

# Delta lauds PCSO services



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO- Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda lauded Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) for making the agency's social, financial, and medical services readily available to Kapampangan patients who are in need of assistance.

"PCSO is one of our strongest partners in the implementation of comprehensive and integrated delivery of services to the people of Pampanga. That is why, we are so much thankful to the agency," the governor said.

This was gleaned during the agency's 85th-anniversary celebration held on Monday at the PCSO Pampanga branch office here.

The PCSO Pampanga branch held a motorcade, medical and dental missions, and gift-giving, according to Pampanga branch manager Ma. Lourdes Soliman.

In the event, around 1,500 Aetas, scavengers and other poor patients were served.

PCSO General Manager Royina Garma also provided P500,000 to

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Gov. Dennis Pineda and PCSO general manager Royina Garma lead the distribution of gifts during the agency's 85th-anniversary at the PCSO Pampanga branch office.

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# Mayor Lazatin urged to sack ACWD board

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

**A**NGELES CITY – A resolution seeking to replace the entire board of directors (BOD) of a public utility company here was filed at the sangguniang panlungsod (SP) during its regular session on Tuesday.

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## Farmers buck P5,000 cash grants from rice import tax

ANGELES CITY- Thanks, but no thanks, Farmers have thumbed down the P5,000 grant being offered by the Department of Agriculture (DA) to 600,000 rice farmers in the country from the proceeds of taxes on imported rice under the Rice Liberalization Law.

The farmers instead want the law scrapped, no more, no less.

"We understand the nature of the cash grant program for farmers that the government wants to implement. However, agriculture officials and all those in the bureaucracy must do away with their 'Pantawid' mentality," the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) said in a statement yesterday.

KMP stressed that "In our numerous protests and dialogues at the DA national and regional offices, farmers have forwarded concrete demands and we even pro-

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Councilors Jay Sangil and Alfie Bonifacio discuss the former's resolution urging the mayor to terminate the ACWD BOD.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY MANABAT

## FISHERS FEAR

# SMC to push Bulacan airport project despite lack of vital requirements

CLARK FREEPORT- Joined by Cavite fisherfolk in their protest against the Bulacan aerotropolis project, affected fishers from Bulacan have aired fears that project proponent San Miguel Corp. (SMC), backed by Transportation Sec. Arthur Tugade, is determined to launch the project this December despite "serious lack

of requirements."

"The speculative stance of SMC president Ramon Ang with Transportation Sec. Arthur Tugade makes it appear that construction is to start by the end of the year, despite lack of environmental compliance certificate from the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) and notice to proceed from

the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA)," said Anakpawis Partylist leader Ariel Casilao in a statement yesterday.

"Both requirements are crucial for a project to push through. So, if they are that confident, despite lack of a comprehensive study on its impact, it simply means that they would move heaven and earth for the

project to push through even it is objectively and scientifically found that the project is not suitable," he said.

Casilao aired the sentiments of Cavite and Bulacan fishers that the project "is socially irresponsible, detrimental to the environment and violative of the socio-economic rights of

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## ASF spreads, Dar blamed

Hog raisers lose P500-M

BY DING CERVANTES

ANGELES CITY - Hog raisers in the country have lost over P500 million to the African swine flu (ASF) and farmers put the blame on the lack of transparency and slow response of Agriculture Sec. William Dar.

"New cases are being reported in Cavite, Nueva Ecija, and Pangasinan, yet the Department of Agriculture (DA) has remained slow in containing ASF action and obscure in its investigation and plans," Anakpawis Partylist leader Ariel Casilao said yesterday.

There are also unconfirmed reports that

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Bataan 1<sup>st</sup> District Rep. Geraldine Roman addressing farmers and fishermen in the summit. **PHOTO BY ERNIE ESCONDE**

# Farmers, fishermen remaining poor unacceptable, says Roman

BY ERNIE B. ESCONDE

ORANI, Bataan – 1st District Rep. Geraldine Roman on Monday afternoon voiced great concern for Filipino farmers and fishermen whom she said are equated to poverty.

“Ang pagiging magsasaka at mangingisda ay katumbas daw ng pagiging mahirap. Hindi ito katanggap-tanggap,” the first transwoman member of Congress said.

She clarified though that she was not implying that nothing happened in the past years of agrarian reform but that there are still many things that government should do to help the farmers as well as the fisherfolk.

“Maraming trabaho ang nasa aming kamay, kaming mga lingkod bayan. Marami pa kaming daang tatahakin pero kailangan namin ang tulong ninyo. Kailangan naming pakinggan kung ano ang inyong mga hinaing. Kailangan ninyo itong ipaabot sa amin upang magawan ng paraan,” Roman told the farmers and fishermen.

She asked farmers if they like the Rice Tariffication Law – that was met by a thunder-

ous “No!”

The congresswoman said she will file a bill in Congress in answer to the Rice Tariffication Law which she calls as the “Filipino Farmers First Act.”

“Kapag maraming imported rice bumabagsak ang presyo ng bigas kaya hihikayatin natin ang kapwa natin Pilipino na bumili ng local o Filipino-produced rice,” Roman said.

She added that under the bill, retailers are obliged to label the grains as Filipino rice: “Sino ba ang tutulong sa ating Filipino farmers kundi ang kapwa nating Pilipino.”

Roman said she would also want the National Food Authority to have enough palay dryers in their buying stations to encourage more farmers to sell their produce to the agency.

Agrarian Reform Secretary John Castriciones and visitors from different government agencies attended the Farmers’ and Fishermen’s Summit initiated by Roman held in Orani, Bataan and attended by farm and fisherfolk from the towns of Dinalupihan, Hermosa, Orani, Samal, Abucay and Morong.

“Suportahan natin ang magsasaka, ibigay sa kanila ang suporta na dapat mapasakanila upang talagang umunlad ang kanilang pamuhay,” Castriciones said.

He said that in the 30 years of existence of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, 4.8 million hectares have benefitted 2.8 million farmers.

“President Duterte has instructed us to finish placing under CARP the remaining targeted areas in the country before his term ends in 2022,” the secretary said.

Among the officials in the summit were representatives from the Land Bank, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and National Food Authority.

Castriciones and Roman led in handing out Certificate of Land Ownership Award to 51 beneficiaries of land reform in Hermosa. They also distributed farm machineries funded by DAR like farm tractors, hand tractors, water pump engines and solar panels.

# Most Wanted suspects nabbed

By Johnny Reblando

SAN FELIPE, Zambales -- After 10 years in hiding from the police authorities, the Number 1 Most Wanted Person in this municipality was arrested in Tondo, Manila.

Police Capt. Ramil Menor, head of San Felipe, Municipal Police Station, identified the suspect as PJ Aguinaldo aka Paul John Aguinaldo, 23, of No. 441 Inocencio Street, Barangay 93, Zone 8, District 1, Tondo, Manila.

Aguinaldo was arrested by joint operatives of the Zambales PNP, along with Maj. Mark Louie Sigua, head of Regional Mobile Force Battalion-3; Capt. Ramil Menor, head of San Felipe Police Municipal Station; and elements of Police Station 1 of Tondo, Manila

by virtue of alias warrant of arrest issued by presiding Judge Josefina D. Farrales of RTC 3, Branch 69, Iba, Zambales for the crime of rape with homicide in relation to RA 7610 with Criminal Case No. 6165-I, dated February 28, 2011 with no bail recommended.

Police record showed the suspect committed the crime when he was still 13 years old by raping and killing a 5-year-old girl in Barangay Maloma, San Felipe town.

After the commission of the crime the suspect was turned over to PREDA Foundation in Barangay Kalaklan, Olongapo City, but later escaped and went into hiding in Tondo, Manila for almost 10 years.

Aguinaldo is now under the custody of San Felipe Police Station and will be transferred

to Zambales Provincial Jail in Iba.

In Balanga City, the Number 7 in the Bataan’s Most Wanted list was arrested by elements of CIDG Provincial Field Unit Bataan.

Under Oplan Pagtugis led by Bataan provincial police chief Maj. Isabelo Ganao nabbed was Richard Artates y Castillo, Barangay San Jose, Balanga City.

The suspect was arrested by virtue of a warrant of arrest issued by presiding Judge Philger B. Inovejas of RTC Branch 93 Balanga City, Bataan for violation of Section 5, Article II of RA9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002) with no bail recommended.

The suspect is now under custody of CIDG Bataan.

# Tabloid columnist, companion killed in Arayat ambush

BY DING CERVANTES

ARAYAT, Pampanga- A columnist-reporter of the tabloid Remate and his companion were killed when they were ambushed along a highway in Barangay Cacutud here at about 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

A report from Arayat police chief Lt. Col. Dale Soliba identified the victims as Jupiter Gonzalez, 52, a reporter of Remate tabloid, and one Christopher Tiongson, who were on board a Nissan Almera car with plate no. AQA8441 when they were fired at by still unidentified suspects.

