

Former CPP chair and NPA chief Rodolfo Salas, alias Kumander Bilog, is presented to media by Police Regional Office 3 chief Brig. Gen. Rhodel Sermonia. Photo by Bong Lacson

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**GIVEN ABSOLUTE PARDON BY PRES. RAMOS IN 1994** 

### Ex-CPP-NPA chief nabbed for 'old case'

DO - Police on Tuesday afternoon presented to media in Camp Olivas here what it called the result of its "relentless efforts on ELCAC" - the former chair of the Communist Party of the PhilNew People's Army.

Rodolfo Canda Salas, 72, aka Kumander Bilog, reputed to be the only one that ever held simultaneously the helm of the communist party and its military arm was Balibago, Angeles City early morning Tuesday by a composite team from the Special Concern Unit-Regional Intelligence Division 3, 301st Maneuver Company, Regional Mobile Force Bat-

City Police Intelligence Branch.

"It was spectacular show of force by the police, complete with battle-ready troopers," said a resident in the Dona

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### LWUA rebukes ACWD

### On UV disinfection

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

NGELES CITY - The Local **Water Utilities Administration** has rebuked the Angeles City Water District on the use of ultra violet (UV) disinfection in treating its water sources in an assessment report on February 10.

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### CBCP body bats for ABS-CBN franchise renewal

By ERNIE B. ESCONDE

BALANGA City, Bataan -- The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines Episcopal Commission on Migrants and Itinerant People (CBCPon Saturday called for the renewal of the franchise of television giant ABS-CBN.

Bataan Bishop Rurto Santos, CB ECMI chair, said the network's "The Filipino Channel" is well-patronized by overseas Filipino workers "which becomes their hope and joy" amidst the pain of separation from their families and hard work from their employers.

"With TFC, our OFWs can connect themselves with what is happening in our country and find themselves still united

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GROUNDBREAKING. Sen. Bong Go, Gov. Dennis Pineda, Vice Gov. Lilia Pineda, PAGCor chair Andrea Domingo, and Bloomberry Cultural Foundation, Inc. president Donato Almeda lead time capsule laying for the P500-million OFW Hospital at the Provincial Engineering Office compound in Sindalan, City of San Fernando. Joining them are officials of DOH, OWWA, and

### Construction starts on PHL's 1st OFW Hospital, Diagnostic Center

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -Construction of the country's first OFW (overseas Filipino workers) Hospital and Diagnostic Center here finally went underway after a brief ground- the P500-million facility that will

breaking and time capsule-laying rites on Tuesday.

Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, who was the guest of honor, led the capsule laying for

be constructed on a two-hectare lot donated by the provincial government at the Provincial Engineering Office Compound in Barangay Sindalan here.

### AirAsia expands network in Southern PH with General Santos

AIRASIA today announced its newest destination in the Southern Philippines, General Santos. Beginning 29 March, quests can fly to General Santos from Clark and Cebu.

AirAsia Philippines CEO Ricky Isla

said, "We are pleased to announce our new domestic destination for the year, General Santos. Our General Santos flights will provide access to Mindanao, a beautiful region rich in culture and history. I am confident that AirAsia's

will contribute to local tourism and the economy.

"We are committed to growing our domestic connectivity this year, and you can expect more exciting destinations to be announced later in 2020."

To celebrate it's newest route, AirAsia is offering all-in promotional fares from Clark to General Santos from as low as P1,090 for BIG Loyalty Members PAGE 6 PLEASE

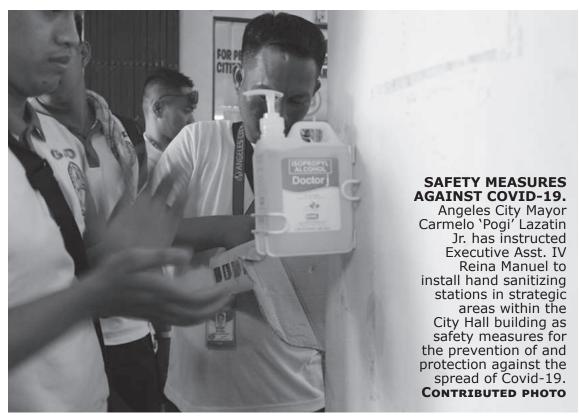








### AC gov't installs hand-sanitizing stations for Covid-19 prevention



ANGELES CITY — For preventative and safety measures against the COVID-19 virus (also unofficially known as 2019-nCoV), Mayor Carmelo 'Pogi' Lazatin Jr., instructs Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel, to install hand sanitizing stations at strategic places around the City Hall building here.

The stations are located everywhere around the building where people usually pass by, such as staircases and hallways.

"The COVID-19 virus is still ongoing globally, therefore we must stay at the peak of our preventative measures against it. The Alcohol stations provided are for everyone, both employees and visitors of the City Hall. This is to make sure we have accessible sanitizing options wherever part of the building we're at; and to not further transmit any sort of disease," said Lazatin.

