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CSC AWARDS

CSF bags bronze for priming HRM



EXCELLENCE. Mayor Edwin Santiago holds the CSCs PRIME-HRM Bronze Award for the City Government of San Fernando during the 2019 Public Sector HR Symposium held on July 24 at the PICC in Pasay City. Joining him are OIC-city administrator Atty. Atlee Viray and city human resource management officer Rachelle Yusi, together with CSC officials headed by chair Alicia dela Rosa-Bala. **Contributed photo**

THE CITY Government of San Fernando's Human Resource Management Office (CHRMO) was named by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) as one of the outstanding local government agencies in the country that has implemented and performed "meritocratic and excellent human resource management systems."

Thus, it bagged the CSC's Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) Bronze Award during the opening program of the three-day Public Sector HR Symposium on July 24, 2019 at Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

Receiving the recognition was Mayor Edwin "EdSa" Santiago, together with OIC-City Administrator Atty. Atlee Viray, City Human Resource Management Officer Rachelle Yusi, and other CHRMO personnel.

The CSC stated that "CSF was able to manage and implement its human resource management systems according to documented process, thereby achieving a process-defined HRM in the four core HRM systems under the PRIME-HRM."

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Why not 'Tepok Lamok Hour' to curb dengue onslaught?

By Ding Cervantes

ANGELES CITY- If there's an Earth Hour and a National Earthquake Drill Day—both effective in raising the national consciousness on climate change and disaster preparedness—then why can't we have a "Tepok Lamok Hour" to boost public awareness on the disease?

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Collapse of local rice industry seen

Prices of imported rice feared to soar

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO - The local rice industry is in its death throes pushed by the Rice Liberalization Law amid reports that already depressed farm gate prices of local rice have bottomed to as low as P12 per kilo in this year's first quarter in a season wherein cost is traditionally highest.

This, amid fears that once the local rice industry collapses, the prices of imported rice would likely soar.

Already, farmers from Barangay Balingcaway, Tarlac City have reported that "ordinary class" of palay could be sold only for P12 per kilo, the fragrant soft rice at P13, and special rice at P14, way below their production value ranging at P18 per kilo amid stiff competition from imported rice.

"While Pres. Duterte promised not to import rice during local harvest time, the government no longer has any control over importation because of R.A. 11203 or the Rice Liberalization Law," said Zenaida Soriano, national chair of the National Federation of Peasant Women, also referred to as Amihan.

Soriano noted that "the government has already announced the influx of more than three million metric tons of imported rice this year

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Gov. Dennis 'Delta' Pineda receives the award of Best PDRRMC in the region from OCD Asec. Casiano Monilla. **Photo courtesy of Jun Jaso**

Pampanga wins Gawad Kalasag for 6th time

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- The Provincial Government of Pampanga bagged the Best Provincial Disaster Risk and Reduction and Management Council in the recent Regional 21st Gawad Kalasag Awarding.

The province has won the award for six consecutive years now.

Governor Dennis 'Delta' Pineda commended the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) Region III, led by Mar-

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3,000 birth certificates hostaged at ONA

By Ashley Manabat

ANGELES CITY – A city councilor wants the release of birth certificates of indigent patients that are being withheld by the Ospital Ning Angeles (ONA) here because of unsettled bills.

City councilor Joseph "PG" Ponce sponsored Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution No. 8485, s-2019 requesting Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. and Dr. Lorina Villanueva, OIC of ONA, to "effect the release of all birth certificates at the Ospital Ning Angeles registered and unregistered…" in accordance with the Child Welfare Ordinance of 2017.

Ponce said there are over 3,000 "hostage" birth certificates with others dating as far back as 1991 that must be released by ONA to its indigent patients with unsettled bills and unpaid balances.

Ponce was joined by city administra-

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300 runners, CDC employees back colleague's run for a cause

CLARK FREEPORT— Over 300 runners from various organizations including employees of Clark Development Corporation (CDC) recently converged in a running event here to contribute for a worthwhile cause and raise funds for an employee who is undergoing treatment.

CDC – External Affairs Department headed by Assistant Vice President Rommel Narciso with its Corporate Social Responsibility and Placement Division arm and other CDC staff initiated the activity and partnered with Clark Water, Smart Telecommunications and Smoke Events Center Management to organize the running event titled "5k Run for Dhel."



RUN FOR A CAUSE. Representatives from various organizations and CDC employees recently participated in "5k Run for Dhel" held at the Clark Parade Grounds. In the photo is Adelina Acla and some of the runners who took part in the event.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CDC-CD

The said event was created to raise funds for Adelina Acla, a CDC employee who was diagnosed with Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST).

Exhausting all her ways for financial support, "Dhel" as she is fondly called by her colleagues, has been in and out of the hospital for 12 years due to GIST and cysts that cause her internal bleeding. Due to her situation, she was required to have a blood transfusion every two weeks which costs around P80,000 per session with the aid of other procedures and equipment.

Through the effort of various partners and organizations including representatives from Pampanga Infinite Runners and Joggers Unlimited, they were able to raise a total of P85,000 collected donations for Dhel during the event.

Meanwhile, Rudy Abular, a member of the Angeles City based Joggers Unlimited and member of the Pampanga Press Club, said that the activity is an event with a meaningful goal.

"Mas gusto naming sinasalihan ang mga run for a cause gaya nito, kasi nakikita namin na may magandang layunin ito na talagang makatulong at may pinupuntahan ang binayad namin,"he said.

Accordingly, with the support of her family, friends, and colleagues, Dhel still remains steadfast despite her situation.

"I am here knocking in your heart to assist me in my journey, I still want to be with my family, I still want to laugh with my friends and colleagues and most especially I still want to live for myself," she said.

For those who wish to extend their help for Dhel, donations may be sent through bank deposit at BDO Account: Alfonso B. Acla (001311101169) or contact 09195813661 for further inquiries. ***–CDC-CD***

Grade 9 student winner sa Asian Junior Taekwondo Championship

NI ARMAND M. GALANG

CABANATUAN CITY - Nagbunga ang pagtitiyaga at pagsisikap sa training ng isang Grade 9 student mula sa lungsod na ito matapos magwagi sa katatapos na 10th Asian Junior Kyorugi Taekwondo Championships sa Amman, Jordan.

Nagbalik ng bansa si Sharifa Vianca Espino Dela Cruz, 14, honor student ng Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST) bitbit ang silver medal nang talunin ang ilang mas experienced at mas malalaking manlalaro gamit ang kanyang trademark na "snake kick" nitong July 21-22, 2019.

Kinatawan ni Dela Cruz sa kumpetisyon ang Pilipinas bilang miyembro ng Philippine National Junior Kyorugi Team na sanctioned ng Philippine Sports Commission.

Pagbalik ng bansa nitong Sabado ay balik ensayo, kasama ang kanyang mga kapwa taekwondo players, si Dela Cruz sa kanyang pinakapaboritong sports lalo't nahaharap na naman siya sa isa pang tournament sa buwan ng Agosto..

Nagpahayag naman ng kasiyahan si Dela Cruz sa karanasan na katawanin ang Pilipinas sa ibayong dagat sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon na dinidomina ng expreienced at mas malalaki na 15 to 17 years old na manlalaro.

Hindi naman kasi biro ang kanyang paghahanda na tournament lalo't kinailangan niyang lumuwas sa Metro Manila para sa ibayong pagsasanay.

"Pagkatapos ng training ay sasakay pa sa LRT dahil dito nga po tayo sa Nueva Ecija," kwento ni Dela Cruz. Sa kabila ng pagod ay hindi naman siya maaaring kumain ng sobra dahil kailangang manatili ang kanyang timbang, paliwanag nita.

Bahagyang kinapos sa higit na malaking Tsina pero itinuturing na napakalaking achievement para kay Dela Cruz ang panalo kontra sa mas malaking Thailand jin na gold medalist ng 2018 Korea Open Taekwondo championships.

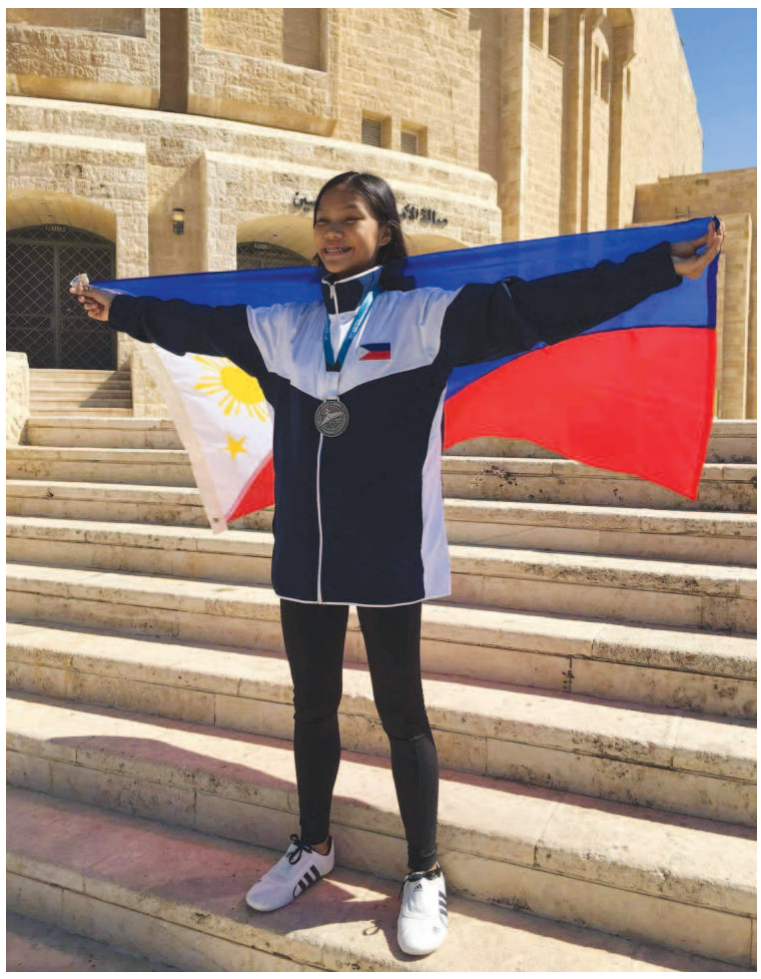
Nauna nang nakapag-uwi ng gintong medalya si Dela Cruz sa international competition, partikular ang 14th ASEAN Taekwondo Championships na ginanap sa Mall of Asia Arena nitong taon. Noong 2018 ay nag-kampeon rin si Dela Cruz sa Cadet Category ng Batang Pinoy National Championship sa Baguio City.

