# AC goes Pogi, Jon beats Yeng







Lazatin

ANGELES CITY – The legacy of former mayor and 1<sup>st</sup> District congressman Carmelo F. Lazatin lives on with his namesake sons winning convincingly in his former turfs.

Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II was reelected 1st District congressman with 144,827 votes against the same amn he trounced in 2016, former Rep. Yeng Guiao who managed to get 101,827 votes.

Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin Jr. who ran under the Partido Federalismo ng Pilipinas was elected mayor against closest rival Bryan Matthew Nepomuceno (Partido Abe Kapampangan) and third placer Alex Cauguiran (Kambilan).

Lazatin got 58,955 votes as against Nepomuceno's 45,479, and Cauguiran's 26,006 with 99.57 percent of the votes tallied.

Elected vice mayor was Lazatin's running-mate Vicky Vega-Cabigting (PFP) garnering a vote of 55,579 as against her rivals Edu Pamintuan, Jr. (PAK) who got 47,924 and Maricel Morales' (Kambilan) 26,804 votes. – **Ashley Manabat** 



rbo Aquino

# Garbo over Halili, Boking loses to Geld

MABALACAT CITY -- The biggest winner here with 99.26 percent of the votes cast is Mayor Cris C. Garbo (NPC) who was reelected with 52,102 votes, beating Vice Mayor Christian Halili who got 34,381 votes.

His running mate Councilor Geld Aquino (NPC) got 52,062 votes beating his uncle former Mayor Marino "Boking" Morales who managed to get only 29,759 votes.

In Tarlac province, Gov. Susan Yap (NPC) was reelected with 508,181 votes while elected vice governor was Casada David (NPC) with 286,028 votes.

Eight of Garbo's council ticket were also elected.

-Ashley Manabat

### **PAMPANGA POLLS**

# Delta by landslide, Hizons wiped out





Dennis Pineda makes a winning point. Wholesale loss for Pampanga's Best bets. **Photos by Bong Lacson** 

Unsurprising as the sure victory of Gov. Lilia G. Pineda in her unopposed run for vice governor was the expected landslide win of her son Vice Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda over Bacolor Mayor Jomar Hizon in the gubernatorial contest.

The young Pineda garnered 631,606 votes to Hizon's 221,664 votes with 96.11 percent of Election Returns (ERs) tallied.

Three other Hizon

siblings met the same fate as their elder brother's: city councilor Angie's 56,060 votes falling way short of incumbent Jimmy Lazatin's 65,840;

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# **NPC owns Tarlac**

TARLAC CITY – Unopposed Gov. Susan Yap of the Nationalist People's Coalition still managed a whopping 512,478 votes total.

Her brother, former governor Vic Yap (NPC) was reelected 2<sup>nd</sup> District representative with 119,605 votes.

Also winning reelection is 3<sup>rd</sup> District Rep. Noel Villanueva (NPC) with 133,576 votes.

Charlie Cojuangco (NPC) was elected with 147,714 as 1st District congressman. Bamban Mayor Jon Feliciano (NPC) was reelected with 14,642 winning over Ding Anunciacion (Lakas) with only 7,969

Capas Mayor Reynaldo Catacutan was reelected with 31,041 defeating TJ Rodriguez (PPP) who got 23,179 votes.

Tarlac City Mayor Cristy Angeles (NPC) was reelected with 109,559 votes over former mayor Ace Manalang (Lakas) 42,614 votes.

Concepcion Mayor Andy Lacson (Ind) was reelected with 47,930 defeating Carmen Villanueva (NPC) who only got 29,890 votes.

### Rest of CL

In Nueva Ecija, Aurelio "Oyie" Umali (Sigaw) is elected governor with 474,349 votes while the

elected vice governor is Doc Anthony Uma-li (Sigaw) with 507,276 votes with 99.42 percent of the votes tallied.

In Bulacan, Daniel Fernando is leading with an unsurmountable 695,887 votes in the gubernatorial race while the vice governor is incumbent Gov. Wilhelmino Sy-Alvarado with 799,743 votes with 98.5 percent of the votes tallied.

In Bataan, Gov. Albert "Abet" Garcia (NUP) is reelected with 275,443 votes with 95.25 percent of the votes tallied while the vice governor is Cris Garcia (NUP) who ran unopposed.

In Aurora Gerardo Noveras (NPC) is leading the race for governor with while Christian Noveras (PDP-Laban) is leading for vice governor with both unsurmountable leads of 57,623 and 50,981 votes respectively with 95.94 percent of the votes tallied.

In Zambales, former governor Jun Ebdane (PDP-Laban) is again elected governor with 151,285 votes and unseated Gov. Amor Deloso who got 128,302 votes while vice governor is Jhay Khonghun (PDP-Laban) with 181,103 votes with 99.8 percent of the votes tallied. –Ashley Manabat



# 66 nabbed for various polls offenses in CL

By DING CERVANTES

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga — Sixty-six persons were arrested for alleged violations of the election period liquor ban as well as vote-buying and coercion in Central Luzon, amid a generally peaceful elections in the region.

Four, including a minor, were arrested after allegedly coercing a supporter of reelection-ist Mayor Gonzalo Moreno in Barangay Bucot in Aliaga, Nueva Ecija at about 6 p.m. Sunday.

Major Jaime Ferrer, town police chief, identified the four suspects as Gilbert Valencia, 42, of Barangay Poblacion West 3; Carlito Trinidad, 52, of Barangay Sto. Rosario; Rodney Santos, 20, and a 17-year-old minor, both of Barangay La Purisima, all in this municipality.

They allegedly ac-Bucot resident cused Agnes Hermano, 52, of planning to buy votes for a certain local candidate and asked her to go with them. Seeing a policeman nearby, Hermano shouted for help. The suspects were then arrested.

Aliaga is one of eight towns in Nueva Ecija which were declared as election hotspots.