Based on the City Government's Memorandum Order No. 171, series of 2020, or the measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19, "preventive measures to mitigate the spread of the disease by compliance with the distribution of face masks, where all front liners are required to wear face masks at all times; and the constant and timely dissemination of information through the City Information Office Facebook page to spread awareness and disease prevention tips, among others."

It can be recalled that Mayor Lazatin also released the Memorandum No. 175, series of 2020 that orders establishments and people from hoarding and overpricing face masks, alcohol, hand sanitizers, and other similar products used to prevent the COVID-19. *-Victoria Harris/* 

### 32K Tarlac farmers to receive P5K each

IN SUPPORT to Tarlaqueño farmers, the Provincial Government of Tarlac in the municipality of Paniqui the Rice Farmers Financial Assistance [RFFA] that will target some 32,000 farmers province-wide. The launching ceremony was held at the Paniqui Municipal Covered Court, February 13.

With partnership with the Department of Agriculture [DA], Land Bank of the Philippines [LBP] and the Development Bank of the Philippines [DBP], the financial assistance aims to help small farmers most affected by the initial impact of the Rice Tariffication Law.

In Governor Susan Yap's message, she said that the amount is aimed to lessen the effects of the first wave of the Rice Tarification Law IRTL1.

Rice Tarification Law [RTL].

"This amount, though small, can help our dear Tarlaqueño farmers to lessen the impact of the new tariffication law," Gov. Yap said adding that, "We understand the plight of our rice farmers particularly the marginal ones. The RFFA is one way to help you cope with the tough competition in the market today."

The Duterte administration, through the DA and in partnership with the LBP and DBP will disburse the P3-billion to 600,000 rice farmers whose farm size ranges from one-half hectare to two hectares

The funding for the RFFA is sourced from the tariff collection of the P10-billion Rice Competitive Enhancement Fund [RCEF].

Likewise present during the ceremony were Vice Governor Carlito "Casada" David, Provincial Board Committee Chairman on Agriculture Board Member Saturnino Mandal, Paniqui Mayor Leonardo Roxas, DBP-Tarlac Manager Evangeline Robles and Provincial Agriculturist Alicia Cruz. *—Tarlac PIO* 

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Gov. Susan Yap while having some pleasantries with one of the farmer-beneficiaries of the RFFA. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO** 

### Port of Subic eye revenue decline

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT-- Port of Subic 13<sup>th</sup> district collection agency of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) under the leadership of collector VI Maritess T. Martin was honoured by the Department of Finance (DOF) for achieving an unprecedented performance among the country's 17<sup>th</sup> district collections agencies for outstanding accomplishment last year.

Port of Subic was recognized by DOF and BOC for its consistent target revenue collection output last year and even overshooting its overall target and earning P9.798 billion surplus.

The 26<sup>th</sup> year old unit raised a cumulative P32.370 billion income as compared to the 2018 production of P22.571 billion or 43.41 per cent hike.

Finance secretary Sonny Dominquez and BOC Commissioner Rey Guerrero awarded the Port with an Achievement Award during the bureau's anniversary held at Aduana last week.

But after the recognition of last year performance, the district is facing a different scenario starting last month in view of external factors that hit the global economic community due to the corona virus dilemma.

Unlike last year, Subic failed to hit its assigned revenue target for the first month of the by incurring a shortfall of P382, 655 million. Due to its outstanding 2019 output, Aduana added an additional P1 billion more to Subic monthly revenues.

From P1.858 billion target last year, the upgraded target for January set by Aduana amounted to P2.628 billion. Collection realized by Subic yielded P2.246 billion or -14.56 per cent less of target.

Collector Martin has teamed up with the management of Subic Bay International Terminal Corp. (SBITC) the private cargo terminal operator to conduct trade facilitation forum with Port stakeholders last Wednesday to enhance port utilization here.

Team Subic was in full force yesterday to answer all queries of port users and brokers on how to expedite cargo releasing at SBITC and BOC.

Martin admitted that the prospect during the 1st quarter of the year is not rosy. But lamented that from the top grosser, she will not be a tail ended and become victim of corona virus! –*Willy Capulong* 







Delectable dishes. Photo by Bong Lacson

### Sumo Niku opens at SM City Clark

By Joann Manabat

CLARK FREEPORT — Prepare yourself with a "sumo" appetite of unlimited Japanese barbecue as Sumo Niku finally opened its 16th branch at the SM City Clark on January 25.

Coined from the Japanese words "sumo,"- by its big size servings and "niku," from the Japanese word "yakiniku," which translates to grilled meat or barbeque, Sumo Niku focuses on Japanese style eat-all-you-can barbecue offering a variety of fresh meats of beef, pork and chicken that's all set to grill right on your table.

Best sellers include the Wagyu beef, U.S. premium beef thin cut, and U.S. premium beef with teriyaki sauce which are great to pair with miso soup to warm up the hungry tummy along with its side dishes like melted cheese,

potato balls as well as spicy Korean kimchi for a kick.

With its stylish modern design and ambience that is made comfortable for diners to enjoy their meals, Sumo Niku has become a perfect venue for casual dates, simple family gatherings or even a fun get-together with barkadas who enjoy a great yakiniku.