Anyon naman sa coach ni Dela Cruz, na si Johann Ocampo, inaasahan naman raw ang pagwawagi ng kanyang estudyante.

"Si Sharifa ay hindi lamang mahusay na taekwondo player, masipag at mahusay rin siyang estudyante," sabi ni Ocampo.

Hindi matatawaran ang disiplina ng mga manlalaro ng taekwondo katulad ni Dela Cruz at mga kasama nito, ani Ocampo. Hindi aniya naiiwasan na may masaktan sa panahon ng ensayo pero nanaig sa kanila ang kahinahunan at pang-unawa.

Hinikayat ni Dela Cruz ang mga kapwa niya kabataan na ipagpatuloy ang kanilang mga pangarap. "Noon ay napapanood ko lang at napapangarap ang paglalaro na kinakatawan ang Pilipinas, pero ngayon ay nagawa ko na," sabi niya.



Dela Cruz

Megaworld targets 30 townships, lifestyle communities by 2020

Expansive new developments to cover around 2,000 hectares in Luzon and Mindanao

MEGAWORLD, the country's largest developer of integrated urban townships and lifestyle communities, is set to launch six more townships this year until 2020. This will bring the company's township portfolio to 30 by next year.

These new developments will cover an expansive land area of around 2,000 hectares. Most of these are from new land acquisitions carried by Megaworld Group's land banking efforts during the last five years.

Five of these new expansive townships and lifestyle communities are in Luzon, while one is in Mindanao.

"Currently, we have a little over 4,000 hectares of both developed and developable land. By next year, we will increase our land ownership and land holding to more than 6,000 hectares as we continue to focus on our goal to expand to key growth areas in the provinces; help boost tourism, provide jobs, and further spur economic opportunities outside of Metro Manila," reveals Kevin L. Tan, chief strategy officer.

At present, Megaworld already has 24 townships and lifestyle communities spread across the country: Nine (9) in Metro Manila, which include Eastwood City, McKinley Hill, Forbes Town, McKinley West, Uptown Bonifacio, Newport City, Alabang West, Westside City, and Arcovia City; eight (8) in Luzon, which include Capital Town Pampanga, Eastland Heights, Twin Lakes, Southwoods City, Suntrust Ecotown, Maple Grove, Hamptons Caliraya, and Highland City; six (6) in the Visayas, which include The Mactan Newtown, Iloilo Business Park, Boracay Newcoast, The Upper East, Northill Gateway, and Sta. Barbara Heights; and one (1) in Mindanao, the Davao Park District.

The Megaworld Group is composed of mother company Megaworld Corporation and its subsidiaries Global-Estate Resorts, Inc. (GERI), Empire East Land Holdings, Inc. (EELHI), and Suntrust Properties, Inc. ***–Press release***



The Alviera country club backdropped by the Porac mountains. **Photo by Bong Lacson**

Alviera: Changing the Porac landscape

By Ashley Manabat

PORAC, Pampanga --- What used to be a hilly and mountainous area with pockets of farmlands that were once covered by volcanic debris is now slowly shaping up to be a luxurious haven of residential, leisure and industrial park.

Alviera, the 1,800-hectare mixed-use, master planned estate jointly developed by Ayala Land and Leonio Land Holdings, has marked another milestone with the new phase of the Alviera Industrial Park and the launching of the Alviera Country Club on July 31.

Leo Grape, Alviera project associate manager and acting general manager of the Alviera Country Club, said from the first phase of the industrial park, a new phase has been launched with an additional 32 hectares following strong demand for more industrial lots.

Grape also said during a press briefing at the newly-opened Alviera Country Club here on Friday that Phase 1 of the park already has "move-ins" from noodle manufacturer Monde Nissin and Badan Building Materials, a company in stone engineering.

He said their operations with about 350 combined employees will begin this month while another upcoming locator, Heavy Duty Manufacturing, Inc., will provide quality exhaust components for different industries.

The Alviera Industrial Park is Located near the entrance of the sprawling estate development where it is strategically accessible from the Porac exit of the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEx).

On Friday, Grape showed members of the media the various amenities of the Alviera Country Club which is nestled on a 5.6-hectare lot at the foot of a mountain range here.

Grape said Phase 2 of the industrial park is on track for completion early next year. Alviera Industrial Park is dedicated to light to medium, non-polluting industries and is open for non-PEZA locators.

A public transport terminal linking Alviera to major points like Dau, Mabalacat, Angeles, and San Fernando cities as well as Clark will be developed later this year. He also said discussions are ongoing with public transport groups.

Premium destination

Meantime, the Alviera Country Club is set to become Central Luzon's premium fitness and recreation destination.

Designed by Leandro V. Locsin and Partners, the sprawling country club is in the heart of the estate. It features a network of swimming pools, a gym with dance studio, and multiple indoor courts for basketball, volleyball, tennis and badminton.

For children, there is an outdoor splash park, an indoor play area, locker room and change area.

For relaxation, the Inawa (rest) Spa offers massage treatments by specially trained masseuses. The spa has Shiatsu and Swedish massage services, and their own signature relaxation treatments.

There are three restaurants top billed by Manyaman (delicious) Restaurant, a 112- seater restaurant that offers Filipino and international dishes; the Sabyan (tell) Café which offers hot and cold beverages and a wide array of sandwiches, and freshly baked bread and pastries; and the Galo (move) Sports Bar which offers tasty bar chow.

At Galo, patrons can enjoy darts, billiards and table tennis over their drinks. Nearby, patrons can also try out the KTV rooms, the game console room and the theater for film viewings.

Sabyan serves delectable coffee sourced from Sagada and Sultan Kudarat.

"We look forward to welcoming members and guests at Alviera Country Club to experience Kapampangan hospitality at its finest," said Melanie Eugenio, Alviera Project Development Manager.

To head the food and beverage operations, the club appointed Executive Chef Raffy Borromeo Hubilla. The Olongapo-born chef has over 25 years in the culinary business including international experience.

Aside from sports and family activities, Alviera Country Club was created for both intimate celebrations and large-scale events. There are meeting rooms and a boardroom on the ground floor.

Ballrooms

On the second floor are two ballrooms that can be combined into a grand hall that can fit as many as 500-600 guests. A pre-function area running the length of the hall provides a view of the entire club.

Aside from the industrial park and club, land development on the estate continues, Grape said.

The Alviera East Commercial Center will be completed next year. He said campuses for Miriam College Alviera and Holy Angel University are under the planning stage and will begin construction in the next years for their target completion and operations in 2022 and 2023 respectively, as is the 23-hectare La Salle Botanical Garden.

The botanical garden already has its nursery in place and will be operational by 2020, Grape added.

In terms of residences, all three Ayala Land brands are present on the estate to provide various options.

Grape explained that Avida Land has begun to accommodate move-ins for its first community and is on its second project. Alveo Land has met with similar success and has also begun sales for a second residential project while Ayala Land Premier is scheduled to launch its second residential community.

Grape said the estate continuously supports its nearby communities like barangays Sapang Uwak and Hacienda Dolores with livelihood, education and medical programs.

He also said Alviera has infrastructure projects for the community such as the Sapang Uwak Elementary School construction which will provide more educational opportunities.

Alviera will be developing another 300 hectares over the next five years covering commercial lots and new residential options from the three brands, he said.

SM Olongapo Downtown conducts medical, dental mission

CARING FOR indigent families through Medical and Dental Missions are always a part of SM Foundations Health program. Through Its partner government agencies and private organizations, such as the City Health Office, Olongapo City Medical Society, Olongapo City Dental Chapter, medical examination of beneficiaries/patients was conducted at the 6th floor carpark of SM Olongapo Downtown last July 24, 2019.

Dubbed as "Gamot Para sa Kapwa", SM Foundation provided services such as medical checkup , dental check up, blood test, ECG, X-ray, eye check-up with free reading glasses and laboratory tests. Aside from the medical services, free medicines for common illnesses and vitamins were also distributed to patients.

The beneficiaries of this Mission reached one thousand two hundred thirty three (1233). Those who benefited in the Dental service reached sixty (60) while those examined and given assistance for optical examinations reached one hundred eighty (180).

