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Cultural events resume 2 years after hiatus

Tacloban marks 133rd fiesta in honor of Santo Niño

JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY-After two years of lull festive celebrations due to the pandemic, this city will mark its 133rd fiesta celebration on June 30 in honor of its patron, Senior Santo Nino de Tacloban, with pomp albeit with health protocols to be strictly followed.

Another cause for celebration is this is the first time that the city will have its fiesta with the elevation of its main church, the Santo Nino church, as an archdiocesan shrine.

On June 30, the day of the fiesta celebration, Archbishop John Du will preside the Pontifical Concelebrated Mass at 9:30 am expected to be participated by priests not only from the Santo Nino parish but even from those within the Archdiocese of Palo.

Top officials of the city and Leyte, notably City Mayor Alfred Romualdez and Leyte Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez are also expected to grace the Pontifical Concelebrated Mass.

After the Mass, at around 2 pm, a fluvial procession will be held. This will be followed in the evening at 6 pm another Pon-

tifical Concelebrated Mass to be presided by Bishop Maryvn Maceda of San Jose de Antique.

Annabelle Bardot Atilo, the city tourism coordinator, said that the city's Sangyaw Festival Parade will resume as part of the cultural presentation relative to the fiesta.

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SANTO NINO DE TACLOBAN. After two years of hiatus, Tacloban City will be celebrating its 133rd fiesta with much joy. Aside from it will be the first time that the parish will celebrate the fiesta with the elevation of Santo Nino church into an archdiocesan shrine, cultural events are being staged which were restricted due COVID-19 pandemic.

More parents of child laborers in Tacloban get livelihood grants

TACLOBAN CITY-As a strategic response to end child labor, the city government thru Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) facilitated the distribution of livelihood starter kits to 51 parents of child laborers in this city last June 17.

The beneficiaries, mostly from the northern part of Tacloban, are composed of (48) rice retailers, (1) sewer, (1) welder, and (1) agrivet feeds vendor. Items turned over include agrivet feeds, sewing machine, and welding necessities. Meantime, each rice

retailer took home a weighing scale and 8 sacks of rice during the formal turn-over at Plaza Rizal.

DOLE Internal Management System Division Chief Marites Viñas, representing Regional Director Henry Jalbuena, and designate assistant city administrator Marivic Adornado, who stood on behalf of Mayor Alfred Romualdez led the said awarding with PESO Development Management Officer Katherine Singzon.

Viñas, in her message, emphasized that the starter kits awarded to the parents of the child laborers are for them to generate additional income to prevent their kids from working and to be able



MAYOR ALFRED ROMUALDEZ

to focus on their education. "Hindi po namin ito (livelihood grant) ibinibigay para magpatuloy ang inyong mga anak na maging

manggagawa. Sapagkat gusto po natin na ang mga bata

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3 PNP regional offices donate close to P2 million to 'Agaton' survivors

BAYBAY CITY- Three regional offices of the Philippine National Police (PNP) have raised around P2 million that were donated to families who were affected by Typhoon 'Agaton' that hit this city and the neighboring town of Abuyog last April of this year.

Of the P1.85 million, P600,000 was from Cagayan Valley regional police office; P1.07 million from Cordillera police regional office; and P187,926 from the Bicol police regional office.

Last June 12, the amount raised was distributed to the intended beneficiaries wherein each of them received P6,000.

Police Lt. Col. Alex Daaco, Leyte police provincial director and rep-

resenting police regional director B/Gen. Bernard Banac, led in the distribution of the financial assistance.

At least 167 families from this city and 139 from Abuyog received the financial assistance from the PNP.

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5 Samar villages previously under NPA control benefited 'serbisyo caravan' initiated by the military and other gov't agencies

TACLOBAN CITY - Hundreds of residents from five villages in the town of Villareal, Samar benefited from various services offered during a 'serbisyo' caravan initiated by the government forces.

Aside from the residents of Barangay Plaridel, where the occasion was held last June 16, residents of the nearby villages of Bino-ongan, Inarumbacan, Pacao, and Lawa-an also enjoyed the caravan.

These villages used to have a strong presence of communist New People's Army reason they were given a priority of their serbisyo caravan, Col. Lenart Lelina, the brigade commander of the 801st Infantry Brigade based in Hinabangan, Samar.

Lelina said that these villages are now cleared

as the guerilla front had already been dismantled.

"The organizations that they set up were disbanded and they themselves said that they were members of the NPAs. They have now withdrawn their support and membership in the NPAs," he said.

Services offered were medical consultations, dispensing of medicines and vitamins, circumcision, dental services, COVID-19 vaccination, appliance repair, distribution of food packs, free haircut, and massage.

Vegetable seedlings were also distributed to residents, and free mobile registration.

Children were also given meals provided by a popu-

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House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez (left) administers the oath of office for elected officials of Eastern Samar. From (right) are Can-avid SB Member Norberto Hobayan, Dolores Mayor Rodrigo Rivera, and Can-avid Mayor Vilma Aseo Germino during the oath taking ceremony at Lakas-CMD headquarters in Mandaluyong City(VER NOVENO)

VSU is 1st to obtain the highest university rank in the Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY- The Visayas State University (VSU) in Baybay City has become the first institution in both Visayas and Mindanao to obtain Level IV accreditation, the highest university status given by the Accredited Agency for Chartered Colleges and Universities of the Philippines (AACCUP).

"We keep pushing for program and institutional accreditation because we believe that this will provide important inputs for the continued development of our delivery of core functions in instruction, research, and extension," said VSU president Edgardo Tulin.

"More than a bragging right for VSU, I see this achievement more as a benchmarking tool that is valuable for future improvements of all the things we do in the university. There's still so much to work on to achieve our goal of global competitiveness, and we should start with accreditation as a foundation of bringing that vision into reality," he added.

The board of trustees of AACCUP granted the Level IV status of VSU on June 20 of the current year after they validated the



university's research centers and key offices.

AACCUP, the biggest accreditation body for state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the country, evaluated the university through nine key areas: governance and management; teaching, learning, and evaluation; faculty and staff; research; extension, consultancy, and linkages; support to students; library; infrastructure and other learning resources; and quality assurance culture.

An institution must obtain a grand mean score of 4.5 with no area scoring below 4.0. to receive a Level IV status.

"As of April 2022, a total of 66 out of 80 undergraduate and graduate courses of VSU or 97 percent of

degree programs have been subjected to AACCUP accreditation across the VSU system," the university said.

"Sixteen of these programs have been granted Level IV status, 12 for Level III, 19 for Level II, 30 for Level I, while 12 programs are new curricular offerings that need revision before it becomes eligible for pro-

gram accreditation," it added.

AACCUP also named VSU as the 2021 top-performing institution in the Philippines for garnering the most number of Level IV accredited courses in both graduate and undergraduate levels.

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Eastern Samar Gov. Evardone seeks DTI intervention amid oil price increases

TACLOBAN CITY- With the spiraling of fuel prices, Eastern Samar Governor Ben Evardone is asking concerned government agencies to look into the matter saying this will surely impact the consumers.

It was learned from the governor that diesel price in the province, particularly in the capital city of Borongan, has now breached to P101 on Tuesday (June 22).

"I have called the Department of Trade and Industry to look on this. The high cost of fuel will definitely have an impact on all sectors," Evardone said.

For his part, Borongan City Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda expressed his alarm on the increase of gas prices saying that it has already resulted, among others, in the increase of power rate in the province.

"This will refrain ordinary commuters to travel which will impact the livelihood of the drivers," he added.

Agda said that as part of their intervention to the drivers that will be affected by the soaring gas prices, the city government is offering credit financing who



GOV. BEN EVARDONE

will engage in the agriculture-related businesses.

Gas prices are also increasing in other major cities of the region like in Tacloban in Leyte, Catbalogan and Calbayog, both in Samar; and Maasin in Southern Leyte.

Gas prices in these cities ranged from P85 like in Tacloban to P99.99 in Maasin and Catbalogan.

Wilson Uy, who owns a chain of gasoline stations in Tacloban City, said that the adjustment of prices is dictated on what's happening at the world market.

"It is the world market that dictates the fuel prices in the Philippines. We the gasoline owners felt the hardship due to the increasing fuel prices and additional financial capital into the business. As the fuel price increases, our buying power decreases and people tend to cut their fuel consumption," he said. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

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COMELEC to resume voter registration on July

TACLOBAN CITY- In anticipation for the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE), the Commission on Elections (Comelec) will reopen the voter registration next month.