At the same time, Central Luzon PNP director Brig. Gen. Joel Napoleon Coronel said 54 persons were rounded-up in different entertainment and fun houses in separate areas in the region since the start of 24-hour liquor ban during the election period.

"We make sure that the electoral process will be orderly kaya ayaw natin na mayroon mga mga botante na nakainom o kaya ay lasing na magtutungo sa polling places," said Coronel in a statement.

Another eight were arrested for alleged vote

Those arrested for al-

leged vote buying included a 71-year-old farmer who received a P100 bill in exchange for a local candidate's vote in Tarlac City, as well as seven others who reportedly tried to distribute money in exchange for votes for a local candidate in Sto. Tomas, Pampanga.

### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** THIRD JUDICIAL REGION **BRANCH 58** ANGELES CITY

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR AISHLENE DE GUZMAN MACAPINLAC,

R-ANG-19-00084-SP

ANALYN DE GUZMAN FAJARDO, by herself, and as Attorney-in-Fact of ANETTE FRANCO DE GUZMAN,

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MAGALANG, THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL (OSG), OFFICE OF THE CITY PROSECUTOR OF ANGELES CITY, MARLON TAYAG MACAPINLAC and ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE A CLAIM OR INTEREST IN THE PETITION,

### AMENDED ORDER

In their verified Petition dated January 7, 2019, petitioners Analyn De Guzman Fajardo, by herslf, and as Attorney-in-Fact of Anette Franco De Guzman, prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, the Local Civil Registrar of Magalang, Pampanga and the Civil Registrar General be directed the effect the correction in the Certificate of Live Birth of Aishlene De Guzman Macapinlac in the following manner, to wit:

- Entry No. 1 the registered Last Name "Macapinlac" to her mother's maiden name, "De Guzman";
- Entry No. 1 the registered Middle Name "De Guzman" to "Blank";
- Entry Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 the registered Father's name as "Marlon Tayag Macapinlac", Citizenship as "Filipino", Religion as "Roman Catholic", Occupation of "Farmer" and Age at the time of this birth with "26" years, all to "Blank";
- Entry No. 18 Date and Place of Marriage of Parents registered as "July 11, 2002 Mexico, Pampanga" to "Not Applicable"; and
- Entry No. 20 Informant registered as "Anette D. Macapinlac" to "Anette F. De Guzman".

Petitioners state that petitioner Analyn De Guzman is the full-blood sister of petitioner Anette Franco De Guzman. During Anette's high school years, she met respondent Marlon Tayag Macapinlac. They became sweethearts and lived together. In 2002, Anette and Marlon begot their first child, Stepen carl De Guzman, while Anette was still a minor. She again fell pregnant to their second child, Aishlene De Guzman Macapinlac, when she was already of legal age. Respondent Marlon and his father, Pablo Macapinlac, constantly prodded petitioner Anette to use their surname as the last name of Aishlene They advised her that she simply make up any date just so she and respondent Marlon would appear to be married on Aishlene's Certificate of Live Birth, the same would show the following discrepancies, to wit:

- Entry No. 1 the registered Last Name "Macapinlac" instead of her mother's maiden name, "De Guzman"
- Entry No. 1 the registered Middle Name "De Guzman" instead of
- Entry Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 the registered Father's name as "Marlon Tayag Macapinlac", Citizenship as "Filipino", Religion as "Roman Catholic", Occupation of "Farmer" and Age at the time of this birth with "26" years, instead of all "Blank";
- Entry No. 18 Date and Place of Marriage of Parents registered as "July 11, 2002 Mexico, Pampanga" instead of "Not Applicable"; and Entry No. 20 - Informant registered as "Anette D. Macapinlac instead of "Anette F. De Guzman".

That the truth of the matter is that petitioner Anette and respondent Marlon are not legally married. The reason for the erroneous information is due to respondent Marlon and his father's prodding for Aishlene to be able to use their surname and by petitioner Anette's honest and sincere belief that by supplying details under Entry No. 18, the same is the was for her child to be able to easily use respondent Marlon's surname. In addition thereto, she wised to spare her child of the specter of public humiliation that she is not a legitimate child and to

free her child from being treated as an object of ridicule by her peers. That since the parents of the minor Aishlene are not legally married and the biological father did not acknowledge the minor as his child in any public or notarized document, Entries Nos. 1, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 should be deleted and/or corrected.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the case for hearing on June 26, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Any person interested in this Petition is hereby ordered to appear on said date and time before this Court and to show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be granted.

The petitioners, at their expense, are hereby ordered to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City in accordance with P.D. 1702 before the date of hearing.

Petitioners are likewise ordered to serve copies of the Petition and its annexes upon the Office of the Solicitor General, the Philippine Statistics Authority, and the City Civil Registrar of Angeles City, within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt of this Order.

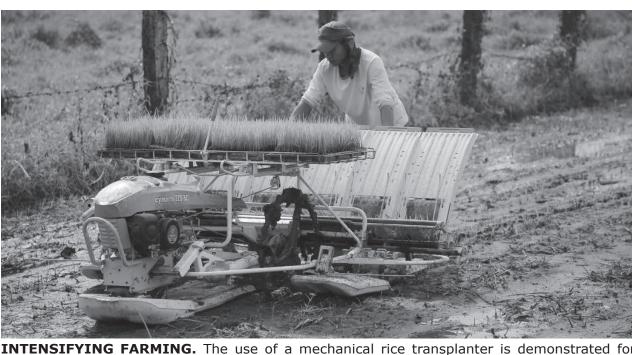
Let copies of this Order be furnished to the petitioners and their counsel; to private respondent Marlon Tayag Macapinlac; to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Municipal Civil Registrar of Magalang, Pampanga, the Office of the City Prosecutor of Angeles City; and the Philippine Statistics Authority.