"Malaking tulong po ito sa amin na walang pampa check up sa doctor, Maraming salamat sa SM sa pagbibigay nila ng libreng gamot at check up", remarked one of the patients.

Through the generous support of its partners- the Local Government of Olongapo, City Health Office, City Social Welfare and Development Office, Barangay Pagasa, Olongapo City Medical Society, Dental Society Olongapo Chapter, PNP, SM Supermarket, James L. Gordon Memorial Hospital, Ideal Vision and Metro Subic College the Free Medical and dental Mission was a big success.

"Gamot Para sa Kapwa" is a yearly activity in all provincial malls and its barangay health center counterpart, the Felicidad T. Sy Wellness Center.

–SMOL



Editorial

ORATIO IMPERATA TO END THE KILLINGS IN NEGROS ISLAND

O God, our Father, who hears the cries of Your children, look upon us in Your mercy. We pray that we be delivered from the evil of the killings that stalks our island. It is a violence that has deprived our people of peace; a violence that has orphaned many families; and a violence that has traumatized and instilled paralyzing fear in our communities.

Stretch out Your loving hands, O Father, and move us so that we may truly be our 'brother's keeper'. Embolden our government officials to speak out against the killings.

Challenge our police and military personnel to fully embrace their mandate to serve and protect the people. Empower our communities to stand for the sanctity and primacy of life. Disturb those responsible for this evil and have blood in their hands, especially the ones who are impelled by their ideological agenda. May they have a change of heart and be renewed.

Be with us, O Lord, so that, in these dark times, we may have the courage to be instruments of Your peace.

This we ask through Jesus Your Son, the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

POLICE BRIG. Gen. Debold Sinas, director of PRO-7 that holds jurisdiction over Negros Oriental, has said that the recent multiple killings were not a cause for alarm since the incidents were not concentrated in one area but were distributed in the various towns.

"They're just separate cases," said Sinas.

Instantly reminding us of the Soviet dictator Stalin infamously saying: "A single death is a tragedy, a million deaths is a statistic."

Shame. Shame.

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Perverted populism

THE VETO on the Security of Tenure Bill – a direct, not to say dialectical, contradiction to his thundering "stop contractualization or I will kill you" threat to capitalists at the onset of his presidency – gives the brazen lie to Duterte's professions of being for, from, and of the masses.

Duterte's arbitrary order to suspend all gaming schemes authorized by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office – complete with a show of force in true stormtrooper style by the police – is an absolute negation of whatever pro-poor molecule still extant in *this* organism.

The evil of Endo on one hand, the deprivation of the social benefits the poor get from the PCSO on the other. A double whammy in a matter of days inflicted upon the toiling, suffering masses by the very champion they voted into office. *Na-Duterte,* the bitterest irony of it all.

"Mahirap kayo? Putang ina, umalis kayo. Magtiis kayo sa hirap at gutom, wala akong pakialam."

Comes to the fore anew the scorn Duterte heaped upon the drivers and operators of jeepneys protesting the government's transport modernization program, not so much for the convenience it will bring to the public as to the cost it would entail, way, way over and above their quotidian means.

Self-contradiction is a Duterte affliction: The self-avowed socialist at the time of the election campaign, the tyrant of a president.

His disdain, if not utter abomination, of the *masa* – the very core of his political base – most manifest in his fulminations against those jeepney drivers, in putting the Chinese worker over and above the Filipino laborer, in opening the nation's seas to the Chinese and shutting down the same to the Filipino fishermen, in consigning the farmers to a life of deprivation, indeed starvation, if not extinction, with absolute neglect made more resolute with the rice tariffication law. Above all, in the fulsome slaughter of the poor, be they drug addicts or pushers, or innocent collaterals to his war on drugs, as well as in his military aggressions in the countrysides targeting NGOs, journalists, lawyers, IPs – with the utmost intensity on the Lumad.

There is not an iota of the socialist in Duterte. There is in him everything of the elitist, at the least, of the *peti-burgis*.

Still, he gets high rust ratings, ostensibly from the very victims of his anti-poor whimsy – policy, is too high-brow a word for it. Readily dismissed as some case of mass retardation, damned as "Dutertardism" by the same class as Duterte's but who happened to be on the other side of the elitist divide.

Time to raise the class card anew with this unrepentant socialist's musings in the long defunct *Pampanga News* issue of March 23-29, 2006 under the heading **The masa antithesis.**

HINDI MANGMANG ang masa. Sila'y pinagkaitan lamang ng tamang pagkakataon upang ganap na umusbong ang kanilang katalinuhan, ng akmang kaganapan upang malinang ang kanilang karunungan – pagkakataong pinigil ng hagkis ng kahirapan; kaganapang sinupil ng hataw ng pang-aapi't pagsasamantala ng mga naghahari-hariang uri.

That "the incompetence of the masses is almost universal throughout the domains of political life…" is a fundamental fallacy in the bourgeois postulates on the people.

The *masa* response: There is no inherent mass incompetence among the people: there is mass oppression, exploitation, and deprivation that caused – and still causes – incompetence.

Premium to the existence of class exploitative societies is the oppression of the people. Of the highest priority is the reduction of the people to their basic animal instincts, the deprivation of their natural rights as human beings, in order to best serve – in the bourgeois interest – their principal purpose as nothing more than tools of production.

Sa kaisipang elitista, ang masa ay kawan ng baka't kalabaw na isinisingkaw sa mga bukirin, sa mga planta't pabrika upang mabigyan tugon ang lahat ng mga pangangailangan, upang masustentuhan ang lahat ng luho at kapritso ng uring peti-burgis.

Tunay ka, kasama: Tamad na burgis na ayaw gumawa, sa pawis ng masa ay nagpapasasa.

Deprivation damns the people to incompetence, dispossessing them of the necessary knowledge and skills to rise above the lot pre-ordained for them by the ruling class.

Born poor. Live poor. Die poor.

Paldac-sicaran ning cacaluluan ibat qng quebaitan angga na qng camatayan, as we Capampangans put it. An animal existence. To the elite, that is the *masa* destiny. A vicious cycle with neither definitive end nor fixed beginning.

Of that, it certainly is not.

Incompetence is reared upon deprivation which in turn is rooted in exploitation which spawns from oppression. To make possible the elimination of incompetence among the people then, exploitation need to be uprooted.

Ang pagkapantay-pantay ng mga mamamayan ang sandigan ng isang demokratikong estado. Ang mga kalakarang piyudal, pagbubusabos sa mga anak-pawis, paniniil sa mga anak-dalita ay walang puwang dito.

So, government exists for the purpose of preserving the status quo. This does not cover though the preservation of the system of class exploitation.

Ang pagtaas sa antas ng pamumuhay ng mga mamamayan ay hindi lamang pangunahin kundi sagradong gampanin ng pamahalaan. Lakip nito ang pagbibigay puwang sa pinakamaliit at pinaka-aba mang mamamayan ng bahagi sa mga gawain at pagkilos na tuwirang tumitimo sa kanilang buhay. Anumang kaganapang taliwas dito ay isang kabalintunaan sa demokratikong estado.

The bourgeois thesis of governance as a monopoly of the propertied class has been – rightfully – long consigned to the dustbin of history.

There is, though, an emerging new elitism. This, the *masa* should fight with a determined populism.

NO, NOT that kind of populism arrogated unto Duterte. Who, in fact, is an elitist to the rotten core.

Bangon sa pagkakagupiling, bangon kauring alipin…

TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

General Aguinaldo claims the Philippines is ready for independence

ON JULY 29, 1931, General Emilio Aguinaldo stated that the Philippines is ready to assume the responsibilities of an independent nation. Although the country is not ready from a military point of view, no nation, the General thinks, "will dare to use force on another in this age of growing harmony, peace, and international brotherhood".

Aguinaldo was speaking in response to the address of US Senator Hawes before the joint session of the Philippine Legislature the day before. In his address Hawes stated that independence "would carry with it heavy responsibilities, possibly increase in taxes, and some loss of trade". Postponing independence 15, 20, or 30 years, he said, is not a plan, but a subterfuge.



Halo-halo

Ding Cervantes

Jesus on the Final Resurrection

THERE'S A portion of the writings of mystic Maria Valtorta that I like reading over and over. But who would not be interested to know the future? As in events during the Final Resurrection?

Yes, Valtorta was given such vision of an earth already barren, and the sun and stars gone. She saw an episode of all the dead being given flesh anew for the Final Judgement, and how the damned moved to one side and the just to another.

Details on this later, as I would like to share Jesus Christ's comments after this vision, revolving mostly in the necessity of Purgatory.

Said Jesus: "When time has come to an end and life must need be only Life in the heavens, the whole universe, as you thought, will again be what it was in the beginning. Then, after I have judged, it shall be completely destroyed.

"Many think that from the moment of the end until the universal Judgment there will be only an instant. But God will be good to the very end, O My daughter. Good and just.

"Not all the people living at the last hour will be holy, and not all will be damned. Among the holy ones, there will be those who are destined to Heaven but have something to pay for. I would be unjust if I quashed their expiation which I inflicted on all those who came before them and were in the same condition when they died.

