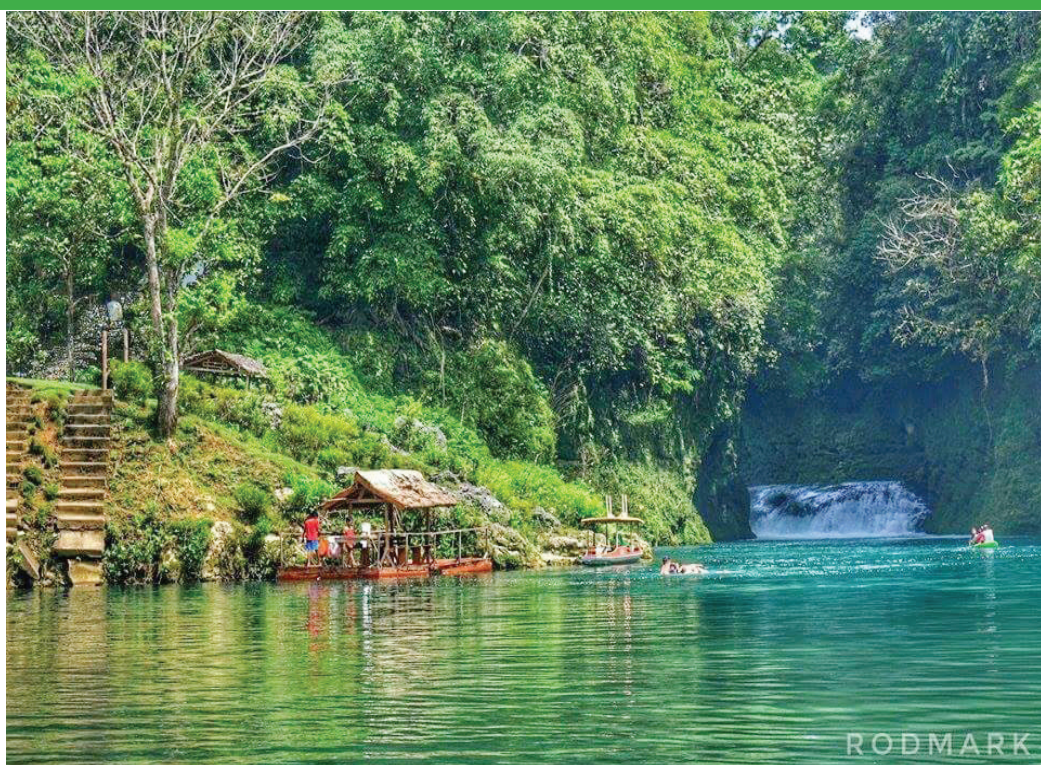
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**TOURISM INVIGORATION.** The Department of Tourism is (re)launching the region’s tourism attractions with the easing of travel restrictions. Last Saturday, tourism stakeholders gathered together in a meeting at Summit Hotel, Tacloban City with the aim, among others, to attract tourists to visit Eastern Visayas’ tourist spots like the majestic Pinipisakan Falls in Las Navas, Northern Samar..Story on Page 2  
( BEAUTIFUL NORTHERN SAMAR PHILIPPINES)

## DOST Sec de la Pena graced the formal opening of Eastern Visayas Centrum Science centrum now open in Palo, a step to make town as a science center



**SCIENCE CENTER.** A science museum was opened in Palo, Leyte which is expected not only to become a tourist attraction but pave way for the town to become a ‘science municipality.’ The science centrum, located at the Leyte Academic Center, opened last March 24 with DOST Sec. Fortunato de la Peña gracing the event. Present were Leyte Gov. Leopoldo Dominico Petilla(not in the photo) and former Palo mayor, Remedios Petilla, among others. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

PALO, Leyte- An interactive science museum based here was formally opened with the hope that

it would pave the way for this town to be known as a ‘science municipality.’ The facility, located

at the second floor of the Leyte Academic Center (LAC), is a joint project see Science /page 6 ...



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez recently visited the CSR Dreamville located in Barangay 93(Bagacay) wherein he conducted a dialogue with residents. During the dialogue, the city mayor vowed to address the water shortage experienced in some parts of the resettlement site and its peace and order situation. He also said that he will put up street lights to deter any commission of crimes there. Mayor Romualdez was joined by some department heads and other officials of the city like Councilor Aimee Delgado-Grafil. (ALFRED ROMUALDEZ FACEBOOK)

## DOT-8 conducts tourism promotion to kick start revival of the tourism industry hit hard by COVID-19 pandemic



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla graced the first Eastern Visayas B2B and DOT mobile accreditation caravan held at the Summit Hotel, Tacloban City.

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Tourism here in the region has gathered stakeholders in the tourism industry on Saturday (March 26) with the aim to help reinvigorate the industry that suffered a slump in the wake of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Karina Rosa Tiopes, the regional director of the DOT, said that the 1st Eastern Visayas Tourism B2B (Business to Business) was organized to address the need of local tour operators (buyers) and guides, tourist transports, hotels, community-based tourism organizations (sellers) to firm up the tour programs that they intend to market with the full resumption of domestic and foreign tourism in the country.

“The core function of

DOT is to promote standards and regulation and see to it that everybody, primarily the tourism enterprises, are accredited, and we say that accredited is certifying that all these entities that are accredited abide by the internationally accepted tourism standard for facilities and service,” she said.

The local B2B will help link sellers with destination managers and service providers that operate reopened tourism sites/facilities and provide tourist activities in the region and create and market an array of market-driven, price-competitive tour programs and packages that offer an authentic experience of Infinite Escapes in Eastern Visayas, she added.

At least 77 participants, see DOT/page 9 ...

## As the local campaign starts, DOH reminds candidates to strictly follow all health protocols

TACLOBAN CITY–The Department of Health (DOH) in the region has issued a public advisory on the reinforcement of minimum public health standards as the local campaign period formally started last Friday (March 25).

The health department would like to remind the public of the strict implementation and adherence to the agency’s Mask-Hugas-Iwas-Airflow-Bakuna advocacy.

The public is encouraged to continue practicing public health measures such as physical distancing, wearing of well-fitted face masks, hand and respiratory hygiene.

The health department

likewise reminded people to ensure good ventilation by opening windows and doors where possible during in-person campaigns, rallies, caucuses, meetings and conventions, motorcades, caravans, miting de avance, and other allowable election-related activities per alert level.

Individuals with fever, cough, and sore throat are restrained from attending campaign activities. This is to ensure the safety of both citizens and candidates alike.

The DOH has reported on Monday (March 28) that the region has only 27 active coronavirus (COVID-19) cases with a daily seven cases. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

# DTI finds ‘substandard’ products in Eastern Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has confiscated some P1.5 million worth of products for alleged non-compliance with the country’s product standards.

DTI Assistant Secretary for Consumer Protection Group Ronnel Abrenica said on Friday (March 25) that during the four-day monitoring in the region’s five provinces, they found violations in 40 out of 58 stores visited by inspectors.

“We will issue a notice of violation. We will evaluate their liability. If we found out that there is a probable cause, formal charges will be adjudicated at our main office,” Abrenica told reporters.

From March 14 to 18, the trade department conducted monitoring activities in the provinces of Leyte, Southern Leyte, Biliran, Samar, Northern Samar, and Ormoc and Tacloban cities.

The biggest confiscation was in Catarman, Northern Samar where the team found 600 pieces of alleged substandard steel products worth P400,000.

Other than steel products, DTI also confiscated washing machines, plastic



STANDARD CHECK. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Assistant Secretary for Consumer Protection Group Ronnel Abrenica (left) and DTI Eastern Visayas Regional Director Celerina Bato check the product standard stickers inside a hardware store in Tacloban City on Friday (March 18, 2022). DTI has confiscated some P1.5 million worth of products for alleged non-compliance with the country’s product standards.

(PNA photo by Sarwell Meniano)

chairs, and assorted electrical products in different parts of the region.

“We prioritized the monitoring of hardware stores since there are many reconstruction activities in the region after Typhoon Odette. We have to make sure that materials are safe,” Abrenica added.

The DTI team discovered violations after scanning the Import Com-

modity Clearance (ICC) sticker and Philippine Standard (PS) mark using the ICC verification system app, accessible to all smartphone users.

The ICC sticker and PS mark serve as the consumers’ guide and assurance that what they purchase are certified quality and safety products conforming to the relevant Philippine National Standards.

Products covered by the Bureau of Product Standard certification schemes whether locally made or imported, are required to bear the PS mark or ICC sticker before distribution in the country’s market.

(SARWELL Q.MENIANO/PNA)

## Police...

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Rentuaya added that most of these civilians were arrested in checkpoints put up by the police, Army under the supervision of the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

The police official said that they will make every possible measures to ensure that the conduct of balloting in Eastern Visayas, home to 3.1 million registered voters spread to its six provinces, will be orderly and peaceful.

Jenette Ruedas, the information office of the Comelec, said that they could not yet release the list of areas that could potentially be flashpoints points during the conduct of the election.

“Up to now, we are still doing validation of these areas of concern. But hopefully, we can release after the validation,” she said.

Past elections have indicated that most of the concerned areas in the region during elections are in Samar province.

The police, under the command of B/Gen. Bernard Banac, has earlier deployed 479 policemen on a ‘peace-keeping mission’ in Samar to ensure the balloting in the said province will be peaceful and orderly.

## NSSDEO participates in PGNS service caravan

NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar– The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Northern Samar 2nd District Engineering Office joined the other national government agencies that participated in the 10th ‘Kauswagan’ Caravan, a service program of the provincial government under the leadership of Governor Edwin Marino M. Ongchuan.