SO ORDERED. Angeles City, April 26, 2019.

> IRINEO P. PANGILINAN, JR. Judge

Atty. Kris Dyan Cayabyab Municipal Civil Registrar of Magalang (P) Anette Franco De Guzman

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INTENSIFYING FARMING. The use of a mechanical rice transplanter is demonstrated for the farmers of the City of San Fernando, as part of the Farmers' Week celebration of the city government on May 10 at Brgy. Del Carmen. **Contributed Photo** 

# CSF kicks-off farmers' week observance

THE CITY Government of San Fernando, through its City Agriculture and Veterinary Office (CAVO), kicked off over the previous week at a farm in Barangay Del Carmen the observance of this year's Farmers' Week.

Activities, including the Plant-Festival and awarding of "PINAKA" winners, were held during the program participated by farmers and farmer leaders in this

Farmer representatives from Traktora Trading, a Tarlac-based supplier of agricultural equipment, led the Planting Festival, through a demonstration on the use of a government-owned mechanical rice transplanter.

According to CAVO Crop Divi-

sion Chief Engr. Francisco Cangco, there were some 40 kilograms of inbred rice variety that were transplanted in a hectare-wide part of the farm.

Based on the experiences of farmers, the use of a mechanized way of transplanting rice benefits them in many aspects, including the decrease of production and labor costs; and increase in income

City Agriculturist Cristina Sangumay, for her part, said that they also adapted the use of contemporary modes of farming in a bid to address the lowering of number of individuals who are interested in

Meanwhile, several farmers with extraordinary harvests were

recognized during the "PINAKA" awarding, receiving cash prizes and certificates.

Awardees include Francisco Tancio of Del Rosario (Biggest/ Heaviest Kalabasa); Danilo Sunga of San Pedro (Biggest/Heaviest Tilapia); Bernan Cunanan of Quebiawan (Biggest/Heaviest Papaya); and, Marcelino Musni of Telabastagan (Longest/Heaviest Malunggay).

Joining them were Jerry Cunanan of Quebiawan (Longest/ Heaviest Talong); Sonny Pamintuan of Magliman (Biggest/Heaviest Kamote); Amando Fernando, Jr. of Bulaon (Biggest/Heaviest Mango); and, Vivian Manarang of Maimpis (Biggest/Longest Pakwan).

# Born Again churches buck SOGIE Bill

By ERNIE B. ESCONDE

Bataan: Members churches under the Born Again banner on Friday joined a motorcade in Bataan voicing strong opposition to the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Bill.

They joined the motorcade of Emy Lubag, opponent of incumbent Rep. Geraldine Roman as candidate for congressman in Bataan's first district. Roman, a reelectionist, is one of the principal authors in congress of the SOGIE

Provincial Pastor William Balor of the Jesus Is Lord Church said they have no choice but to support Lubag this time after giving their support to Roman in the last elec-

"Tumatanggi kami sa SOGIE Bill na ang aming ipinaglalaban ay ang moral issue at aming responsibilidad bilang mga pastor ang salita ng Diyos na nang nilikha Niya ang tao, babae at lala-ki lamang," he said. "If we will not speak now, when?"

wnich is pagtataksil at saka betrayal. Bini-betray namin ang Diyos sapagka't ang kanyang salita na nilikha ang tao na babae at lal-aki lamang," Balor said.

"Hindi kami against sa LGBT community, ino-honor namin ang human rights. Nandito kami hindi sa kanila kundi yong SOGIE Bill na ito na apektado ang ating mga anak," he said.

The pastor said that same sex marriage will confuse the children. "Makakalito sa mga bata sapagka't ang kanilang lolo, lola na rin, ang kanilang lola, lola at ang mommy, mommy at ang daddy, daddy na rin," he said.

"Ĥindi ito ang gusto ng Diyos. Ang gusto ng Diyos maayos na pamilya at yon ang aming ipinaglalaban, ang kinabukasan ng ating pamilya," Balor said.

He said that the group of Born Again joined together to fight SOGIE Bill. Balor is president of the Bataan Association of Christian Churches.

Bishop Lito Pagulayan of the

"Nakita namin na kami ay nag-kakasala sa Diyos ng treason there are 340 churches in Bataan inder the Born Again panner.

He said that the bill is only for the Third Sex or the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) community. "Kami na nagtuturo ng moral ay mapaparusahan kung magiging batas yon."

Pagulayan said they have three fears on the bill - first, same sex marriage is the cause of 57 percent of recorded HIV/AIDS; second, the Bible has punishment like Sodom and Gomora and third, God does not like homosexuality.

'Tumatayo kami para sabiȟin na hindi kami pabor sa SOGIE Bill para sa health at para ang poot ng Diyos hindi dumating sa atin," he

Catherine Agustin of the Orani Church Ministerial Association said one of the authors of the bill was their townmate in Orani town.

"Hindi kami galit sa kanya bilang tao kundi ang tinututulan namin ang batas na isinusulong niya," she said.

Roman could not be reached for her comment.

Marlon Tayag Macapinlac Office of the Solicitor General City Prosecutor of Angeles City Philippine Statistics Authority Analyn De Guzman Faiardo

# Sports Tourism: Are we ready for SEAGames?

SUBIC BAY and Clark should capitalize to the maximum their joint hosting of the Southeast Asian Games to promote tourism in their respective zones through this golden sports opportunity later this year.

This was stated by veteran tourism consultant, Charles Lim who is also founder and chairman of the Philippine Sports Tourism Awards (PSTA).

ment through the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) has brought the Games to our shores. Philippine South East Asian Games Organizing Committee (Philsgoc) is doing their job in preparing to host the successfully, Games particularly in readying the facilities, managing the games, technical logistics and accommodating and feeding the athLim.