"Therefore, those alive in the last hour and who die at the last hour and who deserve Heaven but need to be cleansed more, will go into the purifying fire. Meanwhile, justice and the end shall come for other planets, and one by one the stars shall die out in the sky like flames on which someone blows, and darkness and cold shall increase, throughout My hours which are your centuries--and the hour of darkness has already begun, in both sky and hearts.

"I will increase the heat of the purifying fire so that the purification may be quicker and the blessed do not wait too long to bring their holy flesh to glorification and delight it too in seeing its God, its Jesus in His perfection and His triumph.

"That is why you (Valtorta) saw the earth bereft of herbs and trees, of animals, people, of life, and the oceans without sails, a still expanse of still waters. Because the waters, no longer called to give life to their fishes, will no longer need motion, just as the earth, no longer called to give life to the grasses and other beings, will no longer need warmth. This is why you saw the sky lacking its luminaries, without fires anymore and without lights anymore. Light and warmth will no longer be necessary to the earth, by then a huge corpse bearing within itself the corpses of all those who lived from Adam to the last son of Adam.

"Death, My last servant on Earth, shall carry out its last task and then it too shall cease to exist. There shall no longer be Death. But only eternal Life. In bliss or in terror. Life in God or life in Satan for your selves reassembled in soul and in body.

"Enough for now. Rest and think of Me."

Later, Valtorta told her spiritual director as follows:

"I forgot to tell you Father, that all the bodies were naked but it was not disgusting, as though malice were dead too in them and in me. And then the bodies of the damned were shielded by their darkness and the bodies of the blessed were clothed by their light. So, what is animality in us disappeared under the emanation of the inner spirit, a very happy or very desperate master of the flesh."

City Hall shuts down 5 bars along Fields Ave.

ANGELES CITY- The city government here has ordered the closure of five bars along Fields Avenue here for operating without permits.

Temporarily closed were Sky Trax Super Club, Phillies Sports Grill, Flaming Bar, Kurula, and Roadhouse.

Closure orders were issued by city hall after personnel from various government agencies based here conducted operations to examine permits of business establishments and clear sidewalks.

City hall has reported that illegal structures in front of the Wild Orchid Hotel were also demolished, while makeshift stalls of ambulant vendors were dismantled and their goods confiscated.

Several plant boxes at the Penthouse Hotel were also confiscated to clear the sidewalk, it said. ***–Ding Cervantes***

3,000 entertainers renew pink cards

MORE THAN 3,000 entertainers in Angeles City have recently renewed their pink cards (health cards) at the City Health Office.

This after the city government intensified its drive against bars which have no business permits and clearing operations at the Fields Avenue.

Angeles City Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin Jr. had recently ordered the closure of bars which have no business permits and the clearing of sidewalks at Fields Avenue. At least five bars without business permits have been closed.

Club operators at Fields Avenues were also warned against hiring minors or face closure. Entertainers were told to renew their health cards which resulted to the surge of applicants renewing their pink cards.

Mayor Lazatin has issued Executive Order No. 5, requiring "all workers in massage parlors, spas, and other establishments offering similar services in Angeles City to secure a pink health card from the Angeles City Sanitation/EHS Division."

The EO No. 5 stated that "due to the popularity of entertainment and other recreational establishments in the city, as well as the influx of both local and foreign tourists, Angeles City has become particularly vulnerable to the prevalence of sexually-transmitted disease.

"The City Government has an obligation to promote and protect the health of its constituents, especially those working in vulnerable industries, and in the interest of protecting the health of workers in Angeles City, it is adamant that the city government implement measures to ensure that their health and safety is protected."

–Press release



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

Pamahalaang Digong, walang tiyak na direksyon

SA KWENTA pang-apat na SONA ng ating
Pangulo ay di na binanggit ang dating
ipinangako na kanyang uunahing
bibigyan aniya ng matamang pansin.

Kundi bagkus para bang ang iniulat
ni Sir, sa loob ng mahigit isang oras
ay tila 'replay' lang, gaya ng 'war on drugs'
na ang biktima ay pawang mahihirap.

(At wala ni isang de barong, 'coat & tie,
dress-to- kill' at naka-Filipinianas riyan,
ang nakasuhan ng ating Malakanyang
ng pangungurakot sa kaban ng bayan).

Nang kumandidato siya bilang Pangulo
ibinandera niyang lulutasin nito
ang lahat ng uri ng masamang bisyo
oras na maupo siya sa Palasyo.

Na kung saan 'within ninety days to six months'
ay kaya umano niyang durugin yan,
pero hayan, tapos na bale ang kanyang
'midterm,' di pa rin niya naisakatuparan.

Ang isinusulong niyang Federalismo
di na rin inungkat o nabanggit nito
sa nakalipas na SONA niya mismo,
kaya maaaring 'scratch' na rin ito.

Pabago-bago ang kanyang sinasabi
na gagawin kaya't lalong dumarami
itong kung minsan ay nawiwika pati
ng iba na 'weird' daw si Digong Duterte.

Kasi nga'y madalas ay di natin alam
kung siya'y seryoso o nagbibiro lang
sa kung anong isyung marapat aksyonan,
kaya nga't minsan ay mahirap masakyan.

Karaniwan na sa kanya ang pagiging
padalus-dalos sa mga sinasabing
tama't pabiro lang, pero sa iba nating
kababayan, medyo di okay ang dating.

Gaya nang sa kanyang nakaraang SONA
ay sinabi nitong magbibitiw siya
bilang presidente, at kung sino aniya
ang gustong pumalit (yata) magprisinta?

Partikular itong mula sa militar,
base sa salitang kanyang binitiwan,
'yan kahit pabiro kung ika nga'y sanlan
di dapat sabihin 'in public' ang ganyan.

Sanhi na rin nitong kawalan din niya
ng 'self control' minsan, saka ng legal na
panuntunan at ng 'self discipline' po ba?
Nadidiskaril ang pananalita niya.

Buti na lang bago tuluyang matapos
ang diskurso niya, kumabyo patapos,
na 'up to his last day in office,' ang sagot
tuloy ang gyera niya sa bawal na gamot!

At ang ilang bagay na inaasahang
tatalakayin at bibigyan ng daan,
gaya ng gusto niyang sistemang 'federal'
patuloy pa kaya niyang ipaglalaban?

Why not 'Tepok Lamok Hour' to curb dengue onslaught?

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"Never underestimate the power of using milestones as a social mobilization tool," Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto said in a statement yesterday.

This was done by the great Johnny Flavier, Recto said, who, "without sending a single tweet," was able to marshal public opinion to the side of public health causes.

Flavier, who was Health secretary from 1992 to 1995, launched creative marketing drives like "Oplan Alis Disease" to promote the universal vaccination of Filipino children.

Recto said the template can be used against dengue "because for any disease, information precedes prevention, control and treatment."

If there is a "Mosquito Awareness or Annihilation Day" or MAD or a "Tepok Lamok Hour," it can be a big help in raising public awareness on how to avoid the disease, Recto said.

"Because in this age of social media, to defeat a virus, one's campaign must become viral," Recto said.

With dengue cases on the rise, Recto urged Malacañang to choose a day in the year which can be crammed with activities on how to combat the mosquito-inflicted disease, which has been classified by the Department of Health (DOH) as no longer seasonal, but year-round.

"Puno ng mga araw ng ganito at araw ng ganoon ang ating government activity calendar. May araw ng civil service, mayroong nutrition month, mayroong coastal cleanup, mayroong pambansang araw ng ganitong sektor, pati anibersaryso sa pagtatatag ng ganitong ahensya siniselebra din," he said.

Recto credited Secretary Francisco Duque for trying to popularize the DOH "Four S" campaign against dengue, "but what it lacks, I think, is the hoopla and the relatable fanfare."

DOH's Four S versus dengue are "search and destroy" for mosquito-breeding sites; "self-protection measures" like wearing of right clothes and daily use of mosquito repellent; "seek early consultation"; and "support fogging or spraying" in hotspot areas to prevent an impending outbreak.

"Maganda na ang mga ito. Packaging na lang. Kung mayroong isang focal day na puno ng activities na lalahukan ng mga paaralan, opisina, pagawaan at malls, lalong tataas ang ating national DQ – dengue quotient," he said.

"Kung mayroong isang araw na ipapakita sa tao kung paano lalabanan si Aedes Aegypti na siyang ating Public Enemy No. 1, malaking tulong ito sa overall campaign. Lalo na doon sa isyu ng kalinisan," he said.

But Recto explained that this will only complement other measures to fight dengue and care for patients like more public hospital beds, cleaning and dredging of canals which must done throughout the year.

Recto said DOH is already observing June15 as ASEAN Dengue Day "but an Executive Order declaring a national fight dengue day or week will be better."

In Sorsogon, Gov. Chiz Escudero has also issued an executive order declaring July 29, 2019 an "Anti-Dengue Special Working Day".

CSF bags bronze for priming HRM

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It can be recalled that in the previous year, all four core HRM systems of the said office were Level II accredited by the agency. These include recruitment, selection, and placement; learning and development; performance management; and, rewards and recognition.

Yusi said that through this recognition, "passion" will continuously be on top of their work.

"The City Human Resource Management Office got this PRIME-HRM Bronze Award not just because of our hardwork but, more so, of the sincere appreciation of each one and this will continuously inspire us to be more passionate about HR work," she said.

Santiago, for his part, expressed that this award was a manifestation of the cooperation of the implementing office and the rest of the employees.