Sumo Niku opened for business in November 2018 and still continues its expansion by opening three more branches this year at SM City Marikina, SM City Megamall and Vmall in Greenhills. Sumo Niku has set its standard to maintain its food quality, great customer service and affordable pric-

Prices start at P399 - P449 on weekdays and P499 on weekends and holidays. Sumo Niku is located at SM City Clark Tech Hub Building 5.



### To the Point

### Panelo, seriously?

HE DOES not want that to happen. It's for Congress to decide, it's not his. He doesn't have the power and even if he has, his power can be overruled by Congress itself.

If he has some axe to grind personally against ABS-CBN, then he will sue them for it. But certainly, he will not [want it] shut down, because he cannot in the first place, ABS-CBN.

Whether or not the alleged violations are correct, that is for the Supreme Court to decide.

The President's utterances on his personal displeasure with ABS-CBN and his statement that he will see to it that ABS-CBN will be shut down, that should not be taken literally.

-Presidential spox Salvador Panelo on President Duterte vis-à-vis ABS-CBN

### Isip, Bato

I'M SORRY for my colleagues. I will not support that.

Pasensya na kung magkatampuhan kami dito. But itong certain issue na ito, lalong-lalo na ako ang nagiging poster boy o whipping boy ng VFA, I have to stand my ground.

Ano na lang sabihin sakin ni President? 'Ikaw Bato dinepensahan kita nung winalang hiya ka ng mga Amerikano, tapos ayaw mo man lang suportahan yung stand ko?'.

I will sink or swim with the President... [but] I am not blindly following him. Nagkataon lang na pareho kami

Sen. Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa on his non-support of Senate move to assert before the SC the need of legislative concurrence in scrapping treaties

### Silencing truth

THE PETITION for a gag order filed by Solicitor General Jose Calida is an obvious attempt to silence all voices opposed to this government's push to shut down ABS-CBN.

This is evident in Calida's asking the high court to gag "parties and persons acting on (ABS-CBN's) behalf."

Does he also seek to silence press freedom advocates and media organizations who rightly see these attacks on ABS-CBN and other news outfits that have earned the president's personal enmity as assaults on the critical Philippines media and on freedom of the press and expression?

Does he also seek to silence lawmakers who have criticized his quo warranto petition as an encroachment into Congress' authority to grant franchises in violation of the principle of co-equal and independent branches of government?

Does he also seek to silence the millions of Filipinos, both here and abroad, who are fans of ABS-CBN's shows and who have spoken out in defense of the network?

Does he also seek to silence the thousands of workers whose livelihoods have been placed at risk?

With the clearly broad opposition to the shutdown and a Senate hearing on the issue coming up, we are calling Calida's intention for what it is, the suppression of truth and the silencing of critical voices.

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### Diwa ng himagsikan

ISANG MADUGONG pakikibaka tungo sa pagbagsak ng naghaharing uri. Ito ang klasikong bigay-kahulugan sa katagang rebolusyon o himagsikan.

Kahulugan na umusbong mula sa pagkalas sa Inang Inglatera ng 13 nagkaisang kolonya ng Amerika noong 1776, at sa pag-aklas sa Pransiya laban kay Louis XVI noong 1789.

Naging modelo rin ng klasikong kahulugan ang himagsikang Sobyet ni Lenin noong 1917, ang digmaang sibil sa Tsina noong dekada '40-'50 na pinagwagian ni Mao, at ang tagumpay ni Castro at Guevara sa Cuba noong 1959.

Hindi natatapos ang himagsikan sa pagbagsak ng naghaharing uri. Sa kaisipang Marxista-Leninista-Maoista, nakaukit pangangailangan ng isang patuloy na himagsikan, kaipala'y upang harangin ang likas na pagnanasa ng mga ibinagsak na makabalik muli sa poder at sa rurok ng pamamahala sa estado. Sa wikang Ingles: the need for a continuing revolution to block counter-revolution by the reactionary forces, both foreign and home-grown.

Ang reaksyonaryong puwersa pinakamasidhing kalaban ng himagsikan.

Ito ang sagabal na bibigo, sisilat o kikitil sa kaganapan ng tagumpay ng himagsikan: ang pagtaas ng antas ng pamumuhay ng masa.

Na matutupad lamang kung ang liderato ng pamahalaan ay manggagaling mismo sa kanilang hanay.

Suriin natin ang ilang aspeto ng kasaysayan. Hindi natapos ang himagsikan sa Amerika nang isuko kay Washington ni Cornwallis ang lahat ng puwersang Ingles sa Yorktown, Virginia noong 1781 gayong ganap nang naglaho ang tangan ni George III sa 13 nagkaisang estado.

Bagama't itinadhana ng Declaration of Independence ng mga estadong ito na ang lahat ng tao ay nilalang ng Diyos na pantaypantay, hindi kasali dito ang may 650,000 aliping Itim, 250,000 aliping bayad-utang, at 300,000 katutubong Amerikano o Indian na noo'y naninirahan sa mga kolonya.

Pati na ang mga kababaihan ay hindi sakop

ng pahayag ng kasarinlan.

