

Japan to help in Subic Freeport master plan

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT -- The Japanese government will provide technical assistance in crafting a master plan for the development of this freeport and its surrounding areas.

The master plan will cover road network development, logistics, ter-

minal development, disaster risk management, and other public utilities development. This would update previous master plans, considering climactic and other considerations.

In a belated statement, the Department of Finance (DOF) said

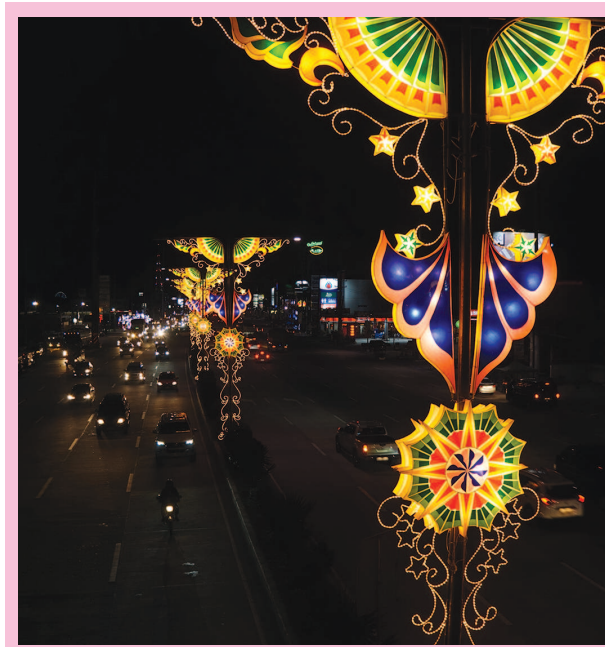
Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pledged this to Pres. Duterte during their recent bilateral meeting on the sidelines 35th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Bangkok, Thailand.

"The two leaders affirmed that the Japa-

nese assistance is a testament to the deepening strategic partnership between Japan and the Philippines," the DOF statement said.

"Japan remains to be the No. 1 provider of Official Development Assistance (ODA) loans and

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LANTERN AVENUE. Lanterns light up a stretch of the Jose Abad Santos Avenue to and from the San Fernando exit of the North Luzon Expressway imbuing in motorists the Yuletide spirits in the renowned Christmas Capital of the Philippines. **PHOTO BY BONG LACSON**

Pogi files corruption charges vs water district GM, directors

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

ANGELES CITY – The general manager of the Angeles City Water District (ACWD) and its entire board of directors are now in hot water following corruption charges filed by Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" G. Lazatin, Jr. at the Ombudsman on Tuesday.

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Vietnamese fishers facing rough seas sheltered in Subic

BY DING CERVANTES

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – Favor returned.

At least six Vietnamese fishing vessels boarded by some 100 Vietnamese fishers were given shelter for safety here Wednesday afternoon amid rough seas being generated by tropical depression Quiel.

It will be recalled that last June 18, Vietnamese fishers had rescued 22 Filipino fishermen whose boat was reportedly rammed by a Chinese vessel which then left them dangerously

afloat in the waters of the West Philippine Sea.

In a report Thursday, the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Law Enforcement Department said its personnel and those from the Philippine Coast Guard guided the Vietnamese vessels to a designated sheltering anchorage at Subic Bay.

Early Wednesday, the Vietnamese Embassy in Manila messaged the Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippine Coast Guard, and Philippine Navy request-

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Jovy Hernandez (3rd from left) leads other PLDT executives to a toast to formally launch the VITRO Clark DR Site as the first stand-alone disaster recovery (DR) facility in North Luzon to service Philippine enterprises on Wednesday. Others in photo are BCDA vice president Joana Capones, PLDT Clarktel CEO Boy Castaneda and PLDT Clarktel COO Lito Mercado (far right).

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ePLDT inaugurates Asia's biggest disaster recovery facility in Clark

CLARK FREEPORT – Industry-leading enabler of digital solutions ePLDT Inc., together with PLDT Clarktel, officially launched what is probably the biggest disaster recovery facility in Asia here on Wednesday.

The VITRO Clark DR Site was launched as the first stand-alone disaster recovery (DR) facility in North Luzon to service Philippine enterprises.

Strategically located beside the VITRO Clark Data Center along

Gil Puyat Avenue here, the site is the country's largest DR facility and probably in Asia boasting of an expansive 6,909 sqm floor area, according to PLDT Clarktel chief operating officer Lito Mer-

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Bulacan, Pampanga now vortex of ASF

BY DING CERVANTES

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Bulacan and Pampanga have become ganglions of the dreaded African swine flu (ASF), amid reports that some 20,000 pigs have died of the ailment in each of the provinces.

In a report sent to the World Organization for Animal

Health (OIE), the Department of Agriculture (DA) noted that the virus has been spreading fast in Pampanga and has even started to kill pigs in the commercial farms of Bulacan.

It said ASF has also recently affected backyard farms in Malabon and Calocan Cities and that the first occurrence was reported in the third district of Manila.

The report noted “nine new outbreaks in Luzon affecting backyard and commercial pigs.”

ASF has already resulted in the death and culling of more than 62,000 hogs in Cavite, Quezon City, Pangasinan, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Antipolo, and Rizal, the report said.

It also noted that of the affected areas, Bulacan and Pampanga were the hardest hit, recording more than 20,000 hog deaths each.

The DA said the new cases have pushed the total number of ASF outbreaks in

the Philippines to 24, for a total of 555 “actual ASF cases” in the country. The number refers to sites, not to affected animals.

The DA also reported to the OIE that the source of these outbreaks has remained “unknown or inconclusive” but it also suspects that the cause of the spread are “illegal movement of animals, swill feeding, fomites (humans, vehicles, feed, etc.)”

ASF can’t infect humans and is not considered a food safety risk, but it can be spread indirectly through people’s clothing, footwear, ve-

hicles, farm equipment, and livestock feed.

So far, measures applied by the Philippine government to control the spread of the virus include movement control inside the country; surveillance outside containment and/or protection zone; surveillance within containment and/or protection zone; screening; quarantine; official destruction of animal products; official disposal of carcasses, by-products and waste; stamping out; zoning; disinfection; ante and post-mortem inspections; and prohibiting vaccination.

LGUs sustain campaign on ASF

BY ARMAND M. GALANG

CABANATUAN CITY - The local government and meat vendors continue to campaign to ally fears over African swine fever (ASF) amid the drastic fall in pork sales in the market.

Mayor Myca Elizabeth Vergara, along with acting city veterinarian Dr. Lorna Rivera, led meat vendors and the public in eating lechon (roast pigs) and other pork preparations in a boodle fight at the public market here Wednesday.

Rowena Mina, chair of the Cabanatuan City Meat Vendors Cooperative, said their sales slid by as much as 50 percent a day since the ASF scare last September. She would not state by how much though.

Mina said consumers were apparently scared of the animal disease despite assurance that it could not affect hu-

man.