"Lagi kong sinasabi na 'human resource is still the greatest form of all resources.' But what makes it great? Nagiging makabuluhan ito kung nagtutulungan ang resource office at ang nasasakupan nito. Kaya natutuwa tayo dahil nakikita natin 'yan dito sa ating lokal na pamahalaan. Mula sa proseso ng recruitment hanggang sa pagkilala sa abilidad, ginagawa natin," said Santiago.

Hosted annually by the CSC, the symposium has been staged since 2013 and has gathered different international and local public leaders and HR practitioners with the goal to further strengthen and develop the HR practices in the country. ***–CSFP-CIO***

Collapse of local rice industry seen

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in a situation wherein under the Rice Liberalization Law, the National Food Authority (NFA) has been decoupled of its retailing function and is now limited to buffer stocking."

"Hindi kayang bilhin ng NFA ang malaking share ng ani dahil nga pinagbawalan na nga ito mag-retail, kaya and siguradong epekto ng pagbaha ng imported rice ay ang pagbagsak ng presyo ng palay na nangyari na nga sa simula ng taon," Soriano said.

"The law is now at the initial stage of undermining national food security, self-sufficiency and self-reliance," she added.

She said the government has been ignoring the plight of affected farmers which are being pushed towards "total displacement" that would then be exploited by big land developers who are backing land use conversion for their business interests, as she cited the family of Sen. Cynthia Villar.

Soriano warned that "once the local rice industry collapses, there is no way to control the prices of imported rice."

"The law's decoupling of NFA functions is a liberalization measure, particularly the prohibition of its retailing of cheaper rice which is a regulatory power against increasing prices of rice," she said.

Amihan urged the public to push for the scrapping of the Rice Liberalization Law, and called for the enactment of House Bill 477 Rice Industry Development Act or RIDA bill, filed by Gabriela Women's Party Rep. Arlene Brosas.

–Ding Cervantes

Pampanga wins Gawad Kalasag...

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lou Salazar, for their intensive efforts to search and promote exemplary prartices in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance.

According to Angelina 'Angie' Blanco, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer, the Gawad Kalasag truly brings the best in every implementing body on matters of DRRM.

"Working in the field of Disaster Management inculcated [in us] the true spirit of service and compassion for [our] fellowmen," she furthered.

She thanked the OCD for the recognition, and then said that it was not about the award, but to be able to provide service and protection for Kapampangans.

The PDRRM Chief also mentioned the persistent support of Gov. Pineda, Vice Gov. Lilia 'Nanay' Pineda, Sangguniang Panlalawigan members, and the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) in terms of guaranteeing the preparedness and safety of constituents, which is the primary concern of the administration.

Moreover, Sindalan National Child Development Center, Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital, Diosdado P. Macapagal Memorial Hospital, San Fernando Rescue and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council also received their respective awards. ***–Leah Isidro De Fiesta/Pampanga PIO***

3,000 birth certificates hostaged at ONA

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tor Wllie Rivera during a press briefing here on Friday where the issue was brought up.

Rivera said he will inform the mayor of the urgency of the matter and recommend the issuance for their immediate release.

Meanwhile, Ponce said he received complaints from parents during the opening of classes for elementary because a birth certificate is one of the requirements for enrolment.

As the chairman of the council committee on human rights, Ponce said he will not allow the children to be deprived of their rights especially on education.

Ponce's resolution, which was co-sponsored by councilors Alfie Bonifacio, Arvin Suller, Dan Lacson, Amos Rivera, and Thelma P. Indiongco, was unanimously approved.

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MICHAEL GARCIA MANIO**, of legal age, Filipino citizen, married, with residence at District 5, Lot 15, Blk. 130, EPZA, Pulung Cacutud, Angeles City and sole heir of **YOLANDA LICERALDE GARCIA** who died intestate on January 19, 2017 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Sale on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15, Block 130, of the subdivision plan Psd-035401-050828, being a portion of Lot 122-E-1-A-1, Psd-035401-049894, L.R.C. Rec. No.) with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Pulung Maragul, City of Angeles and covered by Transfer of Certificate Title No. 189310, before Notary Public Marcelino A. Pineda Jr. as per Doc No. 2088, Page No. 68, Book No. 5, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2019

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the sole heir of **ERLINDA M. HARDWICK** who died intestate on July 13, 2019 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 10-B of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-1077, being a portion of the consolidation of Block 21 - 27, 30 - 32, and Road Lots 12 - 22, Psd-49971, and Block 10, Psd-46477, LRC (GLRO) Record No. 124) situated in the Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2012002926 in the Registry of Deeds of Angeles City, before Notary Public Jerome T. Paras as per Doc No. 67, Page No. 11, Book No. XII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2019

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EFREN O. DE JESUS** who died intestate on July 22, 2018 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as follows:

1. Peso Savings Account No. 202480002849 in the amount of Ten Million Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Three & 44/100 Pesos (Php 10,022,973.44) in UCPB, Clark Branch;
2. Peso Savings Account No. 2946096280 in the amount of One Million Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight & 15/100 Pesos (Php 1,088,938.15) in Land Bank of the Philippines, Capas Branch;
3. Joint Savings Account No. 2000 304 23557 and 2000 284 70157 between Efren O. De Jesus and Fatima Marie L. De Jesus in the total amount of Five Hundred Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Three & 53/100 Pesos (Php 500,253.53) in East West Bank, Clark Branch;
4. A parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 5, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Pdr-55782, being a portion of Lot 2, described on plan Pcs-4920, LRC Rec. No. 8715) with existing improvements, situated covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 356114-R situated in the City of Angeles and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 119570;
5. A Motor vehicle particularly described as:
   - Make : Toyota
   - Series : Hilux
   - Engine No. : 1GD0454389
   - Model : 2018
   - MV File No. : 0301-00000732465
   - Conduction Sticker No. : A5-H659
6. A Motor vehicle particularly described as:
   - Make : Toyota
   - Series : Fortuner 24.4L 4
   - Engine No. : 2GDC3199695
   - Chassis No. : MHFJB8GS5J1548905
   - Model : 2018
   - MV File No. : 0301-000006888413
   - Conduction Sticker No. : A4-T375
7. A Motor vehicle particularly described as:
   - Make : Honda
   - Series : Jazz
   - Engine No. : L16Z23160383
   - Model : 2017
   - Conduction Sticker No. : DT-3028

before Notary Public Moises Dave A. Aranez as per Doc No. 4, Page No. 41, Book No. I, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2019



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANGELO DE GUZMAN CRUZ** who died intestate on November 28, 2005 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Deed of Donation on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 18-Q of the subdivision plan Psd-03-004056, being a portion of Lot 18, Block 8 (LRC) Psd-23928, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Pandan, City of Angeles and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 66910, before Notary Public Marcelino A. Pineda Jr. as per Doc No. 1149, Page No. 103, Book No. 8, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2019

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO ROQUE DAVID** who died intestate on September 29, 2018 in Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 31-A of the subdivision plan Psd-03-198296) situated in the Barangay of San Francisco, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2013004740, before Notary Public Pepito M. Torres Jr. as per Doc No. 453, Page No. 79, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2019

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **CARMELITA P. KEEN**, of legal age, widow, Filipino, resident of 201 Zeppelin Suites Hensonville, Angeles City and sole heir of **PHILIP GRAHAM KEEN** who died intestate on April 9, 2019 in Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his estate, more particularly described as money deposited in Banco de Oro, Balibago Branch, Angeles City under Savings Account No. 008698002430 in the amount of P1,642,438.46, before Notary Public Mark Philip B. Lumboy as per Doc No. 347, Page No. 105, Book No. VII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 15, 22 & 29, 2019

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **K-JAY POGADO**, 15 years of age, Australian citizen with temporary residence at Brgy. Tagbubunga, Villaba, Leyte and sole heir of **EDDELINE A. POGADO** who died intestate on May 19, 2019 in Sydney, NSW, Australia executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on her estate, more particularly described as a certain amount of money deposited at the Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), Balibago Branch, Angeles City under Savings Account No. 8739 1295 92, before Notary Public Donna Villa M. Gaspan-Cerna as per Doc No. 483, Page No. 97, Book No. LXXIII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 15, 22 & 29, 2019

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **TRISHIA ANN GUEVARRA MALLARI**, of legal age, Filipino, single, resident of No. 374, Purok 7, Nueva Victoria, Mexico, Pampanga and sole heir of the Spouses **RINA GUEVARRA MALLARI** and **MELCHOR DUYA MALLARI** who died intestate on December 15, 2017 and November 16, 1999, respectively, both in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on their estate, more particularly described as follows:

1. Bungalow Pod House located at Lot 50, Block 8, Amaia Scapes, City of San Fernando, Pampanga;
2. A parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 599912-R situated in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga;
3. A parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 447758-R situated in Sebitanan, Mexico, Pampanga; and
4. A parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 356114-R situated in Sebitanan, Mexico, Pampanga;

before Notary Public Miguelito S. Pama as per Doc No. 371, Page No. 76, Book No. 6, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 15, 22 & 29, 2019

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 55
MACABEBE, PAMPANGA

IN RE: PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JAY LUMBA DANGA UNDER LOCAL REGISTRY NO. 493 (F-76)

JAY LUMBA DANGA,
Petitioner,

-versus- SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS NO. 19-0941(M)

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MACABEBE, PAMPANGA, THE NATIONAL STATISTICIAN AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THIS CASE,
Respondents.