Gonzalez was driving the car with his companion on the front seat when the ambush happened on the Olongapo-Gapan Road in Cacutud on their way to Subic, Zambales.

Their car crashed into a flower box alongside the road, even as their killers fled in an unknown vehicle.

The report said residents in the area found Tiongson apparently already lifeless, while Gonzalez was still breathing despite bullet wounds in their heads. Both, however, were declared dead at the Arayat district hospital.

The Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS) came out with a statement on the case, saying it was “deeply saddened and condemns in the strongest possible terms the killing of Jupiter Gonzales.”

Undersecretary Jose Joel Sy Egco, Executive Director of the PTFoMS, said he “immediately coordinated with the police operatives in Arayat to speed-up the investigation” and that he himself would lead a team of PTFoMS investigators.

Egco also writes a column in Remate newspaper.



Gonzales

Egco arrived at the Arayat police station before noon yesterday, along with police Lt. Col. Eder Collantes and retired police Lt. Col. Rechie Duldulao, PTFoMS investigation chief and deputy, respectively.

Egco noted that Gonzalez also wrote a column for Remate and “was known for being a staunch critic of illegal gambling proliferating in local carnivals, or peryahan or pergalan in street parlance.”

“The PTFoMS presumes any form of media violence as work-related, until further investigation proves otherwise. The task force is on top of the situation and is closely coordinating with the authorities regarding this incident and follow-up investigations are being closely monitored,” Egco said in a statement.

Soliba said a local suspect is being monitored amid reports that the victims had engaged in a heated argument with him somewhere in Cacutud before the ambush.

# Pusher patay sa buy-bust

NI ARMAND M. GALANG

BONGABON, Nueva Ecija - Isang hinihinalang pusher ng droga mula sa Cabanatuan City ang napatay matapos na makipagbarilan umano sa mga pulis sa buy-bust operation sa Barangay Vega ng bayang ito bandang alas 7:20 ng gabi nitong Linggo.

Kinilala ni Major Jaime Ferrer, hepe ng Bongabon police station, ang suspek na si Teoderick Laroco, Jr., 24, ng Purok 5, Barangay MS Garcia, Cabanatuan City

Ayon kay Ferrer, ikinasa ng kanilang drug enforcement team ang buy-bust nang makumpirma ang iligal na aktibidad ng suspek.

Matagumpay raw na nakabili ng isang sachet ng shabu ang operatiba na nagkunwang buyer mula kay Laroco ngunit mistulang nakatunog ito at bglang bumunot ng .38 revolver at nagpapatok sa direksyon ng pulis.

Napilitang gumanti ang mga operatiba at napuruhan ang suspek na nagresulta sa daglian nitong pagkamatay, ayon sa ulat ng pulisya.

Sa imbestigasyon ng provincial police crime laboratory office ay narekober ang baril ng suspek, isang sachet ng shabu at ang P500 buy-bust money.

# CSF is zero waste champion in Asia

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

CLARK FREEPORT – The City of San Fernando (CSF) has been recognized as zero waste champion in Asia at the recent two-day International Zero Waste Cities Conference 2019 in Penang, Malaysia.

Mayor Edwin “Edsa” D. Santiago was elated to

report the recognition during the Balitaan media forum organized by the Capampangan in Media, Inc. in cooperation with the Clark Development Corp. at the Bale Balita here last Friday.

Santiago said he just came from Malaysia where CSF was recognized as zero waste champion after presenting the city’s zero waste actions to thousands

of delegates from different parts of the globe.

He said in attendance where ASEAN delegates, consumer associations, Europeans, the US, and Japan.

He said the advocacy is zero waste and plastic free since there are now more plastic wastes in the ocean than fish.

The mayor said in order to attain a sustainable, livable and smart city, “we need to cut down on our waste.”

He said way back in the 1930s, the Philippines can be compared to Japan because it is beautiful.

Malaysia was then just dependent on the Philippines, he added. But Malaysia now is beautiful. In terms of development they are ahead because they are patterned after Singapore.

Santiago said the city is not using plastic now since 2015 when the zero waste campaign was fully implemented. “Now, our residual waste is down to 22 percent,” he said.

Santiago said the city’s zero waste thrust was even featured in an international documentary on plastic pollution entitled: The Story of Plastic.

“It will change your belief, your mindset and even our behavior on how to manage waste for a better future that we all can do,” the mayor said.

But Santiago admitted that more than anything, discipline is the key to success.

According to the City Information Office, the said documentary had its Philippine screening last week at the Central Square in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, after its premiere in the USA.

Gracing the event, on behalf of Santiago, was city environment and natural resources officer Regina Rodriguez who was also at the Balitaan media forum last Friday with other CENRO personnel.

According to Rodriguez, the feature was made possible through the help of one of the city’s partners in doing its zero waste actions – the Mother Earth Foundation (MEF), which also co-hosted the said screening.

MEF president Froilan Grate highlighted in the film the promising accomplishment of San Fernando in attaining an almost 80 percent waste diversion rate and its positive impact on financial aspect.

“Out of Zero Waste Program, San Fernando would be spending P70 million per year just to collect their waste and dump in a landfill,” he said.

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# SSS shifts to checkless benefit payout system

THE STATE-RUN Social Security System (SSS) on Friday said it will no longer disburse benefit payouts to its members through checks.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio said lump sum disability, death and retirement benefits, including Employees' Compensation (EC) disability benefit, which were previously released through checks, are now mandatorily released thru banks.

"This improvement allows the SSS to efficiently and safely administer the payment of benefits to its members and their rightful beneficiaries," Ignacio said.

Under the program, lump sum benefit payments are remitted by the SSS to the member or claimant's account in their preferred SSS-accredited bank.

As of writing, there are 67 SSS-accredited paying banks such as: Asia United Bank Corporation, Bank of the Philippine Islands, China Banking Corporation, Development Bank of the Philippines, East-West Bank, Land Bank of the Philippines, Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, Philippine National Bank, Philippine Veterans Bank, RCBC Savings Bank, Security Bank and Trust Company, and Union Bank of the Philippines.

A qualified member or claimant for any of the said benefit programs will now be required to present to the SSS a bank document with his/her name.

Bank documents that may be presented are any of the following: a single savings account passbook, ATM card with name and account number, validated initial deposit slip or copy of bank certificate/statement, if the name of member or claimant and/or savings account number is not indicated in the ATM card or an accomplished Visa cash card enrolment form.

The bank certificate or

statement shall be duly signed by the bank's authorized signatory and shall contain the complete name of the member or claimant, savings account number, and the bank's branch name and complete address.

"Members or claimants may also use their Unified Multi-purpose Identification (UMID) card if it is enrolled as an ATM. These are UMID cards issued with EMV chips," Ignacio said.

For members or claimants that have no existing single savings account, the SSS will issue them a letter of introduction for them to present to their chosen SSS-accredited bank.

On the other hand, some cases are exempted from the mandatory release of the said lump sum benefits through banks. These include cases when the address of the member or claimant is beyond 30 kilometers to the nearest SSS-accredited bank or in a high-risk area where peace and order are unstable due to the presence of armed conflict.

Also, when the amount of benefit is P1,000 and below, or when the member or claimant is confined in an applicable institution such as penitentiary, correctional institution or rehabilitation center, the member is not qualified for the check-less transaction.

Similarly, when the member or claimant is physically incapable of transacting business with the bank, and when there are multiple legal heirs as claimants, he/she will be exempted.

"The program has been really effective since its implementation. It is more convenient for our members since they do not have to wait for or get their checks and personally encash it on the assigned bank. They'll just have to wait for their benefits to be credited to their respective accounts and withdraw it whenever they need it," Ignacio said.

—Press release



Some of Pampanga's notable personalities in the wedding industry (from L-R) Philip Torres, Mich Viray, Mariah Santos, Hershey Mayrina, Jemi Nicdao, Lourdgene Howes, Jojo Macapinlac. PHOTO BY JOANN M. VALENCIANO

# Wedding planners, suppliers come together for CLESA Gala

BY JOANN M. VALENCIANO

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The Central Luzon Event Suppliers Association (CLESA) held its second CLESA Gala at the Kingsborough International Convention Center (KICC) here on Tuesday with wedding planners and suppliers representing different places in the region.

The gala is centered on the "Renaissance era" to take everyone back in time from the rebirth of the industry into a diverse and talented community of individuals who share the same passion.

Some 350 wedding planners and suppliers took part in the event and set the tone as everyone was dressed in accordance with the theme while moving around with grace in making new connections.

Michele Montemayor of Mich Events at Work and one of the organizers of the event said, "This is a gathering of Central Luzon suppliers. We aim to meet the suppliers

and get to know them, setting aside our being competitors and work hand in hand towards a common goal."

The event is also meant to help and assist the Children's Home of Eucharistic Love and Kindness, a temporary home for orphaned and abandoned children, aiming to nurture and nourish the youngsters to become responsible members of the community.

Hershey Mayrina of Candies and Themes and co-organizer of the event said, "This event is also intended to help and share our blessings to the less fortunate. It's an association that we want everybody to have, a good camaraderie and to be united as one while at the same time helping the less fortunate."