As part of the commission's preparation, the registration period starts on July 4, 2022 and will run until July 23, 2022 based on the resolution approved by the Comelec en banc.

During the 3-week registration, the Election Offices will cater the registrants from 8:00 in the morning until 5:00 in the

afternoon during Mondays thru Saturdays.

All kinds of applications will be accepted during the registration period, which includes new registration, transfer, and correction of entries.

Youth who are least 15 years old but not more than 30 years of age and are residing in the barangay for at least 6 months on or before the elections are qualified to register for Sangguniang Kabataan.

In 2016, the Barangay and SK elections were deferred to 2018. Then a law was signed again to move the May 2020 Barangay and SK elections to December 2022. (PR)

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MG Philippines launches new original song entitled "Coming Home," now available on spotify, youtube music

The Covenant Car Company, Inc. (TCCCI) - MG Philippines - MG Philippines enters the second half of 2022 on a high note with the launch of a new, original song entitled "Coming Home." The brand's soundtrack is an electro-pop single that is upbeat and energetic, featuring a driving rap verse that invites listeners to visualize celebrations, family get-togethers, road trips, and the Filipino's penchant for coming together and being one in a festive setting.

"MG Philippines brings people together, and the song 'Coming Home' stems from this concept of being together. Filipino families are tight knit. Despite oftentimes dealing with physical distance between family members due to work obligations and other endeavors, 'family' and 'coming home' are regarded with the highest importance," says Atty. Alberto B. Arcil-

la, President and CEO of MG Philippines. "MG Philippines' first original song, 'Coming Home,' is dedicated to Filipinos here and all over the world. It is our hope that this uplifting tune becomes the soundtrack that fosters the joy of driving and togetherness."

"Coming Home" also alludes to MG Philippines' brand promise of offering modern, safe and attainable mobility options for Filipinos all over the country, and a reliable partner on their journeys back to their loved ones.

Since its launch in 2018, MG Philippines has regarded music as one of its brand pillars and a tool to establish a connection with Filipinos given our inherent love for music. This is best demonstrated by the brand's numerous MG Live! free concerts in key areas around the Philippines, which featured and celebrated some of the country's



- MG Philippines launches the brand's new song entitled "Coming Home" which is an ode to family, road trips, and the joy of driving
- Listen to "Coming Home" by MG Philippines on Spotify and YouTube Music. The song is may also be found on the music libraries of TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook

top OPM acts. MG Philippines rekindles the brand's organic association with music, while introducing a

song that embodies Filipino family values.

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Fiesta is here

The obvious flocking of visitors to Tacloban City, the various activities and shows, the proliferation of stalls and merchandising shops along strategic sidewalks, and the busy residents and all are indicative that the city is into something festive. That's right, it's the upcoming, annual fiesta celebration that the city is about to have.

No wonder why people are crowding everywhere, swelling like waves that rush to the seashore. It's not surprising at all because the natives of the city from all over the country, and even from overseas, tend to come home to join their loved ones in these yearly festivities. They bring with them their families, and so the fiesta celebration turns into a family reunion as well while clans are gathering themselves together.

In fact, besides these family members who have

been driven away by work or greener pastures but come to their ancestral homes are also oftentimes joined by friends and visitors who just want to see the place for the first time. It could be that visitors from various places are the very ones who comprise the most number of people we see in the malls, parks, hotels, markets, booths, and many others.

Come that day for the actual fiesta, their number could even double, or triple, because it's the time when they would troop to the church, then to the homes of friends and relatives for sumptuous meals. It's time for eating and drinking and singing and dancing, or whatever it is that their hosts had designed to do for the festivities. Theirs is to enjoy, to make the occasion memorable.

To our guests and visitors flocking to the city as the day nears, may your stay in the city be safe and enjoyable, indeed. Be extra careful against bad elements who might take the opportunity to launch their evil operations. Enjoy and be safe, everyone.



**Didactic
Tales**
DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Covid-19

Many sidays, or poems in English, have been written about COVID-19. I myself have had attempts. In this column now, please allow me to share one of my poems in Waray depicting and describing this virus and how it affected us. Its title is already given above. Here it is:
Tigda nala nga naghurugaw

an kalibutan han iya pag-abot, ginkakadiri, isinusuka, haros pagsabonon an katubigan, pag-arisan an hangin mawara la ini tikang ha pangitaan, ha pamati-an, o bisan nala ha pag-abat.

Nadum-itan hini an aton ginanghaw, namantsahan an aton mga palad, ginpriso kita ha aton

Waray man mata nga ha iya nakita, pero kon makadat-og, daw elepante nga gin-iipit iton dughan, iton likod, hasta nga it hangin nakalagiw, diri na mahinggot bis ano pa nga pagtininghak.

Nagkawagra an iba nga mga sakit ha iya paghadi han tanan nga balati-an

Again, it's more of a descriptive siday, in free verse. It makes us feel the virus, see it, and touch it, with the use of figures of speech. If I may ask, what figures of speech do you think are used in the lines of the poem? Do read it again to experience the poem better.

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mga tiyan nag-iinagurok,

panit daw nagkakalayo,
dughan ginkakagod hin ubo, mata ngan irong natabigis, but-ol in mangutngot, ngan kalawasan magsu-ol.

panlawas--an tigkuha han kinabuhi.

Ginpahilu-ag,
ginpahilarom an lubnganan han kadam-an,

ginpalaga an impyerno agud himuon an iya mga biktima sugad nga abo.



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

The sacred and the mundane

WE have to try to be constantly aware that everything good comes from God, and we therefore should treat them accordingly. Of course, with our human and temporal condition, we can make a distinction between the sacred and the mundane.

The sacred things refer to those that lead us directly to God. These things can be the sacraments, especially the Holy Mass, God's word as contained in Sacred Scripture and the doctrine taught by the Church, and even the sacramentals like the holy water crucifixes, etc. All the liturgical acts in the Church are also considered as sacred. We have to learn how to deal with the sacred things properly.

With the sacred, all we have to do is utmost reverence, putting all our faith in them, knowing that through natural and human elements, we are touching the supernatural dimension of our life, we are touching the very life of God.

We have to develop as early as possible a sense of the sacred in our life. We can develop this sense of the sacred when we remember that in any liturgical act, for example, no matter how handicapped by our human limitations and mistakes, we are actually doing and participating in the act of Christ, the act of the Church with all the saints and angels and the Christian faithful.

The mundane things refer to the temporal affairs of ours, like our business and politics, the sciences, arts and technologies, and all the materials involved there. While they may not deal directly with God, we have to understand that they are meant to be the

tools, instruments and occasions we have to bring us to God. Their relation to God should not be lost in our mind when we are dealing with them.

Yes, we need to develop a keen sense of the sacred, especially when we deal with the sacred things, and even when we are dealing with the mundane things. With the sacred things, Christ himself said it very clearly, "Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot, and turn and tear you to pieces." (Mt 7,6)

I believe that the same words can also be applied when referring to the mun-

dane things. We should not just treat them as if they are not vehicles and expressions of our faith and love for God and for others. In fact, given our objective relation with God, we have to realize more deeply that our involvement in these things is part of God's providence over all his creation. There is also something holy in them.

The mundane things, and more so the sacred things, are meant to bring us to God. They are an occasion to bring about our own sanctification, which is the ultimate purpose of our life here on earth, as well as to involve us in Christ's continuing work of redemption that necessarily involves us. Yes, we are all meant to be apostles to each other, since all of us are involved in the business of human redemption.

For all this, we certainly have to rev up our faith, our piety and devotion, even while immersed in our earthly affairs. We have to learn how to achieve that ideal and to avoid the tendency to be carried away by merely earthly forces, forgetting our duties toward God and others.



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RP's key mineral reserves increased to P378-B in 2021

The Philippines is endowed with rich mineral deposits, which if scientifically explored / mined could 'easily' raise the revenue it needs to pay its close to P13-T in international debt! This is the findings of leading Filipino geologists as corroborated by Filipino economists as well as foreign mineralogists.

Recent report about RP's key mineral reserves jumping to P378 Billion in 2021 is a living proof. The presence of 'A' class mineral resources al-

ready commercially recoverable such as Nickel, Copper, Gold, Chromite among others, all but increased by 32.3 percent in 2021 as reported by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

Accordingly, "Data from PSA's mineral accounts of the Philippines showed that the value of reserves of Class A nickel, copper, gold, and chromite amounted to P378.04 billion last year higher than the P285.1 billion registered in 2020."

