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Heavy rains also affected other areas in EV

LPA causes suspension of classes and works in Tacloban

JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY- A low pressure area (LPA) has spawned heavy rains in different parts of the region over the weekend and on Monday(March 7), resulting in flooding and cancellation of works and classes.

Here in Tacloban City, Mayor Alfred Romualdez issued an executive order suspending all classes and work, both in public and private entities, due to the heavy rains.

Romualdez, however, said that offices under the city government like those involved in the peace and order maintenance, risk reduction management, health, sanitation, and traffic management are not included in the work suspension order.

Affected by the execu-

tive order of the city mayor were the vaccination campaign and the reopening of face-to-face classes in 46 see LPA /page 6 ...

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WOMEN POWER. March 8 marks the observance of the Women International Day, honoring women across the globe for their achievements in all fields of endeavors just like the policewomen of the Eastern Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company which is based in Dolores, Eastern Samar. (ESPMFC Uno)



Tacloban City, under the leadership of Mayor Alfred Romualdez, won recognition in this year's Healthy Pilipinas Awards for Healthy Communities by the Department of Health.

Among its awardees are the programs of city government- The "New Beginnings" under priority area 4: substance use addressing drug addiction problems in the city, and under priority area 3: immunization, the mobile vaccination that provides small-scale vaccination services for people with special needs and those living in far-flung areas.

The awards, done virtually last March 4, were received by City Health Officer Dr. Gloria Fabrigas, representing Mayor Romualdez. (TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)



France's ambassador to the Philippines, Michele Boccoz, recently visited Tacloban City where she discussed wide-ranging issues and concerns with city officials who welcomed her visit to the city. The French diplomat was met by Councilors Elvira Casal and Aimee Delgado Grafil, and city administrator, Anacleto Rei 'Jojo' Lacanilao. (Photo courtesy)



While Leyte' cases of coronavirus disease(COVID-19) is now in the decline, Governor Leopoldo Dominico 'Mic' L. Petilla continues to call for a meeting with the members of the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force against COVID-19. Among those who attended the meeting were Vice Gov. and co-chair Carlo Loreto and board member Raissa Villasin who chairs the committee on health at the provincial board and representatives from police, Army, and provincial department heads headed by provincial administrator Corazon Alvero. The meeting was held at the multi-purpose hall of the provincial government's complex in Palo town. (GINA P. GEREZ)

Soldiers deployed in 3 N.Samar towns for peace and development campaign

CATARMAN, North-ern Samar – Expect more soldiers' presence in the municipalities of Lapinig, Mapanas, and Gamay, all in this province.

These soldiers will help in the peace and development efforts of these municipalities, which are, incidentally, there is a presence of the members of the New People's Army (NPA).

The soldiers, all from the 803rd Infantry Brigade, were formally assigned in these areas during a send-off ceremony held on February 27 and March 7, respectively, and as part of the military's community support program (CSP).

During the ceremonies, mayors of these towns including council and village officials and

representatives of different government offices were present to show their support and commitment in the enforcement of the CSP in these areas.

CSP is the primary tool of the military which was adapted by the national and local government units and became the forerunner of Retailed Community Support Program (RCSP).

In 2018, President Rodrigo Duterte signed Executive Order No. 70 that created the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) to ensure the effective implementation of the whole-of-nation approach to quell the communist armed conflict and achieve sustainable development and inclusive peace, especially in remote

areas. "For five decades, military solution alone is not enough to solve this insurgency problem. Thus, the role of LGU is vital to strengthen the CSP initiatives in clearing the conflict-affected barangays. It would only be possible

through the sincere commitment of Local Chief Executives from the municipal down to the barangay level", Lt.Col. Joemar Buban, the battalion commander of 20IB, said in his message during the send-off ceremonies.

(EUGENE M. ENANO)

Palay production in Biliran increases by 7.84% in Q4 2021

NAVAL, Biliran -- Palay production in the province of Biliran reached 19,137 metric tons (MT) during the fourth quarter of 2021. This figure is 7.84% higher compared to its production of 17,746 MT during the same quarter of 2020.

By ecosystem, irrigated palay accounted for all pa-

lay production for both reference periods. There was no reported production of rainfed palay.

Area harvested for palay increased by 8.69% during the fourth quarter of 2021, recording a total of 4,438 hectares from 4,083 hectares during the same quarter of 2020. All area harvested for palay for both reference quarters were for irrigated palay.

Given the volume of production and area harvested for palay, the resulting yield was recorded at 4.31 MT per hectare during the fourth quarter of 2021. This figure is lower by 0.92% than the reported yield of 4.35 MT per hectare during the same quarter of 2020.

By ecosystem, irrigated palay yielded the same figure with the total provincial yield for palay while the rainfed palay registered no yield at all during the fourth quarter of 2020 and 2021. (PSA Biliran)



Learners' adjustments throughout COVID-19 pandemic

BY: DR. NORA T. BANTACULO

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Filipino students have made numerous adjustments in many aspects of their daily lives.

It's been nearly a couple of years since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The country's education system is one of the institutions that has been severely impacted.

To address the problem, the Department of Education (DepEd) has undertaken a series of adjustments dubbed "blended learning" in an effort to guarantee that learners' needs are not overlooked in this so-called new normal.

With the different learning delivery modalities, students were able to continue their studies through the distant/blended learning.

However, the students said that it is more difficult than the regular face-to-face set-up. This is based on a survey conducted by the Social Weather Stations (SWS) in March 2021, which included 89 percent of Filipino fami-

lies with members enrolled for the school year 2020-2021.