She said parts of the proceeds will go to Children's Home of Eucharistic Love and Kindness located in Xevera Bacolor, Pampanga where it rents four units.

Mayrina disclosed that the Children's Home is currently constructing a building in

Barangay Margot, Angeles City that is why they still need some additional funds.

Mayrina said CLESA is also selling t-shirts and part of the proceeds will go to the same charity organization.

"We want to be consistent with what we do. It doesn't stop here (gala night). We want to continue helping them. There will be feeding programs, simple assistance to help them," she added.

Meanwhile, the CLESA Gala also marked the association's official announcement of its registration under the Securities and Exchange Commission and to formally welcome the attendees of the event as its members.

Seminars with government institutions and trainings for different supplier categories will all be part of the association's program to enhance our expertise and improve our craft, said Montemayor.

The CLESA Gala was also held in honor of the late Aris Santos who spearheaded the association in 2015.

# Mayor Lazatin gives medicines, cash aid to bedridden seniors

ANGELES CITY – Mayor Carmelo 'Pogi' Lazatin Jr. gave medicines and financial assistance to 46 sickly and bedridden senior citizens from 11 barangays in the city.

Mayor Lazatin distributed P2,000 monetary gifts to the beneficiaries. He then reminded the families to allot the money for the basic necessities of the elderly such as for medicines and groceries.

He was also accompanied by two doctors to check the condition of the qualified recipients and delivered free medicines.

Eleven senior citizens were from Barangay Ninoy Aquino; 8 from Barangay Margot; 7 from Barangay Salapungan; 4 from Barangay Bal-

ibago; 3 each from Barangays Cutcut, Pampang, Sto. Cristo, and Cuayan; 2 from Barangay Sapangbato; and 1 each from Barangays Anunas and Amisic.

The Angeles City Government had also delivered medicines to senior citizens via door-to-door as Mayor Lazatin vowed to bring health services at their doorsteps. Some 7,811 senior citizens have also availed of the recent Anti-Flu Vaccination conducted by the Office of Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA), City Health Office (CHO), Barangay Affairs, Gender and Development Office, Philippine Foundation for Vaccination (PFV) and the Philippine College of Geriatric Medicine. —Angeles CIO



Mayor Carmelo 'Pogi' Lazatin Jr. visits Eladio Mallari, a senior citizen in Barangay Salapungan, Sunday, October 20, 2019. Mallari was also celebrating his 74th birthday and gets his birthday cake from the local chief executive.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARLON ZARATE

# Taiwanese firm to develop P15-B techno-eco park in Subic Freeport

**SUBIC BAY FREEPORT** — The first eco-friendly industrial park will be up soon in this free port to house light industrial factories, commercial facilities, residential buildings, and a nature park.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Chairman and Administrator Wilma T. Eisma said the project to be called the Tipo Hightech Eco Park (THEP) will be located in a 200-hectare property atop the gently rolling hills of Tipo, which is also the site of an expressway leading to this free port.

Eisma said the development will be undertaken by Xanheng Subic International Corp., a Taiwanese company which committed an investment of P15 billion for the project. The firm is also behind the development of a high-end

condominium complex at Triboa Bay here.

According to THEP Project Manager Jeff Lin, Xanheng Subic's project will generate a workforce demand of over 500 during the development period alone. More employees will be hired when factories and business start operating, he added.

Meanwhile, the project is also expected to deliver to the SBMA some P5 million monthly in land rentals alone.

During the launch of the THEP project held at Peninsular Hotel here last week, Chairman Eisma elicited a promise from the investors to give priority hiring to qualified upland farmers of Tipo and Mabiga villages, who were part of a "social fencing" project of the SBMA which started in 2002. The 136.59 hectares they oc-



SBMA chairman and administrator Wilma T. Eisma asks investors to employ Subic upland farmers during the development of the Tipo Hightech Eco Park.

cupied under the SBMA program will be part of the THEP.

"I want you to promise me that when the factories and business are up, you will give priority to hiring these families or their children," Eisma said, referring to the 65 families who were part of the social fencing program.

The SBMA official also thanked the farmers for their cooperation, and for allowing a very smooth and pleasant negotiation and turn-over.

Lin said the THEP was conceived to accommodate the growing population of Taiwanese investors in the Subic

Bay Freeport. However, the management does not discount giving room for other nationalities, he said.

"The business atmosphere in here is very conducive and attractive, especially with the on-going road and infrastructure projects of the SBMA. Many Taiwanese companies and investors from other countries, too, are interested to locate here," Lin said.

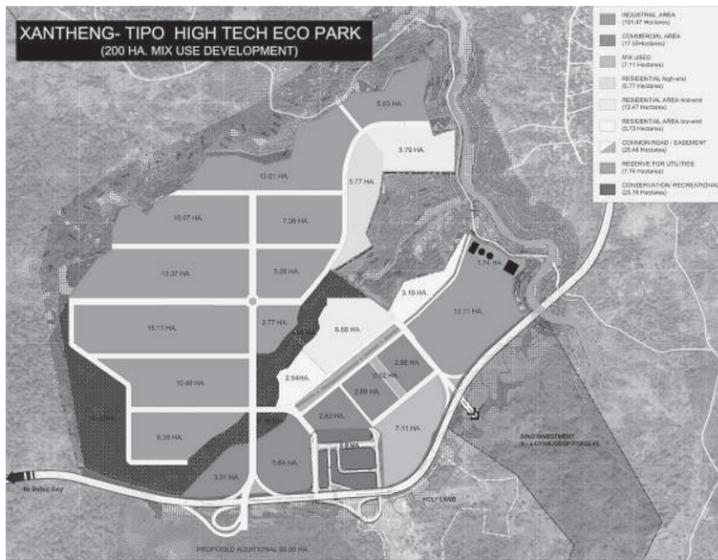
According to the master plan submitted by THEP to SBMA, the development will include 101.47 hectares for light industries, 17.99 hectares for a commercial complex,

7.11 hectares for mixed use, 23.16 hectares for residential buildings, and 23.16 for a nature and environment conservation park.

There will also be a reserved area for utilities use and other purposes for a total development area of 209.27 hectares.

Eisma also congratulated Xanheng for coming up with the idea of an industrial park which will incorporate environmental conservation.

Eisma said this will be a first of its kind to be implemented in the Subic Bay Freeport. —SBMA-MPD



THEP master plan.

# Clark is unique 'one-stop-shop' destination for investors

**CLARK FREEPORT**— "We need to take care of Clark because it is very unique," thus said Clark Development Corporation (CDC) Vice Chairman Benjamin P. Defensor, Jr. as he underscored the role of this Freeport as an ideal investment and tourism hub.

During the recent Capampangan in Media (CAMI) Balitaan sa Bale Balita, Defensor said that this Freeport is a "one-stop-shop" destination for investors.

"Updated lahat ng mga locators natin dito kung ano ang mga requirements. Because when we talk about Clark, we are trying to make a one-stop-shop. Lahat ng babayaran mo nandito pati yung mga babayaran mong taxes pati yung mga requirements pag nagtrabaho ka dito in short, we make it very attractive for the locators," he said.

Defensor, former Armed Forces Chief of Staff, also mentioned that the developments in this Freeport significantly contributes to the growth of Central Luzon.

"Seventy-five percent (75%) of exports of Central Luzon are provided by Clark. That is the best proof to show-off na talagang umaasenso ang mga tao rito. Sinusunod ang mga batas natin at sa mga regulations na ginagawa dito sa Clark. It is inland but it pro-

duces a lot of industry, it produces a lot of revenues in the Philippines," he added.

Exports from various semiconductor and manufacturing firms in Clark is about \$4.85 billion per year which accounts for 75 percent of the total exports from the region.

Meanwhile, in a separate interview, Defensor also cited the pool of workforce here as one of the factors on the development of the Freeport.

"There are about 130,000 who are working here and the people who are working here are not doing menial jobs. Many are blue collared jobs that's why the progress (in Clark) is very fast," he said.

Accordingly, Defensor highlighted this Freeport not only as an investment hub but also as one of the top tourist destinations in the country.

He also urged local and foreign tourists to explore and visit this Freeport. He mentioned that while there are no beaches available in the area, this Freeport has a lot more to offer especially on tourism-related industries.

Referring to travelers who are fond of visiting seashores in the country, Defensor said "Unbeach yourself and go to Clark. Ganoon dapat because Clark has other things to offer other than the beaches kasi traditional yung beaches eh



**CDC VICE CHAIRMAN AT BALITAAN SA BALE BALITA.** CDC vice chairman Gen. Benjamin P. Defensor, Jr. discusses the various developments of the Clark Freeport Zone in terms of investments, exports, employment, and facilities during the Capampangan in Media (CAMI) Balitaan sa Bale Balita in Clark.

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but of course, some of the best beaches are in the Philippines."