Further, "the mineral



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Fiesta before it was called as Fiesta

No doubt Fiesta is a Hispanic term for the festivities and a banquet we have annually in honor of one *Patron* Saint. It comes as a day of thanksgiving and an opportune time to be together. The Waray-waray term *Patron* is actually more appropriate translation because *Pista* is deemed Tagalog or Bisanayan. For whatever its name, we love Fiestas, *Patron* and yes the frolic and fun with our family and friends.

In the website <https://ncca.gov.ph/about-culture-and-arts/in-focus/the-philippine-fiesta/> Reinerio Alba wrote an Article entitled in Focus Philippine Fiesta;

accounts of the Philippines aim to provide information on the stocks and changes in stock of the four metallic minerals. These accounts allow for the monitoring of the sustainability of the extraction of these valuable yet depletable natural assets."

MY COMMENTS:

True to the Philippines being referred to as the 'Pearl of the Orient Seas', its buried God-given treasures such as precious stones, minerals serve as the country's everlasting source of revenue if prudently and scientifically explored - reminder to In-coming Administration!

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The fiesta's popularity among the Filipinos traces its roots to the fact that even before Catholicism arrived in the country, the locals were already into celebratory feasts as recorded by Antonio Pigafetta, Miguel de Loarca and Pedro Chirino. The Maranao epic "Darangen," for one, tells of "a grand festival held in Bembaran" marked by the beats of agongs, voices of people and cannons booming in the distance. Spanish chronicler Fr. Joaquin de Coria also reported in 1872 of the locals' merriment after a great victory over their enemies that was celebrated for days with every kind of songs.

Heeding this key fact about the locals, the early missionaries in the country like the Jesuits and the Franciscans, used the candle-lit processions, dances, and music to draw the local people out from the rice fields (the country, being largely agricultural) into the center of the village. Reinhard Wendt culled from the Jesuit reports at the beginning of the 17th century an obser-

vation substantiating that the Jesuits definitely "went to every effort to turn the *fiestas* into crowd-pullers, attracting not only the local population, but also the people from neighboring and far-flung districts."

Here and now, we are aware of the fact that Fiesta is also an exponent of extravagance. Where can you find an event where every single house in your neighborhood offer free meals and drinks inclusive of entertainment? In Mexico, a fellow colony of the Spaniards food is also the cornerstone of its celebration, inclusive of sports activities and Mexican dress.

So in the light of Pre-Spanish times when Fiesta was unheard of, our people where engaged in activities that looks like a fiesta celebration. It develops a love of pageantry and celebration which indeed came before Fiesta. It was already a time where people meet families and celebrates, gather for thanksgiving as recorded by Antonio Pigafetta, Miguel de Loarca and Pedro Chirino. Perhaps in those times then original Filipinos knows how to have fun. And the festive mode would have continued even without the religious influence of the *Prayle*.

So next time you have fun and get into the Fiesta Extravaganza, remember our forebears even before the Spanish came were doing some of it in their crude yet happy ways !




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

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

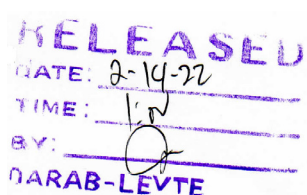
God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

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

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



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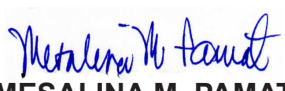
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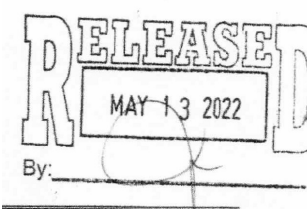
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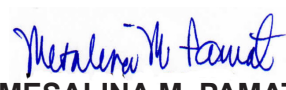
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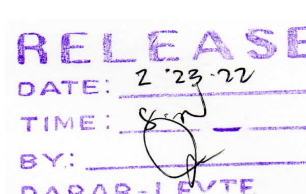
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NOTICE OF DECISION

CENON-TED PONGOS,

DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0010-2020**

Landowner,

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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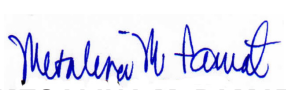
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SO ORDERED.

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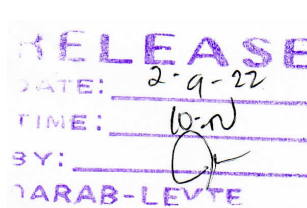
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ANASTACIO GUCELA,

DARAB CASE NO. **LV-0801-0012-2020**

Landowner,

FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

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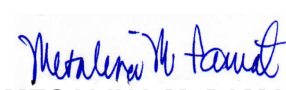
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EDC led in the signing of agreement aim to protect forest and wildlife of Carigara town

ORMOC CITY – A memorandum of agreement was signed by various entities which aim to protect the forests and wildlife of Carigara town.

The agreement, signed last June 21, was entered by various government entities like the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Interior and Local Government and Energy Development Corporation, the prime mover of the program.

The entities, as part of the agreement, formed the Multi-Sectoral Forest and Environmental Protection Committee (MEFPC).

It was learned that Carigara had 3,720 hectares of natural forest, extending over 66% of its land area back in 2010 but was reduced to just 906 hectares the following year.

The multi-sectoral council vowed to strengthen their collaboration to protect the remaining forest and biodiversity in the

town.

It will augment and support the limited manpower of the EDC and DENR-led forest protection team.

The forest in Carigara is a part of the geothermal reservation that EDC has been protecting where it operates the 711-megawatt (MW) Leyte Geothermal Project, the world's largest geothermal steam field that straddles between Ormoc City and Kananga town.

As a member of the MEFPC, EDC commits to organize a barangay forest protection brigade for the town's two barangays - Paglaum and Caghalo - and provide financial support and insurance to the members.

The company promised to continue its support to the host communities in the area through livelihood and capacity building activities which include refresher training of forest laws and regulations, forest fire prevention and control, and LAWIN training.

These are aside from the assistance that EDC extends to the committee in the enforcement of forestry and environmental laws, rules and regulations by rendering the aid needed to support the protection, conservation, and development of the forest and other natural resources through its BINHI greening legacy program.

BINHI is the country's biggest private sector-led initiative toward forest restoration and threatened species propagation program that EDC has been implementing since 2008.

"One very important lesson that we have learned over the years under the EDC BINHI program is that it is through strong partnership and collaboration that we can achieve our goals efficiently and effectively. By working hand in hand, we can ensure the verdant legacy of our Philippine native trees and a cleaner and greener future for our communities,

friends, and families," said Regina Victoria Pascual, vice president and head of EDC's Corporate Support Functions Group in her message during the MOA signing ceremony.

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This will be the first in two years that the festival will be staged as Tacloban and the rest of the world continue to battle the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

At present, Tacloban has no active COVID-19 cases though the City Health Office continues to remind the public to always strictly observe the minimum requirements like the wearing of the face mask with all public places still requiring the QR presentation.

It was learned from Atillo that for the Sangyaw Festival, 15 contingents with each having only a 30 per-

EDC's Leyte geothermal facility currently supplies more than 30% of the country's installed geothermal capacity. It is also responsible for putting the Philippines on the map as

the world's 3rd largest geothermal producer and has been providing a reliable supply of clean power to the Luzon and Visayas regions for almost 40 years.

(ELVIE ROMAN ROA)

formers are participating in this year's parade festival.

"All the participants are to showcase their performances at various malls in the city," she said, a departure from previous year's practice.

Atillo also disclosed that the parade will start at 3:30 pm beginning at Magsaysay Boulevard going to Real, Imelda, Rizal, Justice, and back to Magsaysay as the route.

This way, she said, the parade will not disturb church services during this time.

"That's the order of Mayor Romualdez," Atillo said.

Atillo also issued an appeal to the public that despite of the resumption

of the merriment, Taclobanons and the visitors should always practice the COVID-19 protocols.

More parents...

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ay magkaroon ng sapat na edukasyon," explained Viñas.

The program, funded by DOLE, seeks to contribute to poverty reduction and reduce the vulnerability to risks of the working poor, and marginalized workers either through emergency employment, promotion of entrepreneurship, and community enterprises.