Emancipation Kinailangan pa ang Proclamation ni Lincoln at ang digmaang sibil noong 1861-1864 o kulang-kulang 100 taon mula Himagsikang 1776 upang mapalaya ang mga Itim sa pagka-alipin.

Kinailangan pa ang martsa ni Martin Luther King at ang kanyang talumpating I Have a Dream sa Washington, D.C. noong 1963 o 100 taon na naman mula kay Lincoln upang maging ganap ang pagsasa-batas ng kalayaan ng mga Itim at maging kapantay ng mga Puti sa mga

Ang kada-100 taon na mga kaganapan na yaon ang maituturing na milestones in the continuing revolution sa Amerika.

(Na masasabing nagkaroon ng sukdulang kaganapan sa pagkahalal kay Obama bilang unang Itim na pangulo ng Estados Unidos noong 2008).

Iba naman ang kinahinatnan ng himagsikan sa Pransiya.

Pinugutan ng ulo si Louis XVI at kanyang reynang Marie Antoinette.

Ang mga naghahari at nagpaparing uri monarkiya at simbahan – ay binawian ng poder, ari-arian, pati na rin buhay.

Burgis

Sa pagkawala ng aristokratang hanay, uring burgis ang namayani, naghari at nang-api sa masang Pranses. Ginipit ang mga unyong manggagawa, sinupil ang karapatan ng mga maliliit at tuwirang nilapastangan ang adhikain ng himagsikan – *liberte, egalite, fraternite*.

Naghari ang lagim, namayani ang sindak sa reign of terror - na kumitil sa buhay ng daandaang mamamayan mula sa iba't ibang sector ng lipunan.

Sumiklab ang pagaalsa at malawakang kaguluhan na nagbigay daan sa isang golpe militar na nagbunga sa pagbulusok ni Napoleon Bonaparte na siyang nakapagpatahimik sa bansa at nagpanumbalik sa monarkiya sa pamamagitan ng kanyang pagkorona sa kanyang sarili bilang emperador.

Si Lincoln at Napoleon, pati na rin sina Lenin, Mao at Castro - magkakaiba ng pananaw,

paninindigan, pamamaraan at landasin subalit lahat sila'y tinaguriang mga bayani ng kasaysayan dahil sa kanilang kahalagahan sa critical moment sa buhay ng kanilang bansa.

Ito ay ayon sa Kanluraning kaisipan na pinasikat ni Arnold Toynbee sa kanyang A Study of History. Tunghayan naman natin ang sarili nating kasaysayan.

Sa isang talata ng kanyang epikong *Bayang Malaya* ay ipinaloob ni Ka Amado Hernandez ang kasaysayan ng Pilipinas: "Nagsuot ng kalmeng bigay ng Espanya, kalmen nang lumaon ay naging kadena. At itong Amerika na bagong katoto ang dala'y de-lata, laya ang kinuha, ininom ang bayang parang Coca-Cola.'

Isang naunsyaming rebolusyon ang Himagsikang 1896 dahil bago pa man inagaw ng mga Amerikano ang tagumpay mula sa ating mga Pilipino, inagaw na ng mga ilustrado na kinatawan ni Aguinaldo ang himagsikan mula sa masa na nagpasimuno nito sa katauhan ni

The Unfinished Revolution – ang palasak na pagtawag sa Himagsikang 1896 – ay nagkaroon ng kaganapan noong Setyembre 21, 1972 ayon mismo kay Marcos, sa pagpapantasya sa kanyang batas-militar bilang isang "rebellion of the poor" laban sa naghaharing oligarkiya.

Wagas na kabulaanan, sa harap ng mapaniil na diktaduryang kanyang isinakatuparan.

### **EDSA**

Sa EDSA noong 1986 ay ipinangalandakan din na nagkaroon na ng kaganapan ang 1896. Maliban sa pagkarambol lamang ng mga numero, ito ay isang paglapastangan sa kasaysayan.

Ang pagkakaroon ng EDSADos ang malinaw na patunay na wala ngang himagsikang nangyari noong 1986. At wala ring himagsikang naganap sa EDSA nitong 2001.

Hindi dahil sa walang dumanak na dugo.

Kundi dahil walang naganap na pagbabago. Lalo't higit walang pagbuti sa antas ng buhay ng mga mamamayan.

Ang naganap ay isang rigodon lamang kung saan mukha lamang ang nagkaroon ng palitan sa liderato ng bayan.

Mula sa isang naghaharing uri, isinalin ang poder sa kanilang kauri.

Sabi nga ng aktibista noong 1986: "Kumaripas ng takbo ang lahi ni Barabas, pumalit nama'y lipi ni Hudas."

Ano ang nagbago?

Sa panguluhan ni Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, nakapaligid ay sabwatang militar-trapo. Wala ni anumang puwang sa pamamahala, dili kaya'y sa kaunti mang biyaya, ang mga karaniwang mamamayan, pesante't proletaryo, silang umaklas at umalma upang mapatalsik si

Tinungo ng rehimeng Arroyo: globalisasyon – ang bagong bihis ng imperyalismo. At ano baga ang nahita ng mga tao sa muling paghahari ng aristokrata't oligarko sa panguluhan ni Benigno Simeon Aquino III?