To continuously improve tourist experience here, CDC has recently improved its main roads, facilities, parks and oth-

er frequented areas here such as the Clark Parade Grounds and the Children's playground. This, aside from having industry leaders in hotel and restaurant business.

Currently, this Freeport is

host to 1,123 locator-companies engaged in manufacturing, tourism, information-communication technology, logistics and aviation-related industries among others that employ 135,114 workers.

# Editorial

It is but a month to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ampatuan Massacre where 58 persons, 32 of them media workers, were slaughtered in what is considered as the single deadliest attack on the Press in all the world, in all of recorded history.

## Still, No Justice.

Last Sunday, another media worker – Jupiter Gonzales of *Remate* – was killed in an ambush in Arayat, Pampanga.

**The culture of impunity rages on.**

## Ka Nene Pimentel, 85

THE COMMISSION on Human Rights mourns the passing of a fearless Filipino statesman and human rights defender, Former Senate President Aquilino 'Nene' Pimentel Jr.

In a span of more than four decades, Ka Nene dedicated his life of service to the Filipino people as a senator, assemblyman, and Minister of Local Government. He was remembered as one of the most vocal critics and leading opposition leaders of the Marcos dictatorship who was arrested and detained for challenging the Martial Law regime.

As a lawmaker, he was most known for authoring the Local Government Code, a landmark legislation that strengthened the role of local government units in national development and was also a strong advocate of electoral reforms in the country after being a victim of electoral fraud himself.

As a human rights champion, Ka Nene always emphasised the primacy of rule of law and respect for the Constitution, and recognised the special protection needed for the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised sectors of the society.

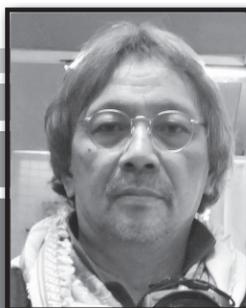
Ka Nene will always be remembered for committing his life's work to improving the lives of others, standing up for truth and integrity, and protecting our democracy.

Our deepest sympathies and condolences go to the Pimentel family for the loss of their loving patriarch, and our full support to CHR Commissioner Gwendolyn Pimentel-Gana in these trying times.

Your work and words of wisdom will live on, Ka Nene.

Rest in power!

*(Statement of CHR on the passing of Former Senate President Aquilino 'Nene' Pimentel, Oct. 20, 2019)*



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## Zona Libre

Bong Z. Lacson

# Opinion

## Prostituted correctness

SEX WORK is not work.

A virtual slap on the face of "political correctness" shared on Facebook by Ms. Sonia P. Soto. Is she into some new advocacy immediately after turning 60?

The euphoria over her Frida Kahlo-themed senior citizenship fiesta has yet to subside and already raising an all-too-sensitive issue...well, the essential SPS – championing everything and anything that's right except the Right.

*The dangers of rebranding prostitution as 'sex work'* headlined The Guardian article (June 2016 yet) that Sonia shared, to wit:

*"More than mere political correctness," the NSWP [Network of Sex Work Projects] proudly states, "this shift in language had the important effect of moving global understandings of sex work toward a labour framework." The fact that prostitution involves sexual acts and some kind of payment is a given. However, engaging with it first and foremost as a labour issue, using the term "sex work" as if it was an adequate and appropriate shorthand for what takes place in strip clubs, on porn sets and in brothels, serves a deeply political goal. Not only does this framework shrink the field of analysis to the seller (to the exclusion of men's demand and its social impact), it hides what should be front and centre of our response to the transaction: the inherent sexual abuse.*

Alas, I, myself, have been so hung-up of late on political correctness that I have virtually excised the words "prostitution" and "prostitute" from news stories that come *Punto's* way, in favor of "commercial sex" and "sex workers."

*Perhaps the single most effective strategy hit upon so far is to pump out the myth contained in the term "sex work": the myth that it is possible to commodify consent.*

Aye, I remember this vaguely similar, if sophomoric, take on prostitution in the Feb. 9-15, 2006 issue of the now long-gone *Pampanga News* under the heading **Vice as Virtue: The Paradox of Prostitution:**

'TIS PITY she's a whore. I cast not the first stone here but I aspire to take a look at the ground touched by the Teacher's finger.

Aye, nothing is sadder, nay, viler, to which any woman can damn herself to than prostitution. The damning most often not of her own volition but inflicted upon her by circumstances way out of her control, at times even way beyond her ken.

The poor barrio lass lured by city lights, promised some restaurant job; the *desgraciada* banished from home needing to feed her *bastardo*; starvation in the resettlement sites; desperation in shantytown – lachrymose tales at the initial telling in the bar, dulled at their retelling in the brothel, and at the noisy karaoke, hardly touching to move the tear ducts. So, who has heard of any bargirl who wanted, really, really wanted to be one?

Yet, some poignancy still stirs in the jaded reality of prostitution. It takes but a little sensitivity to feel for the most exploited of women. A brief passage on the subject from the English writer William Samuel Lilly, wrenches the soul:

"All the dignity of womanhood gone; all interests in life, save those of purely animal nature, extinguished; not even the power of repentance left, in many cases, for a career of animalism has degraded them to the level of the animal and the moral sense is atrophied.

"No; in place of repentance, merely regrets when their physical charms have faded; when diseases incident to their calling have made a prey of them; when destitution and desolation stare them in the face."

As true today as in 1899 when it was written, but, perhaps, for that part "all interests in life... extinguished."

A rage to live, precisely, is the given rationalization for prostitution, well premised on *argumentum ex necessitate*: To live, if it be necessary, to sell the body and pawn the very soul. Indeed, what options has one "not so much born into this world but damned into it" to rise from the depths of a squalid existence?

Deprived of the rudimentary requirements of education and bereft of the all-too-important social connections, too fragile or too lazy to be a menial, one's easy path to economic emancipation is prostitution. No matter its sudden bend to a road to perdition.

**Sex sells.** It may well be the only commodity that breaks the law of supply and demand: supply being always available and demand never waning. Ever bullish would sex be in the stock market, were it listed and gone IPO. Prostitution though is not pure, err, all economics.

The anthropological element being intrinsic to sex naturally gives a socio-cultural and – God forbid! – some salvational dimension to prostitution. The *manangs* will surely cringe at this but even St. Augustine – perhaps drawing from his experience as a rogue before his conversion – said something to the effect that "to abolish courtesans would be to trouble everything with lusts."

I just can't recall if it is in his *Soliloquium Animae ad Deum*, or most probably in his philosophical treatise *De Ordine* – in their English translations, of course – where the foremost doctor of the Church said this. So, they who just lie down and wait with open arms and open legs serve too a redemptive purpose?

Consider this paean to the prostitute of Irish essayist William E.H. Lecky in his 1872 *History of European Morals*: "That unhappy being herself the supreme type of vice, is ultimately the most efficient guardian of virtue. But for her, the unchallenged purity of countless happy homes would be polluted, and not a few who, in the pride of their untempted chastity, think of her with an indignant shudder, would have known the agony and remorse of despair.

"On that one degraded and ignoble form are concentrated the passions that have filled the world with shame. She remains, while creeds and civilizations rise and fall, the eternal priestess of humanity, blasted by the sins of the people."

Prostitution – as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. For prostitution as the oldest profession is the causation of sex as the oldest obsession – the single constant in human evolution. Taking cognizance of prostitution as a "necessary evil" then, it is for those in authority to regulate it and minimize, if not eradicate, its resultant rascalities.

And for all of us, to let go of our hypocrisies.

*Nature has invented reproduction as a mechanism for life to move forward. As a life force that passes right through us and makes us a link in the evolution of life. – Louis Schwartzberg*

*Watch out for the fellow who talks about putting things in order! Putting things in order always means getting other people under your control. – Denis Diderot*

*Everyone has his burden; what counts is how you carry it. – Joe Brown and David Brown*



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**Halo-halo**  
Ding Cervantes

## Opinion

# Hints on dreaded times afoot

(CONCLUSION)

AND NOW for some other interesting tidbits between the Blessed Mother and Jacinta:

Q. Did the Blessed Virgin ever speak about St. Joseph?

A. I don't remember if she did.

Q. Do you remember when the Virgin told you that the Churches would unite?

A. I don't remember when but she did say that the Churches would unite.

Q. Did she say if it would be the Catholics and the Protestants or did it include, for example, the Orthodox Church as well?

A. All would reunite into the Catholic Church.

Q. All would come into the Catholic Church?

A. She didn't name the other Churches but said that all would come into the Catholic Church. The way she said it was all humanity would be within one Church, the Catholic Church. She also said it was very important to pray for this intention.