(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **SPS. VICTORIO L. MAGPAYO AND PACIENCIA U. MAGPAYO** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land both situated at Brgy. Makiwalo, Mondragon, Northern Samar particularly described as; 1) Oct No. 16301 with an area of 9,744sq.m.; 2) OCT No. 8331 with an area of 13,646sq.m., Per Doc No. 399, Page No. 81, Book No. VII, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Franco Archie N. Tonog. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL DECLARATION OF HEIRS AND SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SHARING AGREEMENT
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **LUISA J. EBALES** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 3 parcels of land particularly described; 1) TD No. 08-33002-00186, Lot 1, Psu-189469 situated at Sitio Tagalwahan, Brgy. Capinahan, San Isidro, Leyte with an area of 67,175sq.m.; 2) OCT No. P-26356, TD No. 08-33002-00188, Lot 2, Psu-189469 situated at Bo. Kabunga-an, Isidro, Leyte with an area of 78,375sq.m.m.; 3) OCT No. P-26377, TD No. 08-33013-00211, Lot 2, Psu-08-001585 situated at Kabunga-an, Isidro, Leyte with an area of 48,253sq.m. Per Doc. No. 5, Page No. 2, Book No. 2, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Mary Gertrude O. Cordovez. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs that **GREGORIA CAMPO** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. Cavite East, Palo, Leyte under TD No. 08-30-0002-00085 under Lot No. 1848-P with a total land area of 3,216sq.m., A Deed of sale was executed in favor of the following shares and vendees particularly described as; 1) ERLINDA RAMADA ALBERCA as share of Ricardo P. Parado equivalent to 600sq.m.; 2) ERLINDA RAMADA ALBERCA as share of Wulfilda Parado Golez equivalent to 100sq.m., Per Doc. No. 334, Page No. 68, Book No. 22, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Bella Mercedes G. Mendiola. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF ESTATE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **GUZMAN U. MONTALBAN** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 4 parcels of land particularly described as; 1) Lot 1951, C-17, Cad 520-D situated at Brgy. Libjo, Merida, Leyte with an area of 7,643sq.m., under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-65596; 2) Lot 6373, Case 17, Cad 520-D situated at Brgy. Libjo, Merida, Leyte with an area of 287sq.m., under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-82678 under TD No. 08-29012-00775; 3) Lot 2451, Case 14, Cad 520-D situated at Merida, Leyte with an area of 7,125sq.m., under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-87852 under TD No. 08-29006-00392; 4) Lot 1389 situated at Brgy. Libjo, Merida, Leyte with an area of 13,124sq.m., under OCT No. P-88039 under TD No. 08-29012-00354. Per Doc. No. 269, Page No. 48, Book No. LVI, Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Rovelson R. Velmonte. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **TERESITA B. PODOT** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Zone I, Sta Fe., Leyte, containing an area of 152 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-35-0001-00358, under OCT No. P-96061, Lot No. 4628 Case 01, Cad. 495-D. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 122 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Sps. ELMER P. PODOT and ISABELITA M. PODOT as vendee; and another 30 square meters from the above-described property was sold in favor of ALLAN C. LOYOTA and CLARISSA D. GUINALANG as vendee; per Doc. No. 430, Page No. 88, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Blanche Astilla-Salino. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **MIGUEL VACAL TIAUSAS** and heirs of the late legitimate child, CARLITO CONSTANTINO TIAUSAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4821 of Dulag Cadastral Survey under TD No. 08-13-0011-00259 with an area of 21,247sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of the following vendees; 1) MARIA ALITA C. AKESTER equivalent to 2,000sq.m.; 2) REY TUPAZ REFUERZO equivalent to 1,000sq.m., from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 96, Page No. 28, Book No. 10, Series of 2022. Notary Public Aaron S. Tolentino, Per Doc No. 306, Page No. 63, Book No. 111, Series of 2022. Notary Public Dennis Aran T. Abril. *LSDE: June 21, 28, July 5, 2022*



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NOTICE OF DECISION

SPS. MAMERTO ESPINA and FLOR PEÑARANDA,
Landowners,
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DARAB CASE NO. LV-0801-0008-2020
FOR: FIXING OF JUST COMPENSATION

Notice is hereby given that a decision in DARAB Case No. LV-0801-0008-2020, For: Fixing of Just Compensation was rendered by this office, the dispositive portion states:

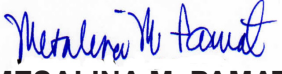
“WHEREFORE, finding that the computation is based on the existing laws and policies, the aforesaid amount is the valuation of the land.

The Land Bank of the Philippines is directed to pay the said amount to SPOUSES MAMERTO AND FLOR PEÑARANDA or to any authorized representative, in accordance with existing laws and policies.

SO ORDERED.

DAR Provincial Office, Sto. Niño Extension, Tacloban City,
09 September 2020.

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


MESALINA M. PAMAT
Clerk of the Adjudicator

LSDE: June 21, 28 & July 5, 2022

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION OF THE ESTATE AND CONFIRMATION OF DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **LEON BRAGA** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 7008-R, Psd 45479 situated at Brgy. Gabas, Baybay, Leyte covered by TCT No. T-29505 with a total area of 1,343sq.m., more or less and heirs, MARIA FLOR BRAGA, MARIA FE BRAGA, GLORIA INCARNACION BRAGA AND JOSE BRAGA hereby AFFIRMED the sale of the above-mentioned property in favor of ANNESSA BONGOT AÑONUEVO. Per Doc No. 143, Page No. 29, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Vivian C. Enar-io-Vidallon. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **ILDEFONSO FALLER AND MARGARITA REPULLEDO** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 49 situated at Brgy. Atabay, Hilongos, Leyte under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. P-40277, TD No. 14005-00002 R13 containing an area of 8,597sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of ROLITO P. NAPOLES as vendee of a portion equivalent to 300sq.m., from the above-described property with all the improvement found thereon. Per Doc No. III, Page No. 23, Book No. VIII, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Josenilo Marquez Reoma. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **PORFERIO P. PECULADOS, SR.** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land identified as Lot No. 11373-B-4, Psd-08-033778-D located at Brgy. Rizal, Kananga, Leyte containing an area of 4,737sq.m., more or less under TCT No. 115-2017002515. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. WILLIAM V. ALAPAN AND JOSEPHINE O. ALAPAN as vendees of a portion equivalent to 128sq.m., with all the improvements existing thereon from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 19, Page No. 4, Book No. XXIX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Maria Kim O. Marquez Juban. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **CONRADO PELINO PESTILOS AND NORMA GABRIELES** extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over a bank deposit with Landbank, Tacloban City Branch under Savings Account Number 1736-3401-50 which has an outstanding balance of 26 months differential. Per Doc No. 169, Page No. 35, Book No. XXIX, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Ma. Christina Ernest M. De Oño. *LSDE: June 28, July 5 & 12, 2022*

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Sta. Fe
Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar

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 **ALICOR BANADO CAÑEDA** has filed with this office a petition for Correction of Entry in SEX from “MALE” to “FEMALE” in the certificate of Live Birth of **ALICOR BANADO CAÑEDA** who was born on March 19, 1988 at STA. FE, LEYTE and whose parents are **RICARDO CAÑEDA** and **SALVACION BANADO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office.

(Sgd.) **ANGEL C. GOMEZ**
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: June 21 & 28, 2022

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Jaro
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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

June 20, 2022
Date

In Compliance with publication requirement, OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 (IRR on R.A. 10172), a notice is hereby served to the public that **FHAIZAL BUSTILLO SAHIBAD** has filed with this office a *(complete name of the petitioner)* Petition for Correction of Clerical Error in gender/sex from Female to Male in the Certificate of Live Birth of **FHAIZAL BUSTILLO SAHIBAD** who was born on *(name of document owner)* September 24, 2001 at Brgy. Pitogo, Jaro, Leyte and *(date of birth)* *(place of birth)* whose parents are Indani Adil Sahibad and *(name of father)* Elvira Sardido Bustillo. *(name of mother)*

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office before completion of the required publication.