Tama si Mao. Ang masa, ang masa lamang ang tunay na bayani. Ito ang Asyanong paninindigan na umiiral din sa mga bansang Third World na gumigiyagis sa tindi ng kahirapan at panunupil sa mga karapatang pantao na hagkis ng mga papet na tigreng papel ng globalisasyon, ng mga berdugo ng kapitalismo, ng mga enkargado ng pyudalismo.

Ang tanong: Kailan pahahalagaan ang kabayanihan ng masa at gawing puhunan sa pambansang pamunuan tungo sa tunay na kalayaan, pagka-pantay-pantay at ganap na kaunlaran ng bayan? Sa isa pang EDSA? Gasgas at pulpol na ang kaisipang ito. Kailan pa tayo matututo?

**Bulaang Mesiyas** 

Sa pangakong pagbabago, kapit-bisig at taaskamaong binalikat ng masa tungo sa panguluhan si Rodrigo Duterte. Hindi lamang kaganapan ng 1896 ang ipinagdiwang sa tagumpay nito, ang ipinangalandakan ay ang mismong pagdating ng mesiyas na tutubos sa Pilipinas!

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### The Public Pulse

### The issue of transcendence

There seems to be a commonality, spoken and not, between the case of ABS-CBN's franchise renewal and the recent termination of the Visiting Forces Agreement between the Philippines and the United States: the issue of transcendence.

In simple terms, the word implies something can and will go beyond. It's like your overzealous mother-in-law. Go, figure.

In the case of the ABS-CBN franchise, Solicitor General Jose Calida and other likeminded lawyers argue that the network isn't only guilty of violating its franchise per se but, in the process, caused something that, on the basis of the Constitution, is transcendental. (Take, for instance, voting. If you think you're just exercising a right, wait until you wake up one day and discover everyone is supposed to speak Mandarin. Tsetse).

The implied accusation is that the network didn't only cross the line (there!) legally, but breached the moral or ethical boundary. That explains why in one of his press briefings, House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano admonished (a punishment in itself) that the station should go into soul-searching. The unbidden suggestion is that something is lost at the network. And it's presumably not Gina Lopez, unless she was the "soul" in mind, because she was, indeed, a conscientious person.

The truth is, Cayetano has only been the predictable echo chamber of his implacable patron at Malacañang who has been endlessly griping about the "mortal sin" of the network since the early days in office: that he was gravely wronged by ABS-CBN by not airing his pre-paid campaign advertisements. Ever since, he has made it known that judgment day will come for the network. Woe unto you!

come for the network. Woe unto you!

Both President Duterte and Speaker Cayetano are lawyers. As to whether they are good ones, that's arguable. From the point of view of fairness and proportion, the transcendental argument seems to be misplaced. So far, only Duterte has complained about ABS-CBN's failure. And he won the race, despite ABS-CBN's alleged failure. No thanks. Cayetano may have had the same grievance against the station, as some new reports have indicated.

To add agony to the injury, Cayetano has announced that the hearing on the franchise renewal will be held in May. Meanwhile, the franchise will expire on March 31. Call it anything you want but there is a bit of mental torture involved in that blithe assurance. I don't know if it qualifies as political sadism, if such a term does exist. On the other hand, given whose tail wags the dog, it's simple math or psychology.

In this case, where a simple court case, not necessarily at the Supreme Court will do, something excessively punitive and potentially fatal is sought. But, of course, the issue is transcendental. You can argue against that until you are blue in the face and, well, for nada. Morality, Napoleon said, is always on the side of the heavy artillery.

Where the VFA termination is concerned, it's not really about the US per se, you know. It's about time the Philippines had its independent foreign policy, a political mantra that is neither here or there. Truth is, the termination was triggered by the cancellation of Sen. Ronald dela Rosa's US visa. Obviously, the President, who has long expressed his displeasure with the United States on several occasions, was offended by the US action.

To be fair, the Americans really had it coming from Day One of Duterte's election. The American innocence is supposed to have ended a long time ago. This time, the President may justify the tit-for-tat on transcendence. An insult on one Filipino, and a senator at that, is a bald (no pun intended) insult to all Filipinos. It's an egregious blunder, not a mere slight on one person's dignity but an affront on the nation's. You can't argue against that or you're pariah, even if China keeps creeping into your consciousness. Try as you might though, given the Duterte's state of mind, even in the face of COVID-19, the termination isn't really about foreign policy independence. Your guess is as good as mine.

The various reactions from both Americans and Filipinos in favor of or disagreeing with the termination, with the exception of twitter-happy Donald Trump, are grounded on the matter of transcendence. (Trump is fine). It's the wrong direction, according to US Defense Secretary Mark Esper. And he probably meant it in more than just the literal sense, the 180 degree pivot from the west to the east. The US has been a long-time Philippine ally, even if the balance is usually tipped in the former's side. We have mimicked or mimed her ideology, democracy and freedom of speech, among them, as well as much of their way of life. The lifesized shift in alliance could be a tectonic game changer for the nation.