"From every country we must target at least a few hundred tourists. Assuming there will be 5,000 athletes and let's hope there will be 3 family members, sports fans or friends, you should have 15,000 sports tourists visiting you. We need at least another 5,000 rooms to accommodate the supporters and fans,"

"The national govern- letes and officials from eleven countries," said





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he predicted.

Lim also warned and urged the local tourism sector, particularly ho-

mote the games in every ASEAN country and not wait for Philsgoc to approach them to make bookings. "Philsgoc has their hands full in organizing the games. The private

tels, airlines and trans-

portation companies to

take the initiatives to pro-

sector should now do its part in promoting the games to the public here and abroad," Lim emphasized.

He noted, however, the lateness in marketing the games a vital responsibility of Philsgoc. The travel and tourism sector can then ride on its marketing efforts to package its own tours with hotel accommodation, games tickets and transportation to and from venue.

He hopes that there is still a room inventory in both Subic and Clark and to look beyond the gates to Angeles, Olon-

gapo, San Fernando, Subic town and other nearby cities to accommodate the expected influx.

"It's entire up to the industry. If you wish to be known as a sports destination, you have to the run the extra mile and be determined. This SEA-Games will not come around until another 20 years if no ASEAN country will opt not to host," Lim added.

The Philippines last hosted the SEAGames in 2005.

He is optimistic that both Clark and Subic will be ready not only for the athletes but for the thousands more who will come as sports tourists.

The PSTA named Subic Bay as Sports Destination of the Year for 2017 while in 2015 Clark Freeport won the inception award.

-Press release



SBMA chairperson and administrator Wilma T. Eisma accepting the award from Charles Lim, founder and chairman of PSTA. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



# Editorial

# The people have spoken

...In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Vãn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002:

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.

Blessed be the politician who works for unity.

Blessed be the politician who accomplish works radical to change.

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law.

One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.

(From the message of Pope Francis for the celebration of the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Peace, 1 Jan. 2019)



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# **ZODA Libra** Bong Z. Lacson

# After the losing

WE WUZ robbed. True or not, losers still lost.

As there's nothing you can do to undo what's done, may as well accept it, with all graciousness, with all humility. And go into some introspection, into reflection over the might-have-beens – no, not to sulk and wallow in blaming and self-pity, but to find the resolve to do much better for the next run. It's only three years away, you very well know.

To that end, what I have long proffered as post-election prescription for the solace of the hurting also-ran is this rumination of Pulitzer Prize-winning The New York Times columnist William Safire in his The First Dissident subtitled The Book of Job in Today's Politics,

"IS SUFFERING a defeat good for a political person? The run for office is a short run, and the loser is not likely to find comfort in talk about the long run. But can rejection at the polls be fairly presented as what condolencebearers sardonically call 'a character-building experience'?'

Yes, and yes. And the dearly lamented Carmelo F. Lazatin, better known as *the* Tarzan exemplified it.

Tarzan lost in his very first try for an elective post – mayor of Angeles City in 1980.

Losing an election early in political career is deemed constructive. As Safire says, "a therapeutic trouncing introduces a little real humility into candidates who must at least

profess humility."

Though not exactly a long shot in the 1<sup>st</sup> district congressional contest in 1987 – he was the beatific Cory's choice, after all – Tarzan managed to squeak through victory - by a plurality of less than a hundred votes against his closest rival, if now-selective memory still serves right.

Tarzan rolled through victory after victory thereafter - three terms in the Lower House, notwithstanding his being derided as the chair of the comite de silencio at the camara de representante; first ever city mayor to serve three terms; back to Congress in 2010.

He lost in his comeback bid for the mayorship in 2013 and was readily consigned to the dustbin of the political has-beens. Only to resurrect – by proxy – in 2016 with the masterful crafting of the twin victories of his namesakes – Carmelo Jr. aka Pogi, and Carmelo II aka Jon – at the city council, and in the first congressional district, respectively.

Contrary to all expectations, aye, in direct defiance of age and health, Tarzan won the chairmanship of the city's premier barangay of Balibago in 2018.

It was to be Tarzan's final yell, succumbing to cardiac arrest over the ravages of age seven

But not his last hurrah – if only from the grave with the definitive victory of Pogi as hizzoner of Angeles City, and the impressive re-election of Jon as Pampanga 1st District representative.

The sons handling contemporaneously the positions held by the father one after the other. What greater political legacy than this?

Tarzan could not have known it but what Safire called the "law of political return" impacted upon him, ingraining him with the "comeback quality."

Qualified, thus: "Defeat, if it does not destroy them, tempers leaders. After reaching deep within for internal resources, they can rightly claim to have grown as a result of what the voters have taught them. In the art of comeback, one lesson is not to insist that voters admit they were wrong last time, even if their choice of candidates turned out to be inept or corrupt in office. On the contrary, the putative comebacker should compliment the electorate on having been right in spotting his own shortcomings in policy or personality or presentation, which have been corrected – with no compromise of principle, of course. Last time losers should assert with pride that they have learned enough to become next time's winners."

Else, they stop running altogether. And stop losing forever.

## TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

# **Apolinario Mabini dies** at the age of 38

ON MAY 13, 1903, Apolinarpines in 1903 at the height of of cholera in Manila at the age

Mabini was most active in the Revolution in 1898, when he served as the chief adviser for General Emilio Aguinaldo. He became the president of the Cabinet and secretary of Foreign Affairs. He wrote most of the decrees of the revolutionary government and prepared a constitutional program wherein he proposed a Constitution for the Philippines.

On December 10, 1899, during the Philippine-American war, he was captured by Americans at Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, but was later set free. In 1901, he was exiled to Guam, along with scores of revolutionists the Americans referred to as "insurrectos" and who refused to swear fealty to imperialist America.

He returned to the Philip-

in Pandacan, Manila.

Apolinario Mabini was born on July 23, 1864 in Barangay Talaga in Tanauan, Batangas. He was the second of eight children of Dionisia Maranan, a vendor in the Tanauan market, and Inocencio Mabini, an unlettered peasant.