(Sgd.) **PHIELA Q. TESADO**
MAA III/MCR-OIC

LSDE: June 21 & 28, 2022

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lar food chain.
About 57 families also received P3,000 cash assistance under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.
Villareal Mayor Mari-lou Latorre said that bringing services to the ground makes it easier for the people to access and makes them feel that the government is there to help them.
Latorre added that the local government had funded the construction of a road leading to the village.
“It used to take two days

to walk from the town to reach the village but now, you can reach this place in only 15 minutes,” the town mayor said.
Just a small portion of the road leading to the village still needs to be concreted but the LGU had already provided funding for it, the mayor added.
The caravan service was also participated by the provincial government of Samar; Office of the Civil Defense; Department of Health; Technical Education Skills Development Authority; National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), and Saved the Children.
(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION/SETTLEMENT WITH SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **GREGORIA N. NAZARETH and FLORENCIO M. GARA** extrajudicially settled and partitioned over a parcel of agricultural land designated as Lot No. 12441, Case No. 37, Cad 505, located in Brgy. Binolo, Tanauan, Leyte, covered by Katibayan ng Origina na Titulo Blg., P-87392 and Tax Dec. No. 3801400236, containing an area of 1,960 square meters, more or less and agree to adjudicate among themselves. A Deed of sale was executed a portion of 700 square meters, under Lot No. 12441-C from the above-described property in favor of Sps. MERYL YUSE TANGPUS and GINO TANGPUS as vendee; per Doc. No. 14, Page No. 4, Book No. 8, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Kenilma E. Pen. *LSDE: June 14, 21 & 28, 2022*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE, WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **FRANCISCO GALDONES** extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land covered under OCT No. P-20258 situated at Mondragon, Northern Samar containing an area of 321sq.m., A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. VOLTAIRE MENDEZ HOMBOY AND GIGI BERSABE HOMBOY as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 345, Page No. 70, Book No. I, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Amador A. Estigoy, Jr. CPA *LSDE: June 21, 28 & July 5, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **ROSALINA PAPISTOL** extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over a parcel of land with no improvements thereon designated as Cad No. 7291 covered by TD No. 08-30-0033-00396 consisting of .4207 hecatres located at Brgy. San Jose, Palo, Leyte. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of GREGORIO C. DOLINA as vendee of the above-described property, free from all liens and encumbrances. Per Doc No. 290, Page No. 58, Book No. V, Series of 2021. Notary Public Atty. Tyron Jan G. Albao. *LSDE: June 21, 28 & July 5, 2022*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER/QUITCLAIM
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **LIBRADO E. RUIZ**, that our father is the only son of the late FRANCISCO RUIZ extrajudicially settled and adjudicated over a several parcels of land situated at Brgy. Cangumbang, Palo, Leyte and heirs, JOHN LEANDRO B. RUIZ AND LORNA B. RUIZ hereby WAIVED all rights, interest and participation in the above-described parcels of land in favor of MA. LEAH B. RUIZ. Per Doc No. 222, Page No. 45, Book No. I, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Lemuel R. Montes. *LSDE: June 21, 28 & July 5, 2022*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF ESTATE
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late **CLEMENTE AVILA** extrajudicially settled, adjudicated and partitioned over a parcel of land designated as Cad Lot No. 8843 situated at Brgy. Caridad, Baybay, Leyte under TD No. 07-0038-03221 with an area of 178sq.m., Per Doc No. 157, Page No. 31, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2022. Notary Public Atty. Rene Allan Jervoso. *LSDE: June 21, 28 & July 5, 2022*

13 barangays in Southern Leyte declared national passers in SGLGB awards

TACLOBAN CITY—At least 13 barangays in Southern Leyte were declared as national passers in the pilot implementation of the 2021 Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangays (SGLGB) awards of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

The barangays are Pasay (Maasin City), Catublian (Hinunangan), Nahulid (Libagon), Pres. Quezon (Liloan), Triana (Limasawa), Sindangan (Macarohan), Poblacion (Padre Burgos), Ponod (Pintuyan), Panian (Saint Bernard), San Jose-Poblacion (San Juan), Bitoon (San Ricardo), Zone 1-Poblacion (Sogod), and Cambite-Poblacion (Tomas Oppus).

According to DILG in Southern Leyte, the SGLGB requires the barangays to pass all the three core areas, namely: safety, peace and order; financial administration and sustainability; and disaster

preparedness.

“In addition, pass at least one among the three essential areas, namely: social protection and sensitivity; business-friendliness and competitiveness; and environment management,” it added.

The SGLGB National Quality Committee has selected 549 barangays nationwide as national passers following a thorough evaluation of the 2021 SGLGB regional barangay entries.

In Eastern Visayas, there were 43 barangays that were selected, including 13 barangays from Southern Leyte.

“The SGLGB is a progressive assessment system that gives distinction to the remarkable performance of barangays in various governance areas, putting primacy integrity and good performance in pursuit for meaningful local autonomy and development,” the DILG said.

(RONALD O. REYES)

U.S. and Philippine Marine Corps Conclude Exercise MASA 22.1

Manila—The U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) and Philippine Marine Corps (PMC) concluded on June 17 a two weeks of bilateral training as part of Marine Aviation Support Activity (MASA) 22.1.

Held from June 6 to 17 in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte and Antonio Batista Air Base in Palawan, the bilateral exercise increased the PMC and USMC’s interoperability and improved aviation-related capabilities in support of U.S.-Philippine mutual defense. Units from the Philippine Air Force and Philippine Naval Air Wing also participated in the exercise.

“Training side by side increases our combined military capability, but also our friendship, which directly contributes to the strength of our alliance. This exercise builds on decades of cooperation, friendship, and shared experience,” said U.S. Marine Forces Pacific Commanding General Lt. Gen. Steven Rudder.

MASA 22.1 included integrated and joint interoperability activities such as coastal defense, forward arming and refueling, and subject matter expert exchanges (SMEE) for small unmanned aviation systems and engineering. Exercise participants also took part in a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) SMEE, which culminated in a practical demonstration.

“The MASA 22.1 exercise in Palawan is important for our Marine forces and aviators to enhance our effectiveness and readiness to protect our territory. It will also improve our interoperability with the U.S. Marine Corps and contribute to our longstanding alliance with the U.S. armed forces,” said PMC 3rd Marine Brigade

Commander Brig. Gen. Jimmy Larida.

This exercise also marked a historic first with the inaugural deployment of the TPS-80 Ground/Air Oriented Radar (G/ATOR) in the Philippines. For the duration of the training, Marine Air Control Squadron 4 employed the G/ATOR in Laoag City to provide airspace surveillance and air defense in support of theater security cooperation and enhanced bilateral

training.

MASA 22.2, set to be held from July 18 to 22, is planned to include combined tactical and helicopter training between USMC and PMC partner units. Through MASA, the USMC and PMC are able to rehearse and refine tactics, techniques, and procedures for command and control of aircraft together in support of mutual defense and a free and open Indo-Pacific. (PR)

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“I am beyond thankful to these police regional offices for extending their help to our constituents in Abuyog and Baybay, Leyte. To our recipient families, may the cash assistance somehow alleviate your burden in your daily needs,” Banac, in a speech read by Daaco during the distribution of the financial assistance held at this city’s convention center, said.

“We, in the PNP are just here to be of support. Let us pray that this kind of adversity never come again,” he added.

A recipient, Juditha Abellar, 40, a resident of Barangay Kantagnos, this city, could not contain her happiness for the financial assistance extended by the PNP.

“Thank you for all the generous policemen. We will use this money to buy the daily needs of our family. We lost everything when the landslide struck our village,”

Abellar, whose house was totally entombed by the debris cascading from a nearby mountain, said.

Abellar is one of 524 individuals from Kantagnos taking shelter inside the classrooms of Baybay City Senior High School while waiting for the completion of temporary houses.

The temporary housing funded by the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) is being constructed by the Philippine Army engineering brigade.

The OCD provides construction materials and shoulders the construction cost while the local government units of Baybay and Abuyog identified sites for the temporary shelters.

On April 10, at least 128 people died due to several landslide incidents in Baybay City. Two days later, a village in Abuyog was wiped out by a landslide killing at least 58 residents. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

NSSDEO P50M Dale River Control construction, on-going



lineal meters flood control structure (spur dikes), concrete widening of 200 meters roadway and installation of 11 units solar LED street lights.

Once completed, the river control will prevent further scouring of soil beside the river bank affecting nearby residents and other properties in the area.

About 29, 882 populations of end users in San Roque will benefit the project. Properties also near the river bank will be protected from heavy flooding.

(LYCA MAE T. QUILICOL, PIO ALTERNATE/PR)

NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar— The construction of Dale River Control is now on-going under the ESD Cruz Construction and Supply. As of May 31, 2022, the P50M river control project is 25.84% completed.

This project is located along Catarman-Laoang road in San Roque, Northern Samar and is funded

under the CY 2022 General Appropriations Act (GAA) under the supervision of Project Engineer Eliseo Alado, Jr.

With contract ID number 22II0018, the item of works includes the construction of 250 lineal meters flood control structure on steel sheet pile and pre-cast concrete pile foundation, construction of 85

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

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2022-06-20150628
CASE NO. VIII-2015-0628

Application for Extension of Validity
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a PUJ Service

MA. BERNARDITA D. LERIOS,
Applicant/s

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-TOLOSA & VICE VERSA with the use of TWO (2) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until JULY 12, 2022.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JULY 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

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

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

WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 24th day of JUNE, 2022.