“Ang mga paninda po namin ay malinis. Lahat ay dumadaan sa tamang proseso,” Mina said, adding that they only would slaughter animals at the city slaughterhouse.

While hogs’ live prices were down, ingredients used in production of longganisa and other products soared thus they cannot just cut market prices, Mina said.

Vergara said the city keeps the slaughterhouse “at par” to make sure meat products are safe. Enforcers, she said, are on guard against ASF.

“Tuloy-tuloy po kasi para sa mga taga-Cabanatuan yun at siyempre para tuloy-tuloy rin na makakain tayo ng mga baboy na walang ASF,” Vergara said.

The city government, she said, invests on both the livelihood and safety of its people.



Tarlac province bags 4th SGLG national award

THE AWARD for the province of Tarlac continues to pour.

The latest of these awards was the Department of the Interior and Local Government’s [DILG] Seal of Good Local Governance [SGLG] bestowed to Tarlac last November 5 at the Manila Hotel which was accepted by Vice Governor Carlito “Casada” David and Provincial Administrator Roberto Ventura from DILG Secretary Eduardo Año.

The SGLG honor local government units due to their sound financial administration, disaster preparedness, social protection, peace and order, business friendliness and competitiveness, envi-

ronmental management and tourism, culture and the arts.

This is the fourth time that Tarlac province was bestowed such a prestigious award. The first was in 2015 and 2016 under the governorship of now Tarlac second district Representative Victor Yap and last year under Governor Susan Yap.

In a statement, Yap said that she is very proud to be named winner of the SGLG again.

“This is an award is not only for the people who work for the provincial government but to all Tarlaqueños as well. Without the brilliance of our people, this award could not have been realized,” she said.

David for his part thanked

the DILG for the award and said, “Ito ay pagkilala sa katapatan at kahusayan ng pamahalaang lokal. Kayo ang aming inspirasyon... ito ang Serbisyong MaYap [This is in recognition to the sincerity and brilliance of our local government. You are our inspiration...this is Serbisyong MaYap].”

Aside from Tarlac province, the municipalities of Victoria, Capas, Gerona, Moncada, Pura, San Clemente, Sta. Ignacia and the city of Tarlac were also named national SGLG winners.

Of the seven provinces that comprise Central Luzon, only Tarlac, Bulacan and Bataan were named SGLG awardees.—AFMC/Tarlac PIO



Nagbunga ng karangalan sa bansa ang puspusang pag-eensayo ng magkapatid na Cruz na mga batang chess players mula sa Malolos, Bulacan. Nasungkit ni Daniela Bianca Cruz ang 1st runner up habang si Jeremiah Cruz ay nasungkit ang 2nd runner up. Kasama ng magkapatid sa litrato ang kanilang mga magulang.

KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS

Magkapatid mula sa Bulacan wagi sa chess tournament sa Thailand

NI ROMMEL RAMOS

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS --- Wagi sa ginanap na 2nd Pattaya Open Chess Championship, Bay Beach sa Thailand ang magkapatid na chess players mula sa nasabing lungsod.

Ang magkapatid na chess players ay sina Daniela Bianca Cruz o Betchay, 8, Grade 3 pupil, at ang kanyang kuya na si Jeremiah Cruz, 14, Grade 9 student ng Sto. Ro-

sario CMIS at kapwa residente ng Brgy.Mabolo.

Ayon kay Reden Cruz, ama ng magkapatid, malaki ang paniwala niya na mag-uwi ng karangalan sa bansa ang mga anak sa nilahukang chess tournament na ito.

Aniya, humilab pa ang tityan ni Betchay at nagsuka ito sa kasagsagan ng championship round.

Tinanong pa daw ito ng referee kung nais pang itu-

loy ang laban dahil sa masamang pakiramdam ngunit tinuloy pa rin ito ni Betchay at nasungkit ang 1st runner-up.

Nakuha naman ng kanyang kapatid na si Jeremiah ang 2nd runner-up matapos ang tie breaker sa katunggaling Thaiander.

Sa ngayon ay pinaghahandaan ng magkapatid ang isa pang malaking chess tournament sa Singapore sa susunod na taon.

UPS' Buying Dynamics Study presented to Clark stakeholders

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

CLARK FREEPORT – The 2019 UPS Industrial Buying Dynamics Asia Pacific Study was presented to various stakeholders who gathered at the Quest Hotel here on Tuesday.

Chris Buono, UPS managing director for the Philippines and Indonesia, presented the study to Clark stakeholders led by the Clark Investors and Locators Association (CILA) and its president Frankie Villanueva who was also a panelist in the event.

"We focused this event in Clark for a number of reasons. One is Clark has been home to us for almost 20 years and we want to continue to see it grow," Buono said.

"I love the investment and the infrastructure growth here as compared when I first came here in 2012 to where it is now. It's completely different setting," he added.

The study found that B2B (business to business) buyers in the region are doing much of their purchasing online and at the same time relying heavily on offline relationships and seeking out solid after sales service.

"In terms of the two things that we talked about today B2B suppliers and online shoppers, obviously two very different dynamics but two dynamics that are extremely important to a company's potential growth and while exhaustive as we can make it at UPS

we think there's value at customers looking at this and understanding exactly what the impact on their own company by providing a post-sales support or providing that human interaction and tying it with their own online customer experience," Buono explained.

Notwithstanding the anticipated increase in online purchases among Asian buyers, the report also indicates that speaking over the phone or in person happens more frequently in Asia than in the US or Europe.

Asian buyers especially value establishing a relationship in person before purchasing online. It was noted that this practice is most pronounced in China, where winning trust before doing business is a key part of the deal making process.

The study, which surveyed more than 3,400 industrial purchasers globally, including 600 from companies across China, Japan and Thailand, offers valuable region-level insights and specific market-level traits that can help B2B businesses better connect with buyers in Asia.

"What we see in Asia is that business relationships are not one dimensional – online channels are popular, but so too are more traditional forms of buying and this presents a real balancing act for those who want to sell in this region," said Sylvie Van Den Kerkhof, UPS vice president for marketing in the Asia-Pa-



Chris Buono (far right), UPS managing director for the Philippines and Indonesia, gestures as he answers a query from stakeholders during the UPS presentation at the Quest Hotel in Clark on Tuesday. Listening intently is CILA president Frankie Villanueva (2nd from left). **PHOTO BY ASHLEY MANABAT**

cific region.

"The data suggests that businesses wanting to work in Asian markets need to ensure that their e-commerce and bricks and mortar operations are both optimized and integrated, while ensuring that post-sales services, such as returns, offer a seamless ex-

perience of buyers," she added.

"Our takeaway is that solutions should aim to balance the convenience and innovation of advanced technologies with human touch points. Software, no matter how smart, is hard pressed to replace the impact and rapport of inter-

personal relations," Buono explained.

"Our hope today is we are able to pass along as much knowledge and information coming out of the study and some viewpoints into how UPS capabilities could help potentially other companies," he added.