He began informal studies under his maternal grandfather, who was the village teacher and his mother. Because he demonstrated uncommon intelligence, he was transferred to a regular school owned by Simplicio Avelino, where he worked as a houseboy, and also took odd jobs from a local tailor - all in exchange for free board and lodging. He later transferred to a school conducted by the Fray Valerio Malabanan, whose fame as an educator merited a mention in José Rizal's novel El Filibusterismo.

In 1881 Mabini received a io Mabini, often referred to as a cholera epidemic in Manila scholarship to go to the Cole-"the Sublime Paralytic", died and died of it on May 13, 1903 gio de San Juan de Letran in Manila. An anecdote about his stay there says that a professor there decided to pick on him because his shabby clothing clearly showed he was poor. Mabini amazed the professor by answering a series of very difficult questions with ease. His studies at Letran were periodically interrupted by a chronic lack of funds, and he earned money for his board and lodging by teaching children.

Mabini's mother had wanted him to take up the priesthood, but his desire to defend the poor made him decide to take up Law instead.

A year after receiving his Bachilles en Artes with highest honors and the title Professor of Latin from Letran, he moved on to the University of Santo Tomas, where he received his law degree in



# Sana, may maasahan na tayong pagbabago

MATAPOS ang tila walang kapagurang pangangampanya na pinagkagastusan ng di lang mil de mil itong isinugal ng mga nagnasang makapanungkulan

Gayon din ang dati nang nakaposisyon na haya't pamuling mga nagsi-habol, yan tulad nang una ay di lamang miyon ang sinunog nitong nagdaang eleksyon.

Sa puntong yan tayo di nakatitiyak na di uunahing mabawi ang lahat sa kaban ng bayan ang kuwartang nilaspag nitong napabilang sa mga pinalad

Na maupo, at kung saan bago nila harapin ang dapat gawin sa tuwina bilang 'public servant' ay baka hindi na natin makapa ang iba sa kanila.

Salamat, kung itong mga bagong halal ay maging matapat sa tungkuling tangan; at di matulad sa ibang tuwing halalan lang ubod ng sipag at kita ng tanan.

Gaya na lang nitong mga tumanda na sa gobyerno bilang mga senador ba? Anong di maiwan nitong dating bida sa Batasan kundi ang malaking kita?

Na dumalo't hindi sa kanilang sesyon ang kagalang-galang nating mga Solon, bukod sa 'pork barrel' nila, sila'y mayrung 'monthly salary' sa hawak na posisyon.

Aywan lang at nasisikmura ng iba ang ibulsa pati ang para sa masa, gayong sila nga ay may mga sahod na at 'kick back,' din naman sa proyekto nila.

Sana, ngayong higit na nakararami ang mga nanalong manok ni Duterte, mga plataporma na ni Presidente at mangibabaw at masunod parati

Dahilan na rin sa ano pa mang ganda ng pamalakad na ninais niya na maipairal ito'y kinokontra ng mga dilawan at nitong iba pa.

Kung saan ang taong-bayan itong talo kapag hindi makakilos si Pangulo nang naaayon sa ikabuti mismo ng gobyerno at ng mga Pilipino.

Sanhi na rin nitong kapagka ang kanya na klase ng pamalakad ang kumbaga ang nasunod, di na sila makaporma at mawalan na rin pati ng pag-asa

Na mapanatili ang klaseng gobyernong gustong-gusto nila, na kung saan bilyon ang puedeng ibulsa ng sinumang Solon sa loob lamang ng maikling panahon!

Ikaw man bang ito, na kumikita r'yan ng malaki sa iyong posisyong tangan, hahangarin mo bang ika'y mapagsarhan ng tulo ng gripong kakaiba ang bigay?

Kung saan ang lahat na r'yan ng dilhensya mula sa iligal, at ibang uri pa ng pagkakitaan lubos nang mabura kapag nasunod ang wasto na gusto niya?!



Environment and Natural Resources Undersecretary Benny Antiporda at the inspection of the illegal dumpsite in Limay, Bataan.

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# **DENR** to issue CDO vs. open dumpsite

BY ERNIE B. ESCONDE

LIMAY, Bataan: The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said it will issue a cease and desist order to an open dumpsite in a village here after inspecting it Wednesday.

"Para hindi madagdagan ang basura, bibigyan natin ng cease and desist order upang mapigilan ang pagtatapon dito," DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda said.

"If you will notice sa bandang likod ang Manila Bay at dito punong-puno ng basura. This is another Smokey Mountain in the making. Ang pinagkaiba lang hindi sinusunog ang basura dito pero pinapabyaang ganiyan," he

he said "mapapansin din natin ang buong kabundukan ay napakaganda pero sinira ng mga basurang ito."

"Hindi papayagan ni Secretary Cimatu na ganito ang mangyari. Ang creek ginawa nilang kanal. Saan napupunta ang tubig, hindi nila maexplain. Sa theory namin, it ends up in the river," Antiporda said.

He said that based on the inspection, garbage in the Limay Solid Waste Manage-ment Processing Facility were products of years of dumping.

"We will conduct immediate investigation. Year 2015 palang nagkaroon na ng soft closure and rehabilitation ang lugar na ito. Nagtataka lang po tayo kung bakit nagtu-loy-tuloy," he disclosed.

Antiporda said that there Pointing to the mountains, was a communication before saying that the area was a transfer station but inspection showed that it was an open dumpsite. He said that wastes were on the foot of the mountains and counted to some stories high.

"Immediately, isu-summon namin ang local government ng Limay para ipaliwanag nila kung bakit nagkaganito," said.

He said what they did has no bearing on the elections.