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ORDER

On May 10, 2019, petitioner Jay Lumba Danga filed the verified Petition with Manifestation, of even date, praying that the Local Civil Registrar of Macabebe, Pampanga, and the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City, be ordered to (a) cancel his Certificate of Live Birth with Local Registry No. 493 (F-76); and (b) issue to him the Certificate of Live Birth with Local Registry No. 95-1029 on file in said offices.

On May 24, 2019, said petition was amended by Atty. Caroline C. Payumo, counsel for the petitioner.

This court finds the petition to be sufficient in form and substance.

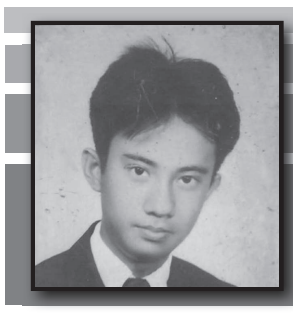
WHEREFORE, this court hereby (a) sets this case for hearing on the petition on **October 22, 2019** at **11:30** in the **morning** at the **Session Hall of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 55, Macabebe, Pampanga**; (b) orders the petitioner (i) to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in an accredited newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga at his own expense; (ii) to serve within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of this Order, copies of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General of the Philippines, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, the Local Civil Registrar of Macabebe, Pampanga, and the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines; and (iii) to show proof of said service to this court on said date and time of hearing; (c) orders all persons interested in the petition to appear before this court on said date and time of hearing and to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted; (d) orders this court's OIC – Branch Clerk of Court to furnish copies of this Order to the petitioner, his counsel, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, the Local Civil Registrar of Macabebe, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines and the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga; and (e) awaits the entry of appearance of the Office of the Solicitor General in this case.

SO ORDERED.

Macabebe, Pampanga, May 24, 2019.

MARIA JOSEPHINE M. ROSARIO-MERCADO
Judge

Punto! Central Luzon: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2019



Spotlight
Arci Pineda

Jessy Mendiola is still with ABS-CBN

JESSY MENDIOLA ended the rumors circulating of her transfer to GMA by accepting "SanDugo" on ABS-CBN.

She will be part of the upcoming Kapamilya drama series, starring Ejay Falcon and Aljur Abrenica.

Last Saturday, July 27, Dreamscape Enterainment AdProm Manager Eric John Salut posted a photo of Jessy undergoing a workshop with Ejay, Aljur, and Elisse Joson.

Salut wrote, "I am amazed!!!! Woohoo! #SanDugo acting workshop @ejaythefalcon @elissejosonn @ajabrenica and @senorita_jessy"

Dreamscape Entertainment, an ABS-CBN content provider, has yet to give details about Jessy's role in the series.

Jessy was not present during the January 31 story conference of SanDugo.

At that time, only Elisse and Maika Rivera were introduced as Ejay and Aljur's leading ladies.

Jessy's inclusion in SanDugo ends speculations that she will be transferring to ABS-CBN's rival network.

The speculations started when Jessy captioned one of her Instagram posts with "old ending and new beginnings."

It was even rumored that Jessy's first project with GMA-7 would be The Better Woman with Andrea Torres and Derek Ramsay.

During the media conference of her movie Stranded last March 26, Jessy admitted that she became impatient after not getting any TV assignments for a long while.

Her last TV appearance was in FPJ's Ang Probinsyano in 2018, but her last regular drama series was the teleserye You're My Home, which ended in March 2016.

She said back then, "Siyempre, naiinip po ako. Sino ba naman pong hindi? Pero kung naiinip ka man, e, di gumawa ka ng something productive o puwede mong kabisihan, like, 'yan ang business o kung ano pang medium na puwede mong ipakita ang sarili mo."

Still, she remained in touch with ABS-CBN, and was already given a new TV assignment.

At press time, ABS-CBN has yet to announce when SanDugo will air, but it was already part of the upcoming programs presented during the recent ABS-CBN trade launch.

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ZEPHANIE DIMARANAN is the first winner of Idol Philippines!

This was announced during Idol Philippines's live final showdown today, July 28, 2019, at the Newport Performing Arts Theater.

Zephanie bested two other Idol hopefuls who were part of the final showdown: Lucas Garcia and Lance Busa.

The original top five finalists were trimmed down to three during the first night of the final showdown. Dan Ombao and Miguel Ordon were eliminated yesterday, July 27.

During the competition proper, the three finalists went through two rounds.

During the first round, Zephanie, Lucas, and Lance performed the song that best described their Idol journey.

For the second round, the three finalists were made to perform new, original compositions by renowned songwriters.

For the original song round, Zephanie performed "Pangarap Mong Pangarap Ko" composed by Jonathan Manalo.

Lance sang "Kapit Lang" by Jimmy Antiporda, while Lucas performed "Because You Believed" by Trina Belamide.

In the end, Zephanie got the highest score of 100%, which was based on 50 percent of the scores given by the judges, composed of Regine Velasquez, Vice Ganda, Moira dela Torre, and James Reid.

The other 50 percent came from the public votes.

Lucas got a combined score of 70.2% while Lance got 41.89%.

Zephanie won the following prizes: a recording contract from Star Music, an all-expense paid trip to Taiwan for four, a brand new house and lot, and two million pesos.

Jessica Sanchez, first runner-up of American Idol Season 11, performed on the ABS-CBN show earlier tonight.

Idol Philippines started airing on April 21, 2019.

After weeks of featuring auditions, the Top 12 were chosen to compete for the live rounds.

The other seven finalists who were part of Idol Top 12 were: Matty Juniosa, Rachel Libres, Trish Bonilla, Renwick Benito, Fatima Louise, Sheland Faelnar, and Elle Ocampo.

Before the announcement, Billy announced that Idol PH will return for a second season.



Jessy Mendiola

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
ANGELES CITY

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,
Mortgagee,

F.C. CASE NO. 2019-2030

-versus-

FOR: APPLICATION FOR FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

BILLANDER S. PABLO,
Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the above-named Mortgagee, **SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM** with branch office address at Macabulos Drive, San Vicente, Tarlac City against the Mortgagor **BILLANDER S. PABLO**, with residence and postal address at L8, B11, Mamatitang, Mabalacat City, Pampanga to satisfy the outstanding mortgaged debt which as of February 1, 2019 amounts to **FOUR MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE PESOS AND 19/100 (Php4,373,653.19) Philippine Currency**, principal inclusive of interest thereon, penalties, and other charges, plus daily interest and expense thereafter but exclusive the expenses incurred in the filing of this foreclosure and other expenses and charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction **on the 28th day of August 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at the **Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Branch 1, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, located at Mabalacat City Hall, Xevera Subd., Tabun, Mabalacat City** to the highest bidder for Cash and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

T.C.T. NO. –194954-R–

A parcel of land (Lot 8, Block 11 of the subdivision plan Psd-10196, Sheet 3, being a portion of Lot 740 of the Cadastral Survey of Mabalacat, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Barrio of Mamatitang, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga. Bounded on the NE., by Lot No. 10, Block 11 of the subdivision plan; on the SE., by Lot 9, Block 11 of the subdivision plan; on the NW., by Road Lot 7 of the subdivision plan. x x x containing an area of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE (275) SQUARE METERS, more or less. x x x

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above mentioned parcel/s of land for their information and protection.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on September 4, 2019, at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, July 18, 2019.

ELOY J. GADIA
Sheriff IV

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FROM JANUARY TO MAY

SSS: 2.5M pensioners receive P62-B pension

STATE-RUN Social Security System (SSS) disbursed more than P62.19 billion worth of pensions in the first five months of this year, reflecting a P4.84 billion-increase from the same period last year.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio said the growth in disbursements was due to the increase in the number of pensioners which grew from 2.4 million in May 2018 to 2.5 million in May 2019.

"We are happy to see our pensioners enjoying their monthly pensions after many years of saving with SSS. They are finally reaping the benefits of the years of their hard work when they were still part of the labor force,' Ignacio said.

The SSS provides three types of pensions, namely: retirement, death, and disability.

As of May 2019, the pension fund has more than 1.5 million retiree-pensioners, over 940,000 survivorship-pensioners, and 85,000 disability pensioners.

Retiree-pensioners are members who have reached the age of 60 with at least 120 monthly contributions prior to the semester of their retirement while survivorship-pensioners are primary beneficiaries of deceased members who have paid at least 36 monthly contributions prior to the semester of the member's death.

Disability pensioners, on the other hand, are members who are unable work as a result of their disability which could either be temporary or permanent and with at least 36 monthly contributions prior to the semester of disability.

SSS' pension disbursements account for 78.6 percent of the total benefit disbursements from January to May this year.

"We cannot overemphasize the importance of consistently paying monthly contributions to SSS so that in times of emergency situations which result in loss of income, the SSS can provide them with assistance in the form of pensions, cash allowances or loans. If they also wish to have higher pensions, they must also save more with SSS," Ignacio said.

Computation of SSS pension is based on the monthly salary credit or the salary level of the member's total earnings for the month which is up to a maximum of P20,000 per month and the credited years of service or the number years that a member paid his/her SSS contributions. The higher the monthly salary credit and the longer the years a member paid his/her contributions, the higher his/her monthly pension will be.

To date, the highest amount of pension being paid by SSS for a retiree-pensioner is P18,945 while the minimum amount of pension is P2,000. These include the P1,000 additional benefit.