ONE LAST PUSH, PUSO!

Chot Reyes Teams up with NorthPine Land

NORTHPINE Land, Inc. (NLI), trusted developer of premium communities to the middle-income market, rallied its team for a strong finish this 2019 through a talk titled *One Last Push, PUSO!* headed by Chot Reyes, former *Gilas Pilipinas* coach.

Skyrocketing sales and new milestones for 2019 did not stop NLI to further push its sales team to sustain the winning attitude. Being the man behind the Filipino well-loved battlecry *PUSO*, Reyes stressed the value of passion in work and pouring one's heart in order to foster and maintain a winning culture. The multi-awarded coach also highlighted teamwork and the importance of every member's efforts, which cumulatively, could lead the team to its goals. Reyes headed the talk during NLI's second quarter Sales Awards held at The Palms Country Club, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

Furthermore, Chot Reyes congratulated the company for surpassing its annual target as early as the third quarter of the year and added that, "Winning is a habit, unfortunately so is losing. Even if you have already achieved your target, keep going so you won't fall into the bad habit of losing. Keep pushing and finish strong."

NLI General Manager

Ferdinand Macabanti also shared that, "The very essence of why we're in the real estate world is to make dreams come to life. With Coach Chot's inspiring words, I know that NorthPine team will be pushed to share the opportunity to live a better life with a more driven heart."

Meanwhile, NLI also recognized its major achievers for the quarter, namely *Lo-mavin Acolola Jr.* (Top Property Associate), *Minda Moreno*, (Top Property Division Manager) and *Kyre Ching* (Top Broker Head). Ultimately, *K & L Covenant Partner Marketing Co.* clinched the Phoenix Award, the most prestigious recognition given every quarter to the group with the most outstanding current account, highest booked account and biggest cash collections.

NorthPine Land looks forward to accomplishing more exciting milestones before 2019 ends, which includes the launch of Montana Views Lifestyle Hub in the City of San Fernando-Mexico, Pampanga. With its passion and drive reignited, the company is at the top of its game to make a mark as the end of the year draws near.

About NorthPine Land, Inc.

NorthPine Land Inc. (NLI) is one of the country's trusted

real estate prime movers with a prestigious portfolio of projects in Pampanga (Montana Views and Montana Strands), Cavite (Kahaya Place, Greenwoods Village, Wind

Crest and Kohana Grove), Laguna (South Hampton), Antipolo City (Forest Ridge), and Pasig City (Lexington). Its distinguished shareholders are: HongKong Land,

BDO, Metrobank, and San Miguel Properties, Inc. To know more about our lineup of products, visit www.northpineland.com or call +632 637.1531.



PUSO! NorthPine Land leaders, namely (left to right): Erwin Buñag (AVP for Construction Management), Amytis S. Banaag (AVP for HRODA), Benigno A. Tatunay (CFO), Ferdinand M. Macabanti (General Manager), Wilhelmina C. de Ere (VP for Corporate Services), Aileen B. Morales (AVP for Sales Operations) and Paul D. Lamagna (AVP for Project Development) power up NLI Sales Force with Coach Chot Reyes (middle). **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Handa na ba kayo para sa akin?

MARAMING NAGPAHAYAG ng pangamba na hindi sinsero ang alok, na ito ay isang trap na ang habol lang ay siraan at pahiyain ako. Maraming nagpayo na dapat kong tanggihan ang alok dahil pagpasa lang ito sa akin ng responsibilidad para sa mga kabiguan ng drug war. Maraming nagsasabi na naghahanap lang ng damay ang administrasyong ito.

...Pero sa dulo, ang pinakamahalagang konsiderasyon para sa akin ay simple lang: Kung ito ang pagkakataon para matigil ang patayan ng mga inosente at mapanagot ang mga kailangang managot, papasanin ko ito.

Kaya tinatanggap ko ang trabaho na 'binibigay sa akin ng Pangulo.

Mula simula, ang gusto ko ay itigil ang pagpatay sa mga inosente, panagutin ang mga abusadong opisyal tulad ng mga ninja cops at mga nagpalusot ng tone-toneladang shabu, bigyan ng hustisya at boses ang mga pamilya ng mga pinaslang na walang kasalanan, habulin ang mga malalaking drug lords, hindi lang ang maliliit na nagtutulak sa kanto-kanto.

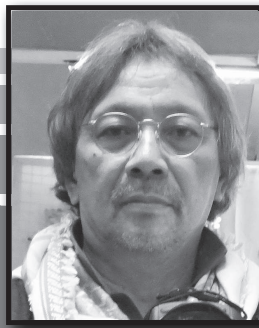
At kahit sabihin na nating ang alok na ito ay pamumulitika lamang, at hindi naman talaga ako susundin ng mga ahensya, at gagawin nila ang lahat para hindi ako magtagumpay, handa akong tiisin ang lahat ng ito. Dahil kung mayroon akong maililigtas na kahit isang inosenteng buhay, ang sinasabi ng prinsipyo at puso ko ay kailangan ko itong subukan.

Alam ng Pangulo [na] tutol ako sa pagpatay ng mga inosente, kontra ako sa pang-aabuso ng mga opisyal. Alam niya ang aking mga puna. Alam niya ang mga balak kong ayusin. Kaya kung iniisip niya na sa pagpayag na ito ay tatahimik ako, nagkakamali siya.

Simula pa lang, handa tayong tumulong sa ikabubuti ng bayan. Pero kailan man, hindi natin isusuko ang ating mga paniniwala. Seryosong usapan kapag buhay ang nakataya. Tinatanong nila kung handa ba ako para sa trabahong ito

Ang tanong ko: Handa na ba kayo para sa akin?

(Pahayag ng pagtanggap ni Bise-Presidente Leni Robredo sa alok ng Pangulo na maging co-chair ng Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs, Nob. 6, 2019)



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Zona Libre

Bong Z. Lacson

AS AN expression of solidarity, I cede my space to the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines, of which Pampanga chapter I served as founding chair in 1989.

Whenever and wherever press freedom is challenged, find NUJP at the forefront, holding the line in its defense. As it did for Pampanga mediamen, myself included, in the late '80s and early '90s in the face of the armed harassment, intimidation and outright death threats from abusive local government executives and right-wing vigilante groups.

Here in full are two statements on grave media concerns issued by the NUJP on Nov. 6, 2019.

Filipino journalists will continue telling the truth. The Filipino people deserve no less.

SINCE DECEMBER last year, there has been an intensifying campaign to paint the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines and other independent media organizations and journalists as "fronts" of the armed communist movement.

From the initial "fake news" quoting clearly fabricated sources that were published in dubious tabloids and later in follow-up stories in state media, the state now wages the campaign openly.

First, there was National Intelligence Coordinating Agency regional director Rolando Asuncion accusing CLTV 36's Sonia Soto of being a member of the Communist Party of the Philippines and baring the existence of a secret list of 31 other journalists. Though he later apologized to Soto, he never took back his original assertion.