With parents as the acting learning facilitators at home, some of the learners were having a hard time on their academic tasks especially to those students whose parents did not attain any educational degree and parents who could not manage them due to work.

In addition, most of the students have poor reading comprehension based on the result of the conducted assessment of PISA last 2018.

As a result of the no face-to-face instruction, most of the students spent more time on online games and social media resulting to time mismanagement and procrastination. Though they are still compliant, their actions will show you that they had become unproductive, unmotivated, and uninterested in their academic tasks in the new normal.

(Note: The author is the assistant school principal II of the Mahaplag National High School, Brgy. San Isidro, Mahaplag, Leyte)

Region's inflation rate up in January, PSA says

TACLOBAN CITY-The Philippine Statistical Authority (PSA) reported that the inflation rate (IR) of the region in January was at 5.2%, which was higher compared to the December, 2021 period.

Last December, the inflation rate of the region was at 4.2%, the PSA said.

Among the provinces, Leyte posted the highest IR at 6.2% followed by Southern Leyte with 5.7% which was hit by Typhoon 'Odette' last December 16, 2021.

The lowest inflation rate

was noted in Samar at 4.1%. All provinces exhibited a higher inflation rate in January 2022 compared with their figures in December 2021.

Southern Leyte's inflation rate more than doubled, from 2.8% in December 2021 to 5.7%, the biggest increase among the region's provinces in the region at 2.9 percentage points.

Biliran posted a 4.6% inflation rate in January 2022 which is 2.0% higher than its 2.6% in the preceding month.

Leyte and Northern Sa-

mar provinces both recorded 1.2% increase, pushing their January inflation rates to 6.2% and 4.2%, respectively.

Meantime, the inflation rate of the Eastern Samar picked up by 0.5%, registering 5.2% in January 2022.

Samar's inflation rate inched up by 0.1% in January 2022, settling at 4.1%.

The inflation rate for Tacloban City, the regional capital, was recorded at 4.4 % in January 2022, 0.8% higher than its 3.6% it recorded last December. (RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

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ASF hits Maasin City; 51 pigs depopulated to stop spread of the infection

TACLOBAN CITY- At least 51 pigs were culled by the city government of Maasin after it confirmed that one of its villages was hit by the African Fever Swine (ASF).

This incident has prompted Mayor Naccional Mercado to implement some measures to ensure that the infection will not spread to other areas in the city.

Dr. Rey Alinsub, the city veterinarian, said that the ASF hit Barangay Ibarra wherein five pigs were initially confirmed to have got the virus.

Blood samples taken from these infected hogs were brought to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory of the regional office of the Department of Agriculture, based here, which confirmed the presence of the virus.

Alinsub, in a phone interview, said that 51 infected hogs were culled on Saturday (March 5) by burying them as part of the ASF protocols.

He also said that the infected hogs were owned by 14 pig raisers, all operating backyard hog-raising business.

Alinsub added that the city government is ready to indemnify the affected hog raisers as Mayor Mercado has set aside P5 million for this purpose.

He said that among the factors that they are looking for the infection of the pigs include the village's proximity to the city government-owned



Maasin City Mayor Naccional Mercado presided a meeting as the city reported of its first-ever cases of African Fever Swine(ASF) on March 4. The city mayor issued several orders like prohibition of pigs' movement from Brgy. Ibarra, the affected village, in order to halt any possible spread of the virus in the city.

(MAYOR NAACCIONAL MERCADO FACEBOOK)

slaughterhouse, the ambulant pig services that come and go to the village, and foul feeds.

"This is the first time ever that Maasin City recorded ASF cases since it was detected in the country. But we see to it that it will not spread to other barangays in the city as the city mayor has instituted several measures," the city veterinary said.

City Mayor Mercado, which activated the city's ASF Task Force, immediately enforced measures to ensure that the infection will not further spread.

Among these measures include the activation of barangay responders; the establishment of checkpoints to prevent the entry and exit of pigs, pork, and pork products in Brgy. Ibarra; and to set

up temporary movement control measures to avoid movement of swine to and from the said village.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA/ JOEY A. GABIETA)

ChEd says over 120,000 college students now fully vaccinated

TACLOBAN CITY - The Commission on Higher Education (ChEd) said that there are now 120,758 students in tertiary education across the region who are fully vaccinated.

Narciso Candiza, ChEd education supervisor II, made this disclosure during his appearance before the Leyte provincial inter-agency task force.

He said that in Leyte, there are now 54,150 college students who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

He, however, did not say as to how many college students in the province enrolled for this academic year.

As the region's cases of COVID-19 appear to be decreasing, several higher education institutions have applied before ChEd for them to allow to conduct face-to-face classes.

However, only fully vaccinated students are to be allowed to participate

the in-person classes while those who have only received their first dose still to continue to attend their classes online.

Candiza also said that there are now 6,700 teaching personnel and 11,906 non-teaching personnel

across the region who are fully vaccinated.

Meantime, 20,567 college students in Northern Samar are considered as fully vaccinated; 14,343 in Eastern Samar; 11,215 students in Samar; 10,386 in Southern Leyte; and 9,917

students in Biliran.

Among the state universities in the region, only the Biliran Island Province State University in Naval, Biliran had implemented the limited face-to-face classes.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Relaxed rules to hasten coco debris clearing in Leyte


TACLOBAN CITY - The Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) is eyeing to speed up the clearing of trees damaged by Typhoon 'Odette' with more simplified process to secure a permit to cut coconut trees.