'Wala kaming pakialam sa election. Ang importante sa amin mapangalagaan na tuloy-tuloy ang paglilinis na ginagawa namin sa Manila Bay. If there are areas like this na hindi natin pipigilan, hindi magiging successful ang paglilinis natin. Masasayang lang ang malaking halaga na gugugulin natin," he said.

# Congratulations, defeat acceptance fill FB after polls

BY DING CERVANTES

ANGELES CITY - Congratulatory greetings, dovetailed by acceptance of defeat dominated Facebook accounts in Pampanga amid wide voting margins between candidates in the gubernatorial, vice gucongressional, bernatorial, mayoral and vice mayoral races throughout the province.

Early yesterday morning, losing candidates and their leaders posted in their Facebook accounts acceptance of defeat and gratitude for those who had supported them.

Angeles mayoral candidate Alex Cauguiran, who landed third in the race, wrote his message in Kapampangan, thanking them for the "clean fight" and their friendship and support.

Pamintuan, whose party list Abeka did not make it, also addressed his Facebook account to his supporters in Kapampangan, asking them to go on doing good work.

His son Edu, who lost in

his vice mayoral bid in Angeles, wrote "Keep ya head up. God gives his hardest battles to his strongest soldiers.'

Meyari mu rin pu at mekapagdesisyun nala reng tau. Magpasalamat cu queng Apung Guinu at dininan nakung oportunidad a mekapagpakilala kareng Angeleños. Maswerti cu pu at miyabe kung mepili keng partido a bisang sumaup masensu pa ing Ciudad Angeles.

Losing City of San Fernando mayoralty candidate Vilma Caluag posted: "The election did not turn out the way we had hoped, but my family and I would like to take this moment to thank each and everyone of you for your support and encouragement. Maraming maraming salamat po sa mga sumoporta hanggang sa huli. Most especially, we'd like to thank Our Lord Jesus for being with us all through out. We have fought a good fight. We have finished the course. We have kept our faith. Thank you, everyone and congratulations to all the winners."

Unsuccessful in his try for the mayorship, Porac Vice Mayor Dexter Albert David thanked those who hekped in his campaign and asked them to support the elected officials: "Kareng egana gana pung sinawup kaku, dakal a dakal a salamat. Pasensya nakayu pu, etamu pu mipalaran. Congratulations pu keng kekatamung bayung alkaldi Mayor-elect Jing Capil at kareng egana ganang sinambut. Kareng kanakung supporters, agkatan dakayu na supportan taya ing bayung mehalal a leader. Bumagal pa pu ing pamag-angat ning kekatamung balen nung pulitika ing kekatamung pa-iralan. Kaya sana suportan at dinan lang chance maka-pagobrang masalese reng kekatamung set of leaders..."

To David, the Porac parish

priest addressed: "You fought a good fight, rest assured something will come that will surprise you. God is good all



# PBA legend Vergel Meneses, alkalde na ngayon sa Bulacan

**NI ROMMEL RAMOS** 

BULAKAN, Bulacan --- Nanalo bilang alcalde ng bayang ito ang PBA legend na si Vergel Meneses ng PDP-Laban.

Naiproklama na si Vergel ng Comelec matapos talunin sa pagka-mayor ang kamag-anak nito na si Piccolo Meneses ng NUP na nanilbihan naman ng dalawang termino bilang konsehal ng bayan.

Nakakuha si Vergel ng botong 23,469 habang si Piccolo naman ay nakakuha lamang ng 16,476 na boto. Lumamang ang basketbolista ng halos pitong libong boto. Noong halalan ng 2016 ay

nauna nang tumakbo si Vergel bilang bise alkalde ngunit hindi pinalad ang basketbolista kontra Mayor Patrick Meneses na bumaba naman ngayong 2019 bilang vice mayor.

# Alkalde sa narcolist muling nahalal

SAN RAFAEL, Bulacan ---- Muling nahalal bilang alkalde sa bayang ito si Mayor Cipriano Goto Violago ng PDP-Laban, na kasama sa narcolist ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte.

sa kabuuang boto na 36,508 kontra nakalaban niya na si Gen. Frank Villaroman ng PMP na may botong 11,180.

Nauna nang dinepensa noon ni Violago ang

Nanalo si Violago sarili na pulitika lamang kabuuang boto na ang nasa likod ng pagka-,508 kontra nakalaban kadawit niya sa narcolist.

Si Violago ay nasa ika-huling termino na sa muli niyang pagkakahalal ngayong 2019 election.

Ayon kay Violago, masaya siya sa muling pagkapanalo at maipagpapatuloy niya ang kaniyang mga programa partikular ang paglaban kontra droga.

-Rommel Ramos

# Delta by landslide, Hizons wiped out

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aspirant city councilor Ricky failing to make the Magic 10 with only 37,632 votes; and Derrick losing in the Bacolor mayoralty race to Diman Datu, 14,4333 to 21,771 votes.

Unopposed

Sans opponent, Masantol Mayor Dan Guinto still managed to get 17,629 votes, while neophyte Esmie Pineda had 52,316 votes welcoming her to the Lubao mayorship. Also unopposed is Pineda's running mate Councilor Jay Montemayor earning the vice mayoralty post with 46,222 votes

provincial All the board members virtually ran unopposed and were ready for proclamation: re-electionists Benny Jocson and Cherry Manalo, 1st District; former Lubao Mayor Mylyn Plneda-Cayabyab, Fritzie David-Dizon and reelectionist Tonton Torres, 2<sup>nd</sup> District; reelectionists Rosve Henson, Ananias Canlas Jr, and Dinan Labung, 3<sup>rd</sup> District; and Pol Balingit and Nelson Calara, 4th District.

### New kid

The Benjamin in the 2019 Pampanga polls is Porac's Jing Capil by virtue of his gaining 24,945 votes to beat Vice Mayor Dexter David who got 18,181 votes. A miserable third placer in the mayoralty race is former Pampanga governor and former TIEZA general manager Mark Lapid who got only 9,589 votes.