(Sgd.) ATTY. GILD.MENGULLO
Attorney IV/Hearing Officer

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R8-EV/PA-PJ-2022-06-20140274
CASE NO. VIII-2014-0274

Application for Extension of Validity
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a PUJ Service

MARY JANE MANAHAN,
Applicant/s

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: “TACLOBAN CITY-TOLOSA & VICE VERSA” with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until JUNE 6, 2022.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on JULY 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at its office of the above address.

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WITNESS the Honorable GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 23rd day of JUNE, 2022.

(Sgd.) ATTY. GILD.MENGULLO
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Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2022-06-20140374
CASE NO. VIII-2014-0374

Application for Extension of Validity
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a PUJ Service

MA. BERNARDITA D. LERIOS,
Applicant/s

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: TACLOBAN CITY-TOLOSA & VICE VERSA with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until JUNE 27, 2022.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

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R8-EV/PA-PJ-2022-06-20140374
CASE NO. VIII-2014-0374

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Graduation after the pandemic

BY: EMELYN N. CINCO

Commencement exercises symbolizes a student's milestone in his or her studies. It signifies that he or she was able to surpass all the numerous assignments, brain-drenching examinations, and the social demands of the people surrounding him or her all throughout.

To a student, it really is a big deal to prepare for his or her graduation ceremony, to be able to march on stage and receive his or her certification from his or her professors who provided their expertise and guidance, together with the student's hard work and perseverance, to be able to reach this accomplishment.

However, ever since the COVID-19 pandemic broke out, ceremonies, social gatherings, face-to-face classes, and other activities requiring an assemblage of people were strictly prohibited to minimize the transmission of this virus.

This made a huge impact on all the people in the society, most specially the education sector. Stu-

dents and teachers were forced to cope with this sudden transition of learning. Students were given the option to either learn in the form of online classes or through modular learning.

But despite all these challenges, this didn't stop the students to continue learning and to quench their thirst for continuous knowledge and education. Students were still able to pass their subjects and finish their studies with flying colors.

It has been three years now, and the society is now able to adapt to the changes and can now hold a face to face graduation ceremonies for the students who all deserve to celebrate and commemorate their educational accomplishments. By continuously following health protocols and social distancing, students can now march to the end of one of their educational milestones.

(Note: The author is a teacher-in-charge of the Caanislagan Elementary School and Sphere Burauen East District, Burauen, Leyte)

NSSDEO planning engineers conduct hydrographic and topographic surveys



NSSDEO, Brgy. Burabud, Laoang, Northern Samar-Planning Engineers of the Department of Public Works and Highways – Northern Samar 2nd District Engineering Office headed by the OIC-District Engineer Charlito S. Carlobos conducted a hydrographic and topographic surveys of the Catubig River last May 5 – 7, 2022 at Catubig, Northern Samar.

From the river's mouth as a point of origin going one kilometer upstream, this survey was conducted by Engr. Geric C. Yu, Engr. Dennis C. Lozano,

Engr. Mar Ian C. Bonabon, Engr. Kim Joseph D. Clementir, Engr. Marc Christian L. Adora, Engr. Jordan M. Basierto and Kim Jake C. Unay.

Hydrographic surveyors study bodies of water to see what the "floor" looks like. They also collect high-

ly accurate water depth and bottom configuration of water bodies.

Hydrographic surveying is crucial to determine the physical features of an underwater area while topographical surveys involve studying and measuring the surface of the land, to understand the



form, level, shape, and geographic position both of the natural and unnatural land features. It is also crucial whether it is a small garden, a highway, a farm, or even a national park, Engr. Lozano said. (MA.LUISA G. ADORA, PIO STAFF/PR)

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Car maker launches roadshow in Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY – Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI) holds a 'Biya-Henyo' Caravan in Leyte, a nationwide dealer-based roadshow featuring the Hyundai HD50TGs Class 2 modernized public utility vehicle.

Hyundai is confident on the reliability, durability, comfort, safety, and most of all fuel efficiency of the modern PUV that they offer.

Held at the Oriental Hotel de Leyte the event was graced by top officials of Hyundai including Ladislao Avila Jr., Chief Operating Officer Hyundai Asia Resources Inc., Cherie Lou Zhornack, chief administrative officer of Hyundai Cebu Inc., and Edward Vincent Onglatco, Hyundai Trucks and Buses – Cebu and Hyundai Cebu Inc. president.

Also present were Palo Mayor Frances Ann Petilla, Development Bank of the Philippines Lending Center chief Michael Rodrigo Mondoy, Land Transporta-

tion and Franchising Regulatory Board – Transportation Development Chief Christopher Capistrano, Police Regional Office 8 Community Relation Division Chief PColonel Joel Serrano, and Land Transportation Office legal officer Sulpicio Gernale III.

The highlight of the event was the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Hyundai officials and presidents of three transport cooperatives in Eastern Visayas; the GC-Godie Incorporated that operates Tacloban-Tagburo route, Mouse 1 Transport Corporation (Catarman-Allen route), and Joy Tours Corporation (Tacloban-Villareal and Vil-

larel-Catbalogan route).

Zhornack, in her message, thanked the transport cooperatives and companies for partnering with them and choosing their vehicles in the implementation of the PUV modernization program.

"This is one way for us to say that we are your partner in every way and that we are committed to be your lifetime partner," she said.

At least 55 units of modernized PUV are to be released to the three cooperatives. Of which 19 are for Mouse 1, 10 for GC-Godie, and 26 for Joy Tours.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

E. Visayas reports P30-B undisbursed funds; agencies cite COVID-19 among reasons

TACLOBAN CITY – Some P30.21 billion budget of national government agencies in Eastern Visayas remain undisbursed as of the first quarter of 2022, representing 81 percent of the total obligated funds since last year, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) reported.

During the first face-to-face Regional Development Council (RDC) meeting that ended last June 23, the DBM regional office here reported that P29.85 billion of funds for the first quarter of 2022 remained unspent by the end of March.

Last year, there was still P350 million unspent outlay of various national government agencies in Eastern Visayas, DBM assistant regional director Aleli Hernandez said during the meeting at the new Leyte Provincial Capitol.

"The ideal is that all obligated funds for the quarter should be 100 percent disbursed by the end of the quarter. Agencies should not wait for the near expiration of the validity of the budget to fast-track the implementation," Hernandez said.

Hernandez reminded agencies that they can only

spend the 2021 budget until Dec. 31, 2022 while the 2022 allocation can be disbursed only until Dec. 31, 2023.

Unspent allotment will be reverted to the National Treasury.

Of the P30.21 undisbursed funds since 2021, P27.75 billion are for the infrastructure and utilities sector; P1.32 billion for the social development sector; P1.08 billion for the economic development sector; and P45 million for the development administration sector.

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LGBTQIA+ member, who works as a seafarer, opens up thru Tiktok

TACLOBAN CITY – Take your time.

This was a piece of advice by 'Andy' to his fellow members of the LGBTQIA+ who have not yet revealed their true sexual orientations to their respective families.

Andy, a proud LGBTQIA++ member, works as a seafarer, a far cry from the usual works of gay men like him.

This native of Sta. Fe, Leyte became a sensation in Tiktok during the start of the pandemic after showing that a gay man like him could work in the shipping industry like a seafarer.

He has at least 121,000 followers at said video-sharing social media.

Andy shared that he hide his sexual orientation first when he started working in the shipping industry in 2008.

"I tried to hide my sexuality, and I have to level up with them at work. Dapat pantayan ko yun. I shouldn't like, you know, magpakita sa kanila ng femininity. So yun ang ginawa ko at first, kasi hindi ko alam how they will accept me, of course kasi different nationality you are working with, and then iba ang beliefs nila, some don't like gays. So I need to hide my sexuality, my true identity that



time," he said.

For several years, he focused on his job and waited for the right time to reveal his real sexual orientation not only to his co-workers but even to his family, although they have hinted that he is gay.

It was his parents who encouraged him to take maritime course at the Palompon Institute of Technology thinking that when

he enrolled in a course that usually taken by men would eventually make him 'straight.'

"When I am surrounded by men, they think na magiging masculine ako. Hindi nila naisip kasi masyadong lumala, because I am surrounded by hot men and cute guys and I was like I am in the right environment," Andy said in jest.