And then, in the recent Al Jazeera report on the killings in Negros, "Duterte's New War," Major General Antonio Parlade, deputy chief of staff for civil military operations, says media reports on the murders are not to be believed because "actually we doubt the sources because the media, especially the mainstream media, they are dominated by CPP cadres, especially in the print, in TV even..."

Now, amid what appears to be a state crackdown on openly tagged "front" organizations comes Communications Undersecretary Lorraine Badoy unequivocally - her own word - calling the NUJP "terrorist."

Here is a portion of the transcript of an interview with The Chiefs aired November 4 on Channel 8:

- Roby Alampay: Are they or are they not?
- Usec Badoy: Are they or are they not part of the CPP-NPA? They are.
- Roby Alampay: Are you essentially saying that these journalists are fronting and associated with terrorist organizations?
- Usec Badoy: Unequivocally. Yes.

By linking the NUJP with communists, which Badoy also branded as terrorists, journalists are clearly painted as enemies of the state. This is essentially an open call for state forces to threaten, harass, arrest, detain and kill journalists for doing their job.

Badoy's unjust labelling comes in the wake of the arrest and detention of community journalist Anne Krueger during the series of raids in Bacolod City last Oct. 31. She has been slapped with clearly false charges of illegal possession of firearms.

What next? Should we, too, to expect raids and planted evidence in our offices and homes?

Badoy also justified President Duterte's pronouncements against journalists, saying these are "not unwarranted."

Clearly, the intent of this red-tagging spree and all other assaults on press freedom is to intimidate the independent media into abandoning their critical stance as watchdogs and become mouthpieces of government.

We say this with certainty: The community of independent Filipino news outfits and journalists will never again cave in to these efforts. The lessons of the Philippines under the Marcos dictatorship have proven this.

As for those behind these attempts to muzzle and shackle the Philippine press, should any harm befall our colleagues because of your machinations, you will be held to account.

Filipino journalists will continue telling the truth. The Filipino people deserve no less.

Execrable arrogance, boorishness

THE NATIONAL Union of Journalists of the Philippines denounces Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr.'s execrable arrogance and boorishness when he cursed Philippine Daily Inquirer reporter Jhesset Enano for doing her job.

Live tweeting on events at the tail-end of the ASEAN Summit in Thailand, Enano posted a photo of Locsin sitting in for President Rodrigo Duterte at the closing ceremony with this caption: "LOOK: Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. @teddyboylocsin sits with other world leaders at the closing ceremony of the 35th Asean Summit in Thailand. President Duterte appears to have skipped this event, too."

Before this, she had also tweeted that Duterte, who had foregone quake-devastated areas of Mindanao to attend the summit, had also skipped the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership summit and the handover of the ASEAN chairmanship from Thailand to Vietnam.

For reasons perhaps only he can comprehend, Locsin responded with this tweet: "Uh, did you get the putangina I sent you? That's the last event, purely ceremonial and short. Jokowi had left, Mahathir too."

This is unacceptable behavior from the country's top diplomat, the person expected to project the best of the Philippines.

Enano was clearly doing her job and simply reporting the fact that Duterte was not there. How anyone can see malice in that is incomprehensible.

Clearly Locsin owes not only Enano but the country an apology for treating a citizen of the Republic so unjustly.

AND, EVEN as we are putting this piece together, NUJP alerted us of the killing of a broadcaster in Dumaguete City Thursday morning, November 7.

A police spot report said Dindo Generoso, was driving his car when he was shot dead by a lone gunman along Hibbard Avenue in Barangay Piapi around 7:30 a.m.

Colleagues said he was on his way to host his program on radio station dyEM 96.7 Bai Radio.

Generoso was the second journalist murdered since Edmund Sestoso, who died on May 1, 2018, a day after he was shot on his way home from hosting his radio program.

The identity of Generoso's killer and the motive for his murder was not yet clear.

Still hold doubt that mediamen are targets for liquidation in this regime?

A love of tradition has never weakened a nation, indeed it has strengthened nations in their hour of peril; but the new view must come, the world must roll forward. -Sir Winston Churchill



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Opinion

Going to Purgatory? Know these

IN ONE of his writings that I stumbled upon only recently, my late friend, writer Ram Mercado, gave the impression he saw me as a mystic, even a Marian seer. Thanks much, Ram, but you thought too highly of me. I am neither. I am just an ordinary researcher on things Marian. Just to set the record fine.

And with prayers for dear Ram, I veer away from Marian topics and, having survived another Undas, dwell on Purgatory, rather, about one my favorite books ever, a historical (as officially described by the Church) booklet titled "An Unpublished Manuscript on Purgatory" which used to be copiously published by St. Paul's bookstore but has disappeared from the store's shelves in recent years.

I wrote about it years ago, but the new thing is that from reducing the names of the two nuns involved (one then living on earth, the other already in Purgatory) in the initial publications, their names have been disclosed in the new copies available only online on Kindle.

The then living nun has been named as Sister Mary of the Cross and the soul from Purgatory as Sister Mary Gabriel. The booklet is a compilation of the former's conversations with Sister Gabriel over the years, as God had permitted, until the latter finally was delivered into Heaven. It was a conversation put on record and pronounced by the Church as being historical and without conflict with Catholic doctrines.

I take special interest in Purgatory, as revealed in the booklet, because Our Blessed Mother has said that most pass through Purgatory, unless the destination is eternal hell.

So, I am wont to share information about the, uh, place, so no one would be taken too much by surprise or shock upon landing there.

Here are some interesting excerpts:

"The justice of God keeps us in Purgatory, and we deserve it, but His mercy and His fatherly Heart does not leave us here bereft of all consolation. We ardently desire complete union with Jesus, but He desires it almost as much as we do. On earth, He sometimes communicates Himself to certain souls in a most intimate manner (to few, because, so few will listen to Him) and He delights in revealing His secrets to them. The souls that receive these favors are those that seek to please Him in all their conduct and who live and breathe only for Jesus and try to please Him.

"There are in Purgatory very culpable souls but they are repentant, and notwithstanding the sins they have to expiate, they are confirmed in grace and can no longer sin. They are perfected as the soul is purified by degrees in this place of expiation. The soul understands God better, without, however, the soul seeing God, because then there would no longer be any Purgatory. If in Purgatory, we did not know God better than He is known on earth, our suffering would not

be so keen and our martyrdom so cruel. Our main torment is the absence of Him who is the sole object of our long-endured desires. The three friends of V. P.—have been in Heaven for a long time. Sister Mary of the Cross: Then what happened to the prayers Father P—said for them?

Sister Mary of the Cross then asks the spirit: Then what happened to the prayers Father P—said for them?