The activity was held on March 10, 2022 in Barangay Bagacay of the municipality of Palapag, with the other nearby barangays of Bangon and Osmeña included as recipients of services rendered.

Sort of a one-stop-shop of public services, Governor Ongchuan leads government officials, both local and national, in delivering wide-ranging programs and



services to the local populace that gathered during the event.

The objective is to bring the government closer to the people; without spending time and resources on their part to come to these agencies.

“This caravan is a legacy of my father who once said,

Edwin ayaw pagpabay-labi na an hagrayo nga barangay para matagamtaman an serbisyo san gobyerno.” Governor Ongchuan said in his message during the event. He was referring to the late former congressman Atty. Emil L Ong who served various government see NSSDEO/page 8 ...

## Diarrhea down Catbalogan City villagers; contaminated water suspected as possible cause

TACLOBAN CITY- At least 20 individuals, some of them were children, were brought to the provincial hospital in Catbalogan City, Samar as they were suspected to have suffered diarrhea.

A report from the City Health Office (CHO) of the Catbalogan city government, said that the affected individuals were residents of Barangays Silanga and Maulong.

It was learned that most of the residents of these villages have spring and a well as their sources of drinking water.

The CHO said that they have already got water

samples from these affected villages for testing as they distributed some medicines like hyposols to help prevent the further spread of the disease in Silanga and Maulong, which has a combined population of more than 8,900 residents.

The affected residents were said to have experienced vomiting and frequency of loose bowel movements. They were all confined at the Samar Provincial Hospital based in Catbalogan City.

The diarrhea cases in the villages were first reported to have occurred last Saturday, the CHO said.

Reports said that more

individuals from the affected villages were brought to the provincial hospital.

The regional office of the Department of Health (DOH) confirmed on the occurrence of the diarrhea cases in the two villages of Catbalogan.

Jelyn Lopez Malibago, the regional information officer of the DOH, said that a team from their office will visit the affected villages to conduct their own investigation on the concerned issue.

For the past weeks now, several parts of Eastern Visayas like Samar province have experienced heavy rains. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

## Outgoing Leyte board member kicks off mayoralty bid

TANAUAN, Leyte- Outgoing Leyte provincial board member Gina Merilo has formally started her campaign to become the next mayor of this town with a grand rally held on Friday (March 25) night.

Merilo, joined by her entire slate, was elated that thousands of their supporters attended their rally as she vowed of a good governance and development for the town.

Merilo started her

political career as village chairwoman of Bislig and was elected as the town's president of the Association of Barangay Chairmen (ABC).

She is currently on her third and last term as a provincial board member, representing Leyte's first district.

Her opponent for the post is Penelope Tecson, the wife of outgoing Mayor Pelagio 'Pel' Tecson, Jr.

The mayoralty aspirant is supporting the

presidential bid of former senator Ferdinand 'Bong-bong' Marcos, Grand his running-mate, Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

## NPA ranking member killed in an encounter in Northern Samar


CATARMAN, Northern Samar- An alleged ranking member of the New People's Army (NPA) was killed in an encounter in Catubig town, this province, last Friday (March 25).

While responding to information provided by the local residents, who were said to be fed up with the continuous and deliberate extortion activities of the rebels in their barangay, the soldiers belonging to the 20th Infantry Battalion, encountered a group of 10 rebels at around 8:55 am in Barangay San Francisco, Catubig town.

Meanwhile, at around 10:20 am, soldiers engaged in another exchange of fire with the rebels in Brgy. Calingnan which resulted in the seizure of one M16 rifle, four M16 long magazines, 98 rounds of M16 ammunition, and one bandolier.

Later at around 1:30 pm, the soldiers while conducting hot pursuit operation engaged anew the same group in a five-minute firefight that transpired in the hinterland of Brgy. San Francisco.

This encounter resulted in the death of a rebel identified as Alias Prix, said to see NPA /page 6 ...



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## Gomez appeals to voters to elect those who will protect, advance their interests



MAYOR RICHARD GOMEZ

TACLOBAN CITY- Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez urged voters to elect those they think will advance their interests and promote their welfare.

Gomez made this comment as he started to barnstorm areas within the coverage of Leyte's fourth congressional on his bid to become the district's representative at the House of Representatives.

"Pakinggan po natin ang ating puso at gamitin natin ang ating isip. Huwag po tayo magpadala sa takot sa ating pagpili ng ating iboboto sa darating na eleksyon. Fear has no place in a real democracy. We are free to choose whom we think is the best candidate to serve us," he said.

Gomez will try to succeed his wife, Lucy Torres Gomez, as the district's congressional representative with the congresswoman running for mayor of Ormoc, the current

the people. Each of us has the right to choose the candidate we want. We should not intimidate or coerce our people," Gomez said.

"The real personality of a candidate is seen by the way he or she deals with the people. If they treat the people around them as if they are objects that they own or can control, then that gives the electorate a peak on how they will run their jurisdiction," the congressional candidate added. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)



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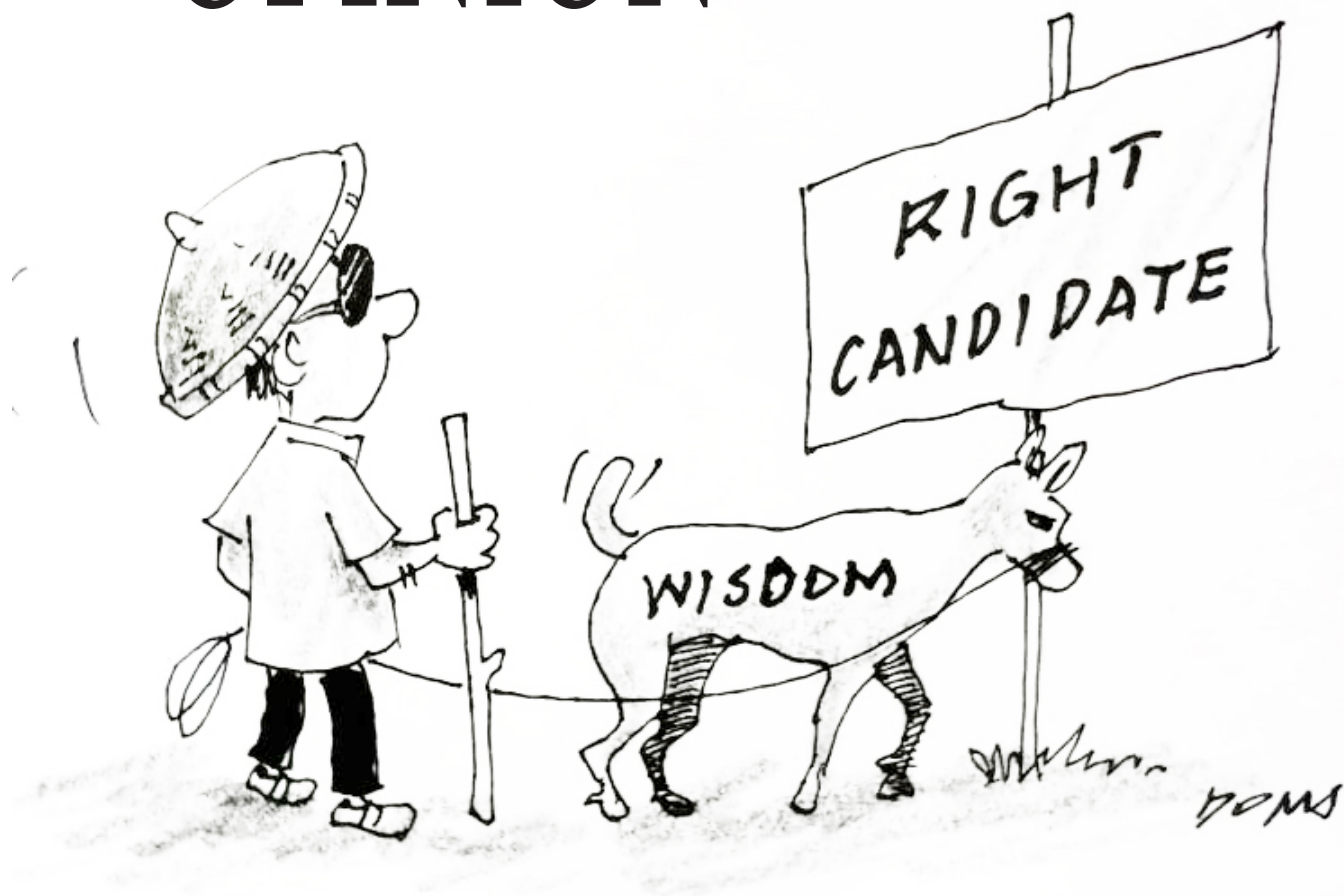
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## Voting wisely

**T**his coming presidential election, people must exercise the highest degree of prudence in electing especially the first two highest positions of the land. These positions are crucial to our existence as a people and nation. A wrong choice could lead our country to the path of sorrow and misery.

For one, a leader must be good at decision-making, more so on issues that could generate unpleasant consequences. Take for instance this COVID-19 pandemic. That time when the number of cases was soaring high, the president's resolve was to effect mandatory vaccination. An opposition leader, however, pushed for mass testing instead of vaccination. But the president stood firm. And true enough, vaccination proved to be effective in lowering the number of cases, at a much cheaper cost than mass testing had the latter been opted.