He added that it was

hard for him to reveal that he is a gay because he is the only son among four children. His twin sister, who is a lesbian, was able to reveal her sexual orientation when she was in elementary.

"Until such time na naging confident ako sa trabaho ko, then open up with my gender, I started crossdressing and doing things that I love, what made me who I am," Andy

m360 enables Philippine businesses to send SMS to over 230 countries

Multi-channel messaging platform m360 now enables businesses in the Philippines to send SMS to over 230 countries worldwide.

By powering enterprises with multichannel solutions that can reach a wider audience, m360 can help them improve brand awareness and customer service and increase sales locally and abroad.

"With m360's offering of a competitive rate for international outbound SMS, we can enhance the capability of our Philippine companies to reach their customers wherever they may be. They only need a single platform for domestic and international transactions," said PJ Lizano, m360 Head of Enterprise Business Solutions.

Ramon Hiran, m360 COO, has high hopes for the company. "Our goal is to deliver messages anywhere in the world. And with our infrastructure and easy-to-use messaging platform to support communications worldwide, m360 is all set to create a global presence," he said.

m360 delivers best-in-class digital app-to-person (A2P) messaging products that amplify customer experience and seamless communications. It

covers all aspects of SMS wholesale business, including over-the-top media services such as Viber for Business, Facebook Messenger, and soon, Whatsapp, Business RCS, chatbots, and other digital messaging solutions.

At the same time, the platform allows personalized customer experience via targeted messages. Messages can also be tailored to the target customer base through digital analytics.

m360 is a portfolio company under AdSpark Holdings, Inc. of 917Ventures, Globe's wholly-owned corporate venture builder.

To learn more about m360, visit <https://m360.com.ph/>. (PR)

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Pursuant to MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 2013-02, is hereby served to the public that the owner, **LD Shipping Line** sold the vessel **MV "MARIA GRACIA"** with Certificate of Ownership register No. 0099447 And with Official No. 07-0001015 and Certificate Philippine Registry nO. 0099446 on 18 May, 2017 to **GOLDSTAR SHIPPING LINES, INC.** Per notarized Deed of sale executed dated 2nd day April, 2022, Change Vessel Name to **MV "JOHANNAH 5"**. **Any person(s) entity(ies) who may have claims/interest in the above mentioned ship may submit your claims in writing with the Maritime Industry Authority. MARINA Regional Office No. VIII, Uytingkoc Bldg., Sen. Enage St. Tacloban City, Leyte, within seven (7) days from the date of this publication.**

Newly-completed flood control structure protects urban communities in Ormoc City



ORMOC CITY-With the onset of rainy season, approximately 300 households from Barangays San Isidro, Tambulilid, and Linao, all in Ormoc City, are now safe and protected from the overflow of Haubon River as the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) - Leyte 4th District Engineering Office (DEO) recently completed the P28.5 million flood control structure.

This project is one of the 13 flood mitigation structure implemented in the 4th District of Leyte and is funded under General Appropriations Act (GAA) CY 2021.

The 350-meter flood control structure involves the construction of stone masonry with sheet piles steel slope protection which act as the first line of defense against river overflows, consistent with Department's goal to build disaster-resilient flood control structures in calamity prone areas.

This structure mitigates adverse effect of flood especially to the agricultural community and economically valuable areas located within the area, thus, ensuring the economic and social activity of the said community. (PR)



BSCS prepares first graduation, moving up and recognition exercises amid pandemic

BY: CHERRYLL ANN D. PREJULA



Burauen South Central School, Burauen South District of the Department of Education started their preparations on the first Graduation, Moving Up and Recognition Exercises for the School Year 2021-2022 amid pandemic.

A General Parents Teachers Association meeting was held last June 7, 2022 with School Principal, Mrs. Anabella P. Espedilla and the teaching force for the dissemination of important information and reminders such as on the strict compliance of health protocols during the activity.

Different committees were established for ease

and smooth conduct of the activity.

"I know that pupils are already eager to have face to face activities, such as this, but, we still have to strictly implement health protocols for everyone's safety through partnership with the GPTA". Espedilla said in an interview.

(Note: The author is a Teacher III of Burauen South Central School, Pob. District 3, Burauen, Leyte)

Viva Señor Sto. Niño!
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From: LSDE Management & Staff

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Happy 133rd Fiesta, Señor Sto. Niño de Tacloban!



Greetings from:

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Mandatory online filing of retirement claims to also cover self-employed members age 60 to 64 years old starting July 1

Social Security System (SSS) President and CEO Michael G. Regino said the coverage of the mandatory online filing of retirement

benefit claims through the My.SSS Portal will be extended to self-employed members who are 60 to 64 years old starting July 1,

2022.

This is in addition to all employee-members, voluntary members, land-based Overseas Filipino Work-

er (OFW) members, and self-employed members aged 65 years old and above at the time of retirement who were required to file

online effective July 2020.

"As early as 2015, we have made this online facility available to our members who have reached their technical retirement age of 65 years old. With the onset of the pandemic, we have continuously enhanced this online facility to provide our members with a simpler and more convenient mode of application without physically going to our branches. All they need to do is to access their My.SSS account, click Apply for Retirement Benefit under the Benefits section of the E-Services tab, fill out the required information, and submit the required supporting documents," Regino said.

Members with the following special cases on retirement benefit claims should still file manually at any SSS branch or foreign representative office:

With outstanding Stock Investment Loan Program (SILP)/Privatization Loan Program/Educational Loan/Vocational Technology Loan balance;

LGBTQIA+...

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breaking boundaries," he said.

Most of those who discriminated him were his foreign co-workers while his fellow Filipino seafarers enjoyed his company, he said.

"Alam kasi nila na nagiging colorful yung barko kung merong gay," Andy said.

To keep himself not affected, he said that only thinks of his family and concentrate on work.

Unlike when he was starting to work in the shipping industry, environment now had already changed and started to accept regardless of sexual orientation.

"People think na kung gay, malamaya, but they can also do better like men. It will be nice if all shipping will be open to all gender, may equality and no discrimination," he added.

The month of June is considered to be the 'pride month' for LGBTQIA+ members.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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Borongan City hosts 2022 Regional Rescue Jamboree

BORONGAN CITY- The city government of Borongan through the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO) hosted the 2022 Regional Rescue Jamboree (RRJ) at the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) which started on June 20 and ended on the 24th.

According to Jake C. Agda, chief of the Administration and Training Section of CDRRMO, some 1,000 participants from different local government units (LGUs) in Eastern Visayas joined the regional jamboree.

He said the aim of the event was to enhance disaster preparedness and disaster response skills of disaster rescue teams (DRTs) for a more effective and efficient disaster and emergency response operations while developing camaraderie and

teamwork among DRTs from the municipalities, cities and provinces in the region.

He further said that the five-day jamboree focused on rescue challenges. Most of the rescue challenges were held at the Baybay Boulevard, like the air-to-ground and sea search and rescue. The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) assisted the said rescue training.

The Regional Rescue Jamboree was spearheaded by Office of Civil Defense (OCD-8) through Regional Director Lord Bryan Torrecarion and Assistant Regional Director Rey Gozon in coordination with the city government of Borongan. (LDL/SDC/PIA Eastern Samar)



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred Romualdez poses with reelected Councilors Brian Steve Granados, Elvira Casal, and Aimee Grafil. The three councilors took their oath of office before Mayor Romualdez, himself was reelected for another fresh term.

LTFRB exec blames LGUs' lack of route plan why public transpo modernization plan not enforced

MG Philippines... from page 3

“Coming Home” by MG Philippines is now streaming on Spotify and YouTube Music, and can also be found in the music libraries of TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram. You can also catch “Coming Home” on your favorite FM radio stations, as the song likewise continues to be broadcasted over radio airwaves.



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TACLOBAN CITY – The absence of a local public transport route plan (LPTRP) was cited as the main reason why some transport companies in the region are slow in implementing the modernization of the public transport program of the government.

This was disclosed by a high-ranking official of the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) who said only 46 out of the region's 149 local government units have LPTRP.

LPTRP is one of the minimum requirements prescribed for the issuance of public utility vehicle (PUV) franchises.

It covers the plan of an LGU as a result of a survey/study on the current number of passengers in every destination, the needed units that will provide a particular route, and types of the unit of a PUV.

“We need to know the exact population to provide enough number of transport vehicles and their types to provide mobility services to the commuting public,” Christopher Capistrano, LTFRB transportation development chief,



A high-ranking official of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board has revealed that lack of route plan by many of the region's local government has stalled the implementation of the public transportation modernization program of the government.

said.