PCA Eastern Visayas regional manager Joel Pilapil on Friday said the typhoon-ravaged provinces of Southern Leyte and Leyte are among the areas in the country covered by a memorandum that will

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TYPHOON-HIT. Some of the fallen coconut trees in Hinundayan, Southern Leyte in this Dec. 23, 2021 photo, just a week after Typhoon Odette. The Philippine Coconut Authority is eyeing to fast-track the clearing of trees damaged by the typhoon with the simplified process of the issuance of a permit to cut coconut trees. (Photo courtesy of Isidro Mendoza)



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When the rains come

Rains are natural occurrences especially when there are weather disturbances such as low pressure areas and storms, and are not within our control, but their consequences are something that need not trouble us naturally as they can be remedied and mitigated using our capacity and initiatives.

For the past few days, Tacloban city and its nearby towns and cities had been visited by rain showers and at times heavy downpours. Again, this weather phenomenon has been beyond our control, but neither were we able to prevent the consequences despite the fact that we can do some things about them, either to mitigate or prevent them from paralyzing our activities and daily chores.

What are these consequences of rains that we can control yet are unable to do so? Foremost, of course, is flooding. These past days when rains were frequent, many areas in Tacloban were flooded, with the flood waters taking long to subside. In Catbalogan, mud water floods the streets. We may say, these are just common in low-lying areas, but even so,

there should have been appropriate actions done to address such a common problem. It’s up to the agencies concerned to assess and study these woes so that proper steps can be taken.

Landslides or mudslides are another consequence of frequent rains. These could be negligible when occurring in remote areas, away from human habitation and infrastructures. But when they directly affect communities, they could be disastrous and life-threatening. But again, despite their devastating effects, they can be prevented from destroying lives and properties. That’s why in other countries, they make sure these are properly tamed. In our country, however, problems like these just prove rather recurrent.

The list of these consequences could still prolong, but just like the major ones mentioned above, they are neither addressed, hence our inability to confront them during rainy days. We just resort to executive orders declaring suspensions of work just because low-lying areas are not passable and mudslides are blocking the highways. Our work routines are paralyzed when the rains prevail.



Didactic Tales

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Offensive

Photos of Catholic “worship” services embellished with pink balloons, streamers, and other decorations endorsing the candidacy of VP Leni Robredo and Kiko Pangilinan, and attended exclusively by Leni support-

ers, are now widely documented in social media.

These are not just priests and nuns and other officials of the Roman Catholic church simply endorsing her candidacy and expressing their support for the

pink camp—these are religious activities inside the churches being mixed with political propaganda and campaign maneuverings, using the church venue, equipment, facilities, and the time schedules for worship services.

The justification of the concerned Catholic church officials is that other big religious organizations like the INC, El Shadai, the Kingdom Church of Qui-boloy, and some others are doing the same thing, so why can’t they? This claim, however, is openly inaccurate. Yes, other big church group leaders like the ones above tend to endorse their favored candidates, but they

do it outside their church—meaning, when it comes to their church worship services, they focus on the religious aspect only and never use their “holy” pulpits for dirty politicking.

That’s the big difference. Because instead of focusing on the religious and spiritual aspects, these concerned Roman Catholic churches are “desecrating” their “holy” altars with dirty politics which, in the Philippines, is even far filthier. Imagine having church services wholly dedicated to the “praise and worship” of a political candidate! In fact, some of their followers had even
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Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Beware of presumption and self-righteousness

YES, we have to be most wary of these two spiritual anomalies that can easily come to us. In that gospel episode where Christ talked about the last judgment, he told the goats—the evil men—that precisely they had these anomalies.

“Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels,” Christ said. “For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.

“Then they will answer and say, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs? He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’” (Mt 25,41-45)

We know that the anomaly of presumption leads us to think that since God is always merciful, compassionate and understanding, then we can do just about anything. We would immediately rationalize that God will always understand and forgive us of our sins that we could have avoided.

In fact, we would think that we have some kind of license to sin, since God is always merciful. A presumptuous person is usually a reckless, over-confident person. He is deaf and blind to the possibility of divine retribution. He most likely has a lax conscience.

We need to wage to life-long interior or ascetical struggle, since in this life we have to contend with all sorts of enemies of God and of our soul.

As long as we struggle interiorly, there is spiritual life, the very wellspring that produces the living water for our river of life. As long as we struggle interiorly, we can be assured of our fidelity to whatever commitment we have entered into. Interior struggle is essential and indispensable in our life.

We also should be most wary of the spiritual anomaly of self-righteousness. It usually takes advantage of our natural inclination to seek the truth, the good and the beautiful in life—in



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

President Biden's Invitation to PRRD -Did'ja know-

THAT Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel Romualdez went to Malacañang last Friday, 4 MAR 2022, carrying a formal Invitation letter from U.S. President Joe Biden. for our President Rodrigo Duterte to attend the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) LEADERS' SUMMIT in Washington USA on March 28th?

THAT the ASEAN LEADERS' SUMMIT is reportedly an important part of the United States' efforts to step up possible unity in the ASEAN Region as “Washington sees this to be critical to its efforts to curb China's growing power?”

THAT this ASEAN

short, what is right—and corrupts that inclination because it is not properly rooted on the ultimate source of righteousness who is God himself. It's so blinding that it can even assume the appearance of holiness.

Most prone to this illness are those with some special endowments in life, be it intelligence, talents, wealth, fame, power, health, beauty, etc. When all these gifts are not clearly grounded and oriented toward God, the source of all righteousness, the problem starts.