The SSS continues to develop its benefit and loan programs to fit the needs of its members.

Last September, due to the request of retiree-pensioners, the SSS opened its Pension Loan Program (PLP). The program is designed to provide financial assistance to retiree-pensioners through a low-interest rate loan option.

As of 9 July 2019, the pension fund has disbursed, through the PLP, more than P1.16 billion to 48,505 pensioner-borrowers.

"We are seeing an increase in the number of SSS pensioners relying now on our pension loan program for their short-term and emergency needs instead of going to loan sharks," Ignacio said.

Under the PLP, qualified members can apply for a loan of up to six times their respective basic monthly pension plus the P1,000 additional benefit but should not exceed the maximum loan limit of P32,000.

To qualify, the borrower must be a retiree-pensioner and not more than 80 years old at the end of the month of the loan payment term. The borrower must have no deductions from his/her regular monthly pension, no existing advance pension under the SSS Calamity Package, and should have received his/her monthly pension for at least one month and posted in the pension fund's system.

The pension loan has an interest rate of 10 percent per annum, computed on a diminishing principal balance, which will become part of the monthly amortization. Loan proceeds will be credited to the cash card of the pensioner-borrower within five working days from date of approval.

Payment for the said loan will start two months after the loan's approval. The loan can be paid within three, six, or 12 months depending on the loan amount.

"We encourage our qualified pensioners to avail of the PLP. We already eased its qualifying guidelines to cover more pensioners. But we would like to warn PLP applicants against fixers. Please do not transact with them," Ignacio said.***–Press release***



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SM CITY TARLAC

Fishers ask gov't to rehab coastal area

By Ernie B. Esconde

MARIVELES, Bataan -- A group of fishermen on Sunday proposed the rehabilitation of the entire coastal area here arguing that pollution from big companies along the coastlines has affected the livelihood of small fisherfolk and the health of villagers.

"We are trying to propose to government na magkaroon ng rehabilitation program ang buong baybaying-dagat ng Mariveles na ang problema basically ay pollution," said Lloyd Reyes, president of Bataan Anglers Association.

The group boarded a big fishing boat with the streamer "Coastal Municipal Water at Mamamayan Protektahan" and made the rounds of coastal villages in Mariveles.

Reyes said their activity was in observance of Municipal Coastal Water Day with their advocacy of protecting the environment especially in fishing villages.

"Nais naming magkaroon ng awareness kung ano ba nangyayari ngayon sa coastal water and what will be the remedy or solution to protect the local fishermen and the environment itself," he said.

Reyes claimed that pollutants coming from big companies along the coastlines has been happening for the past many years after Mariveles attained industrial progress with big companies rising along the coastlines allegedly without public consultation.

"Tinututulan namin kung bakit nagkaroon ng malalaking kumpanya sa baybaying-dagat without the knowledge of the public. Kailangan magkaroon ng awareness, information. Tinututulan namin ang idinudulot na polusyon ng malalaking kumpanya sa baybaying-dagat," he said.

He noted that in Barangay Cabcaben alone, there are 300 fishermen who were affected.

"Before, lalayo ka lamang ng kalahating kilometro, makakakuha na ng malalaking isda. Ngayon kailangan pang dumayo ng Cavite," Reyes said. "Ang daming nasalantang fishing ground. Literal na tinamaan ang maliliit na mangingisda. Nananawagan kami sa LGU, national, na bigyan kami ng pansin. Tingnan ang komunidad ng maliliit na mangingisda. This time let us start to stand up for fishermen."

Reyes asked government to help fishermen. He said neglect for fishermen will have a domino effect. "Kapag apektado ang pangingisda, apektado ang consumer, ang mga residente."

7 stranded mountaineers safe

MARIVELES, Bataan -- Rescuers on Monday dawn safely assisted seven mountaineers to go down from the peak of a ridge here which is well-known for mountain climbing after they were stranded due to bad weather.

Barangay tanods from Alas-asin, and staff of the municipal disaster risk reduction management office and the Metro Bataan Development Authority conducted the rescue of the mountaineers at the Tarak Ridge in Mount Mariveles starting at 7 p.m. Sunday until 4 a.m. Monday.

The mountaineers, five males and two females, all graduating college students of a university in Balanga City were identified as John Tarriela, Henmhark Sumandal, Aaron Gloria, Jhazier Sanson, Mark Joseph Gemina, Janine Dizon and Didith Rose Mangalindan. They are all from Bataan.

Sumandal admitted they lacked preparation and they were not ready to climb the mountain.

He said the weather was "normal" when they started hiking at 6 a.m. of Sunday. "Pagdating namin sa itaas, hindi namin inaasahan na lumakas ang ulan, lumakas ang hangin tapos halos mag- zero-visibility na ang lugar," he said. "Hindi kami nawala, na-stranded lang."

''May kasama kaming hinihika doon sa itaas kaya tumawag na talaga kami ng rescue. Ang mga gamit namin ay basa nang lahat sa sobrang lakas ng ulan," John Tarriela said.

Sumandal said they did not know that they have to inform the barangay before climbing the mountain.

"Just enjoy the place. Sinubukan namin kahit mahirap. Babalik pa din kami. Alamin na lang muna ang kundisyon ng panahon bago umakyat," he said.

Tarriela urged mountaineers to register first in the barangay hall.

"Masaya naman pero kailangan maging responsible," Sumandal said of their experience.

Gloria thanked all those responsible for their rescue. Sumandal said they have already informed their parents of what happened.

Alas-asin barangay chairman Roberto Arcenal, Sr. said the mountaineers sought their assistance when the weather got worst and were already afraid to go down.

"Basang-basa ang mga mountaineers, lahat ng gamit nila basa kaya kailangan na silang makababa kaagad dahil ginigiginaw na sila," the village head said.

He said that the group did not register in the barangay and their names not entered in their logbook.

"Panawagan ko sa lahat ng mountaineers na gustong umakyat sa Tarak, dapat makipag-ugnayan at dumaan sa barangay para marehistro sila at malaman namin na may umakyat na tao sa itaas," Arcenal said. ***– Ernie B. Esconde***



BFP conducted five-day Brigade Training for the 18 members of SM City Tarlac Fire Brigade from August 22-26, 2019. **Contributed photo**

SM City Tarlac Fire Brigade more equipped after BFP training

IN LINE with RA 10121 mandate on Disaster Reduction Management, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) conducted five-day live-out Fire Brigade Training Course for the 18 qualified members of SM City Tarlac Fire Brigade from August 22-26, 2019.

BFP has been working hand in hand with the Local Government Units (LGU), Non-Government Organization (NGO) and private sectors to promote disaster preparedness campaign to the community.

"We have seen from the start the support and advocacy of SM City Tarlac to raise awareness and to deepen the knowledge and skills of their employees in handling fire and other type of emergencies that may arise in the mall", said FO3 Michael Angelo Garcia, Public Information Officer of BFP Tarlac.

Pursuant to section 6.03.2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of RA 9514 otherwise known as the Fire Code of the Philippines of 2008, the BFP has developed a training course for members of Fire Brigade, Fire Safety Practitioners and Fire Volunteer Organizations in line with the BFP's program to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of service and to educate the Basic Principle of Fire Prevention and Suppression.

The training program also aims to educate the participants about the mandate of RA 10121 and RA 9514 and to provide them with the fundamental knowledge and skills in Fire Prevention and Suppression towards effective delivery of their duties and responsibilities as member of Fire Brigade.

"These types of training are like airbags in our cars, no one wants to have it tried, but when God forbids that (what we don't want to happen) happens, it feels secured knowing it is there", noted by Mr. Cesar P. Bondoc, Regional Operations Manager.

This five-day training program for the members of Fire Brigade is an intensive program designed to give an individual the skills and confidence necessary to safely and effectively operate as Fire Brigade.

The program is composed of five (5) modules and requires the completions of a number of classes and competencies. It includes general information or orientation on disaster preparedness; general fire subjects such as fire alarm and communication system, and firefighting safety techniques and procedures; firefighting apparatus, tools and equipment; fire suppression and control; and rescue and emergency medical operations. ***–PR***

3 dead, child hurt in road mishap

MARIVELES, Bataan -- A driver and his live-in partner and a bystander died when the wing truck loaded with soya the couple were riding hit two concrete electric posts, some trees and a concrete wall of a house at the side of a funeral home adjacent to the Roman Highway here Wednesday night.

Police identified the fatalities as Gerardo Ignacio, 45, driver of the wing truck and his live-in-partner Loida Centillan, both of Tarlac; and Jasper Unzone, 42, of Mariveles. Slightly hurt was the three-year-old granddaughter of the couple who was with them in the wing truck.

Unzone was reportedly looking after a dead relative and just went outside the funeral parlor to breathe fresh air when bumped by the truck at past 9 p.m.

The wing truck bound for Bulacan from Mariveles also crashed into a dilapidated passenger jeepney, hit a van and a motorcycle, all parked along the crash site.

The front portion of the truck was a total wreck after hitting the concrete wall of the house.

Samson Gucayane, security guard of the funeral parlor, said the truck felled the electric post and a tree in front of their office.

Electric supply was cut in Barangay Mt. View where the accident happened and nearby villages from past 9 p.m. of Wednesday to late Thursday.