You see, a candidate's clean record that's accordingly free of corruption is not enough, equipped with degrees he or she might be. Degrees are just represented by pieces of paper or diplomas, and as one matures to retirement age, those degrees become

more and more irrelevant. In fact, even knowledge cannot be solely relied upon, accumulated though it is over the years. It's one's wisdom that matters most, which a president should possess above all. It's this wisdom, coupled with compassion (as opposed to hatred) that could translate to good decisions for the betterment of the country.

Furthermore, voting for a candidate or otherwise must be determined by careful consideration of the individuals, groups, plans, motives, and interests that are trying to catapult a candidate to power. A candidate may be blameless or even perfect, but if he or she is just being used by faceless and dangerous manipulators to later advance their horrific intentions, then such candidate deserves no vote at all. Remember, this is not just an election of warring personalities; it's an election between good versus evil, truth versus lies, and service to the people versus service to society's powerful and influential elites.

To all qualified voters, may you exercise wisdom in choosing the better candidates based on wise criteria and your love for yourself, for others, and for the country as a whole.



**Didactic  
Tales**  
DOMS PAGLIAWAN

## Advances to resist

In most societies, the present ones more specifically, there are men who are really fond of touching the ladies that they like—physically, that is—as an obvious form of sexual advances. They are not contented with just watching; they yield to their lustful desires. This usually happens in workplaces or any setting where men and women get along with one another. Their relationships could be casual, as friends and

acquaintances, but due to this tendency of some men, a friendship could end up physically intimate without the couples being necessarily lovers, with no courtship at all—just a mutual understanding and attraction for intimacy.

Expert men can do it subtly. They could get it started with "accidental" or hasty touching. If the lady doesn't resist such mere touches, it's an indication to these men that they can proceed without resistance. A touch on the arm, a caress on the shoulder, pressing of hands, and the like could then be prolonged, especially if no one is watching. This can be coupled and glossed

with "fronts", like a topic to talk about.

Over time, this bodily touching would become natural, automatic, and normal for them that they could not interact with each other without those touches. Again, expert men are good at making them sexually stimulating. And since women are sexually stimulated by touch, coupled with sweet and nice words, they could be sexually turned on, ready for further and more daring advances. In fact, their bodies could be the ones yearning for such. And we can tell what potentially could happen next.

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## Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

### God and our laws

“It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” (Jn 5,10) So said some Jews to a sick man cured by Christ. This kind of accusation was common in the times of Christ and a reflection of the general mindset of the Jews then whose understanding of the law was still to be purified and perfected.

We need to understand that our laws, both in the civil and especially in the ecclesiastical sphere, should be animated by the spirit of God who knows all things and keeps everything in its proper order. We should not just make our laws, interpret and apply them to specific cases by basing them only on our own estimation of things, inspired only by some cultural, historical, political, social, economic or some ideological ethos.

We need to realize that it is Christ who ultimately gives the real meaning and purpose of our laws. It should be God, his laws and ways that should animate the way we make laws as well as the way we apply and live them. After all, being the Creator of all things, he is the one who establishes what is truly good and evil.

And the will, laws and ways of God are revealed to us in full by Christ. That is why at one point Christ said to the Pharisees and scribes regarding the proper interpretation of the Sabbath law that “the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man (Christ) is Lord even of the Sabbath.” (Mk 2,27-28)

So it is Christ who can guide us as to the content and intent of our laws. He is the one who can interpret our laws properly. He

is the one that would give our laws their proper spirit, which in the end is the spirit of charity that summarizes and perfects all virtues and values.

Without Christ, our laws would unavoidably become rigid and harsh in certain instances. They would tend to absolutize certain things that actually should only have relative value. They would hardly recognize their limits, and so would find it hard to accept exceptions.

Without Christ, our laws would only lead us to the path of self-righteousness that will always be accompanied by the ways of hypocrisy. They can tend to rationalize things that

actually are against God’s laws and our own objective good.

We have to understand that our human laws are meant to lead us to our ultimate goal which is none other than to be with God, to be holy as God is holy, etc. Irrespective of their immediate temporal purpose, our laws should lead us little by little to become God’s image and likeness as we are meant to be. They in the end should serve the fundamental religious purpose of our life. That should always be the constant purpose of our laws.

All the other objectives of our laws, let alone their technical requirements, serve only as an occasion, a reason or motive for this ultimate purpose. Setting aside this ultimate purpose would empty our laws of their real legitimacy, making them rife for all kinds of manipulations and maneuverings by some shrewd men who may enjoy some power at a given moment.

We need to remind ourselves that God’s law is in fact the foundation, the inspiration and the perfection of our human laws.



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### Japan to boost the Philippines disaster resilience program

The Philippines ranks 8th in the world as the most exposed and vulnerable country to natural disasters as evidenced by an annual average of 20-21 typhoons hitting causing damage in billions to agriculture, infrastructure and private property. This was true when typhoon Odette hit Visayas and Mindanao in 2021. The typhoon inflicted damage estimated at P30 billion, in addition to the 1.7 million houses in Southern Leyte, Leyte,

Samar, Cebu, Negros and Iloilo (Visayas), and Siargao and Surigao del Norte.

The Japanese government through JICA or Japan International Cooperation Agency, has signed the Record of Discussion for the new Technical Cooperation Project, Capacity Development in Coastal Engineering for Disaster Resiliency. The project aims to: (1) improve risk reduction countermeasures through coastal en-



## Automatic for the People

CLEMELLE MONTALLANA

### Deplorable display of hubris

In Greek Mythology there is a story of Icarus. Icarus was given artificial wings made of wax and feather so that he can fly. Daedalus, his father, warns that if Icarus will fly close to the Sun, he would melt those wings. Icarus, feeling the high of flying and unmindful of Daedalus warning, his wings melted and he meets his death by drowning in the sea. Such was the tale of hubris in Greek Mythology.

Hubris, in Greek tragedy, is the excessive pride towards or defiance of the gods, leading to nemesis. The overbearing pride leads humans to follow paths or projects which leads to certain self-destruction.

Then again, some po-

licemen whose hubris is in abundance, had its brothers and sisters in the organization get mud. The killing caught on cam of a 52-year-old woman and the alleged accidental killing of one Autistic fellow muddied the already dirty face of the organization.

These among others are just a few of the numerous cases of abuse and documented killing that is beyond whitewash. The murder happening in our very eyes as it was caught on cam. The whole world is its witness. Those hapless individuals are being murdered thousands of times every single day. Every reply is a harrowing murder taking place, unfolding in our very eyes.

gineering, (2) to come up with a human resource development plan, and (3) to strengthen the Department of Public Works and Highway’s capacity and know-how in building disaster-proof structures along coasts.

JICA’s assistance to help in disaster resilience effort of the Philippines is most welcomed and timely. The damage to properties, agriculture, infrastructures and human lives caused by the super typhoon Yolanda in 2013, has not yet been fully addressed. LGUs in Leyte’s damaged towns appear helpless in enforcing the NO BUILD ZONE areas Ordinances along the Pacific Ocean Coast. Former residents, victims of the surge, are back in shanties along the NE coasts of Leyte – leaving the government’s housing projects unpopulated.

I still could not blame totally the natural disaster victims from not

heeding government call to move out to the housing projects located far the disaster-prone areas, because of the quality of units built, slow installation of water and electric facilities, let alone the absence of livelihood sources of revenue.

Also hoping that the Japanese government assistance in sending experts on coastal engineering to share their experiences and train DPWH personnel on

The saddest thing here is that it’s not only Zinampan, Nuezca and the rest of the murderous ilk that is accountable every single police officer you see in the street or wherever is seen as a killer. Those furtive glances which people threw at these men in uniform are laced with the cyanide of mistrust, even if these officers and men are just law-abiding, loving, and kind as everyone else.

Two years back, I was heavily involved as a speaker for Police trainees at the PNP Training Center in San Jose, I had the opportune chance of discussing their tenets of accountability, responsibility, and respect for life. Spearheaded by the Couples’ for Christ and me from the Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals we talked lengthily on these vital values. I am hoping I made my mark.

But being given these bitter dose of sad, harrowing events where policemen executes civilians who cannot even defend themselves from superior force armed and dangerous men who happen to be tasked with the duty of maintaining peace and order is downright deplorable.

But what leads these see Deplorable /page 6...

planning and designing structures in coastal areas and study how existing laws and policies can be improved to bridge the gap in disaster management, will not go to waste!

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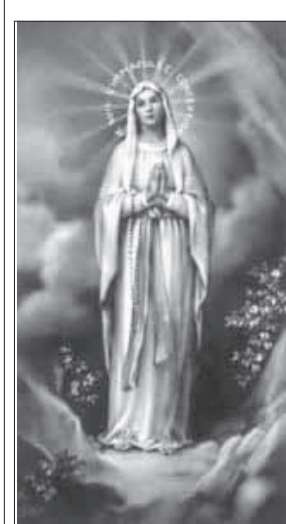
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God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

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

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



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

## Science...

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of the provincial government and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

DOST Sec. Fortunato de la Peña, who graced the event, said that the establishment of the science centrum in Leyte will not only benefit children but even adults because of the problem of science literacy in the country.

"Having a science centrum here is a good way to introduce children to science and this allows them to have interaction," he said, adding that the facility in Leyte is the fifth science centrum in the country.

The secretary said that the facility will also lead to making the municipality not only as a science town but also an additional attraction that will increase tourist arrivals.