Answer: "Those in Heaven for whom prayers are said on earth can apply those prayers to the souls they wish to benefit. It is a very consoling thought for those in the other world to know that their relatives and friends on earth do not forget them, even though they have no further need of prayers. In return, they are not ungrateful. The judgments of God are very different from those of the world. He takes into account the temperament and character of each and what is done by carelessness or pure malice. To Him who knows the most secret recesses of the heart, it is not difficult to see what goes on there. Jesus is very good, but He is also most just."

Sister Mary of the Cross asks yet another interesting question: What is the distance between Purgatory and the earth we inhabit?

Answer: "Purgatory is in the center of the globe. Sister Mary of the Cross: Is not the earth itself a Purgatory? Amongst the people who dwell there some, by voluntary or accepted penance, do their Purgatory on earth because it is truly a place of suffering, but these souls, not having sufficient generosity, go to the real Purgatory to finish what was begun on earth.

Another question from Sister Mary of the Cross: Are sudden and unprepared deaths acts of God's justice or of His mercy?

Answer: "Such deaths are sometimes an act of justice, sometimes one of mercy. When a soul is timid and God knows it is well prepared to appear before Him, He takes it out of this world suddenly to spare it the terrors it might experience at the last moment. Sometimes, also, God takes souls in His justice. They are not for this reason eternally lost, but their Purgatory is much more severe and prolonged than it would otherwise have been, since they were either deprived of the Last Sacraments or received them hastily and so were unprepared for their passage into eternity. Others having filled up the measure of their crimes and having remained deaf to all inspirations of Divine Grace are taken by God out of this world so that they may not excite His vengeance still more."

Ing kasalesayan ning Kapampangan (The history of Pampanga)

BY FR. EDILBERTO SANTOS
PART 3

PAMUKLAT

Ding Austronesyanu Agpang king kabalen tamung archaeologist a i Dr. Eusebio Z. Dizon a tau Mabalacat, at ketang metung pang archaeologist a i Dr. Peter Bellwood, ding kanunu-nunuan tamu itang Kapampangan ampon ding aliuang Pilipinu, menibatan la Taiwan. Miglayag la ibat karin mga 5,500 banua na ing milabas at miras la keti Pilipinas mga 4,000 banua

na ing milabas. (Bellwood & Dizon 2008: 23, 26 & 28. Dizon 2010a:1-2 & 4. 2010b. Reyes 2002: 59-60).

Mumuna dong disan ding pulu na ning Batanes. Mapilan karela migdatun la king Batanes. Ding aliua naman, tinaglus la karing miyayaliua pang karinan keti Pilipinas, kayabe ne in Kapampangan. (Ibidem).

Detang aliua naman kareta, e la migdatun Pilipinas. Tinaglus la king

Sumatra, Java, Singapore, Sarawak, Malaya (Peninsular Malaysia), at karing aliua pang miyayaliuang karinan lual ning Pilipinas, at karin no migdatun. (Ibidem. Dizon 2010b). E ya pa mayayaus Pilipinas kanita ing kekatamung kapuluhan (our archipelago). Ala pang bansang Pilipinas kanita.

Ating metung a amanung English: Austronesian. Mekad keng amanu tamu: Austronesyanu. Iyan ing aus da reng pantas ngening salukuyan



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

'Karapatang Pambata, patuloy na pahalagahan'

KAUGNAY nitong *Children's Month celebration* Dubbed as "Karapatang Pambata Patuloy na Pahalagahan at Gampanan -" tayo'y may iminungkahi sa isang media presscon.

Na kinatigan ng City Mayor mismo ng bantog na lungsod nitong San Fernando, (nanguna sa presscon) Edwin D. Santiago, mga *civic-minded* at ibang dumalo.

At kung saan nga sa naturang okasyon ating itinulak ang isang suhestyon, na ang GMRC – na kabilang noon sa itinuturo ibalik sa *school*.

Ngayong marapat na muling maituro sa iskwelahan ng ating mga guro ang *good manners and right conduct* na naglaho sa mga *millennial*, ang 'po' at ang 'opo'.

Noon, kahit sa di natin kamaganak, nagmamano tayo pagsapit ng oras ng gabi, sa nakatatanda at lahat, makasalubong lang 'yan sa paglalakad.

Mga bata ay di matigas ang ulo na kagaya ngayong dilat na'ng mata mo sa kasasaway d'yan, di mo pa rin ito basta mapatigil kahit may ibang tao!

Di gaya nang una, sa tingin pa lamang ay alam na nila't tiyak titigil 'yan sa kung anong ayaw ng mga magulang, na sa kanila ay ipinagbabawal.

Iyan sa sarili nating obserbasyon At ng iba pa r'yang dumalo sa presscon, Na sinang-ayonan ng butihing Mayor, Bunga ng kawalan ng magulang ngayon

Ng sapat na oras para matutukan ang mga anak n'yan sa pang-araw-araw na pagkilos pati sa loob mismo r'yan ng kanila na rin sariling tahanan.

Dala marahil ng di gaya nang una, na ang *parents* nila may oras kumbaga na maturuan ng tamang disiplina, kasi pati nanay nagtatrabaho na.

At kadalasan ay mga katulong lang ang sa bahay nila kasa-kasama r'yan nitong mga bata, at sila rin ang siyang tagapaghatid sa mga iskwelahan.

'Yan din ang sa ganang kay Mayor Santiago ang sanhi kung bakit ang batang milenyo, kumpara sa atin na bantay sarado, ang asal at kilos nasanay sa wasto.

Kung sadyang tunay na itong 'Karapatang Pambata ang ating Pahahalagahan at Gampanan Tungo sa Kinabukasan, ang GMRC ay muling ipairal.

Kaya kung ang *Children's Month celeb* ay para sa magandang bukas ng batang iskwela, ang *Good Manners and Right Conduct* ang tunay na daan patungo sa ikagiginhawa!

karetang taung deta a miglayag ibat Taiwan. (Ibidem).

Kareng meging suli da (descendants), a makatuknang pin ngeni karetang karinan a mesambitla, kayabe tamu itang Kapampangan. Kaapuapuan dakatamu detang Austronesyanu.

Nung Kapampangan ka, lakuas na nung Gen Y ka

o Gen Z ka (millennial ka man o centennial), buri mo mekad i-Google dening atlung mangasanting at makayamang lugal a reni king China: Zhejiang, Fujian, Taiwan. Dening aduang minuna ilang minuna dang karinan detang Austronesyanu bayu itang katlu. (Reyes 2002:60).
(Abatan ya ing kasuglung)

Pogi files corruption charges vs water district GM, directors

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Lazatin personally filed the complaint against ACWD general manager Reynaldo C. Liwanag, BOD chair Bernardo P. Cruz and directors Fidelio L. Si-bug, Gracela G. Munoz, Deogracias T. Sambilay III, and Hernando Ange-

les at the Office of the Ombudsman for Luzon.

Also included in the complaint were Andres M. Gatbonton, president of A.M. Gatbonton Drilling Corp. who is also the owner of A.M. Gatbonton Ventures Corp., and a certain Aleth Cruz for allegedly conspiring with the public officials.