This is the irony of ironies because one can earnestly pursue the path of holiness and does practically everything to be good and holy, and yet ends up the opposite of what is intended. That's when one practically has the trappings of goodness and holiness and yet misses the real root of righteousness who is God.

This was well personified by the Pharisees, scribes and

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LEADERS' SUMMIT was supposed to be held much earlier, but the important meeting was delayed due to concerns over the Covid-19?

THAT of the Ten (10) Asean Nations, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam & the Philippines, at least Nine (9) are expected at said Summit?

THAT U.S. President Biden joined the ASEAN leaders in a virtual summit last year -- October 2021, the first time in four years Washington had engaged a relatively closer top level relations with the ASEAN Regional bloc?

THAT it was reported during said October virtual summit, that Pres-



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Few tips for Anti-Covid Vaccine `Nega' Pinoys

Hereunder are few tips and suggestions for unvaxxed persons, but feeling signs of Omicron-variant infection. Thus –

- Signs of symptoms such as fever, colds, cough, phlegm, and flu-like body malaise – take vitamin C(at least 1,000 mg daily;
- For fever, take Paracetamol (500 mg for adults) every 4 to 6 hours, along with Naproxen (a nonsteroidal and inflammatory drug), for 3 days;
- Sleep well, drink plenty of water, exercise;
- Stay clean and maintain cheerful disposition always

ident Biden pledged “to stand with ASEAN in defending freedom of the seas and democracy, and would start talks on developing a regional economic framework?”

THAT ASEAN previously signed a “comprehensive strategic partnership agreement with China; and a relatively similar arrangement with the United States, highlighting the regional bloc's efforts to balance its relations between Washington and Beijing?”

THAT it will be remembered that Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. had announced “that the Philippines' support for Washington will be granted strategic partnership status by the ASEAN?”

- BUT IT'LL BE RECALLED -

THAT the Philippines & the United States had a Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) in 1999, allowing the presence American troops to conduct joint military exercises in the Philippines?

THAT on February 2020, President Duterte terminated the agreement; but the termination process was suspended in

tion always

Do consult a licensed medical doctor for proper prescription of medicines mentioned. If not yet vaccinated, go to nearest government clinics for free of charge vaccine doses.

Make it point to wear good quality mask, keep the required person-to-person distancing and observe minimum IATF protocols to ward off COVID-19 and its variants. While reports have it that Omicron variant is known to have less harmful effects on the body, it does attack the air passages and the lungs.

November 2020 & was again suspended in June 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and emerging threats in the disputed South China Sea?

THAT the President decided to extend the suspension to “further study the move while both sides address his concerns regarding particular aspects of the agreement,” according to Locsin?

THAT The decision came after Philippine and US officials submitted to Duterte an “improved” version of the VFA, which Ambassador Romualdez said, officials had worked on over

It might be worthy of note that salutary effects are felt by persons who have taken VCO (virgin coconut oil), concoctions from certain herbal plants like lagundi (Vitex negundo), warm lukewarm water with lemon/citrus juice, selected veggies and fruits. Also, inhaling water vapor from steamed water, popular among Bisayans, with menthol and salt helps clear air passages normally hit by O-variant.

Over and above, I strongly recommend having ALL Filipinos get anti-COVID jabs – the vaccine have passed thorough laboratory validation and clinical trials by renowned bio-medical researchers. Remember that Omicron-variant transfer fast being airborne and is categorized as **dangerous and killer** COVID-19 mutant!

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NEXT TOPIC: “DOST Funds Anti-COVID Vaccines Research”

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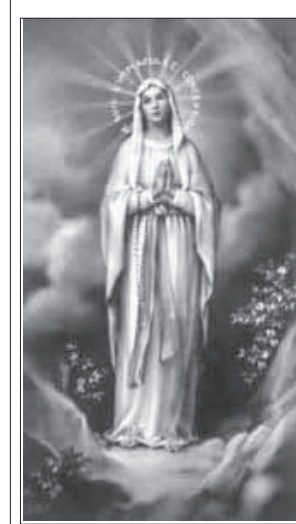
the past few months?

THAT as this Article is bring written 6 MAR 2022, President Duterte announced that “with the ongoing crisis between Russia & Ukraine, he will hold a “special meeting” with several of his cabinet members together with top military & police officers to discuss the situation in Ukraine; and what is evolving and happening in Europe...

AND, hopefully, he'd also announce whether (or not) he will go to the United

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



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

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

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

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

LPA...
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elementary and secondary schools in Tacloban.

Earlier, the city schools division announced on the readiness for the resumption of in-person classes, more than two years after the face-to-face classes were suspended due to the pandemic caused by coronavirus disease(COVID-19).

Private banks based in the city remained open while the two branches of the government-owned Land Bank of the Philippines-Tacloban branch were closed.

The mayors of the nearby towns of Palo, Tanauan, and Alangalang, all in Leyte, and in Caibiran, Biliran province also suspended works and classes in their respective municipalities due to the heavy rains.

In Northern Samar, flooding incidents were reported to have hit the towns of Lope de Vega, Catubig, San Roque, and the provincial capital of Catarman.

Flooding incidents were also reported in Calbayog City, Samar.

The Catarman (Northern Samar)-Calbayog (Samar) Road was rendered not passable due to the flooding.