Featured at the science centrum are "gravity well", "feel the shake", "head on a platter", "pendulum wave",

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JUANITO S. BARRANTES extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over one-half conjugal shares of several registered lands located at Alangalang, Leyte, more particularly described as: 1) A parcel of land, Lot No. 3397, TCT No. T. 17565, situated in the Bo. of San Diego, Alangalang, Leyte, containing an area of 3,781 square meters, more or less, containing an area of 3,781 square meters, more or less; 2) A parcel of land, Lot No. 3390, TCT No. T-17566, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Bo. of San Diego, Alangalang, Leyte, containing an area of 5,930 square meters; 3) A parcel of land, Lot No. 3405, with buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of San Diego, Alangalang, Leyte, containing an area of 9,609 square meters, more or less; 4) A parcel of land, Lot No. 3404, TCT No. 17572, with the building and improvements thereon, containing an area of 27,859 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 204, Page No. 42, Book No. VII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Alfredo C. Verona.

LSDE: March 15, 22 &amp; 29, 2022

## AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MA. THERESA DEBUTON DE VEYRA heir of the late ROSALINDA M. DEBUTON left a monetary deposit before the UCPB-Taclaban under Account No. 013023004585. That me and siblings together with our nephew and niece had acquired the above-mentioned monetary deposit by virtue of inheritance and by virtue of law being the surviving heirs. That I had acquired the entire monetary benefits upon execution of an Affidavit of Waiver executed to my co-heirs, namely: Ruel N. Debuton, Leoncio N. Debuton Jr., and Antonio N. Debuton, notarized by Notary Kiefer L. Petilla, wherein they waived whatever rights they may have over the aforesaid monetary benefits in my favor; per Doc. No. 268, Page No. 54, Book No. II, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Kiefer Clint L. Petilla.

LSDE: March 29, April 5 &amp; 12, 2022

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. POLICARPO MORINO AND RESTITUTA MANINGCAY extrajudicially settled over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Patigua, Catarman, Northern Samar covered by OCT No. 11499 designated as Lot No. 3479, Pls-857-D containing an area of 38,735sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JUVY G. PONDARIO AND DENNIS D. PONDARIO as vendees of the above-described property free from all liens and encumbrances and or claim by whosoever. Per Doc No. 256, Page No. 53, Book No. 58, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Rached P. Rondina.

LSDE: March 29, April 5 &amp; 12, 2022

"pedal power", trash timeline, plasma sphere, magic faucet, zoetrope, hazer harp, moving faces, among others.

Science books that students may read are also on display.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla said that he is optimistic that the facility will truly serve its purposes-both for science-related information and as a tourist attraction.

"Once we start promoting this to other provinces, people will be coming here, especially students. Not only from Eastern Visayas but even from other regions as well that does not have this kind of facility yet," he said.

Karina Rosa Tiopes,

the regional director of the Department of Tourism, agreed with Gov. Petilla's observation saying that a "knowledge tour" can be offered by the municipal government not only at the science centrum but may also include the solar farm facility in the town for students and even tourists.

"Palo has 4Ps tourism program, maybe we can add another P which is Pag-aram," Tiopes said.

While the science centrum is temporarily housed at the LAC, former Palo Mayor Remedios Petilla said that they are planning to construct a building that is going to be a permanent home of the exhibit.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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Tacloban City

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that

**GEORGE JOVEN TIU MAYOR** has filed with

(Complete name of petitioner)

this Office a petition for change of first name from

**JOVEN** to **GEORGE JOVEN** in the Birth Certificate

(First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)

of **JOVEN TIU MAYOR** who was born on **OCTOBER 13, 1976** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **AZUCENA TIU** and **VISPERO MAYOR**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 11, 2022**.

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**

LSDE: March 29 & April 5, 2022

City Civil Registrar

Publication Notice  
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CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE  
Borongan City, Eastern Samar

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirements and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012, a notice is hereby serve to the public that **LIGAYA CHUA RAMOS** has filed with this Office, a **Petition for Correction of Child's Date of Birth** from **8 FEBRUARY 1964** to **OCTOBER 8, 1964** and **Change of child's first name** from **MARIA LIGAYA** to **LIGAYA** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **MARIA LIGAYA AGUILLO CHUA** who was born on **October 8, 1964** at **Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **TRINIDAD D. AGUILLO** and **ANTONIO CHEE CHUA**.

Any person affected by said petition may file written opposition with this office not later than **11 APRIL 2022**.

(Sgd.) **MA. LUISA M. AZUL III**

City Civil Registrar

LSDE: March 29 & April 5, 2022

# A needed boost for DepEd Leyte remedial reading program

BY: OLIVIA P. MANASIS

This year's conduct of Learning Support Aides (LSAs) Training for the identified teachers in the Department of Education (DepEd) Leyte Division was a welcome development to promote remedial reading in the Leyte schools.

In collaboration with Food for the Hungry Philippines Inc, the division launched the said training for the 6-month remedial reading program implementation in the province.

The activity was laudable as it aimed to orient the LSAs about the partner organization, equip the LSAs on the theories and pedagogies in the beginning and emergent reading, and concretize the commitment of the LSAs and other stakeholders in the successful implementation of the reading remediation program.

The DepEd has been keen in assessing and cultivating the skills in using the standards in remedial reading for the inclusive learning of the students in the Leyte Division.

According to Food for the Hungry Philippines, Inc, they continue to support the holistic growth of young learners through its

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humans to shed their humanity and descend to the pit of animal behavior? That would be the proper question that should be answered by the policymakers and high-ranking officers of the police.

Yes, as Zinampan once posted on his Facebook Account *the sin of one is not the sin of all, Nuezca Zinampan said is not the entire PNP*. Right now, I would also say he is not PNP. But in all, these facts are indisputable there is a need to reform, look into the workings of the psyche of these men. Check their Hubris, make some decisive actions that can somehow bring back the fading trust of the people. For the hundreds of thousands that the organization is composed of, there lies a few misguided elements that throw mud rather in alarming regularity. How can we stop all these?



The author, Olivia P. Manasis, is the OIC-Education Program Supervisor and Division Kindergarten and MTB Coordinator of the DepEd Leyte Division.

Reading Remediation project.

"Not only does the program provide a safe learning environment, it also promotes healthy eating habits through nutritious meals prepared by their parents and teachers. As they say, it takes a village to raise a child!" the organization said.

"Knowing how to read is an important life skill. But what can we do if 9 out of 10 Filipino children don't even know how to read by the age of 10? This is why Food for the Hungry Philippines, with the help of the Department of Education and other partners in learning, started the Reading Reme-

diation Pilot Project. This partners more than 600 FH-supported youth with Learning Support Aides (LSAs) to help develop grade-level reading proficiency alongside values formation," it added.

With the ongoing pandemic, our children's reading skills are also being challenged. May we all become champions in reading for the sake of our students?

(Note: The author is the officer-in-charge education program supervisor and division Kindergarten and MTB coordinator of the Department of Education-Leyte Division)

## NPA...

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be the commanding officer of SYP Platoon 2, FC15, SRC Arctic whose group is said to be responsible for the series of attacks in the different CSP-immersed barangays in Northern Samar and frequently sighted conducting extortion activities to the populace and small businesses.

The remains of Prix were brought to Catubig Rural Health Unit for post mortem examination and proper disposition.

During this encounter, government troops were able to recover two M16 rifles, five M16 magazines, 81 rounds of M16 ammunition, one bandolier, and one improvised hand grenade.

No casualty was reported on the government side. Lieutenant Colonel

Joemar Buban, the commanding officer of 201B which is based in Las Navas town, said that the battalion is relentless in making the communist rebels irrelevant in Northern Samar, and with the help and support of the Northeanons, they will cease to exist which will make lasting peace achievable and the condition for sustainable development will be established.

"I commend our troops for the display of gallantry in pursuing the enemies. The active support of the residents in playing the major role in providing timely information is a clear manifestation that the people and the government are in unison towards ending the local communist armed conflict," Buban said in a statement.

(EUGENE M. ENANO)

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MIGUEL ABAN SR. namely: Miguel B. Aban, Jr., and Meldin B. Aban executed an extrajudicial settlement over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 571, Cad 1059-D, situated at Brgy. Malihao, (now Brgy. Mugdo) Hinabangan, Samar, covered by Katibayan Ng Original Na Titulo Bldg. 2016000130/Free Patent No. 086008-15-280; containing an area of 30,377 square meters, and hereby agree to divide, partitioned and adjudicated the above-described property. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of RICHARD CO DELOS SANTOS married to SHAREE ANN TAN DELOS SANTOS as vendee for a portion of 10,000 square meters, more or less for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 443, Page No. 90, Book No. 1, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Virnell P. Pasu-it, CPA. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DONATO NABLO, namely: Juanito R. Nablo, Rosita N. Abbaratigue, Pacita N. Abayare, extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 2858-A, Csd 08-006827-D, situated in Brgy. Candoyocan, San Sebastian, Samar, Philippines, covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Bldg. 2016000186, having an area of 60,714 square meters, and heirs hereby adjudicate themselves the above described property. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of RICHARD C. DELOS SANTOS, as vendee for the above described property; per Doc. No. 285, Page No. 57, Book No. I, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Anastacio D. Yong. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. FRANCISCO ROMA and VICTORIA CAYAS ROMA, executed an extrajudicial settlement over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 828, under Tax Dec. No.01-0049-00052, PIN No. 229-01-0049-02-013, containing an area of 32,718 square meters, more or less, assessed value of Php96,380.00 and Fair Market Value at Php110,438.26. That the above mentioned representative executed a Special Power of Attorney in favor of co-heirs, EDGAR G. ROMA, and parties have agreed to divide and partitioned and adjudicate among themselves. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of FREDRICK ETHAN T. DELOS SANTOS, RIANNE MIESHA T. DELOS SANTOS and ZAREE MISHA T. DELOS SANTOS, represented by SHAREE ANN TAN DELOS SANTOS as vendees for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 366, Page No. 75, Book No. II, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Virnell P. Pasu-it, CPA. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

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Tacloban City

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that

**NILO A. CINCO** has filed with this Office a

(Complete name of petitioner)

petition for change of first name from **JOBENIEL** to **NILO** in the Birth Certificate

(First name to be changed)

(New first name to be adopted)

of **JOBENIEL CINCO** who was born on **JUNE 28, 1962** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **TRINIDAD AGUILLO** and **HILARIO CINCO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 5, 2022**.