Q. Did she indicate when this would take place?

A. No, but the more we pray the faster it will happen.

Q. Sometimes you had apparitions alone with the Blessed Virgin. Do you remember some of the things you would talk about?

A. I remember her talking to me the way a mother would talk to her daughter about everything.

Q. Did she prefer to discuss certain subjects as opposed to others?

A. The subject the Blessed Virgin seemed to prefer the most was the subject of priests.

Q. In the first Message, the Virgin asks for penance and sacrifice. What does that mean to you?

A. For me the word sacrifice means accepting the difficult things, the things one does not like.

Q. Did the Blessed Mother ever indicate to you what would be a sacrifice or a penance?

A. She never specifically indicated. She did say how we should act; to be simple, honest and obedient.

Q. Did Our Lady ever give you any personal guidelines for your life such as certain prayers you should say every day?

A. The first prayer the Virgin recommended was the holy rosary and then the "Confiteor" before receiving holy Communion and the prayer "Soul of Christ" afterwards.

Q. Did the Blessed Virgin ever speak to you about the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

A. Yes, she did. Now there are people who want to do away with it but the Virgin said it was very important.

Q. Did she say how often one should go?

A. As far as I remember, she didn't indicate how often one should go but said that it was important that one recognize within one's self that they had sinned in order to make an effort not to do so and to improve one's self. Today there are many people who give no importance to sin.

Q. Did the Virgin ever speak about

purgatory?

A. Yes.

Q. Did she actually use the word purgatory?

A. Yes, because she said many souls go there.

Q. During the apparitions, the Blessed Virgin taught you to recite the rosary very slowly. Do you think she did this only because you were children who should learn to say it properly or do you think it was meant as an example that everyone should follow?

A. It was meant as an example for everyone.

Q. When you recited the Hail Mary in ecstasy, bystanders heard you say, ". . . holy Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. . ." Did the Blessed Virgin ever say anything to you about adding that phrase or innovation?

A. She said she liked it very much but that we shouldn't use it until the Church approved of it.

Q. How did you come to use it? Did you decide among yourselves beforehand that you would say it that way or did it just come out spontaneously while you were praying in ecstasy?

A. It just suddenly came out. As we were praying we just felt it inside of us. We wanted to tell her that she was our mother too.

Q. Did all four of you say it at the same time?

A. I don't exactly remember but it seems as though it just came out.

Q. Do you remember while praying the Creed in ecstasy adding the words "apostolic and Roman"?

A. Of course, this is the way the Creed is supposed to be said.

Q. Of all the teachings you received from Our Lady, which one has made the greatest impression on you?

A. For me, it was obedience. Once when the Virgin was to appear to me at about three in the morning, my father wanted me to go to bed so I complained to him. Then the Virgin didn't appear to me for a month and when she finally did, she explained to me the reason she hadn't come was because I had not been obedient to my father.

Q. Did you ever think of becoming a nun?

A. Yes, many times after the Blessed Virgin appeared I thought of becoming a nun. Before the apparitions, no.

Q. Many people have the idea that those to whom the Blessed Mother appears should become religious whereas all the Garabandal visionaries have married. What would you say to those who think you should have become sisters or nuns?

A. I used to think the same way myself. But what I would say to those people is that a person must follow their vocation. Later, I realized that it was not my vocation to become a nun and had I become one I think it would have been like a condemnation because I wouldn't have been able to live up to what I was supposed to do.



**Napag-uusapan Lang**  
Felix M. Garcia

# 'Ex-PNP chief is in hot water'

KUNG totoong batid na nina Magalong at Aaron Aquino ang hinggil sa isyung ibinibintang kay Abayalde ngayon, eh bakit hindi pa ibinulgar noon?

Na ito palang ating pinagmamalaking kabalen ay mayrung tinatagong lihim sa likod ng suot niyang unipormeng kagalang-galang at walang bahid musing.

Nakapagtataakang noon pa ma'y alam na pala ng mga 'whistle blower' na 'yan, ano't ngayon nga lang nila ibinulgar matapos ang anim na taong nagdaan?

Kung saan anila ay pinagtakpan ba ni Abayalde ang mga tao niya sa kunwa ay "buy bust" na ginawa nila at ini- 'recycle' na natiklong droga?

Hindi sa siya'y ating ipinagtatanggal sa kung ano pa mang naging akusasyon, na naging ugat ng kanyang 'resignation,' (liban sa maari niyang ikakulong).

Kundi ang atin ay paglilinaw lamang kung bakit ngayon nga lang ibinulgar n'yan, at itinaon pa mandin kung siya'y kailan retirado na siya sa susunod na buwan.

Na posible nating masabing venggasa ang kay Abayalde ay ginawa nila, dahil kung kailan ay pa-'retire' na siya, saka inilaglag nga nitong dalawa.

Kung totoo ang kanilang alegasyon na hiniling niyang huwag muna umanong kasuhan ang tao niya't gawing demosyon na lang ang parusa sa 'ninja cops' na'yon

Sana, kinastigo na siya ora mismo at idinawit sa isyung 'agaw bato,' kung tunay ngang kwenta kinunsinte nito ang mga tao niya sa gawang di wasto.

Di katulad nitong kung kailan pababa na siya sa tungkulin ay saka 'yan bigla nilang kastiguhin sa di matingkala at walang katumbas na pagkapahiya.

Na hayan, nang dahil sa isyung naturan napilitang magbitiw sa katungkulan ang taong animo ay isang kriminal na isinalang sa tribuna ng bayan.

Ang kahinaan nga lang ni Abayalde ay kung bakit pagbibitiw agad bale ang naisip bilang hepe ng PNP, kaysa ipaglaban na siya'y inosente;

Sa bintang na siya ay nabahaginan ng mga ninja cops sa 'agaw bato' n'yan na umano nga ay inire-'recycle' dito sa Pampanga mismo ng mga 'yan.

At sana, tunay na justisya kumbaga ang mangibabaw at hindi ang kagaya ng ala 'kangaroo court' itong hitsura r'yan ng kay Ka Oca ginawang pagbista!

Tayo'y may Ombudsman at Sandigangbayan kung saan ang mga 'government official' marapat bistahin kung kinakailangan, eh bakit sa Senate iginigisa 'yan?!

## TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

# Anthony Villanueva wins the boxing featherweight division silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics

ON OCTOBER 21, 1964, Anthony Villanueva, a Filipino amateur boxer, won the silver medal after competing in the featherweight division (57 kilograms) of the 1964 Olympics held in Tokyo, Japan.

Villanueva was the first Filipino to win an Olympic silver medal.

He missed the gold in this olympics after losing a controversial final gold medal match against Stanislav Stepashkin of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

Acknowledged as one of the greatest Filipino athletes, he is the son of José Villanueva, a bronze medalist in the

bantamweight division (54 kilograms) of the boxing competitions at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, California, USA.

Likewise, the two Villanuevas hold the distinction of being the only father and son Olympic medalists in Philippine sports.

# Mayor Lazatin urged to sack ACWD board

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Councilor Jesus "Jay" Sangil filed SP Resolution No. 243-10-19 urging Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" G. Lazatin, Jr. to terminate the BOD of the Angeles City Water District (ACWD).

Councilor Alfie Bonifacio joined Sangil in urging the mayor to replace the entire BOD citing various irregularities and the failure to solve the water crisis in several barangays of the city.

Sangil and Bonifacio are council committee

chairs on public works and engineering and public utilities, respectively.

It was learned that the entire board was appointed by the previous administration. Appointees have a six-year term but the terms of two or three of the directors will be expiring next year.

Earlier, the city council bared alleged irregularities that prompted the Commission on Audit (COA) to conduct an audit in the ACWD's bulk water contract with

some private companies.

The COA also looked into the utility company's alleged overpricing of more than P300-million ultra violet ray machines, questionable construction of a septage plant amounting to more than P100 million, and alleged overpricing of P20-million water trucks, among others.

Sangil and Bonifacio also cited ACWDs negligence in addressing the water problem in Barangays Cuayan concessionaires have

been complaining on the lack of water in their tap for prolonged periods. "Kailangan pang maghaintay ng hatinggabi bago tumulo ang tubig na mahina pa," according to a barangay kagawad.

The city councilors said water service interruptions last for days in some areas.

In Northville Cutud, at least 40,000 residents were affected by water shortage, foul odor and dirty water for almost 10 years until the intervention of the city council to resolve the problem in

January of this year.

To remove the ACWD board, the councilors cited amended PD 198 that gives the appointing authority the power to appoint and at the same time the power to remove or discipline erring members.

According to Sangil, the water crisis in barangays Margot and Sapanbato lasted for more or less a year before the ACWD addressed the problem after the city council stepped in to help at least 20,000 residents in the two villages.

He said concessionaires of Barangays Cutcut and other nearby areas have also been complaining of the same water problem.

"It seems that the ACWD board and management are used to take action slowly or just negligent in the performance of their duties," Sangil noted.

Meanwhile, despite repeated attempts to call the ACWD, it has not replied or answered telephone calls to its hotline number 045 322 6926.

# ASF spreads, Dar blamed

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pigs in the area of Mabalacat City have already been affected by ASF.

Casilao lamented that "the DA is yet to shed light on how it (ASF) started or where it came from and how to prevent it. Small hog raisers just wait for their livestock to be affected."