Rise of flood water was also reported along the Arteche-Jipapad (Eastern Samar)-Las Navas-Rawis (Northern Samar) Road. **(with report Lizbeth Ann A. Abella)**



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SIMULTANEOUS SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FERNANDO BRIER extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land with a total land area of 2,259sq.m., located at Brgy. Lower Sogod, Carigara, Leyte covered under OCT No. P-63546 designated as Lot 2691, Case 7, Cad 499-D. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of VANISSA P. ZARTIGA as vendee of the above-described property, free from all liens and encumbrances, which sale are all hereby affirmed and confirmed. Per Doc No. 236, Page No. 48, Book No. 42, Series of 2021. Notary Public Ulpiano U. Arpon, Jr. *LSDE: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2022*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that CONCORDIO C. BAGION, heir of the late CONCORDIA MALABO executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a real property located at Atipolo, Naval, Biliran consisting an area of 0.152600 hectares with TD No. 00618. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of JUANITO S. MONTES, JR. married to KATRINA V. MONTES as vendees of the above-described property free from liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No. 232, Page No. 47, Book No. 1, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. *LSDE: March 1, 8 & 15, 2022*

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

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BERNARDINA CATUBAY extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Maybocog, Maydolong, Eastern Samar embraced by OCT No. P-4116 designated as Lot No. 1641, Cad 662-D containing an area of 3,557sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. RODELITO G. MUMAR & LAILA M. MUMAR as vendees of a portion equivalent to 330sq.m., more or less designated as Lot 1641-A. Per Doc No. 65, Page No. 14, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo. *LSDE: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2022*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that CESARIO DARANTINAO, heir of the late LUISA TAGPIS DARANTINAO executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a bank deposit at BDO Zamora, Tacloban City under Account No. 000990350746 in the amount of Php90,444.80. Per Doc No. 110, Page No. 23, Book No. 57, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Ismael C. Lloren. *LSDE: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ADELA A. ROMERO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land particularly described as: 1) Lot No. 8703-E-1, Psd-08-011834-D situated at Brgy. Gacat, Baybay, Leyte under TCT No. TP-23034 containing an area of 1,903sq.m., more or less; 2) Lot No. 10324-C, Csd-08-005717-D situated at Brgy. Gacat, Baybay, Leyte covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-60733 containing an area of 776sq.m., more or less. Per Doc No. 819, Page No. 164, Book No. LXII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan G. Gervoso. *LSDE: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2022*

SELF-ADJUDICATION OF THE ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that FELICITAS C. DAGAMI, heir of the late DIONESIA CABERO executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Gen. Antonio Luna, Mayorga, Leyte designated as Lot 1448, Case-7, Cad 1017-D covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. CARP2016000455 containing a total area of 5,468sq.m. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of ARNIE I. CALAMAYA as vendee of a portion equivalent to 200sq.m., from the above-described property free from liens and encumbrances of whatever nature. Per Doc No. 33, Page No. 08, Book No. VIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Rex L. Flores, RN. *LSDE: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MELITON BERRES executed an Extrajudicial Settlement over a parcel of undivided one-seventh share of land designated as Lot No. 2066 with improvements thereon situated at Bo. Pangdan, Catbalogan, Samar containing an area of 298,849sq.m., covered by TD No. 20968 and heirs hereby CONFIRMED the sale of the said property unto Rogelio Palacio married to Sinforosa Berres. Per Doc No. 371, Page No. 76, Book No. XXII, Series of 1976. Notary Public Atty. Hermenegildo Llemos. *LSDE: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. EXPEDITO B. DOMALAON and LUCILA D. DOMALAON extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land, designated as Lot No. 69-H-1-A, located at Brgy. Airport Village, Catarman, Northern Samar, containing an area of 135 square meters, covered by Certificate of Title No. 2016000193 and one storey residential building covered by Tax Dec. ARP No. 2012 06002 00601, located at Brgy. Airport Village, Catarman, Northern Samar, and heirs executed a waiver in favor of co-heir brother EDMUNDO D. DOMALAON, the above-described property; per Doc. No.161, Page No. 33, Book No. I, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Jayvee Wilfred C. Baya. *LSDE: March 1, 8 & 16, 2022*

Leyte SDS pays a visit to Mahaplag I District

BY: NOIME M. SANTOS

The Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) of Leyte Division, Dr. Manuel P. Albaladejo, pays a visit to Mahaplag 1 District, including schools located at far-flung barangays in Mahaplag, Leyte, last February 3-4, 2022.

Together with the Mahaplag 1 District Head, Ernesto G. Mayol, and some of the school heads of Mahaplag 1 District, they had visited first the farthest schools of the district—the Hinagumitan Elementary School which is 25 km from Mahaplag proper, Bayugan ES 15 km from Hinagumitan, Himamara ES 2 km from Bayugan, and Tagaytay ES which is 5 km from Himamara.

It took them one working day to reach these four farthest schools in the district.

On the second day, they were able to visit Mahaplag Central School, San Vicente ES, Campin ES, Upper ES, Upper National High School, Palanogan ES, Malipoon ES, Paril ES, Quatro De Agosto ES, Liberacion ES, Magsuganao ES, and Hilusig ES.

This visit was part of the Managing Performance Accountability (MPA) program, which main purpose is to bridge information and keep educators informed, involved, and updated through team responsive assistance/

action on various employee-related concern in Leyte Division schools.

Along with this, is the on-site pre-validation for the expansion of face-to-face classes, stipulated by the School Safety Assessment Tool (SSAT) guidelines for every school in the district.

Within his visit, the SDS were able to determine four schools in Mahaplag Leyte that will undergo the validation process to be able to offer limited face-to-face classes.