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

*LSDE: March 22 & 29, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF SHARES

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late NATIVIDAD TAN SALAZAR namely: EDWARD TAN SALAZAE, ROSSANA MARISSA TAN SALAZAR and ROMMEL TAN SALAZAR, executed an extrajudicial settlement over parcels of land, described as: 1) A parcel of land, Lot No. 1168 of the Cadastral Survey of Tacloban, containing an area of 1,277 square meters, more or less, under TCT No. T-66235; 2) A parcel of land, Lot No. 14-A, Psd-115291, being a portion of Lot 14, Block 5, Pcs 6774, containing an area of 151 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT 122-2010000908; 3) A parcel of land, Lot No. 16, Block 5, of the Con-Sub Plan, Psd. 6774, situated in the Barrio of Marasbaras, City of Tacloban City, Leyte, containing an area of 310 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. 122-2010000909; the above mentioned 3 properties will be transferred to ROMMEL TAN SALAZAR; 4) A parcel of land, Lot 659-B, Psd-171471, situated in the City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, covered by TCT T-12520, containing an area of 100.47 square meters, more or less; 5) A parcel of land, Lot 2508-A, situated in the Barrio of Sagkahan, Tacloban City, covered by TCT No. 29032, containing an area of 450 square meters, more or less; 6) A parcel of land, Lot No. 2475 of the Cadastral Survey of Calauag, with the improvements thereon, situated in the Municipality of Calauag, Province of Quezon, containing an area of 30,415 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-59636, This property was equally divided to Rommel Tan Salazar and Rossana Marissa Tan Salazar. That heir EDWARD TAN SALAZAR, in consideration of the continuing support, love and affection by herein children, I do hereby WAIVE, TRANSFER and CONVEY all rights, interest and participation in the above-described parcels of land share and share alike, pro-indiviso; per Doc. No. 206, Page No. 42, Book No. XII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Domingo L. Tan. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### AFFIDAVIT OF SOLE ADJUDICATION HEIRSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given that LOVELL GAVIOLA BASADA, her of the late CLEMENCIA GAVIOLA BASADA married to Leonido Sepongco Basada executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication over 3 parcels of land, described as: 1) Lot No. 2714-T, Psd- 88157, situated in the Barrio of Sagkahan, City of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-10612, containing an area of 574 square meters; 2) Lot No. 3098, situated in the Barrio of Sagkahan, Tacloban City, covered by TCT No. 11021, containing an area of 5,027 square meters; c) Lot 2714-S, situated in the Barrio of Sagkahan, Tacloban City, Leyte, covered by TCT No. 10613, containing an area of 277 square meters, more than or less; per Doc. No. 259, Book No. 96, Book No. V, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Emmanuel Relador. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TIMOTEO TAYOBONG, being the father of the late ROSITA T. MARQUEZ extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 5827, situated in Brgy. Castilla, Palo, Leyte, containing an area of 1,448 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00527 and OCT No. P-47415. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SEPALCO PHILIPPINES INC. represented by its president ATTY. BENIGNO BEN-HUR CASTILLO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 245, Page No. 50, Book No. XXXV, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Daniel G. Matriono. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DOMINGO PADUAL extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located at Brgy. Buabua, Salcedo, Eastern Samar, denominated as Lot Lo. 1840, having an area of 3,246 square meters, more or less, covered by Dec. of Real Property with ARP No. 11-190019-00184, containing an area of 1,629 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a one third (1/3) portion of land measuring 1,623 square meters, more or less, together with all the improvements thereon; per Doc. No. 289, Page No. 58, Book No. II, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Christian May Lacasa-Machica. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELOTTEO DIAZ and SAMUEL DIAZ SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated in Brgy. Roxas, Mondragon, Northern Samar, covered by Katibayan mg Original na Titulo Bldg. P-23344, containing an area of 4,817 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 136 square meters from the above-described property in favor of MARIBETH R. TALON as vendee. The subject sale pertains only to the share of Melinda Diaz - Pinca; per Doc. No. 520, Page No. 105, Book No. 56, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Rached Rondina. *LSDE: March 15, 22 & 29, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Spouses IRENEO ISANAN LLEVER JR. and DAMIANA SUSON LLEVER extrajudicially settled and partitioned over personal and real properties described as: 1) A parcel of land, Lot No. 1719, now under OCT No. 2016000074, located at 58-C, Senator J.D. Avelino St., West Awang, Calbayog City, containing an area of 118 square meters, more or less; 2) A real property (building) located at J.D. Avelino St., Brgy. West Awang, Calbayog City, under Tax Dec. No. 99-01008-00737, with an area of 106 square meters, more or less; 3) A parcel of land, under OCT No. 2016000010, located at J.D. Avelino St., Brgy. West Awang, Calbayog City, containing an area of 179 square meters, more or less; 4) A parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 2317, covered under Tax Dec. No. 99-01008-00736, located at J.D. Abelino St., Brgy. West Awang, Calbayog City, containing an area of 626 square meters, more or less; 5) One-third (1/3) share of a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Baras, Sto. Nino, Samar, classified as coco land and cogonal; with Tax Dec. No. 493; Cad Lot No. 842 with an area of 3-15-23-15ha., and left deposits money with the Philippine National Bank- Calbayog City as follows: 1) A joint savings account of LLEVER, DAMIANA, SUSON OR LLEVER, IRENEO, ISANAN with Account No. 341710800023, Passbook No. 20280, Branch Code 1619 with existing Balance of USD17,098.05 plus accruing interest; 2) A Dollar savings account of Llever, Ireneo, Isanan, with Account No. 405241200023, Passbook No. 249074, Branch Code 1619 with existing balance of USD8,968.73 plus accruing interest; 3) A savings account of Damiana Llever with New Account No. 312910007836, Passbook No. 362735, Branch Code 1619 with existing balance of Php51,815.93 plus accruing interest and parties adjudicate unto themselves the entire estate; per Doc. No. 824, Page No. 65, Book No. 2, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Maria Catherine G. Salurio. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FERNANDO MABANSAG executed an extrajudicial settlement over a pace, of land designated as Lot No. 2544, Cad. 1059-D, situated ar Brgy. Dalosdoson, Hinabangan, Samar, covered by Tax Dec. No. with ARP No. 07-011-00028, containing an area of 55,101 square meters, more or less. and parties agreed to divide, partitioned and adjudicate the above described property among themselves. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SHAREE ANN T. DELOS SANTOS married to Richard Co Delos Santos as vendee for the above deccribed property; per Doc.No. 444, Page No. 90, Book No. 1, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty Virnell P. Pasu-it, CPA. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that MARIO GABANI GAGBO married to LUMINADA GABIANA executed a DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE over a parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon, designated as Lot No. 2340, Psd-08-016682-D, being a portion of Lot 2340, Cad. 706-D. situated in Brgy. Tizon, Municipality of Tarangan, Province of Samar, covered by TCT No. IND. CLOA 448, containing an area of 29, 999 square, meters, more or less in favor of RICHARD CO DE LOS SANTOS married to SHAREE ANN T. TAN as vendees for the abovedescribed properties together with the improvements found thereon; per Doc. No. 359, Page No. 72, Boom No. I, Series of 2018 of Notary Pulic Atty. Anastacio D. Yong. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late EMELIO FUMAR, SR., extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 5843, situated ar Brgy. Castilla, Palo, Leyte, containing an area of 6,171 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec No. 16094. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SEPALCO PHILS. INC., represented by its president ATTY. BENIGNO BEN-HUR CASTILLO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 288, Page No. 59, Book No. XXXV, Series of 2015 of Notary Public Atty. Daniel G. Matriono. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late DIOSDADO C. BLONES namely: Rosario G. Blones, Rebecca G. Blones and Teodoro B. Blones executed an Affidavit of Claims with Waiver of Rights of Savings Deposit Account with the Philippine Veterans Bank, Tacloban Branch, under Savings Account No. 0025-338829-100 with a balance of Php28,453.90 and hereby request the Philippine Veterans Bank, Tacloban Branch to release the balance and of said deposit account in favor of ROSARIO G. BLONES and to transfer the balance of said deposit account to her named and co-heirs having waived rights over the said deposit account in her favor, per Doc. No. 354, Page No. 74, Book No. 91, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Jaress Amores Neri. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that AMALIA A. TIU, herein represented by Attorney-in-fact, RIZALITA B. BORJA, being the surviving spouse of the late ALEX TIU, executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a one (1/4) fourth portion of a parcel of land, Lot No. 4901-D of the sub-plan, situated in Brgy. Igang, Baybay, Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-23928, the one fourth portion subject to this instrument contain an area of 1,374.25 square meters, more or less, per Doc. No. 341, Page No. 69, Book No. LXIII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan G. Jervoso. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOSE T. SANICO, JR. extrajudicially settled over a co-owned joint account with his widow, Miguela M. Sanico, with the Land Bank of the Philippines. Catbalogan City branch. Catbalogan City, Samar under Account No. 0601-1657-16 and heirs hereby name, appoint and constitute, MIGUELA M. SANICO, as attorney-in-fact in their names and behalf to do and perform any of the following acts; 1) To claim and receive the proceeds and contents; 2) To process for the payment of estate taxes and other legal fees as well as secure clearances relative thereto and execute whatever documents that the LBP will require to release to her the contents of said bank account; 3) To perform any and all other related, incidental and necessary acts to give effect to the foregoing powers. Per Doc No. 21976, Page No. 44, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 22. Notary Public Atty. Pedro M. Labid. *LSDE: March 15, 22 & 29, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF A PORTION OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. FAUSTINO NAVALES AND BENITA G. NAVALES extrajudicially settled over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 2174 situated at Barrio Cawayan, Catbalogan City, Samar containing an area of 204,211sq.m., more or less under TD No. 01-0028-00005, OCT No. 255. A Deed of Sale was in favor of RENATO G. CRISOSTOMO as vendee of a portion equivalent oto 4,211sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 206, Page No. 43; Book No. II, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Virnell P. Pasu-it, CPA. *LSDE: March 15, 22 & 29, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GASPAR AGUILAR extrajudicially settled over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Punong, Matalom, Leyte under TD No. 08-27020-00233 with Cad Lot No. 2749 Rem portion containing an area of .1824,32hectares. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ALDO AND PAMELA GOLO as vendees of the following portions as; 1) equivalent to 275.20sq.m., designated as Lot No. 2749-E; 2) equivalent to 275.40sq.m., designated as Lot No. 2749-F and 3) containing an area of 72sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 78, Page No. 36; Book No. 65, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo. *LSDE: March 15, 22 & 29, 2022*

### DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GERVAZIA CAJEDA SINGH AND SATURNINO Y. CORILLO extrajudicially settled over a parcel of land designated as Lot 5778-B-2, Psd-37418 being a portion of Lot 5778-B (LRC), Psd 20337, LRC (GLRO) Cad Record No. 1068 situated at Barrio San Fernando, Tacloban City containing an area of 199.50sq.m., under TCT No. T-8506. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ARCHIE RAYMOND V. CORILLO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 368, Page No. 75, Book No. XXI, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Blanche Astilla-Salino. *LSDE: March 15, 22 & 29, 2022*

#### Publication Notice

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CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE  
Borongan City, Eastern Samar

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirements and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012, a notice is hereby serve to the public that **FELIX BEATO APURA** has filed with this Office, a **Petition for Correction of Child's DATE OF BIRTH from December 27, 1954 to DECEMBER 29, 1959** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **FELIX APURA** who was born on **DECEMBER 29, 1959** at **Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **ADELAIDA C. BEATO & JUAN A. APURA**.

Any person affected by said petition may file written opposition with this office not later than **11 APRIL 2022**.

(Sgd.) **MA. LUISA M. AZUL III**  
City Civil Registrar

*LSDE: March 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late WILFREDO CANDOL BENLOT SR. executed an extrajudicial settlement over a BANK DEPOSIT at LAND BANK -Cataman, Northern Samar, Account No. 00001196173109, amounting to Php 3,359,092.61 pesos, with a monthly pension of Php 41,713.20, plus Total Permanent Disability Transfers of Benefits plus gratuity equivalent to the deceased PNP member, one year basic salary and burial expenses equivalent to the 3 basic salary of the deceased, monthly pension equivalent to eighty percent of the basic salary for the period of 5 years from the date of death; and reimbursements of reasonable expenses for medicines, medical attendants, hospital fees, necessary transportation and subsistence; restoration of deducted leave credits for the absences incurred by reason of sickness or injury which causes his death and the subject of the claim under Rule 6 Benefits and beneficiaries under Memorandum Circular No. 2011-009, and 26 months differentials, and heirs agreed to adjudicate unto themselves the above-described property in equal portion and hereby WAIVED all our rights, interest and participation in the above mentioned ACCOUNT and other death benefits of their late father in favor to their mother, NATIVIDAD FAMBUENA BENLOT; per Doc. No.116, Page No. 24, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. John Edward Trinidad Ang. *LSDE: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS OF AN UNREGISTERED LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TRANQUILINO KABINGUE extrajudicially settled and partitioned over a parcel of land located at Brgt. San Vicente, Dulag, Leyte embraced by TD No. 08-13-0042-00165 designated as Lot 5083 containing an area of 10,807sq.m., per Technical Description issued by DENR Regional Office VIII the above-mentioned parcel of land contains an actual area of 13,530sq.m.,and heir PAZ ADONIS, sole heir of Melchor Karingue hereby Waive, Relinquish and Quitclaim all rights interest, and participation unto Co-heirs, Heirs of Irene Kabingue-Gaspay the full ownership of 1,691.5 square meters , as one of the heirs of Patricio Kabingue of the above described property which is now designated as Lot 5083-Lot A to D, Heirs of Irene Gaspay now contains of 3,383 square meters which will be divided equally by her 5 surviving heirs, each will have 630 square meters, allocating 232 square meters as road right of way designated as Lot 5083-G, the share of Virgilio Gaspay as heir of Irene Kabingue Gaspay has been sold to her siblings, Nimfa Beltran, designated as Lot 5083-A,Heirs of Castora Kabingue recently sold their share which is now identified as Lot 5083-E to Paz K. Adonis, Heir Eleuterio Kabingue sold her share half portion of Lot 5083-F to Gregorio Tupaz, Heir GREGORIO TUPAZ as the sole heir of her mother JUANA KABINGUE TUPAZ, is now the only rightful owner of the share of her mother to the other half portion of 3,382 square meters as Lot 5083-F, for particulars please see Doc No. 190, Page No. 39; Book No. III, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Richmond G. Longjas. *LSDE: March 15, 22 & 29, 2022*

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE OF A PORTION OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. FAUSTINO NAVALES AND BENITA G. NAVALES extrajudicially settled over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 2174 situated at Barrio Cawayan, Catbalogan City, Samar containing an area of 204,211sq.m., more or less under TD No. 01-0028-00005, OCT No. 255. A Deed of Sale was in favor of JOLINA C. YU as vendee of a portion equivalent 50,000sq.,m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 197, Page No. 41; Book No. II, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Virnell P. Pasu-it, CPA. *LSDE: March 15, 22 & 29, 2022*

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## NSSDEO...

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positions, local and national during his lifetime.

Municipal officials of Palapag led by Mayor Mario Agno as well as officials of the three concerned barangays were present during the occasion. Notable agencies present are Department of Agriculture (DA), Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), Philippine Statistics Office, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Public Attorney's Office (PAO) and Technical Skills and Development Authority (TESDA).

Services rendered in-

clude distribution of variety of agricultural seeds, fish fingerlings for fisher folks, processing of national ID systems, skills training programs, vaccination for both humans and animals, business registrations, legal services, land ownership processing, information on government infrastructure programs and projects. Other assistance were food packs, milk for children, slippers and various tools helpful in homes and farming were also made available.

With the instruction of District Engineer Charlito Carlobos, the NSSDEO was represented by Engineers Arturo Corocoto, Mark Anthony Alaras and Israel Tulipas who provided food packs among the other services extended.

**(ISRAEL B.TULIPAS, PIO STAFF/PR)**

## Advances...

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And why are ladies, at the very start, unable to resist the initial advances? For one, it's dictated by today's norms—that physical touching has nothing wrong and is acceptable among friends, as opposed to the early centuries when a man can only touch a woman if they are already married. Well, it's now deemed old-fashioned, and so ladies accordingly need not resist the men who touch them casually in public.

Another reason why a woman does not refuse a man's advances is that she herself may find him attractive, especially with a handsome man who uses his looks to bait ladies. In such a case, their attraction is mutual hence their intimacy later. But in case a woman is not attracted to him at all, her refusal to initially resist could be due to her ignorance that those

touches are driven by sexual desires, hence her ignoring them.

There seemingly is nothing wrong with a sexual intimacy that develops from these touching progressions if both parties are still single and available. The problem comes when one or both of them are already married. Because once the secret gets discovered, it could cause marital disputes or even ruin families. It's a form of infidelity that hurts the affected parties.

Ideally, at the first attempt, ladies should already resist these men and put a gap between them. Men are sensitive to this because it's this reaction, or its absence, that they are watchful for. A lady's refusal creates the impression that she allows no sexual advances, and men will normally respect it and will not dare next time. Yes, there are men who are fond of trying a lady's reaction, but if they are cut short early enough, they don't create further trouble.

### AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ROSITA C. AVES, heir of the late PATROCINIO HAO AVES executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot 10402-H, Psd-372094 under TCT No. T-36978 containing an area of 200sq.m., situated at Barrio Pob, Kananga, Leyte and heir hereby CONFIRMED the sale of the above-described property unto MELDRID PACALDO. Per Doc No. 5, Page No. 2, Book No. XXXIX, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Maria Kim O. Marquez-Juban.  
LSDE: March 15, 22 & 29, 2022

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SELF ADJUDICATION AND SALE A PORTION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MARIANO CENTINAJE and ELEUTERIA BONOLA-CENTINAJE extrajudicially settled and partitioned over a portion parcel of land, located at Brgy. Magallanes, Basey, Samar, covered by Tax Dec. No. 11152 with a market value of Php63,880.00 and assessed value of Php24,160.00, with an area of 22,350 square meters. That the above-described property is the share of their two eight children namely: Late Anecita C. Perez and Elena C. Tabucao. A Deed of Sale was executed by Ma. Lina C. Pasco in favor of MICHAEL ANGELO C. PASCO as vendee for Lot No. 14310-A, with an area of 14,652 square meters from the above-described property; another sale was executed by Elena C. Tabucao, a portion of 652 square meters, known as Lot No. 14310-B in favor of GERALDINE C. TABUCAO as vendee, and another sale executed by Elena C. Tabucao, vendor in favor of JANICE C. TABUCAO as vendee; for particulars pls see Doc. No. 429, Page No. 087, Book No. VIII, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Filotea B.M. Estoninos.  
LSDE: March 29, April 5 & 12, 2022

# NSSDEO widens Opong Bridges along Catubig-Rawis Road

NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar- The Department of Public Works and Highways Northern Samar Second District Engineering Office (DPWH NSSDEO) has started early this year the widening of Opong Bridge 3 and Opong Bridge 4 located along the Rawis-Catubig Road in Brgy. Opong in the town of Catubig Northern Samar. This project is under a contract of Deacons Temple Construction and Supply and JBM Engineers and Supply on joint venture.

The two Opong Bridge projects involve the widening of the structures from the existing two (2) lanes to four (4) lanes with abutment on reinforced concrete deck girder on reinforced concrete piles foundation, concrete railings and grouted riprap to act as a slope protection structure, ensuring safer travel along the road section.

The project has contract ID no. of 22II0045 for Opong Bridge 3 and 22II0046 for Opong Bridge 4 with a total amount of P29.32M funded under GAA FY 2022 DPWH Regular Infrastructure Program.

Both projects started this February 2022 and is expected to be completed in September with direct supervision by Project Engineer Mikhail Benedik Mondigo.

These bridge widening



projects aims to provide safer roads and better travel experience and expected to promote domestic trade,

eco-tourism and delivery of products. It also provides added road space for motorists which eases traffic

congestion along major road networks.

**(RHODORA R. PUJANTE, PIO STAFF/PR)**

## Northern Samar cops bag its first Gold Eagle Award, top proficiency rating

CATARMAN, Northern Samar- The 2nd Northern Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company led by PLt. Col.

Seth Mark Alob, the force commander, under the leadership of Col. Alfredo Tadea, acting provincial director, has received the "Gold Eagle Award" for its stellar achievements in the Performance Governance System.

PLt. Col. Alob received the awards from PB/Gen. Bernard Banac, police regional director in a ceremony held at the regional headquarters of the Philippine National Police at Camp Ruperto Kangleon, Palo, Leyte last March 25.

The 2nd NSPMFC received the most coveted Gold Eagle Award after satisfactorily completing the mandatory requirements for the third stage with a rating of 97.3%.

"We take pride to be the first unit in Northern Samar Police Provincial Office to make the record of

having a gold eagle award and ranking first among newly created mobile forces," Alob said.

He also gave credit to his men reason why their unit received the recognition.

"We all achieved this together," Alob said.

Meanwhile, Tadea expressed his joy for the achievement of the 2nd PMFC.

"I commend the 2nd PMFC for this award. May this serve as an inspiration to other units to do better and strive harder for final stage of PGS," the police provincial director said.

He added that the Gold Eagle award will leave a positive impact to the Northern Samar Police Provincial Office as it will boost their morale.

**(EUGENE M. ENANO)**

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MAXIMO LLAGONO extrajudicially settled over a residential lot situated at Macapagal Street, Barangay Jose Abad Santos, Cataman, Northern Samar containing an area of 329sq.m., under OCT No. 16402, Psu-08-003165. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SARAH C. CUA as vendee of a portion equivalent to 76.70sq.m., under TD No. 06007-00234 together with buildings and improvements thereon from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 485, Page No. 88, Book No. VI, Series of 1999. Notary Public Atty. Guido A. Lavin, Jr.  
LSDE: March 29, April 5 & 12, 2022

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BEVERLY SOLON DE LA CRUZ extrajudicially settled over deposits of money at RCBC, FUENTE OSMEÑA, CEBU CITY more particularly described as follows; Card type: MYACCESSCARD (ATM); Card Number: 5892 7089 8526 3263. Per Doc No. 394, Page No. 80, Book No. V, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Richmond G. Longjas.  
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# U.S. provides waste collection vehicles to improve Puerto Princesa City waste management

Puerto Princesa City—On March 24, the United States government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Clean Cities, Blue Ocean program, donated eight waste collection vehicles to increase the capacity and efficiency of "Eco Warrior" waste collectors from Barangay Banca-Bancao, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

These vehicles, which include five bicycles, two motorcycles with sidecars, and one four-wheel multicab, were provided through the program's grant to the Philippine organization Project Zacchaeus, which seeks to address ocean plastic pollution and the critical needs of those working in the informal waste and recycling sectors.

"USAID strongly believes that partnerships, community engagement, and customized solutions are important for the success of our development projects," said U.S. Embassy in the Philippines Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Heather Variava. "We

are pleased to turn over these vehicles to the Eco Warriors, who have emerged as local leaders in sustainability and waste management, as we work together in curbing ocean plastic pollution and building sustainable circular economies."

The waste collection vehicles were received by USAID grantee Project Zacchaeus Marketing Cooperative (PZC) founder John Gastanes and Eco Warriors president Lydia Casiano. The vehicles will expand the Eco Warriors' previous collection capacity and provide enhanced waste services to an estimated 3,000 households in Puerto Princesa.

"We are very grateful to USAID for providing our Eco Warriors with these vehicles," said Banca-Bancao barangay captain Gayjun Dangan. "Truly, these will help improve our city's waste collection system and increase the income of our Eco Warriors."

Coined by Project Zacchaeus, Eco Warrior refers to the informal waste collectors that the orga-

nization helps educate on solid waste management. These informal waste collectors provide for their families and ensure a healthy environment.

USAID, in partnership with PZC, the city government of Puerto Princesa, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), is also building the knowledge and skills of 60 Eco Warriors on proper waste management, occupational health and safety, and leadership.

The Land Transportation Office provided the nine selected Eco Warriors who will operate the vehicles with free driving courses, while TESDA provided free training on vehicle maintenance. The training, combined with the new resources, aims to improve waste services, facilitate higher earning potential among the waste collectors, and equip the Eco Warriors as community leaders and educators who promote more sustainable waste practices such as waste segregation in the community.(PR)

# After 14 attempts in a span of 11 years, Northern Samar grad passes teachers board



**PROUD TEACHER.** After 14 attempts, Richelle Anne Gonzales finally passed the licensure examination for teachers. The 32-year old said that she is so determined to become a teacher that she never thought of giving up.

TACLOBAN CITY—Richelle Ann Gonzales has to take 14 times for the Licensure Examinations for Teachers (LET) in a span of 11 years before she was able to finally pass it this year.

And she scored 76.80 percent, a little bit higher than the passing rate of 75 percent.

She took her first exam in 2010, the year she graduated, taking Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) as her major at the University in Eastern Philippines in Catarman, Northern Samar.

Still, Gonzales, 32 and now a mother to six chil-

dren, is proud that after years of waiting and even frustrations, she can now call herself as a licensed teacher and is brimming with excitement to finally practice her profession.

"I was doing some laundry work when a cousin of mine broke the news that I finally passed the exams. At first, I did not believe her but later on, was able to verify it as a sister-in-law of mine posted it on her social media account," Gonzales, who hails from a remote village of Sangay, Palapag town in Northern Samar, said.

Her sister-in-law, Shella, also took and passed the LET, on her four attempts.

The Philippine Professional Commission released the results of the LET held last January of this year last March 11. It conducts teachers' board twice a year.

Gonzales came from a poor family whose both parents are coconut farmers with her as the second eldest from the brood of eight

children, three are still in school.

Despite of poverty, she wanted to finish her studies and become a teacher.

"I even had to sell used clothings and peddle bets on lotto just to earn money for my studies," she said.

According to her, since she was a kid, she dreamt of becoming a teacher and even played as a teacher to her younger siblings and children in their village.

"It's nice to impart knowledge to others and that they are happy that they learn something new from me," she said.

Thus she said, despite of several setbacks, she never surrendered and continued to take the teachers' examination until she could pass it, to some extent, she had to take the exams twice in a year.

"My parents and my siblings and my own family motivated me to take the examination again and again until I could pass it. They never gave up on me. Of course, there were times that I'd like to give up. In fact, there were times that I isolated myself from my classmates who are now teachers," she said.

"But God is so good that finally, after 11 years and 14 times of trying, and fervent of praying and novena, I was able to pass it. I cried so much. I could not believe it at first," she said.

Gonzales said that she would like to teach at the Somoroy Agro-Industrial School, located at the town proper of Palapag and where she finished her high school.

She is optimistic that aside from helping her parents and her three siblings that are still in school, she could also help her husband, Michael, 38 who works as a laborer, and their six children could have a bright and comfortable future.

"Be confident in your own abilities and don't give in and mind the negative remarks of other people. Don't be ashamed if you have failures. Always trust papa God," she said, when asked what she could advise to others who have also suffered similar setbacks in life. (JOEY A. GABIETA).

# RPAB approves amendment on the proposed 4.4km FMR in Maasin City

TACLOBAN CITY—Another Regional Project Advisory Board (RPAB) review ended fruitfully as the Regional Project Advisory Board approved the amended project cost of the Construction and Concreting of Brgy. Hantag-Brgy Laboon FMR in Maasin City for funding under the Philippine Rural Development Project of the Department of Agriculture.