The respondents were charged for violating Section 3 of Republic Act 3019 otherwise known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act for allowing A.M. Gatbonton Drilling Corp. to supply bulk water to the ACWD without the approval of the city council.

Charges of grave misconduct were also filed against the respondents for violation of Sec. 7 (a) of Republic Act 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards of Public Officials and Employees.

The city government discovered upon inspection at the two private

pumping stations in barangays Sto. Domingo and Cuayan that AM Gatbonton is allegedly doing business of selling bulk water to the public without any permit from the city government, in violation of zoning ordinance, and not paying business tax.

Earlier, Councilor Jesus "Jay" Sangil filed SP Resolution No. 243-10-19 urging Lazatin to terminate the ACWD BOD.

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

Among the findings of the city council was that Gatbonton was allegedly granted an authority by the ACWD BOD through a Notice of Award released on May 26, 2018.

It was also discovered that Gatbonton was merely leasing the land where their pumping stations are built. The property is reportedly owned by Aleth Cruz, the daughter of BOD chair Bernardo Cruz.

According to Lazatin, the respondents placed the lives, health and safety of the public at risk because the said pumping stations never went through the standard regulations.

ACWD chief on official trip to the Netherlands

ANGELES CITY – The general manager (GM) of the Angeles City Water District (ACWD) is on official trip abroad, according to his secretary.

GM Reynaldo Liwanag is in the Neth-

erlands on a trip as sanctioned by the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), said secretary to the GM Yvette Quiambao on Thursday.

The Board of Directors secretary is attend-

ing a Gender and Development (GAD) seminar in Baguio City, she added.

Punto has called out to the ACWD officials for their side on the graft and corruption charges filed against them by

Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin before the Ombudsman.

As of press time, Punto could not reach ACWD board chair Bernardo Cruz for his comments.

—Ashley Manabat

ePLDT inaugurates Asia's biggest...

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cado.

With Clark composed of several business and transit hubs, such as the Clark Special Economic Zone, Clark Freeport Zone, and the Clark International Airport, it continues to rise as a premier business and tourist destination—attracting both local and foreign investors alike.

Clark is also among cities cited by the government as a recovery site in the national contingency plan—making it an ideal location for the DR site.

Through this world-class facility, the ePLDT Group promises to support the business continuity efforts of enterprises in the country—offering services such as data backup and alternative office spaces.

Enterprises interested in fortifying their disaster recovery plans can

choose from the facility's dedicated or shared seats—with the former providing companies with an office space that mirrors their current headquarters, and the latter providing a more cost-efficient space, shared with other tenants.

While the site can initially house 246 DR seats, it is set to expand to over 2,300 throughout its continued development, with the mission of becoming the top-of-mind back-up facility for enterprises.

It also boasts of the same features signature of ePLDT's VITRO Data Centers, such as its being seismic zone 4-compliant, making it able to withstand earthquakes of up to intensity 8; it's N+1 Genset Configuration—ensuring the operational continuity in the event of power failures, and it's 24/7 physical security and customer support.

"We at ePLDT, recog-

nize that disaster recovery is a top priority for our customers, which is why we are fortifying our capabilities to ensure that we provide them with the means to safeguard their operations at all costs," said ePLDT president & CEO Jovy Hernandez.

"With the launch of our VITRO DR site in Clark, we make it easier for our customers to enable their business continuity and resiliency plans. This is in line with our mission of simplifying the complex for our customers," he added.

ePLDT chairman of the board Al Panlilio said the launch of the DR site, works in fulfillment of the PLDT group's mission of nation-building.

"We have always believed that our business goes beyond ICT and digital services. We're providing our customers with solutions that will improve their operations and in turn, allow them

to better serve their customers and our society as a whole," he said.

"This initiative is but a testament to that commitment—allowing us to provide true end-to-end support for our customers, no matter the circumstance," Panlilio reiterated.

Throughout the years, the PLDT group has stayed at the forefront of laying the infrastructure necessary for Clark to adopt newer technologies and accommodate even more businesses.

Among other key investments in this freeport include the VITRO Data Center facility along Ninoy Aquino Avenue here—the first of its kind throughout the Central Luzon area; and the deployment of country's first 5G network launched at Clark Marriott Hotel in November last year.

—Ashley Manabat

Vietnamese fishers facing rough seas...

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ing assistance for Vietnamese fishermen who might seek refuge inside Philippine territory amid

rough seas.

"The Embassy would like to ask the competent authorities to allow the Vietnamese fishing vessels and ships carrying

Vietnam's flag to be anchored in the Philippines safe ports and safe places," the Vietnamese Embassy said.

SBMA chair and ad-

ministrator Wilma Eisma said she then directed SBMA's Seaport Department to ascertain and provide the necessary assistance needed by the Vietnamese fishermen while in Subic Bay.

—Ding Cervantes

Japan to help in Subic...

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grants to the Philippines, totaling \$8.26 billion (46% share of the country's total ODA loan portfolio) as of December

2018," the DOF noted.

The agency, however, did not say whether Japan would provide funding for the master plan.

Ten loan agreements with Japan providing

funding for several projects under the "Build, Build, Build" program have been signed between Manila and Tokyo since 2016, the DOF noted. —Ding Cervantes



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(ALL UNREDEEMED LOANS GRANTED FROM AUGUST 1-31, 2019 ARE ALREADY SUBJECT FOR AUCTION.) Lahat ng mga nasangla magmula August 1-31, 2019 na hindi pa natutubos ay kasama na sa subasta sa November 29, 2019. Maaari niyo pa pong tubusin ang mga ito ng may karampatang interest at penalty hanggang sa November 28, 2019.

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that WINNIE SAGCAL SANTOS, of legal age, Filipino, married, resident of 110 Mamatitang, Mabalacat City and sole heir of JUDITH S. SAGCAL who died intestate on January 28, 2019 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 7, Blk. 5 of the cons. subd. plan Pcs-03-000868, being a portion of consolidated Lots 6224-A & 624-B (LRC) Psd-60999 & Lot 228, Mabt. Cad. LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 226881-R in the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga, before Notary Public Mark Andrew M. Santiago as per Doc No. 1690, Page No. 27, Book No. IV, Series of 2019.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of MANUEL S. LABAGNOY who died intestate on August 22, 2018 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 3, Block No. 9 of the subdivision plan Psd-24269, being a portion of Lot No. 684-A of the Cadastral Survey of Angeles, Province of Pampanga) covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 108911 in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Arnel S. Santos as per Doc No. 462, Page No. 49, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 24, 31 & November 7, 2019

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of NICOLAS PINGUL and CLAUDIA REYES who died intestate on October 29, 2009 and July 18, 2009, respectively, both in Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15, Blk. 7 of the subd. plan Psd-25790, being a portion of Lot 2, Blk. 9, Psd-16067 LRC (GLRO) Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 397872-R, before Notary Public Venancio Q. Rivera III as per Doc No. 755, Page No. 84, Book No. XLII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 24, 31 & November 7, 2019

Republic of the Philippines CITY CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE Province of Pampanga Mabalacat City

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that GLORIA TENTI OCAMPO has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from ELORIA to GLORIA in the birth certificate of ELORIA TENTI who was born on April 9, 1966 at Mabalacat, Pampanga and whose parents are Gregorio Tenti and Nenita Terrenio.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than seven (7) days after the completion of the publication period.