That's transcendental.

Pundits and leaders across the spectrum have argued that on the mere basis of cost/benefit analysis, the Philippines is on the losing end because of this decision. The premise or pretext of an independent foreign policy for the VFA termination is seen as a right decision for the wrong reason and of bad timing. The consensus essentially evokes the transcendental sentiment.

In the final analysis, choices/decisions have their consequences, some of them unintended. Transcendental is an adjective, as in from bad to worse, or can be a noun, in a larger sense, as in from the frying pan into the fire. Ask Pilita Corrales, who fears a possible disaster vis-a-vis an ABS-CBN shutdown. It could be more than bending over backward. The spine might give. Even genuflection maybe counterproductive.

Time will tell.



### Posibleng totoo ang ating hinala

KUNG ating bibigyan ng matamang pansin itong sa ngayon ay mga nangyayaring di pangkaraniwan, gaya ng matinding 'corona virus' na China ang origin;

Na ayon sa ulat di kanaisnais para sa lahat na ang peligrong bitbit nitong 'SARS like 'nCoV' na uri ng sakit, na kahit di 'airborne' lubhang mapanganib;

At madaling tablan nito ang sinuman na mahawaan ng *virus* na naturan, ibayong ingat ang sa'ting araw-araw na pakikitungo ang kinakailangan.

Nang sa gayon tayong ito'y makaiwas sa taglay na *virus* na hindi pa tiyak kung ito'y gawa ng tao o nagbuhat sa kung anong hindi nga kainin dapat.

Gaya ng insekto, ipis, at paniki na napakabaho at ubod ng pangi, pero kabilang sa kinakain lagi sa China, posibleng isa 'yan sa sanhi;

Kung bakit ang ngayon natin tinatawag na 'corona virus' o 'nCoV' kumalat sa iba pang bansa't namiligro lahat ang sa infection n'yan tamaan at sukat.

Malay nga natin kung mga Chinese a mismo ang may gawa riyan ng 'nCoV' na ito, at para masakop n'yan ang buong mundo ay sa pamaraang hindi makatao?

Kaya lang nang dahil sa hindi maingat marahil ang mga 'scientists' na dapat mamudmod sa ibang bansa ng lumigwak na virus sila ang unang napahamak?

Posible rin namang ito ay nang dahil sa ang lahat na nga ay gustong angkinin ng China, at upang ganap na maangkin itong iba pa r'yang nais na sakupin.

Partikular na r'yan itong Pilipinas at ibang karatig na bansang maunlad sa pamamagitan nitong makamandag na ngayon ay 'covid - 19' itong tawag;

Kung saan sa China nga ang *origin* n'yan ay hindi malayong ang ating hinilang Sila'ng may imbento ng nakamamatay na *corona virus* sa puntong naturan.

Eh, bakit nga hindi, sila itong *genius* at lahat ng klaseng sa'tin ine-*export* na *falsified gadgets* gawa nila halos, pati na rin yata r'yan ng pekeng gamot?

Na hayan sila rin mismo ang biktima ng hinihinala nating gawa nila, ang 'nCoV virus,' na sila rin pala ang sa bandang huli magkakaproblema?!

### **Zona Libre**

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Subali't sa loob lamang ng unang taon ng panunungkulan ni Duterte, hindi manunubos kundi mang-uubos ang bumulaga sa sambayanan – ang ipinagbunying mesiyas, kaipala'y may sayad na Herodes sa walang pakundangang pagpapatay sa mga inosente't walang malay.

Sa kanyang mga pangakong napako, bunton ng sisi'y sa iba't ibang tao — mula sa pinaka-abang tsuper hanggang sa mga pinagpala sa lipunan, ang mga may tangan ng kalakal, media, at simbahan. Sa kanyang walang katapusang kapalpakan, hagkis ng mura't panlalait ay sa kabi-kabilang dako — mula Amerika hanggang EU at UN.

At upang ganap na mapagtakpan ang iwing kahinaan, imbing kawalang kakayahan sa panunungkulan, pumapailanlang ngayon – mula sa kanyang tsuwariwariwang lumpen na kawan – ang sigaw ng Revolutionary

Government.

Muli, ito'y isang panghahablot kundi tuwirang pagnanakaw sa tinig ng kasaysayan — "Sigaw ng Bayan: Himagsikan!" Revolutionary Government? Sino ang patatalsikin? Sino ang magpapatalsik?

Si Duterte ang kasalukuyang naghahari. Si Duterte ang muling maghahari.

Hindi lamang ito isang kontradiksyon. Ito ay kahangalan. Ang golpe de estado na maniobra ni Marcos sa kanyang martial law, golpe de gulat ni Duterte ngayon sa kanyang revolutionary government kuno.

Ay, di baga't diyos-diyosang sinasamba nga ni Digong si Macoy?

Wala kay Duterte ang himagsikang Pilipino. Pagtibayin ang puso, kasama. Tungo sa

panibago at pina-igting na pakikibaka.