"We are so grateful that this resolution is now approved. I am so happy that finally after we have been working on this— all the documentary requirements, we are now a step closer to reality because this will surely benefit our communities in the said barangays especially our



MAYOR NACIONAL MERCADO

farmers," Mayor Nacional Mercado expressed.

This project has initially been reviewed and approved by the board in 2021. However, due to some changes, the estimated project cost has been increased

from P153,678,900.44 to P167,753,394.02.

"The proposal of this FMR has undergone series of reviews and evaluation from the RPCO to the NPCO level. What took this longer was the intricacies of the bridge included in this project," Dr. Jenny Lyn R. Almeria, RPCO 8 Deputy Project Director shared.

Some members of the RPAB expressed their positive opinions that this project is a big help not just for the beneficiaries of the Department of Agriculture, but also to their departments' recipients and to the whole community. This led to the immediate endorsement wherein Engr. Benedicto Avorque, RPAB member from the DPWH moved

the motion on the approval of this project, and was duly seconded by Ms Melecia Ong, RPAB member from the DAR.(PR)

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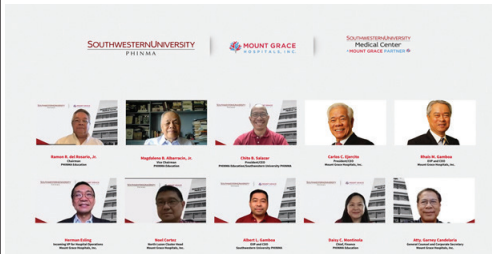
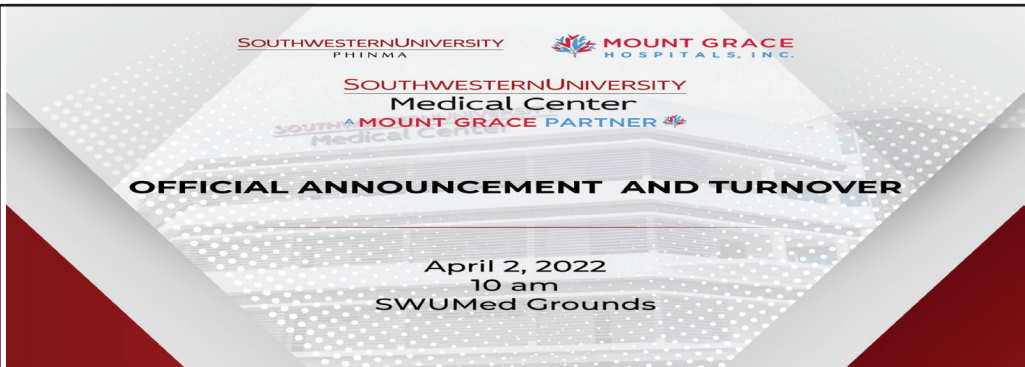
which includes officers and Members of the Eastern Visayas Tourism Association, tourism officers from the six provinces, seven cities, and two capital towns, and 10 tourism service centers in the region, including municipal tourism officers from the 1st to the 3rd districts of Leyte joined the event.

Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla graced the event and DOT Undersecretary Christopher Morales who delivered his

message via zoom.

The DOT-8 also conducted a mobile accreditation caravan for tourism facilities from the first to the third district of Leyte.

The mobile caravan's objectives are to amplify the accreditation campaign of DOT through awareness lectures and facilitating accreditation applications at the ground and to increase the number of DOT-Accredited tourism enterprise in the Eastern Visayas. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)



**Alternative Photo:** (L-R) PHINMA Education Finance Chief Daisy Montinola, Southwestern University PHINMA EVP and COO Albert Gamboa, Southwestern University PHINMA & PHINMA Education President Dr. Chito Salazar, Mount Grace Hospitals President and CEO Carlos Ejercito; Incoming VP for Hospital Operations Herman Esling, and EVP and COO Rhais Gamboa.

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Southwestern University Medical Center (SWUMed) has inked an agreement with MOUNT Grace Hospitals, Inc. (MGHI) to further advance in healthcare services and medical education by reaching out to communities in the Visayas region and neighboring provinces. **In Photos:** (L-R) Southwestern University PHINMA EVP and COO Albert Gamboa, Southwestern University PHINMA & PHINMA Education President Dr. Chito Salazar, Mount Grace Hospitals President and CEO Carlos Ejercito, and EVP and COO Rhais Gamboa.

### Southwestern University Medical Center expands allied healthcare services in Visayas and Mindanao through Partnership with Mount Grace Hospitals, Inc.

Elevating its reputation as a leading hospital in Cebu, Southwestern University Medical Center (SWUMed) has inked an agreement with Mount Grace Hospitals, Inc. (MGHI) to further advance healthcare services and medical education by reaching out to communities in the Visayas region and neighboring provinces.

to state of the art and affordable healthcare services. SWUMed is also the medical training arm of the Southwestern University PHINMA School of Medicine.

A ceremonial signing was held on February 18, 2022 at the Mount Grace headquarters in Mandaluyong with the executives of Southwestern University PHINMA led by its president Dr. Chito B. Salazar and Mount Grace representatives headed by president and chief executive officer Mr. Carlos C. Ejercito and executive vice president and chief operations officer Mr. Rhais M. Gamboa.

“Our newly-formed agreement with SWUMed expands the reach of Mount Grace in Visayas and Mindanao. With this, we are able to bring in our medical expertise through a strong geographical presence in key urban areas in the country, making us true to our vision as stewards of health

in communities around us,” said Ejercito.

The event was followed by a virtual signing on February 21, 2022 with the Southwestern University PHINMA board of directors Ramon R. del Rosario, Jr., Magdaleno B. Albarracin, Jr., and Oscar J. Hilado. SWU PHINMA Chairman del Rosario expressed his appreciation of the recent collaboration.

“We are delighted to have found an ally in Mount Grace. This partnership will let us bring the latest healthcare innovations and services to Cebu, position SWUMed at the forefront of healthcare and medical education, and enable more Filipino families to live dignified lives,” he added.

The official turnover and announcement of the partnership is slated to happen this April in Cebu.

#### About Southwestern University Medical Center (SWUMed)

SWUMed is a tertiary general hospital that is committed to providing quality and affordable medical care through its expert team of medical professionals and modern facilities.

It is also reputable institution of learning that gives complementary training to students of the SWU PHINMA School of Medicine and allied health departments who endeavor to become the best physicians and allied medical practitioners to their fellow men and women.

#### About Southwestern University PHINMA

Southwestern University PHINMA is an institution of higher learning that produces men and women equipped with the competencies and character needed to reach the heights of their chosen professions.

SWU does this through a practice-focused, relevant, and high quality learning process in a supportive environment, ensuring success through a confidence-building and empowering formation.

#### About Mount Grace Hospitals, Inc.

Mount Grace Hospitals, Inc., a member of the United Laboratories Group (UNILAB), is an expanding network of privately owned hospitals strategically located in key urban areas in the country. Mount Grace seeks to provide better access to better health to Filipinos through quality healthcare services by helping its partner hospitals acquire or develop appropriate facilities, systems, technologies, staff competencies, and clinical standards. Mount Grace now has 20 partner hospitals nationwide. For more information visit: [www.mtgracehospitals.com.ph](http://www.mtgracehospitals.com.ph)

#### About PHINMA Education

PHINMA Education Holdings, Inc. (PEHI), under the conglomerate PHINMA Corporation, started investing in the education services sector in 2004 through the acquisition of PHINMA Araulio University in Nueva Ecija. It has since expanded its presence across the country with its network of schools namely: PHINMA Cagayan de Oro College, PHINMA University of Pangasinan, PHINMA University of Iloilo, Southwestern University PHINMA in Cebu City, PHINMA Saint Jude College in Manila, PHINMA Republican College in Quezon City, PHINMA Rizal College of Laguna, and PHINMA Union College of Laguna. It also aims to expand its mission to make lives better through education across Southeast Asia. It presently manages Horizon Karawang, West Java, Indonesia through PT IndPhil Management. For more information, please visit: <https://www.phinma.edu.ph>.

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# In Matag-ob town polls Fathers and sons square off for mayor, vice mayor



“When my father asked me why I am entering politics, I told him, I wanted to serve the people just like you,” Tacoy said.

Tacoy also assured his supporters that what he will fulfill all his promises during the campaign including the construction

**MATAG-OB, Leyte**—The father and son tandem of businessman Bernie and Vincent Tacoy held their proclamation rally with hundreds of supporters joining them from mass to caravan around the municipality.

Clad in green shirts, hundreds of supporters in motorbikes and cars joined the Tacoy family and their slate in the motorcade visiting every village of the municipality.

The father and son tandem is running against incumbent Mayor Michael Torrevillas and his son Vice Mayor Bushi Torrevillas.

The family has been ruling the political scene of Matag-ob town for about 30 years.

During the proclamation rally held last Friday, Tacoy and the One Matag-ob team promised to bring development to the municipality by implementing infrastructure projects,



**MATAG-OB BETS.** Businessman Bernie Tacoy plunges to local politics by running for mayor of Matag-ob town, Leyte with his Vincent, is his running mate. Both will be fighting with father and son tandem, reelectionist Mayor Michael Torrevillas and incumbent Vice Mayor Bushi Torrevillas.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

social, health, sports, and education programs.

Also during the proclamation rally, Tacoy told his supporters that his decision to run is not for personal gain but to help in bringing progress and development to the town.

of a hospital for the municipality even if he will not win.

He also promised to bring more investors to the municipality to generate more jobs and improve the town's economy.

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