### Reelected

City of San Fernando Mayor Edwin Santiago won his third and last term with 73,767 votes against Dlores barangay chair and ABC president Vilma Caluag with 51,974 votes.

Mexico's Mayor Teddy Tumang led the re-elected mayors, trouncing anew former Mayor Roy Manalastas, 39,301 to 20,939.

Mayor Dagi Slalaila prevailed over his elder brother, former Mayor Art in Sta. Rita, 9,655 to 8,557.

Sasmuan's Nardo Velasco garnered 8,087 votes to stave off the comeback of former ALE Partylist representative and former mayor Lina Bagasina, who had 7,288 votes.

The Ombudsman's multi-suspended Guagua Mayor Dante Torres avalanched contender Rading Oclasio with 25,077 votes to the latter's 8,562.

Minalin Mayor Edgar Flores' 15,875 votes were more than enough to bury his rival Pedro Sotto's 5.704.

Arayat's Bon Alejandrino's 41.136 votes also provided him a landslide win against upstart Yot Dizon who managed a measly 8,668. Bon's wife Madir though failed in her vice mayoralty bid, losing to Pogi Mallari.

Sta. Ana's Ross Gamboa squeezed through the scraper with 12,478 votes against Oday Nacpil with 12,263.

Mayor Darwin Manalanasan's 24,444 votes scuttled the comeback bid of former Mayrop Eduardo Guerrero who managed only 17,161 votes.

### Comeback

One-term Mayor Rene Maglanque made good his return to Candaba with 28,306 votes, against nemesis Mayor Danilo Baylon with 27,160 votes.

Dr. Jay Sagum's hiatus from local politics ended with his return to the San Lusi mayorship via 16,586 votes against Junior Salas with 11,558.

Jun Tetangco is Apalit mayor anew with 22,864 votes against Gus Manlapas's 20,119.

The greatest 2019 comeback story though is that of Leonardo "Bobong" Flores winning 14,942 votes over his own brother Edgar with 11,056 votes. Their sister, incumbent mayor Annette Flores-Balgan ran for vice mayor unopposed.

### Tight finish

Sto. Tomas Mayor Johnny Sambo proved good for s single term, losing to Vice Mayor Gloria "Ninang" Ronquillo by the closest margin of 141 votes – 11,308 to 11,177.

A close fight also was the Magalang mayoralty contest with comebacking Mayor Romulo Pecson leading incumbent Mayor Malou Lacson, 20,529 to 20,318.

- Bong Z. Lacson

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION MACABEBE, PAMPANGA

### OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFICIO SHERIFF

BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee,

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 19-0382(M)

SPOUSES LAURICE O. NUCOM AND NARCISO C. NUCOM, represented by their attorney-in-fact JOANNA LOU F. LOBO,

Debtors/Mortgagors.

### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act. No. 3135, as amended, by Act No. 4118, and Act No. 1508, as amended, filed by BDO UNIBANK, INC., with principal office address at 7899 Makati Avenue, Makati City, against SPOUSES LAURICE O. NUCOM and NARCISO C. NUCOM, with postal addresses at 1081 Sucad, Apalit, Pampanga, and Lot 10, Block 7, Road Lot 6, Camella Fiorenza Phase I, Barangay Paligui, Apalit, Pampanga, registered owner of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2016008545, represented by their attorney-in-fact JOANNA LOU F. LOBO, resident of 72 Sucad, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 2, 2019 amounts to FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT PESOS & 31/100 CENTAVOS (PhP5,214,228.31), Philippine Currency, the undersigned will sell at public auction on June 20, 2019 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2016008545

LOT NO: 10 BLOCK NO. 7 PLAN NO: PSD-03-189673
PORTION OF: LOT 1, PCS-03-017659;
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PALIGUI, MUNICIPALITY OF
APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF

BOUNDARIES:					
	LINE 1-2	DIRECTION NW	ADJOINING LOT(S) ROAD LOT 6, PSD-03- 189673		
	2-3	NE	LOT 11, BLOCK 7, PSD-03-189673		
	3-4	SE	LOT 19, BLOCK 7, PSD-03-189673		
	4-5	SE	LOT 20, BLOCK 7, PSD-03-189673		
	5-1	SW	LOT 9, BLOCK 7, PSD-03-189673		

### TIE POINT: BBM NO. 25, CAD 260, SAN SIMON CADASTRE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 34° 42' E	1753.30 M.
1-2	N. 77° 10' E	11.00 M.
2-3	S. 12° 50' E	11.00 M.
3-4	S. 77° 10' W	7.24 M.
4-5	S. 77° 10' W	3.76 M.
5_1	N 12° 50' W	11 00 M

### AREA: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (121) SQUARE METERS.

DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE

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CYL.

CONC. MONS 15X40 CM.

BEARINGS: TRUE

DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JAN. 1919- MARCH 1920

DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: AUG. 1-5, 2011

DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: SEPT. 8, 2011

GEODETIC ENGINEER: CARLOS P. DIZON

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **June 27**, **2019** at the said time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, April 15, 2019.

EDGAR JOSEPH C. DAVID Sheriff IV\*

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1-2	N. 08° 04' W	9.00 M.
2-3	N. 81° 56' E	11.00 M.
3-4	S. 08° 04' E	5.14 M.
4-5	S. 08° 04' E	3.86 M.
5-1	S. 81° 56' W	11.00 M.

### AREA: NINETY NINE (99) SQUARE METERS.

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Spotlight

# Ria Atayde assures fans that her brother Arjo is happy with Maine Mendoza

RIA ATAYDE and Maine Mendoza "message a lot on Instagram" and they are on good terms.

Currently, Ria is very happy especially now that her brother Arjo Atayde is dating Eat Bulaga's phenomenal star Maine Mendoza.