"Ipit na ipit ang driver kaya dead on the spot. Ang tumama yung mukha niya," the security guard said. He added that the child was buried on sacks of soya and was crying when rescuers found her.

Police said investigation was still going on.

– Ernie B. Esconde

SM Pampanga hosts Layug sculpture workshop

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Already famous for its corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs in the fields of education, health and agriculture, SM City Pampanga has put as much stake in local culture and arts, especially through its My City, My SM series.

The weekend past, SM City Pampanga went the distance with a clay sculpture workshop with no less than the Betis masters demonstrating the craft to senior high school students of Guagua town.

"We need more artists now more than ever. Art is part of the humanizing force that makes us understand who we are and what we can accomplish." No less than the much-accomplished *maestro* Willy Tadeo Layug, presidential awarded in ecclesiastical art, said in his opening message.



Totek Layug demonstrates proper handling of clay as medium. Edwin Layug (in blue cap) waits for his turn to teach. **Photos by Bong Lacson**



Maestro Willy Tadeo Layug gives inspirational talk.

With fine specimens of busts and statues in marble, wood, and clay for inspiration, the students were taken through the intricacies of moulding, kneading, and sculpting clay by Layug son and heir apparent Totek, and his brother Edwin.

Totek is on home vacation from his art studies in Barcelona, Spain, where he is ranked among the top in his class.

It is recalled that the elder Layug also undertook studies and apprenticeship with the old master craftsmen and artists in Spain to further his talents and skills born and nurtured in the ateliers of Betis.

He has since excelled in the field of ecclesiastical art with his *obras* finding their niche in Catholic churches and cathedrals – from the retablo at the Pontificio Collegio Filipino in Rome, the image of St. John Paul II in the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral in Guam, the Pope Pius X Priory retablo along Upper Thompson Road in Singapore, to just about everywhere in the Philippines.

At the last papal visit here, Layug made a very strong impression on Pope Francis with his image of Our Lady of Hope backdropped by the Yolanda tragedy. The image now stands at the Cathedral of Our Lord's Transfiguration in Palo, Leyte.

Edwin, emerging from the umbra of his illustrious brother, has started to carve a name for himself, as much in the literal as in the figurative sense.

Guagua-born, he now resides in Pulilan, Bulacan where he has been bestowed the Gintong Pulilenyo Art Awards, incontrovertible proof of his worth as an artist of note. At the workshop, Guagua Mayor Dante Torres celebrated the artistry of Betis and paid paeans to the Layug family, as the town's "foremost masters in sculpture."

A fact, unlost to the young student-workshoppers thankful "for the blessings of craftsmanship the Lord showered upon the town and the Layugs' selfless dedication in sharing (the blessings) with us."

– Bong Z. Lacson



Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve the Fernandino community.
Let us work hand-in-hand and be one for it is in unity that we will succeed; it is in unity that we can bring positive impact in the community we live in and we live for.

Vice Mayor Jimmy T. Lazatin **Mayor Edwin D. Santiago** *Sangguniang Panlungsod*

FERNANDINO FIRST!

Zii Milk Tea and Café: True flavors of Taiwan milk tea

By Joann M. Valenciano

CLARK FREEPORT – The milk tea craze has invaded this freeport with the opening of Zii Milk Tea and Café at the Berthaphil III here on Monday.

Owner Luchie Lozano said she studied the milk tea making process in Taiwan and selected the best tea leaves to pair with other teas making sure of the blends authenticity and quality giving Kapampangans' love for milk tea a notch higher in its standards.

Lozano said milk tea drinking started in Taiwan in the 1980's. Soon after, it became a worldwide phenomenon and even a millennial craze that's rapidly growing on its own.

Traditionally served as freshly brewed tea with milk and ice shaken up to the core that created bubbles which evolved to the term "bubble tea," that it is now popularly known.

True to her Kapampangan roots, Lozano's love for creating memories through good food can be found at Zii Milk Tea and Café.

Lozano, president and CEO of Giada Luan Corp, is also the owner of G Cafe here and Sweet Maria's in nearby Angeles City and Sindalan in the City of San Fernando.

Zii Milk Tea and Café offers various milk tea beverages from the original milk tea classics to Zii's cream cheese series and brown sugar concoctions.

Its special Thai tea and milk tea with cheesecake fillings and fruit tea juices are a must-try too.

But one distinctive way of setting Zii apart from the rest is their milk tea-based beverages which doesn't contain sugar. That's right. Sugar level and percentage at Zii do not exist.

"Let me repeat that again — sugar level and percentage at Zii do not exist," said Lozano.

"This is simply because our black tea is based on a blend of four kinds of tea, one being herbal," she added.

Now isn't that the kind of milk tea we would all love to be indulging? But just in case you want it sweeter, Zii sweeteners come from the tapioca pearls, Oreos and other add-ons they offer.

You can taste the balance between the tea and the milk as it lives up to its hype, giving locals a new experience among other milk tea shops sprouting in every corner.

Zii's current "Barkada promo" is "Buy 3 Drinks and Get 1 For Free" and will run until August 4! So, hurry! You can also check out their Facebook page for promo updates.

Zii Milk Tea and Café is located at Berthaphil III Clark Center and ready to serve you Ziips of happiness Sunday to Monday from 8 am to 10pm.

But there's more. Zii delivers too! You can reach them at 0925 759 4161 for deliveries.



Doing the ribbon-cutting rites are (L-R) Jay P. Son, Lucita Lozano and Thomas Choi.
Photo courtesy of Ric Gonzales



The Majiche Complexion by Beautéderm now open in Mabalacat



Majiche Complexion employees with Beautéderm president-CEO Rhea Tan (seated left) and Beautéderm celebrity ambassadors.



Owners Jexel Castro, Marang Morales, Hazel Punsalan, Karen Castillo and husband Richard Castillo.



Beautederm Ambassador Maricel Morales strikes a pose at the Majiche Complexion reception area.

MABALACAT CITY — A star-studded event attended the grand opening of a skincare aesthetic center at the One North Mall in Barangay Dau here on Friday.

Co-owned by beauty queen, actress-politician and Beautéderm Ambassador Maricel 'Marang" Morales, the formal inauguration of Majiche (Magic) Complexion by Beautéderm saw the likes of Gabby Concepcion, Rochelle Barrameda, Ria Atayde, Jane Oineza, Ejay Falcon, Hashtag Ryle and Carlo Aquino - all popular celebrities and brand ambassadors of Beautéderm.

Co-owners Jexel Castro, Hazel Punsalan, and couple Karen and Richard Castillo cut the ribbon with Morales during the formal opening.

Because there are no hocus-pocus nor abracadabras in skincare problems that can be gone in 60 seconds, Majiche Complexion by Beautéderm offers skin care regimens that have been tried and tested over time in order to achieve that clear glowing skin.

Majiche Complexion houses products solely from Beautéderm, a Filipino skincare company owned by Rhea Anicoche-Tan as its president and CEO.

"Having beautiful skin is important, you have to be confident with your own skin. There is beauty in simplicity where less is more because you feel most beautiful when you're confident," said "IT Girls" Ria Atayde and Jane Oineza as they shared their stand on confidence and beauty, and swore by the efficacy of its best seller, "Beauté Set."

Beautéderm products being offered by Majiche Complexion range from face and body skincare line to basic cosmetics and fragrances. It will eventually add facial and other aesthetic services in the long run, Morales said.

Majiche Complexion is located at One North Mall Dau and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays thru Saturdays. You may also check their Facebook page for updates on current BOGOs (Buy One Get One) and other promos.

– Joann M. Valenciano

BDO earns P20.2-B in 1H 2019

BDO Unibank, Inc. (BDO) sustained its momentum as it delivered P20.2 billion in earnings for the first six months of the year on strong recurring earnings from its core businesses, solid growth in fee income and normalization of trading & forex gains.

Net interest income increased by 24% to P56.9 billion as net interest margins (NIMs) improved to 3.99 per cent from 3.50 per cent last year. Gross customer loans grew by seven (7) per cent to P2.0 trillion, as the Bank continued to generate double-digit growth in the consumer and middle market segments. Meanwhile, total deposits went up by three (3) per cent to P2.4 trillion, reflective of customers' shift to higher-yielding fixed income investments, primarily bank-issued bonds. The Bank's CASA ratio, however, was maintained at 70 per cent.



Non-interest income was up 29 per cent to P29.5 billion as fee-based income and insurance premiums posted double-digit growth. Further, trading and forex gains normalized to P3.6 billion on favorable capital market conditions.

Operating expenses grew by 21 per cent in line with the Bank's continuing expansion, with 53 domestic branches and offices opened in the 1H 2019, as well as higher volume-related expenses. Taxes and licenses and policy reserves at BDO Life increased by 51 per cent. Excluding volume-related expenses, opex growth would have risen by 14 per cent in line with the Bank's investment in branches and business development offices nationwide.

Provisions amounted to P3.0 billion as the Bank maintained its conservative credit and provisioning policies. Gross non-performing loan (NPL) ratio was steady at 1.2 per cent while NPL cover remained high at 163.2 per cent.

Total capital grew to P350.8 billion, with Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) and Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio at 14.2 per cent and 12.6 per cent, respectively, higher quarter-on-quarter and remaining comfortably above regulatory requirements.

With expectations of better economic prospects going forward, BDO will continue to build on its business franchise and extensive distribution network to tap new growth areas and underserved markets.