Capistrano attended an event in Palo Leyte on June 21 involving a roadshow on a car dealership.

The LTFRB official said that LPTRP is also needed by banks when a transport cooperative applies for a loan for the acquisition of units for the Public Utility Vehicle modernization.

Of the 81 transport cooperatives and 46 corporations in Eastern Visayas, only 13 are implementing the PUV modernization program, 335 out of 3,202 Public Utility Jeepney (PUJ), 66 out of 1,096 UV

express, and 53 out of 258 buses.

“We are hoping that the problem in banks will be resolved finally,” Capistrano added.

“We have a long way to go, and we hope that the approval of those units that are now pending in banks will be resolved finally,” he added.

Without the LPTRP implementation of the PUV modernization program will take a longer time because the LTFRB will not issue a franchise to the transport cooperatives or corporations, Capistrano

added.

Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) Lending Center chief Michael Rodrigo Mondoy shares that their head office had already requested for the list of transport cooperatives that has pending application with them.

“Because they will help us follow up with the Department of Transportation or with the LTFRB to facilitate the approval of the LPTRP,” he said.

DBP is implementing the Program Assistance to

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the 2022 United Nations Transforming Education Summit (TES). To be held in September, TES will bring together global, national, and local education stakeholders to discuss solutions that can transform education.

DepEd organized the national consultations during its Education Forum in Baguio City last week to discuss the policy, planning, and budgetary changes needed to recover learning losses; actions needed to get back on track to meet UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 of inclusive education for all; and steps required to reimagine education systems for the future.

"I have no doubt that the Education Forum will play a key role in ensuring inclusion, consensus, and most importantly, continuity and action," said Undersecretary Malaluan.

USAID expressed its support for DepEd's national consultations and called on education part-

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With only 19 percent disbursement, it shows that there is 81 percent undisbursed fund.

From 2021 to 2022, national government agencies in Eastern Visayas have an allotment of P66.65 billion. Of the total, P37.40 billion are obligated, and only P7.19 billion are disbursed.

"It's hard to get funding

ners to find solutions and actions to help transform education.

"The U.S. government, through USAID, remains committed to strengthening and reimagining global education systems and revitalizing national and global efforts to ensure every child has access to free, equitable, and quality education," said Director Campbell.

Through its ABC+: Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines project, USAID has trained more than 23,000 teachers and distributed more than 11.5 million early grade reading materials to support Filipino learners. **(PR)**

from the national government. Not all our endorsed budgets are being approved at the national level, but here we are not spending what we already have," National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) regional director Meylene Rosales said.

From 2016 to 2022, records show that only 45 percent of the RDC-endorsed budget proposals for selected infrastructure projects have been included in the General Appropriations Act.

"I don't understand why there are undisbursed funds since implementers complied with documentary requirements before fund releases. Underspensing means loss of opportunities for economic development in the region," Rosales added.

Among the common reasons raised by government agencies for the unspent budget included the late billing of suppliers and contractors, request for extension of a delivery date, changes in the scope of works, and late issuance of notice of awards.

Other reasons are a revi-

Tolayao Elementary School installs

new teacher-in-charge

BY: LITA M. MAGNO

Toloyao Elementary School of Barangay Toloyao, Burauen South District, Burauen, Leyte with the Public Schools District Supervisor Mr. Reynaldo P. Renomeron installed the new Teacher-in-Charge, Mrs. Lita M. Magno last April 19, 2022, due to the transfer of the previous School Head Mr. Rommel D. Alde.

Toloyao Elementary School has an enrolment of 85 pupil handled by four (4) teachers with multigrade classes from Grades 1 to 6 except Kin-



dergarten.

"The installation is an additional administrative item of the district. I am hoping for an effective leadership and management of the new TIC," said Renomeron in an interview.

(Note: The author is a Teacher III of Tolayao Elementary School in Barangay Tolayao, Burauen, Leyte)

The situation prompted the RDC to enhance its monitoring of budget spending, operationalize the regional inter-agency task force on planning and budgeting, and regular reporting on the review and assessment of agencies' budget utilization. **(PNA)**

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With dependent child/children under guardianship;

Wherein member is incapacitated, under guardianship, or confined in an applicable institution such as penitentiary, correctional institution, or rehabilitation center;

With Application of Portability Law or Bilateral Social Security Agreements;

With adjustment or for re-adjudication of claim; and

With the unclaimed benefit of a deceased member.

The retirement benefit is a cash benefit granted to a member who can no longer work due to old age and has reached the prescribed retirement age. It can be in the form of a monthly pension for those who have paid at least 120 monthly contributions prior to the semester of retirement or a lump sum for those who have paid less than 120 contributions. The qualifying conditions for the retirement benefit program can be accessed at <https://crms.sss.gov.ph> while the guidelines and policies on the online filing of said benefit claim through the My.SSS Portal can be found at <https://bit.ly/SSSCI2021-021>. **(PR)**

SINP-PAMB approves research on Philippine Ironwoods

for genetic conservation ecosystem restoration

The Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of Samar Island Natural Park (SINP) approved the Resolution of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS) - DENR Research Project on Philippine Ironwoods for Genetic Conservation and Ecosystem within the municipalities of Paranas, Samar and Giporlos, Eastern Samar during the Samar Island Natural park (SINP) PAMB Executive Committee meeting presided by DENR Regional Executive Director Arturo E. Fadriquela.

This was one of the highlighted agenda since the conduct of genetic sam-

pling from ironwood (locally known as mangkono) by researchers needed further clarification from the SINP-PAMB.

The proponents of this research project composed of researchers from the University of the Philippines

Los Baños (UPLB) said, the expected output will generate a special distribution map of ironwood in Samar. This will help the DENR in monitoring the extent of ironwood in the area and assist the Department in the policy guidelines rela-

tive to the utilization of the species.

Also, DNA barcoding and genotyping of ironwoods will facilitate effective conservation ways and will guarantee the ex-

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Support Alternative Driving Approaches (PASADA) financing program, in support of the national government's Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP), a special loan financing facility that caters to corporations and coop-

eratives registered with the Office of Transport Cooperatives (OTC) and participating the PUVMP.

The program provides 5% equity for the transport cooperative but this will be answered by the government through an amount of P160,000 per unit while the bank will finance the 95 percent, with an inter-

est of 6% per year, and payable for seven years. A six-month grace period is also given to transport cooperatives before they start paying their loans.

Aside from DBP, transport cooperatives and corporations may also apply for loans at Landbank. **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**



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FROM: SENATOR MARK A. VILLAR

U.S. hands over early grade learning resources to DepEd

Manila-The United States government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), recently handed over to the Department of Education (DepEd) teaching and learning resources to support its early grade learning initiatives.

USAID Director of the Regional Financial Services Center Bret Campbell led the turnover to DepEd Undersecretaries Nepomuceno Malaluan and Diosdado San Antonio. The resources included USAID-developed teacher training materials, literacy and numeracy packages, early grade reading materials, and materials supporting literacy assessment.

“We are happy to accept the materials, which is symbolic of the strong partnership between DepEd and USAID,” said Undersecretary Malaluan. “In this partnership, we have sought common aspirations, as well as shared commitment.”

The ceremonial handover was held during the National Consultation for Philippine Participation in knowledge primarily in the DENR but ultimately, the PAMB can use the research material in managing this Protected Area since this is a site-specific study. It is important that we have these scientific studies as basis in coming up with significant decisions,” he added.

Under DENR Administrative Order (DAO) 2017-11 or the Updated National List of Threatened Philippine Plants and their Categories, mangkono (*Xanthostemon verdugonianus*) is listed as “endangered,” meaning its survival in the wild is unlikely if the causal factors continue operating. (PR)

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DPWH in Leyte’s 2nd district completes seawall project

TACLOBAN CITY- The Leyte Second District Engineering Office (L2DEO) of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) recently finished a seawall project in Barangay Talisay of Capoocan, Leyte.

The project costs P5.82 million and includes road concreting, seawall improvement, and the construction of a canal and box culvert.

Engineer Leo Edward Oppura, head of the engineering district said that the improvement of the seawall will safeguard the community from possible storm surge and help prevent seawater from flowing to the houses in the village.

“The road concreting project will make essential services more accessible to the local people, while the canal and box culvert construction will function as a waterway,” Oppura added.

Majority of the more than 650 residents of Brgy. Talisay are engaged in fishing and fish processing as their source of livelihood. (LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

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