(Isinapanahong salin sa pinaglumaang yugto ng kasaysayan, hawi sa lukut-lukot na pahina ng dyaryong dating pinagsulatan, petsang Pebrero 19, 2001.)

### LWUA rebukes ACWD

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The report, signed by acting LWUA administrator Jeci A. Lapuz, bolstered the findings of the city council that the ACWD has entered into anomalous contracts that were disadvantageous to the government.

Based on the LWUA report, the water sources from deep wells have different water qualities that require correction in order to comply with the 2017 Philippine National Standards for drinking water.

The report said "UV disinfection is not really the ultimate solution to bacterial eradication..." and "chlorination is still needed to maintain the required chlorine residu-

al."

"A substantial savings of P28,115,821 per year could have been achieved if chlorine was used as the disinfectant," the report pointed out.

It said the ACWD shifted from chlorination to the use of UV disinfection to get rid of microbiological contaminants and comply with the drinking standards.

Unfortunately, the microbial quality after the UV treatment was not completely addressed as laboratory results showed the reported significant levels of heterotrophic plate count, a key indicator to bacterial regrowth.

The LWUA report said the intended use of UV as a disinfectant is negated because of the presence of mineral contents that impedes the radiation that were not adequately removed prior to the UV radiation exposure. Thus, Bauer international was contracted to supply the pre-treatment facilities needed for those water sources with high mineral contents.

It was also noted in the report that the ACWD has initially contracted Texin to supply and install Ultra Violet Hydro Optic Disinfection (UV-HOD) to water sources to ACWD's central pumping station in Sto. Domingo at a cost of P29,949,326.

However, the ACWD later opted to outsource the UV-HOD for other 20 water sources with Tex-

in Inc. at a cost of P3 per cubic meter of treated water for a period of 25 years with roughly 4.21year payback period.

LWUA said this cost the ACWD P32,287,932 per year for the UV treatment plus the added P4,172,110 per year for chlorine. A substantial savings of P28,115,821 per year could have been achieved if chlorine was used as the disinfectant.

Thus, the failure of the ACWD to make a thorough engineering study and post project evaluation on the beneficial use of UV disinfectant had cost the government more.

With the absence of sufficient data particularly the laboratory results that show the efficiency

of UV disinfection, which is supposed to be the basis for procuring the UV-HOD, is not well understood, the report said.

"Thus, the absence of vital engineering study and with the P3 charge per cubic meter is baseless."

The LWUA report said it is "unwise on the part of the ACWD to contract for 25 years which is too long when in fact the payback period is only around 4 years while the technology transfer should have been completed by then without further outsourcing the maintenance of these UV-HOD."

It may be inferred that the introduction of UV disinfection for water disinfection alone did not improve the water quality and more importantly it ate up additional operations and maintenance cost.

Therefore, UV disinfection was not really the ultimate solution to bacterial eradication and chlorination is still needed to maintain the required chlorine residual, the report said.

Copies of the report were furnished to Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" G. Lazatin Jr., Vice Mayor Vicky Vega-Cabigting, ACWD general manager Engr. Reynaldo Liwanag, chairman Michael Aguinaldo of the Commission on Audit, Ombudsman Samuel Martires, and Commissioner Greco Belgica of the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission

### Ex-CPP-NPA chief nabbed for 'old case'

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Carmen St. neighborhood who witnessed the arresting party enter Salas home.

A police press statement said the arresting officers were "armed with warrant of arrest for 15 counts of murder under Criminal Case Nos. 08-262163 (formerly H-1581)(I&14-306533 – 14-306546) signed by Hon. Thelma Bunyi-Medina, presiding judge RTC Branch 32, Manila dated Aug. 28, 2019.)

"It's an old case, but the court issued the warrant of arrest against the former NPA chief last year," said Police Region 3 director Brig. Gen. Rhodel Sermonia during the news conference where he presented Salas to media.

This, even as he referenced the arrest to President Duterte's Executive Order No. 70 to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ECLAC).

Asked for the specifics of the warrant of arrest against Salas, Sermonia referred media to

"It's an old case, but RTC Branch 32 in Macourt issued the warit of arrest against sued.

Aside from the standing warrant, Sermonia said charges for violation of RA 10591 or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act are now being prepared for filing in court against Salas.

This, as the arresting team reported seizing one .45 pistol (serial no. P113180), 174 pieces of different ammunitions, and two .45 magazine assemblies from Salas' home.

### Absolute pardon

Salas, in informal talks with media men prior to the news conference, said he could not immediately think of the nature of the warrant of arrest issued against him, and that he did not receive any notice, much more a subpoena prior to his arrest.

"I served the minimum of six years and one day after I pled guilty to the crime of rebellion, and was released in 1992," he said. "In 1994, I was granted absolute pardon by President Fi-

del Ramos."

Since then, Salas said he has lived a "quiet, civilian life" in Angeles City.

In 2003, he was appointed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as chair of the Rehabilitation Commission for the Pampanga Electric Cooperative I, II, and III which he discharged until 2006.

It was also in 2003 that the provincial government of Pampanga bestowed on Salas the Most Outstanding Kapampangan Award in the field of Social Justice.