He noted that the DA has estimated that the average farm gate price of hogs in June was at

P110.15 per kilo. "Thus, an 80-kilo hog which is the minimum live weight required by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) could be valued at around P8,800. Consequently, the lost value from the 52,000 already culled hogs could reach to near P460 million."

"Around 64 percent of hogs are from backyard farms in 22 sites where the 52,000 hogs have been culled," he added.

Casilao said "the

DA claims to be carrying out its so-called 1-7-10 protocol but still new cases occur. The protocol states that starting from the ground zero of the cases, hogs within one-kilometer radius are to be culled. Within less than two months, hog raisers, especially small backyard farmers, lost near half a billion pesos of potential income."

He also questioned the small compensation to hog raiser victims

set by the DA during the early cases. "It was at P3,000 per head until it was raised to P5,000 just last week."

"The small compensation may had an impact on the full cooperation of hog raisers, such as those who threw their dead livestock in the Marikina River, in order to save those not yet infected," he said.

Casilao said Agriculture Sec. William Dar "is underestimating the

ASF concern. He has yet to learn from the experience of China in August last year when, despite its advanced technology, some 1.2 million hogs were culled."

He urged Dar to "listen to his subordinate experts and break out from his posturing that he is in control of the situation."

"His background shows he is more into pushing liberalization of

agriculture and is less of a biosafety expert. He served as governing board member of the International Rice Research Institute, the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, that promote products designed by foreign monopoly agro-corporations," Casilao added.

# Farmers buck P5,000 cash grants...

FROM PAGE 1

posed doable solutions. DA must stop pretending not to know the underlying cause of rice farmers' woes - RA 11203 (Rice Liberalization Law) which must be repealed."

"First, loans were being granted. Now, it's grant. Farmers are not charity work. We are the nation's major productive force. A P5,000 one-time cash aid is not even an economic relief. This will not uplift the farmers al-

ready devastated by the Rice Liberalization Law. Ni hindi nga ito danyos perwisyo sa kapalpakan ng gobyerno na pagsasabatas sa RA 11203, limos po ito na ibibigay ng DA sa mga naghihirap na magsasaka," says Danilo Ramos, chairperson of KMP. He also said the government is very much accountable for the Rice Liberalization Law.

Agriculture Sec. William Dar has announced that the Cabinet decid-

ed to give cash grant to 600,000 farmers or an estimated 20 percent of the total number of rice farmers in the country. Eligible are farmers with one hectare of land and are included in the DA national registry.

"We put pride in our work as tillers of the land. We may not have much wealth but we try very hard to keep our dignity intact by earning our keep and fighting for what we truly deserve. Pakiusap namin na hu-

wag sanang ituring ng gobyerno na pulubi ang mga magsasaka," Ramos stressed.

He said "this very meager cash grant will not appease the growing discontent of farmers who are strongly demanding for the junking of the rice liberalization law. It is an insult to farmers and their families who have incurred heavy losses due to the impact of rice import surge and rice liberalization."

-Ding Cervantes

# SMC to push Bulacan airport project...

FROM PAGE 1

poor sectors."

Fishermen from Cavite joined the ranks of Bulacan folk who held recently a protest rally in front of the San Miguel Corporation's headquarters in Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Cavite fishers said the project would require huge reclamation of Manila Bay that would adversely affect also their livelihood on the other side of the bay.

Anakpawis Partylist urged all sectors to "snub" the SMC project, as he echoed the fisherfolk's sentiments of the project as being "socially irresponsible, detri-

mental to the environment and violative of the socio-economic rights of poor sectors."

"We urge the people to boycott the SMC aerotropolis project, by not supporting it, and for the business sector to declare a state of calamity. In July 2019, a total of 52 villages of Marilao, Malolos and other towns were flooded due to tropical depression Egay and 'habagat' rains," Casilao recalled, pointing out that these areas would be virtually dammed up by the aerotropolis project.

He also warned local government officials that supporting the project would be violative of the Supreme Court manda-

mus to rehabilitate the Manila Bay. "Reclamation is detrimental to the objective of restoring the water to class SB, fit for recreation and fishery resources development," he stressed

"We advise local officials not to pick a stone they would use to hit their own head. Never underestimate the power of the people that you marginalize and rule with impunity or without accountability. They should learn by now that the people are familiar with the due process and rule of law, human rights and democratic governance," he warned.

-Ding Cervantes

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ATTY. MELISSA S. FABIAN, Petitioner. Application No. 2019-766

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of **ATTY. MELISSA S. FABIAN**, will be held on **November 13, 2019** at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 57, Hall of Justice, Pulung Maragul, Angeles City at **9:00 a.m.** Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Angeles City, October 21, 2019.

**OMAR T. VIOLA**  
Executive Judge

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 2019

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TEOFILO L. ARROYAL** who died intestate on January 11, 2016 in Floridablanca, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 1032 of the cadastral survey of Floridablanca, Cad. Case No. 33, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1480) situated in the Bo. of Sulib, Mun. of Floridablanca, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 232070-R, before Notary Public Roseller T. Logronio as per Doc No. 444, Page No. 90, Book No. CXIII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2019

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EUSTAQUIO GOZUN** who died intestate on June 6, 1998 in Mexico, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 12 of the subdivision plan Bsd-03-001867, being a portion of Lot 2486, Mexico Cadastre L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Anao, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 23612, Emancipation Patent No. 666301 in the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga, before Notary Public Gener C. Endona as per Doc No. 27, Page No. 7, Book No. 59, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2019

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDUARDO LINGAT ESGUERRA** who died intestate on May 17, 2009 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as four (4) parcels of land with improvements thereon, to wit:

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 99172**  
Lot 37, Block 11 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-36149, being a portion of Lot 86-B-3-C, (LRC) Psd-20963, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Pandan, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon;

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 99173**  
Lot 39, Block 11 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-36149, being a portion of Lot 86-B-3-C, (LRC) Psd-20963, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Pandan, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon;

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 397504-R**  
Lot 45, of the subd. plan Bsd-03-000814 (OLT), being a portion of Lot 3000, Arayat Cad., L.R.C. Rec. No. ) situated in the Bo. of Buensuceso, Mun. of Arayat, Prov. of Pampanga; and

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 9555**  
LOT : 2, Osd-035403-04960 (OLT)  
PORTION OF LOT : 51, Bsd-03-00814 (OLT)  
LOCATION : Brgy. Buensuceso, Arayat, Pampanga  
AREA : Fifteen Thousand sixty (15,060) SQ. M.

before Notary Public Alejandro N. Buan as per Doc No. 130, Page No. 46, Book No. XIII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 14, 21 & 28, 2019

### NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that **FELIX DIZON**, of legal age, Filipino, married to Susana Gamboa and a resident of Kabayung Sarul, San Ildefonso, Magalang, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Loss on the **Owner's Duplicate Original Copy of Certificate of Land Ownership Award No. 00809933**, before Notary Public Edmond V. Dantes as per Doc No. 1224, Page No. 47, Book No. VII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2019

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SEGUNDA HIDALGO CONDUIT** who died intestate on March 6, 2019 in Mabalacat, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate, more particularly described as follows:

1. A parcel of land with improvements thereon that is located in Duquit, Mabalacat, Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 633917-R;
2. Conjugal share over some money deposited at BDO SM Clark with Account No. 001310089386;
3. Conjugal share over some money deposited at BPI Session Road, Baguio City with Account No. 0579031298;
4. BPI Session Road, Baguio City Checking Account No. 0570009443;

before Notary Public Regina C. Gopez-Agustin as per Doc No. 783, Page No. 63, Book No. XXIII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2019

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RUSTICO RIVERA** and **CANDIDA RIVERA** who died intestate on June 20, 2015 and February 24, 1992, respectively, both in Mexico, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as two (2) parcels of land, to wit:

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 6181**  
**Emancipation Patent No. 143690**  
**Registry of Deeds of Pampanga**

Lot No. 7 of the subdivision plan Bsd-03-001867, (OLT), being a portion of Lot 2486, Mexico Cadastre L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Anao, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga;

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 19331**  
**Certificate of Land Ownership Award No. 00809847**  
**Registry of Deeds of Pampanga**

Lot 31, Psd-03-151955 (AR) portion of Lot Psu-5879 Amd, located at San Pablo, Sta. Ana, Pampanga;

before Notary Public Gener C. Endona as per Doc No. 26, Page No. 7, Book No. 59, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2019

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AFRICA A. BASA** who died intestate on May 14, 2018 executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Special Power of Attorney on her estate, more particularly described as follows:

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. PT-36370**  
**Registry of Deeds for the City of Pasig**

A condominium unit located at Unit 208, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New Valle Verde Terraces, Uranbo, Pasig, Metro Manila;

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 148663**  
**Registry of Deeds for Angeles City**

A parcel of land (Lot 3, Block 4 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-4875, being a portion of consolidation of Lot 214, Angeles Cad. and Lot 12-B-2-G, (LRC) Psd-50014, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrios of Sto. Rosario and Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon;

before Notary Public Jonathan Francis C. Nepomuceno as per Doc No. 244, Page No. 90, Book No. VI, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 7, 14 & 21, 2019

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

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR  
CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF  
LIVE BIRTH OF CRISTINA TANGLAO y DE  
JESUS WITH LOCAL REGISTRY NO. 91-573

CRISTINA J. TANGLAO,

Petitioner,

-versus-

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS NO. 19-0954(M)

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF  
MACABEBE AND ALL PERSONS/ENTITIES  
WHO/WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,  
Respondents.