"Happy siya, and I think that's all that matters, you know?" says the ABS-CBN

Ria is also glad that Arjo is not affected at all by bashers.

The daughter of Sylvia Sanchez said, "Sobrang passive niya as a person.

"As in in one ear, out the other. Wala lang. Okay siya."

**Heart Evangelista** 



Are Ria and Maine on good terms?

She answered, "We're good, like, we message a lot on Instagram. "But not enough to say that I'm close to her. Not barkada. "She's also very busy, I'm also very busy.

"We haven't been able to hang out talaga."

Ria faced her share of bashers early this year when netizens accused the Atayde siblings as "users" because of Arjo's relationship with Maine.

Learning from this experience, Ria has taught herself to simply ignore online comments altogether.

She said, "You know what, I don't read na lang nowadays. That's my new coping mechanism.

"Post lang ako nang post, pero hindi ako nagbabasa. "Or I don't know, I find comfort in the fact that there could be legal measure done to these people if I really

"Hinihintay ko lang boiling point ko, pero hindi naman. Wala naman. I don't think I will.

"These people who bash, they are fans who don't get what they want.

"For me, go, let them say whatever they want.

"As long as I know the truth in my heart, alam mo "It's not naman something they can disprove." she

stressed.

HEART EVANGELISTA has previously announced that she will be a judge of Starstruck. Will Dingdong Dantes and Jennylyn Mercado also join her as part of the show?

In May 10, 2019, GMA-7's YouTube channel released a teaser of the hosts and judges of the original Kapuso realitybased artista search.

Only silhouettes and back shots of the judges of StarStruck 7 were shown in the teaser.

However, a netizen with the Twitter handle @ KapusongKim uncovered the identities of the personalities seen in the teaser.

According to the Twitter user, Dingdong Dantes, Jennylyn Mercado, Heart Evangelista, director Mark Reyes, and veteran actress Cherie Gil will compose the

set of hosts and judges for the comeback of StarStruck. Heart and Cherie both retweeted the post on May 11. At press time, only Heart has announced during her December 2018 contract signing that she will be part of

StarStruck's council of judges. Dingdong hosted StarStruck Seasons 1 to 4 and 6.

Dingdong and Jennylyn also served as judges for the show's sixth season.

GMA-7 has yet to officially announce who will be the hosts and judges of the show.

At present, auditions are still ongoing for the next set of survivors (StarStruck contestants) who will be part of the program.

StarStruck, which first aired on GMA-7 in 2003, produced some of GMA-7 and ABS-CBN's prime actors, namely Jennylyn Mercado, Cristine Reyes, Yasmien Kurdi, Kris Bernal, Paulo Avelino, Rocco Nacino, among many others.

Its most recent edition was aired in 2015, with Klea Pineda and Migo Adecer being hailed as the female and

male Ultimate Survivors.

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# More Taiwan investors eyeing Subic Bay Freeport

By malou Dungog

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – More Taiwan-based companies are now setting their sights on this premier free port, with eight firms expressing interest to invest here after talks with Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) officials in the recent Philippine Investment Forum held in Taipei.

SBMA chair and administrator Wilma T. Eisma, who presented investment and business opportunities in the Subic Bay Freeport during the forum, said two Taiwanese companies had so far committed a total of \$9 million in investments right away.

These are FTI Holdings Group (Milagros International Inc.), which plans to invest \$6 million in Subic and to hire 600 workers within the year, and Grey Matter Industries Group, which had committed to invest \$3 million and hire 200 workers.

FTI Group designs, manufactures and sells luggage, fashion handbags and backpacks, apparel and apparel accessories, outdoor products and pet products and accessories which are sold in the United States.

Eisma said FTI's chief auditor, Paul Lee, already inspected a prospective factory site in Subic's Tipo area on April 30, and will conduct another inspection with other company officials next month to finalize the new business venture.

Meanwhile, Grey Matter Industries Group, which is engaged in the manufacture of PET bottles, plastic films and other plastic products, has already sent the SBMA a letter of intent on April 29, Eisma added.

More than 250 Taiwanese investors attended the April 24-26 Taipei trade roadshow organized by the Philippine Investment Promotion Plan (PIPP) in coordination with the Philippine Trade and Investment Center (PTIC)-Taipei, the commercial affairs section of the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO).

The forum showcased investment and business opportunities for Taiwanese industry players who are repositioning their strategy in light of the recent global trade and economic developments and conflicts between major global markets.

Eisma said that in the Taipei trade roadshow, six other Taiwanese firms expressed interest to locate in the Subic Bay Freeport and the Subic agency is now in touch with them to firm up investment plans here.

Among the prospective investors are Rong Shin Industrial Co., Ltd., which is recognized as the world's leading manufacturer of lawn and garden power tool muffler system; Catcher Technology Co., Ltd., which is a major supplier of Taiwanese computer giant Wistron; Primax Electronic Ltd., which manufactures



SBMA senior deputy administrator for business and investment Renato W. Lee III (middle) and Karen Magno, OIC-manager of the business and investment department for manufacturing and maritime, confer with Taiwanese investors during the 2019 Philippine Business Forum in Taipei. **Photo By Malou Dungog** 

computer peripherals and accessories for the Taiwan, China and the United States markets; CDStar Co., Ltd., manufacturer of Skechers, Keen, Clarks, Asics, Salomon and Novi shoes; and Ya Horng Electronics Co., Ltd., producer of electrical appliances and

audio-visual electronic products for the US, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, and France.

Another prospective investor is Sagittarius Sporting Good Co., Ltd., (Xiamen Feipeng Industry Co. Ltd.), a manufacturer of sports and protective equipment, which

said it intends to produce fishing and sports inflatable boats in Subic.

Eisma said most of the incoming Taiwanese investors will locate at the Tipo area, which is being developed by the SBMA as a major industrial site.