Upon meeting 80-100% of the SSAT guidelines, Tagaytay ES, Bayugan ES, Upper ES, and Mahaplag National High School- Upper were recommended by the SDS for onsite validation.

This recommendation from the SDS brought so much joy to these four schools, more specifically the Upper ES.

With the collaborative efforts of the School's administration headed by Mr. Resin T. Santos, teachers, GPTCA officials headed by Rev. Fr. Jelvin Cabahug, stakeholders, parents, and barangay officials headed by Hon. Antonio Terol the preparation for expansion of limited face-

to-face class is now on its second step for approval.

Overall, the teachers and the school administrators of Mahaplag 1 District of Leyte Division were glad to be visited by the SDS of Leyte and were able to receive technical assistance on their preparation for the expansion of the

limited face-to-face classes. With those inputs they have heard, the Mahaplag 1 District educators are now ready to face the challenges that are about to start.

(Note: the author is a Master Teacher II of the Upper Elementary School, Upper, Mahaplag, Leyte

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

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 **AIKHEN E. LAPINGCAO** has filed with this Office, a Petition for Correction of entry in his/her sex: from **FEMALE** to **MALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) of **AIKHEN ESCORIAL LAPINGCAO** at Tacloban City and whose parents are **VILMA A. ESCORIAL** and **ROBERTO C. LAPINGCAO JR.**

Any person having knowledge and/or claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(Sgd.) IMELDA A. ROA
City Civil Registrar

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President...

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States, as personally invited by U.S. President Joe Biden, for the ASEAN LEADERS SUMMIT on March 28, 2022 -- 28 MARCH 2022 -- the 77th Birthday President Rodrigo Duterte!

This Columnist's ADVANCE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE!

And so, as my usual end to my Articles, *Abangan ang Susunod na Kabanata!*

Beware...

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other elders during the time of Christ. They preferred to stick to their own ideas of goodness and holiness, their own laws and traditions, and went all the way not only to be suspicious of Christ, always finding fault in him, but also to finally crucify him.

A passage from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans can serve as a graphic description of this sad phenomenon. "Claiming to be wise, they became fools," (1,22) he said.



NOTICE OF AUCTION

All unredeemed pledges left during the month of JUNE 2021 of the following RD PAWNSHOP, INC. branches will be sold at Public Auction on March 8, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. at the following branches:

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- o Gomez St., Brgy. 17, Tacloban City
- o San Salvador St., Cavite East, Palo, Leyte
- o Real St., Brgy. San Antonio, Poblacion, Alang-alang, Leyte
- o Real St., Tanauan, Leyte
- o San Nicolas St., Guiuan, Eastern Samar
- o Pier 1, Curry Ave., Catbalogan City
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- o Nijaga St., Brgy. Central, Calbayog City
- o Magsaysay Blvd., Brgy. Balud, Calbayog City
- o M.H. Del Pilar St., Catarman Northern Samar
- o Brgy. Dumalo-ong, Gandara Samar
- o Brgy. Sabang, Allen Northern Samar
- o Brgy. Zone 6, Poblacion, San Roque Northern Samar
- o Brgy. 04, Taft Eastern Samar
- o Brgy. Sungko, Borongan City
- o Brgy. 8, Poblacion, Giporlos, Eastern Samar
- o Brgy. 8, Salcedo, Eastern Samar
- o San Agustin St., District 8, Burauen, Leyte
- o Marabut St., Brgy. Baybay, Basey, Samar

Soldier wounded in an attack staged by NPA rebels in Catubig, Northern Samar

CATARMAN, Northern Samar- A soldier was wounded after their group was attacked by an armed group suspected to be members of the New People's Army (NPA) in Catubig town, Northern Samar on Saturday night.

Based on the report from the 20th Infantry Battalion, which is based in Las Navas town, the attack took place while the soldiers were having a dialogue with the residents of Barangay CM Recto at around 9:30 pm.

The attack resulted for the villagers to scamper for their safety with the soldiers engaging the undetermined number of rebels to a firefight.

The firefight resulted in the wounding of Sgt. Gleen Amado, 35, on his neck.

The wounded soldier is now at the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital in Catarman and declared out of danger by his attending physician.

Lt.Col. Joemar Buban, the battalion commander of the 20th IB, condemned

the attack staged by the rebels saying that despite of the presence of the civilians, they still fired at the soldiers.

The rebels were said to have been led by alias 'Ka Estela' whose group is said to be conducting extortion activities in the area like demanding food supplies and money from the locals.

(EUGENE M. ENANO)

E. Samar ELCAC priority barangays; adjust to less fund

BORONGAN CITY-Eastern Samar barangays especially in Balangkayan town somehow just adjusted to the P4 million National Task Force - End Local Communist Armed Con-

flict (NTF-ELCAC) fund instead of P20 million.

This was more or less the comment of Balangkayan town Mayor Allan Contado when asked by local media VWMN broadcaster Eden Cidro at the Network Briefing News hosted by Bing Kimpo on Friday, February 11.

"There was frustration on the part of our RCSP barangays but we explained the situation to them and they understood," he said.

It will be remembered that in the past years, ELCAC focused barangays were allotted P20-M each,

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created images of VP Leni in a saintly cloak and labeled as "Mama Leni", as if elevating her to the level of their "Mama Mary". This, in biblical terms, is blasphemous, sacrilegious in religious terms. Not only that, but some parish priests had even ordered their parishioners to not come to church if they did not support the candidacy of Leni.