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#### ORDER

On September 27, 2019, petitioner Cristina J. Tanglao filed the verified Petition dated September 23, 2019 praying that the Local Civil Registrar of Macabebe, Pampanga, and the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City, be ordered to cancel her Certificate of Live Birth under Registry No. 91-573 on file in said offices.

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

WHEREFORE, this court hereby (a) sets this case for hearing on the amended petition on **December 4, 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 her 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, her 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, October 16, 2019.

MARIA JOSEPHINE M. ROSARIO-MERCADO  
Judge

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2019



## Spotlight Arci Pineda

# Binibining Pilipinas Charities, Inc. refutes Samantha Lo's allegations



THE BB PILIPINAS Charities, Inc (BPCI) contradicts the accusations of Bb. Pilipinas Grand International 2019 Samantha Ashley Lo that the local pageant organizer neglected her while she was detained at the Paris airport recently.

BPCI also denied that they did not give Samantha "proper transit visa" which caused all the problems..

However, the reigning Bb Pilipinas Grand International 2019 representative is now in Caracas, Venezuela.

"[M]y local organizer, who handled my travel preparations, failed to equip me with the proper transit visa that may have enabled me to complete my earlier trip to this host country.

"Moreso, it wasn't them who got me out of detention and put me safely on that plane to come back home. It was my family and other well-meaning Filipinos who did — and they are still not resting until this is over.

"And when this is all over, I hope to bring home the crown and glory to the Philippines and our people."

According to a BPCI insider, they knew what Samantha went through at the Paris airport.

They said, Samantha was detained in Paris airport and was sent back to the Philippines due to her Philippine passport issues.

Last Oct 18, DFA published their statement online.

"Based on an ongoing investigation, the DFA confirms that Ms. Lo has no record in the DFA passport database and is continuing the process of ascertaining the facts of the case."

BPCI confirmed the report on their official statement.

"The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) officially stated that Ms. Lo's Philippine passport had been 'tampered with and altered.'

"During a meeting last week with Samantha, he parents and officials from the DFA and BPCI, it was admitted by Ms. Lo's parents, that she secured her passport through a "fixer."

BPCI also added that they immediately coordinated with the DFA upon learning that Samantha was indeed detained at the PARIS AIRPORT.

"It is also not true that BPCI did nothing to assist her.

"Upon hearing of her situation in Paris, we immediately called upon DFA to assist her, and they did.

"We are grateful for the intervention of Undersecretary Delay, which otherwise would have resulted in very serious consequences for Samantha."

"We wanted to support Samantha and help her resolve this.

"However, in the last few days, we were no longer able to contact her or her family."

BPCI could have remain mum about the issue, but Samantha posted in her Instagram account, so, the local organizer had to defend its integrity.

"We had chosen not to make any statements in deference to an ongoing investigation into the matter and to protect Sam's privacy after revelations of a fake passport had put her in this situation.

"However, due to her social media post, BPCI is forced to make a statement to ensure that only facts are presented, nothing else."

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DIRECTOR Dan Villegas posted his photo with Coco and independent movie producer Atty. Joji Alonso of Quantum Films.

"Soon!" Direk Dan wrote in the caption of his Instagram post.

Before starring in mainstream TV projects, Coco gained international recognition for indie films, particularly those he did with renowned filmmaker Brillante Mendoza.

For now, Coco is busy with his four-year-old ABS-CBN teleserye FPJ's Ang Probinsyano. Aside from starring in this series, the Kapamilya actor serves as creative consultant and one of the show's directors.

Coco is also part of the 2019 Metro Manila Film Festival entry 3Pol Trobol, Huli Ka Balbon. He stars with GMA-7 talents Jennylyn Mercado and Ai-Ai delas Alas in this MMFF 2019 entry.

**Samantha Ashley Lo**

# Wyndham Destinations corporate center opens in Clark

By JOANN M. VALENCIANO

CLARK FREEPORT – Wyndham Destinations (NYSE: WYND) celebrated the opening of its modern, purpose-built regional office here on Friday to support its expanding Philippines-based team and its growth across Asia Pacific.

The P150-million office building can accommodate up to 800 staff with morning and evening schedules. It features expansive working areas, seven meeting pods, four training rooms, a café-style canteen, and a games room.

The building has various green features and policies to further support the company's other numerous sustainability initiatives in line with its WYND-Green program.

The opening celebration included a ribbon-cutting, cultural dancing and a blessing of the building by Rev. Fr. Deogracias Galang.

WYND is the world's largest vacation ownership and exchange company, boasting more than 220 vacation ownership resorts and 4,300 vacation exchange properties in over 110 countries.

The company, based in Orlando, Florida, has two business lines: Wyndham Vacation Clubs and RCI Exchanges.

Barry Robinson, president and managing director of Wyndham Vacation Clubs international operations, expressed his excitement as Wyndham Destination during the formal opening of the regional office building.

"This is an exciting milestone

for our business as it gives this important regional support team a brand new, permanent home," he said.

Robinson explains that the center is not a business process outsourcing (BPO) company "but rather a captive center wherein all manpower are considered Wyndham employees."

"Our Philippines team has an important function, serving our four other corporate offices across Asia Pacific," he said.

"It also recently began supporting the global headquarters in the USA. With Wyndham Destinations' evolving customer base around the world, our Clark office will continue to support the company's growing global footprint," he added.

Wyndham Destinations Asia Pacific began in Clark in 2016 with five employees and, in just three years has grown its local workforce to more than 300 team members.

"Clark is the perfect location for this regional office, because of the talented and multilingual professionals, thriving business landscape, minimal congestion and well-connected public transport system it offers," Robinson said.

Wyndham Destination is currently hiring for positions on accounts payable and finance, corporate marketing, customer experience, human resources, information technology, and more.

For current job listings and open positions, visit their website at [www.wyndhamdestinations.com](http://www.wyndhamdestinations.com)



Wyndham Destinations celebrates the official opening of its new corporate office in Clark. The opening was led by (left) Barry Robinson, president and managing director, International Operations, Wyndham Vacation Clubs; (center) Ross Nicholas, senior vice president PR, Communications and Corporate Marketing and (right) Liam Crawley, Wyndham Destinations Asia Pacific chief financial officer.

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# NIA-operated resort hotel seen to spur tourism in CL

BY ARMAND M. GALANG

PANTABANGAN, Nueva Ecija - A resort hotel operated by the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), built from a long-time white elephant in the midst of greeneries of Pantabangan Dam Watershed, is seen to spur tourism and economic growth in Central Luzon.

This was declared by Cabinet Sec. Karlo Alexei Nograles as he, along with NIA chief Ricardo Visaya, led the opening of the P40-million Pantabangan Lake (PL) Resort Hotel inside the scenic mountain top in Barangay Fatima here recently.

Nograles lauded the NIA officials, particularly Visaya, Engr. Rosalinda Bote, department manager of the Upper Pampanga River Integrated Irrigation System (UPRIIS), as well as its former manager Engr. Florentino David for undertaking the project two years after it was recovered from the private Korean firm which gained management contract from the provincial government of Nueva Ecija for about 20 years.

He noted the resort hotel is strategically located adjacent to the

dam reservoir which is considered as one of the biggest in Asia.

"Pati na rin ang kagandahan ng Pantabangan Dam at ng ating reservoir na kasama sa Pampanga River, major river basin natin, na sinasabi nila na isa sa pinakamaganda at pinakamalaki dito sa Asia," Nograles said of the attractions being offered naturally by the PL. "Siyempre kasama ang picturesque scenery ng Caraballo at Sierra Madre mountain ranges itong NIA Pantabangan Lake Resort Hotel ay nagbibigay ng malaking potensiyal para sa economic and tourism growth and development dito sa ating region," he stressed.

The facility is the first hotel to be owned by the NIA and managed by the UPRIIS which is a government-owned and -controlled corporation operating under the Office of the President, particularly Office of the Cabinet Secretary.

Built in the 1970s as the NIA Guesthouse, it accommodated guests from the World Bank (WB), NIA and other government agencies and offices specially those working in various irriga-

tion projects nearby. The Nueva Ecija provincial government gained control over it in 1999, which awarded management to a Korean firm that branded it Best Hotel.

"For some reason or another, napabaya nang more than ten years. Kaya napakalaking tagumpay po para sa ating lahat na nabawin natin, naiwi po natin uli sa NIA itong resort hotel po na ito," he said.