VICTOR TERRY A. MEDINA
City Civil Registrar

FOR THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR:
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Punto! Central Luzon: November 7 & 14, 2019

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Capitol grants P2-M financial aid to 358 scholars

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The Provincial Government of Pampanga distributed P1,972,000 educational financial assistance to 358 student beneficiaries from several towns of the province last November 7, Thursday.

Vice Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda led the said distribution at Benigno Hall, Capitol Blvd., Brgy. Sto. Niño, here.

“After you graduate, help your parents. You should give back to them all their sacrifices just to provide all your needs,” said the vice governor.

She also advised the students to “wear proper attire when attending job interviews, and always be confident when speaking.”

Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, mean-

while, also sent his regards to the student beneficiaries.

“Nurture your education, because it is the best gift that your parents could ever give you,” he said.

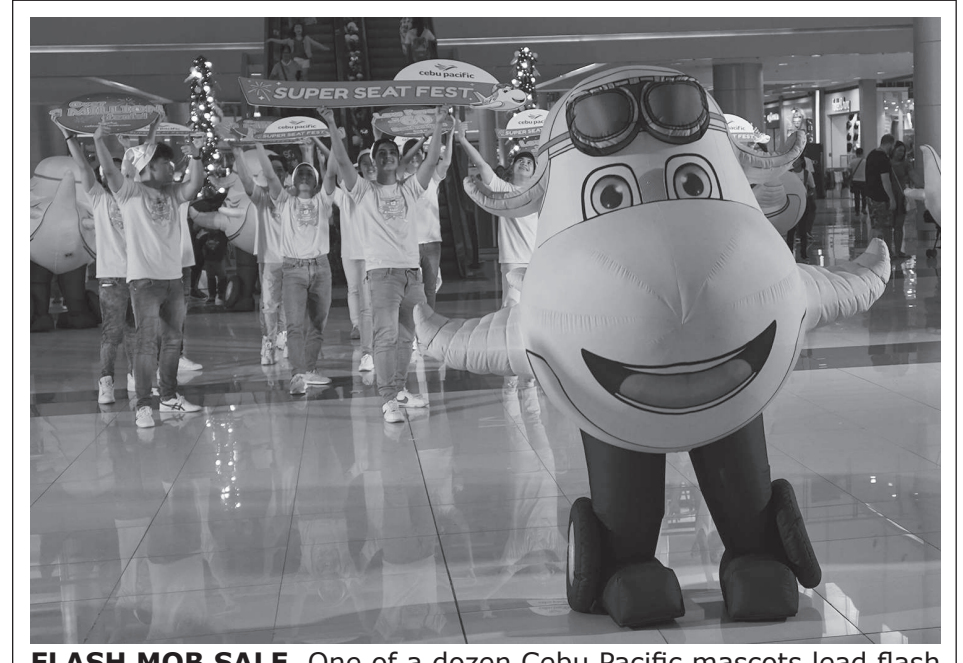
Also present during the event were Board Members Olga Frances David Dizon, Ananias Canlas, Jr., Nelson Calara, Benny Jocson, Pampanga Coun-

cilor’s League (PCL) President Venancio “Ashong Macapagal, and Pampanga Liga ng mga Barangay President Renato “Gabby” Mutuc.

The distribution was facilitated by the Provincial Library, led by Jasmine Carla Cordero, in coordination with the Provincial Treasurer’s Office (PTO). – **Jasmine D. Jaso/Pampanga PIO**



SCHOLARSHIP. Vice Gov. Lilia Pineda distributes educational financial assistance to student-beneficiaries from several towns of Pampanga. **PHOTO COURTESY OF JUN JASO/PAMPANGA PIO**



FLASH MOB SALE. One of a dozen Cebu Pacific mascots lead flash mob drumming up the airline’s Super Seat Fest at SM City Clark. **PHOTO BY BONG LACSON**

Republic of the Philippines
Third Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Branch 44
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION
OF ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF
LIVE BIRTH OF MINOR ZANDRA MAE
GALANG SUMANG.

Sp. Proc. Case No. 6044

MARIA LOURDES FAJARDO GALANG
represented by VIRGIE F. GALANG
BONUS,

Petitioner,

- versus -

WILLIAM YABUT SUMANG, THE
LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF CITY
OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA
and THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL
REGISTRAR-GENERAL, PHILIPPINE
STATISTICS AUTHORITY,

Respondents.

ORDER

This is a verified petition filed by minor petitioner, thru Maria Lourdes Fajardo Galang, represented by Virgie F. Galang Bonus, by counsel, praying that after due notice and hearing, an Order be issued directing the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of San Fernando City, Pampanga, and the Office of the Civil Registrar General (PSA) Metro Manila, respectively, to correct the entries in the Certificate of Live Birth with Registry No. 2001-10826 of minor Zandra Mae Galang Sumang, by deleting the entry in Nos. 18, Date and Place of Marriage of Parents, “May 7, 2000 – San Simon, Pampanga” and changing it to “Not Married”.

Finding the aforesaid petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the hearing thereof on **February 7, 2020 at 8:30 in the morning at the Session Hall of this Court, 2nd Floor, RTC Building, City of San Fernando, Pampanga**, when and where all persons who may have interest in the said petition may appear and to show cause, if any, why the same should not be granted.

The petitioner is ordered to serve within five (5) days from receipt of this Order, copies of the petition and its annexes to: (1) the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City; (2) the Local Civil Registrar of San Fernando City, Pampanga; (3) the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City; and (4) private respondent William Yabut Sumang, and to show proof of said service to this Court.

Let the petitioner at her expense, publish this Order for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga.

Furnish copies hereof of the petitioner, her counsel, the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City, the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Office, Quezon City, the Local Civil Registrar of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, private respondent, and the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, through registered mail with return card.

SO ORDERED.

ISSUED IN CHAMBERS this 11th day of October 2019 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

ESPERANZA S. PAGLINAWAN-ROZARIO
Presiding Judge

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Spotlight

Arci Pineda

‘Sana maging Super Mom ako’ says Maja Salvador

MAJA SALVADOR visualizes having her own family someday: “Sana iyong love na nare-receive ko ngayon, kapag meron na akong sariling family, ganon din mabubuhos ko.”

The ABS-CBN actress began the year rekindling her romance with Rambo Nuñez Ortega, a businessman. What a happy start!

Later in the year, the Kapamilya star returned to prime time with *The Killer Bride*.