That's too much, according to some faithful members who happened to have other candidates to support. That to them is so offensive. Some have been expressing their dismay over this abusive religious political interference. It reminds them, they say, of the friars depicted by Rizal in his novels, accusing these concerned priests as descendants of Padre Damaso, the most abusive rapist-priest in Noli me Tangere.

Good if these priests do not make mistakes in cata-

PSA launches e-GAD corner on National Women's Month

The Philippine Statistics Authority - Regional Statistical Services Office VIII (PSA - RSSO 8) launched its e-GAD Corner during the National Women's Month (NWM) Opening Ceremony on 01 March 2022.

As discussed by Miguelito A. Cua, Information Systems Analyst of PSA - RSSO 8, the e-GAD Corner is one of the innovations in the contents of the PSA - RSSO 8 website.

The e-GAD Corner can be found in the drop-down menu of the E-Library/Publications section. It was designed to make sex-disaggregated data accessible to stakeholders and the general public.

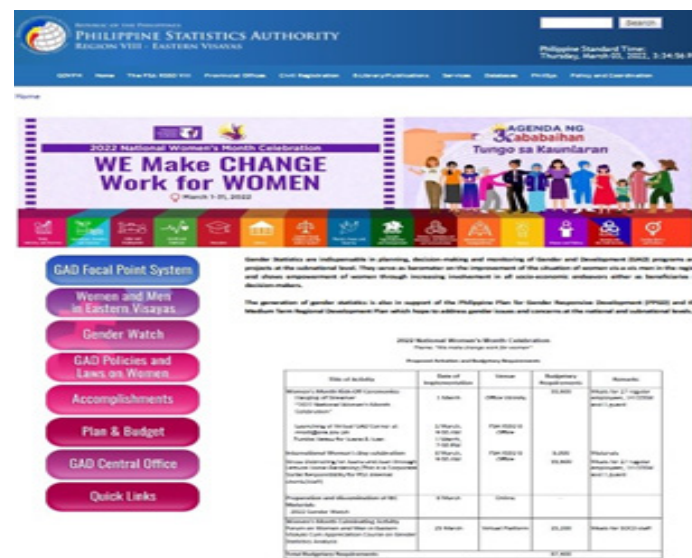
These data were compiled from various administrative-based data of national government agencies as well as PSA surveys and censuses.

The site also showcases the policies and laws governing the welfare and protection of women in the Philippines and highlights the corresponding plans and budget of PSA - RSSO 8, in particular, in response to this mandate.

The link to GAD Central Office will navigate

pulating candidates to power. They have been doing similarly before, particularly during the candidacy of Cory Aquino—but when she grabbed the presidency, she ended up as one of the worst presidents this country has ever had. Her administration was a great failure, according to her very own vice president, Salvador "Doy" Laurel. She was a Catholic-endorsed candidate, yet she failed their expectations. And it seems that, up to now, the Catholic Church figures supporting VP Leni have not yet learned their lesson.

The common suggestion of Catholic faithful who support other candidates is for their church leaders to never use their church facilities as political campaign venues. It offends them so much to the point that some are just contemplating on transferring to other religious sects as they cannot stomach what their leaders are doing.



researchers further to the various narratives regarding the state of women as gleaned from statistics. Quick links will direct browsers to the website of the Philippine Commission on Women.

Dir. Wilma A. Perante of PSA - RSSO 8 led the agency's virtual opening ceremony and discussed in her NWM message the policy guidelines for the annual conduct of this activity and the NWM subtheme, "Agenda ng Kababaihan

Tungo sa Kaunlaran".

Mae R. Almonte, chief statistical specialist of the Statistical Operations and Coordination Division (SOCD), stressed in her opening speech the importance of recognizing women's role and contribution in nation-building.

Zonia C. Salazar, supervising statistical specialist, presented the activities in store for the month-long celebration, and led the zumba in the afternoon. **(PR)**

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take effect for one year beginning March 2, 2022.

Memorandum Circular No. 02 calls for "a moratorium on the issuance of a regular permit to cut coconut trees and in lieu thereof, the issuance of (a) special permit to cut coconut trees in areas Directly Hit by Typhoon Odette in Regions 4-A (Calabarzon), 6 (Western Visayas), 7 (Central Visayas), 8 (Eastern Visayas), 10 (Northern Mindanao), and 13 (Caraga)."

Pilapil added applicants can now secure a special permit instead of regular permit to cut and transport coconut lumber within the province.

Approval can be done at the PCA provincial office and not through the PCA regional office under the regular process.

"This will entice processors since it is free to secure special permit. It will lead to the fast-tracking of debris clearing and return of farming activities quickly," Pilapil said in a message sent to the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

The memorandum only covers coconut trees classified

as totally damaged and beyond recovery in towns badly hit by the typhoon as reported in the final rapid evaluation.

Coconut lumber processors and traders are required to donate 10 percent of their processed lumber to local government units in support of shelter rebuilding efforts.

Pedro Aquino Jr., PCA regional technical unit officer, said there are some 3.59 million coconut trees in Southern Leyte and Leyte provinces classified as totally damaged.

Of the number, only 3,469 trees have been processed into lumber nearly three months after the typhoon crossed Leyte Island on Dec. 16, 2021.

The typhoon has destroyed the livelihood of 82,370 coconut farmers in the Southern Leyte and Leyte provinces.

Other provinces covered are Palawan, Antique, Guimaras, Negros Occidental, Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Bukidnon, Camiguin, Misamis Oriental, Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Island, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur. **(PNA)**

A Risk for Good

BY: RESIN T. SANTOS

In every successful endeavor there always a step that requires risk.