Strategically located atop the mountain that overlooks the lush greeneries of the Pantabangan Watershed and the calmness of the lake's blue water, the facility is described to be a "perfect landscape of nature that is well-suited to capture each memory and moments of celebration."

With several amenities, the hotel has 17 standard rooms, suite rooms, a function hall, a restaurant and a veranda, the PL can easily compete with private counterparts, according to Bote.

"NIA Pantabangan Resort Hotel is now ready to compete with other hotels here in Nueva Ecija as venues for seminars, conferences, team buildings, and oth-



Cabinet Sec. Karlo Alexei Nograles, NIA chief Ricardo Visaya, and NIA-UPRIIS department manager Engr. Rosalinda Bote opening the marker. PHOTO BY ARMAND GALANG

er government agencies and stakeholder and also our irrigators associations," Bote said.

She expressed gratitude to the agency's top management for "all the support given to UPRIIS," especially for the establishment of the resort hotel.

Visaya explained the facility is one of the income-generating ventures of the agency in the light of the Duterte administration's resolved

to provide free irrigation service to farmers with eight hectares and below of farm. The other is the provision of floating solar power farms that is now being implemented in Magat Dam.

"Hindi lang dapat irigasyon ang ating facilities. We have to optimize the utilization of our facilities na pagkakakitaan para sa gobyerno at para katulong din sa ating mga kababayan," Visaya told NIA officials and employ-

ees in a brief program held at the hotel's Pantabangan Hall. "Not only for irrigation but also for power. May hydro power dito ng FirstGen at dadagdagan pa natin."

Floating solar farms, he underscored, spare agricultural land from conversion. "For all you know this is a 900,000-hectare reservoir, we can utilize 90,000 for income-generating purposes projects," he said.

# Millions needed to complete agriland irrigation

BY ERNIE B. ESCONDE

ABUCAY, Bataan -- The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) on Friday said here that it needed millions and millions of pesos to complete the construction of irrigation facilities for remaining potential irrigable areas in the country.

Filipina Bermudez, NIA's department manager of public affairs and information, said there are 3.1 million hectares of potential irrigable area in the Philippines out of which 1.7 million hectares or 61 percent have already been irrigated.

"Milyon-milyon piso pa ang kailangan dahil mahigit P30 million lang ang nadadagdag sa pondo namin sa nakali-

pas na mga taon o halos 2 percent lang taontaon ang nadadagdag. Malaki pa ang kailangan nating pondo para matapos lahat ang irrigable area," she said.

Bermudez said their projects depend on the funds allocated for the agency.

"Meron kaming National Irrigation Master Plan na kung saan nakalatag doon taontaon ang gagawin namin para ma-attain hindi 100 percent ang matapos namin hopefully sa pagtatapos ng term ni President Duterte kung bibigyan kami ng pondo," she said.

"Sa pondo nakasalalay talaga. Kahit gustuhin namin, kung ito lang ang allocation ng Department of Budget

and Management wala kaming magagawa dahil doon lang kami nagba-base kung ilang ektarya ang aming ipo-program taontaon," Bermudez stressed.

Bermudez represented retired Gen. Ricardo Visaya, NIA administrator, in the Second Stakeholders' Forum in Bataan held in Abucay town.

Bataan 2nd District Rep. Jose Enrique Garcia III asked NIA and the farmers to prepare a 10-year master plan on irrigation for the projects to be properly funded.

Josephine Salazar, NIA Region 3 manager, presented the overview and rationale of the forum while Isabelito Bitangcol, acting Irrigation Management Office chief in Bataan and Pampanga, dealt on the

status of irrigation projects in the province.

Bitangcol said that of the 18,577 hectares of potential irrigable area

in Bataan, 41.28 percent or 7,668 hectares have been irrigated.

He said that Region 3 composed of Aurora,

Bulacan, Bataan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija and Zambales have an overall irrigation completion of 57 percent.

# Delta lauds PCSO services

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fund the heart operation of Daisy Casupanan, a one-year-old Aeta girl from Barangay Nabuklod in Floridablanca town, diagnosed with Ventricular Septal Defect.

The Pampanga Governor thanked GM Garma for the assistance she gave to the girl.

"Sobrang laki ng pabor na binibigay ng PCSO lalo na sa mga kabalen nating may sakit. Kaya sobra rin po

ang pasasalamat ko kay GM Garma. Imagine isang batang katutubong may sakit nabigyan panibagong pag-asa," Gov Delta said.

GM Garma for her part also thanked the Pampanga provincial government for constructing the PCSO Pampanga office during the time of former Gov. Lilia Pineda.

"Ang PCSO ay totoo sa kanyang mandato na tumulong sa nangangailangan," GM Garma said.

"Kahit po kayo ay

matalo sa ating mga games, may panalo pa rin po dahil napapagamot tayo gaya ni Daisy Casupanan," she added.

In 2010, it can be recalled that the provincial government has donated P 12 M for the construction of the 2-storey Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) building at the Government Center in this city to bring the agency's services closer to the Kapampangans. — **Luisse Rutao/Pampanga PIO**

Form 28 (Revised June 2014)			
Rural Bank of Angeles Inc.			
Name of Bank			
PUBLISHED BALANCED SHEET			
(Head Office and Branches)			
As of September 30, 2019			
CONTROL PROOFLIST			
	Account Code	Current Quarter	Previous Quarter
Cash and Cash Items	10800000000000000000	41,116,120.87	26,473,679.40
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	10515000000000000000	71,413,367.91	71,413,367.91
Due from Other Banks	10520000000000000000	199,939,062.95	416,815,909.24
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	11200000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Available-for-Sale Financial Assets-Net	19520000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Held-to-Maturity (HTM) Financial Assets-Net	19525000000000000000	658,122,994.38	659,617,135.92
Unquoted Debt Securities Classified as Loans-Net	19530000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Investments in Non-Marketable Equity Security-Net	19535000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Loans and Receivables - Net	19540000000000000000	2,320,039,491.88	2,153,866,676.31
Other Financial Assets	14800000000000000000	180,338,221.80	133,501,859.37
Equity Investment in Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures-Net	19545250000000000000	0.00	0.00
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment-Net	19550500000000000000	66,997,170.21	63,731,459.81
Real and Other Properties Acquired-Net	19551000000000000000	60,007,448.09	57,754,624.24
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	15015000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Other Assets-Net	15200000000000000000	80,250,583.57	79,852,997.53
Net Due from Head Office/Branches/Agencies, if any (Phil. branch of a foreign bank)	15525000000000000000	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>3,198,219,493.38</b>	<b>3,198,219,493.38</b>
Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	20800000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Deposit Liabilities	21500000000000000000	2,200,396,450.52	2,321,293,041.01
Due to Other Banks	22050000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Bills Payable	22010000000000000000	823,620,563.15	723,620,563.15
Bonds Payable-Net	29520150000000000000	0.00	0.00
Unsecured Subordinated Debt-Net	29520200000000000000	0.00	0.00
Redeemable Preferred Shares	22025000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Special Time Deposit	22030000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Due to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	23035000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Other Financial Liabilities	24005000000000000000	35,829,314.10	39,543,642.39
Other Liabilities	24010000000000000000	89,369,948.55	84,738,709.34
Net Due to Head Office/Branches/Agencies (Philippine branch of a foreign bank)	23085000000000000000	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>3,198,219,493.38</b>	<b>3,198,219,493.38</b>
<b>TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		<b>329,000,195.34</b>	<b>499,833,753.24</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		<b>3,527,219,688.72</b>	<b>3,698,053,246.62</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS</b>		<b>2,943.00</b>	<b>1,926.00</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>			
Gross total loan portfolio (TLP)	49902000000000000000	2,549,146,772.42	2,180,445,912.18
Specific allowance for credit losses on the TLP	49930000000000000000	202,528,044.67	178,405,110.12
Non-Performing Loans (NPLs)			
a. Gross NPLs	49910050000000000000	262,885,699.79	189,998,493.41
b. Ratio of gross NPLs to gross TLP (%)	49915050000000000000	10%	9%
c. Net NPLs	49910100000000000000	60,357,655.12	11,593,383.29
d. Ratio of Net NPLs to gross TLP (%)	49915100000000000000	2%	1%
e. Ratio of total allowance for credit losses to gross NPLs (%)	49915150000000000000	0.87	0.72
f. Ratio of specific allowance for credit losses on the gross TLP to gross NPLs (%)	49915200000000000000	0.77	0.94
Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) on Solo Basis, as prescribed under existing regulations			
a. Total CAR (%)	49965050050000000000	15.48	16.60
b. Tier 1 Ratio (%)	49965050100000000000	15.41	16.32
c. Common Tier 1 Ratio (%) <sup>1/</sup>	49965050150000000000	15.39	16.30
<small>1/ Common Equity Tier 1 is only applicable to all Universal and Commercial Banks and their subsidiary banks.</small>			
I hereby certify that all matters set forth in this Published Balance Sheet are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
			Atty. Rainer T. Defante Authorized Signatory
Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 2019			

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