Then just as she was about to turn 31 in October, Maja received her first international acting recognition at the first Asia Contents Awards in Busan, South Korea for her performance in the 2018 Kapamilya series *Wildflower*.

With everything going well, what’s the next big thing for Maja?

“Sana maging super mom ako,”

Maja explains, “Coming from a broken family, separated iyong mom and dad, ang isa sa magiging super goal ko is, hopefully, kapag dumating na ako sa next level, kapag ready na ako, sana maging super mom ako.”

“Alam ko how to take care and handle my family, iyong ganon.”

“Kung paano ako minamahal nito ngayon, sana iyong love na nare-receive ko ngayon, kapag meron na akong sariling family, ganon din mabubuhos ko.”

“And the goal is, hopefully, complete family. Lyon ang dream ko.”

Maja says her boyfriend Rambo is “such a good guy.”

Through him, Maja has found something new to appreciate about life and herself.

She continues, “Alam mo iyong every day, akala mo alam mo na iyong takbo ng life?”

“Pero meron ka mga nakakausap like him na mas mag-i-inspire sa iyo, kunwari may mga sitwasyon na hindi mo alam o bago.”

“And then magbibigay siya ng advice, lagi siya iyong balance lang. ‘Okay, I give this advice but it’s up to you if susunduin mo o hindi.’”

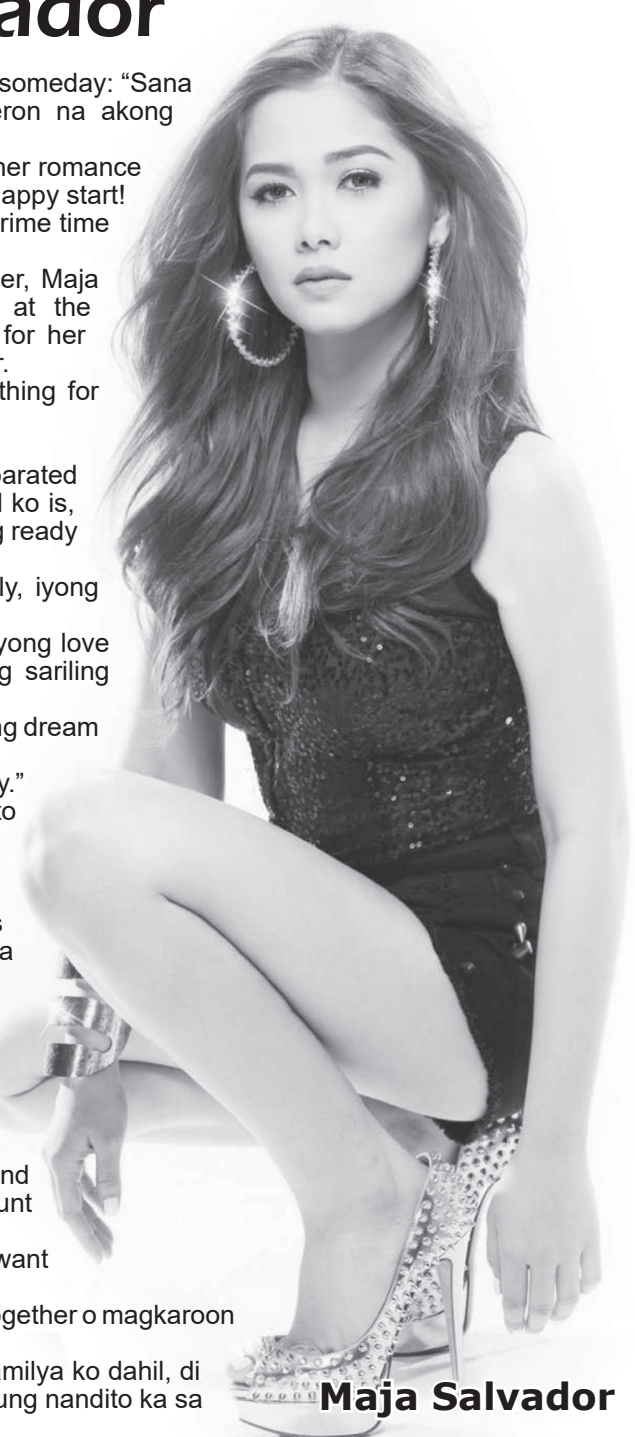
“Kasi at the end of the day, ikaw sarili mo ang magdedesisyon.”

But Maja underlines, “Hindi lang naman boyfriend iyong inspiration mo,” adding her mom and brother count both as her motivation and inspiration.

She says, “Bakit ka nagwo-work? Because you want to give them magandang buhay.”

“Iyong mga dreams niyo ng family niyo, like travel together o magkaroon ng ganito o ganyan.”

“Wala ako dito kung saan ako kung wala iyong pamilya ko dahil, di ba, kailangan nang matinding love and support lalo kung nandito ka sa industry na ito.”



Maja Salvador

NOT ABANDONING CHINA HUB

BCDA, FedEx in talks on expansion in Clark

BY DING CERVANTES

CLARK FREEPORT -- Global courier giant FedEx says it is not abandon-

ing its Asia Pacific hub in China, but confirmed plans to expand into this freeport.

"FedEx is not relocat-

ing and has no plans to relocate its Asia Pacific Hub," FedEx said in a statement after Philippine Ambassador to the

US Jose Manuel Romualdez was quoted to have said the courier firm would relocate to Clark.

In a statement yesterday, however, the Bas-

es Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) said talks with FedEx on expansion here were still in progress.

"We have been talking to FedEx and as far as we know, this move is not because of any plans to move out of China, but rather, a part of its ongoing expansion throughout the Asia-Pacific region. We are not however at liberty to disclose any details of the ongoing talks at this time," said BCDA president-CEO Vince Dizon said in the statement.

A report quoted FedEx, however, as saying that "our planned operations in Clark will enable us to better serve our customers in the Philippines and are part of our ongoing expansion throughout the Asia-Pacific region as our business continues to grow." FedEx used to operate at Subic Bay Freeport, but ceased operations there in 2009.

"FedEx is committed to the Asia-Pacific region, including our customers and employees in both China and the Philippines, and we continue to consider opportunities and make strategic investments to expand our service, en-

hance our network and provide greater global connectivity," the FedEx statement said.

BCDA said "Philippine Ambassador to the US Jose Manuel Romualdez clarified that he was taken out of context and he was only highlighting the fact that the Philippines, being a traditional economic partner of the US, and which has sustained growth of the economy, rise in competitive and innovation rankings, improved infrastructure, and a highly professional, young, and dynamic workforce — has become an even more attractive investment destination for US companies in recent years."

BCDA noted that "a key economic partner of the US, the Philippines has become a more attractive destination for US companies and investors because of its sustained inclusive growth, positive international credit ratings, and improved infrastructure."

"FedEx will be a welcome addition to the growing number of locators in Clark, signifying its position as a strong growth driver not just in Central Luzon but in the country as well," Dizon also said.

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