After two years of battling with the adverse effects of COVID-19 pandemic, educators are now engaged in the expansion of limited face-to-face classes nationwide.

With President Duterte's approval of the Department of Education's (DepEd) recommendation for the progressive expansion of face-to-face classes, Education Secretary Leonor M. Briones has authorized all regional directors to commence the progressive expansion phase of face-to-face classes for both public and private schools in the country1.

However, there are interim guidelines that every institution must follow to be able to operate a limited-face-to-face classes.

First, the school must undergo with a validation and must be compliant with the standards of School Safety Assessment Tool (SSAT).

Second, the school must be in areas under alert levels 1 and 2 based on the periodic risk assessment by the Department of Health (DOH).

Third, the school may already include other grade levels based on the capacity of schools. Fourth, the school or division must be

secured the concurrence of the local chief executive on the city or municipality where the expansion school is located, and the school must also have taken the proper coordination with their respective barangay officials.

Fifth, students participating in the face-to-face classes must have the written consent of their parents.

Sixth, the school is given flexibility in contact time for teaching and learning, provided the meals are not taken in school except during managed recess.

Then, only vaccinated teachers may participate, and vaccinated learners shall be preferred to attend the limited face-to-face classes2.

With these validation requirements and interim guidelines which every institution must pass, the DepEd assures the safety of the learners and educators in the implementation of the limited face-to-face classes.

However, there are still some factors that might affect the success of this expansion. As long as COVID-19 is still in action, there is always a risk to face with this implementation.

(Note: The author is a head teacher III of the Upper Elementary School, Upper, Mahaplag, Leyte)

U.S., partners introduce innovations to accelerate progress in ending HIV epidemic

Manila-The United States government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is working with the Department of Health and other partners to introduce innovations to help end the HIV epidemic in the Philippines.

USAID, through its Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) project, and its partners recently launched QuickRes.org, a website that allows clients to easily book health services such as HIV testing and treatment in the Philippines.

The website also helps health facilities manage clinic appointments and HIV-related care. It has already been successfully rolled out in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.

USAID also led a series of webinars for people living with HIV and healthcare workers about a highly effective new HIV treatment regimen called TLD (Tenofovir, Lamivudine, and Dolutegravir). TLD has fewer side effects than other HIV treatment regimens and is considered the gold standard in HIV treatment.

According to the World Health Organization, HIV infections in the Philippines increased by 200 percent between 2010 and 2018. While there is

no available cure for HIV/AIDS, numerous advances have led to stronger prevention and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk for it.

"Both TLD and the QuickRes online booking platform are game changers when it comes to HIV work in the Philippines. Together with existing efforts, these two could help the country meet the global target of ending the HIV epidemic by 2030," said USAID Philippines Health Office Director Michelle Lang-Alli.

USAID, PEPFAR, and their partners are also planning other community events to reach more people living with HIV to help them stay within their treatment program and safely transition to TLD. USAID will continue to work with key stakeholders, partners, and members of the people living with HIV community to realize the vision of a future free of new HIV infections and improved quality of life for all people living with HIV.

"We want people to know that HIV treatment works. With consistent HIV treatment, people living with HIV can lead full, long, and healthy lives, without being afraid of passing it on to the people they care about," said Lang-Alli. "Everyone should be able to live freely—free from fear, labels, or hurdles that keep them from being healthy. We should be free to be ourselves. You should be free to be you." (PR)

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but lawmakers reduced the fund to P4-M each barangay declared to be insurgency-free.

The mayor told PIA that the barangays included in the ELCAC program were Caisawan, Malvar, Magsaysay and Cantubi which are all geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas

(GIDA).

"The decrease in funds for NTF-ELCAC somehow affected the barangays which adjusted their proposed projects because initially, a certain amount was relayed to them and they proposed big-ticket projects but when the amount was reduced, they identified smaller projects that will fit in the budget."

He added that some barangays targeted water systems which is costly

Children in Samar town received gifts from JCI Tacloban

TACLOBAN CITY – Over 30 children from Barangay Barruz in Matuguinao town, Samar received gifts from the local police and the Junior Chamber International Tacloban Love, Inc. (JCI).

The gift-giving activity, held last Saturday (March 5) and dubbed as "Barangayanihan Caravan and MaTOYguinao Uyagan Kalipayan" benefited more than 30 day care pupils from Brgy. Barruz.

The children, aside from receiving gifts and foods, also were taught on oral hygiene and handwashing.

The personnel from the Rural Health Office also conducted deworming, measles vaccination, weighing, and giving of vitamins to the participating children.

Barruz barangay chairman Sofriano Guldo expressed his gratitude to the groups, for visiting their village and conducting their gift-giving activity.

JCI president Marielle Valenzona thanked the local officials of Barruz, and to the personnel of the Matuguinao police office, under the leadership of Captain Orlando Cañada, for helping them make the activity successful.

Valenzona added that

because the water source is distant, the barangays then just proposed other projects like barangay health stations, day care centers, and other less costly projects.

With this, Mayor Allan Contado added that he wished the next President will continue to support ELCAC to help more barangays. (NBQ/PIA Eastern Samar)



Around 30 children from Brgy. Barruz in Matuguinao, Samar received gifts from the Junior Chamber International Tacloban Love, Inc. The children were also taught on proper handwashing and oral hygiene. (JCI Tacloban)

they hope to return to the village and do a different project for the community.

Also joining the activity were personnel of the 12SAB 123rd SAC PNP Special Action Force, and members of the Sirak Kabataan.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



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