Of late, Salas is said to be engaged in forming cooperatives among farmers.

Proper procedure

In the very limited time that Salas was "tolerated" to speak at the news conference, he cited the police for observing "proper procedure" in

his arrest.

"Masasabi ko lang, ibang-iba kaysa noong Martial Law kung saan bugbog-sarado ako bago pa dinala sa detention center dito rin sa Olivas."

Sermona said the police will accord Salas all his rights "subject to court processes" even as expressed hope that the former CPP-NPA chief would convince the "few remaining" members of the movement to return to the fold of law.

At the same news conference, the police presented "14 NPA fighters who have submitted themselves to authorities and voluntarily surrendered five assorted light firearms, three grenades, and five .40mm ammunition.

Asked if they knew Salas who was seated across them, some said they had heard of him during their indoctrination

-Bong Z. Lacson

### Construction starts on PHL's 1st OFW...

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The senator was welcomed by Gov. Dennis "Delta" G. Pineda and Vice Gov. Lilia G. Pineda who were joined by Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. chair Andrea Domingo as well as Overseas Workers Welfare Administration deputy administrator Esther Margaux Uson, DMCI president and COO Jorge Consunji and top executives of the Department of Health and the Department of Labor and Employment in the region.

Gov. Pineda expressed his profound gratitude to the DOH, DOLE, OWWA, PAGCor and Bloomberry Cultural Foundation that will fund the construction of the hospital.

"Ngayon po masasaksihan na natin ang paninimula ng proyekto (Today we will witness the start of this project)," said the governor as he acknowledged Jorge Consunji of DMCI and pointed to heavy equipment parked in the area ready for work.

It can be recalled that former House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo led the hospital's groundbreaking on Labor Day last year with then Gov. Lilia G. Pineda and Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III.

The construction of the P500 million hospital will be shouldered by businessman Enrique Anselmo Klar Razon Jr of Bloomberry while PAGCor will provide hospital equipment worth P200-million, with full support from DOLE, OWWA, DOH and Philippine Health and Insurance Corp.

A brainchild of then-Gov. Lilia, the hospital will have a 100-bed capacity, equipped with dialysis and cancer centers, and targeted for completion in 2021.

The hospital aims to respond to the medical needs of OFWs and their immediate families for free, Senator Go

-Ashley Manabat

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CHESTER VILLARIN** who died intestate on August 20, 2019 in Pasig City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 198198

A parcel of land (Lot 30, Blk. 15 of the cons.-subd. plan Pcs-03-015003, being a portion of consolidated Lots 73-B-3-B to 73-B-3-H, LRC Rec. No. ) situated in the Bo. of Duquit, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 198200

A parcel of land (Lot 29, Blk. 15 of the cons.-subd. plan Pcs-03-015003, being a portion of consolidated Lots 73-B-3-B to 73-B-3-H, LRC Rec. No. ) situated in the Bo. of Duquit, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Edmond V. Dantes as per Doc No. 37, Page No. 10, Book No. X, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 17, 24 & March 2, 2020

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

Publication Notice R.A. 10172

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A 10172) Notice is hereby served to the public that VANESSA PEBBLES MANUEL PAMINTUAN has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the sex from "MALE" to "FEMALE" in the Certificate of Live of Birth of VANESSA PEBBLES M. PAMINTUAN at Mabalacat, Pampanga and whose parents are CARLOS M. PAMINTUAN and GRACIANA S. MANUEL.

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

GLENDA A. JARIN

Administrative Officer III

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10 & 17, 2020

### **CBCP** body bats for ABS-CBN...

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with us here," the bishop said, adding that from his personal experience, second generation of Filipinos born in Italy can still speak Tagalog because of watching TFC.

Prior to his appointment as bishop of the Diocese of Balanga, Santos for years was assigned in the Vatican as rector of

the Filipino College.

"With ABS-CBN, our OFWs find themselves still at home, one and united with their fellow Filipinos even if they are thousands of miles away.

Our OFWs are with ABS-CBN," the prelate said. "We are praying and hoping that its franchise will be renewed. We support and stand for its renewal."

### AirAsia expands network in Southern PH...

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and P1,157 for non-members, and fares from Cebu to General Santos from as low as P990 for members and P1,057 for non-members.

General Santos is the southernmost city in the Philippines known for being the "Tuna Capital of the Philippines". The city is outside of the typhoon

belt of the country and has a high export rate of various crops to different parts of the world.

Enjoy the lowest possible fares by becoming a BIG member, which is easy and free. Simply visit airasia.com and click "BIG Log in/Sign Lib"

Since its inception in 2001, AirAsia has become one of the larg-

est airline groups in the world, with over 600 million guests flown and more than 160 destinations in its network - including across Asia, Australia and the US.

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make changes to their bookings or purchase additional add-ons such as pre-booked Santan meals or luggage can do so via the My Bookings portal at airasia.com.

For the latest news, activities and promotions, follow AirAsia on Twitter (AirAsia), Facebook (AirAsia) and Instagram (@AirAsiaFilipino).

–Press release

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### NOTICE OF SOLE-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **TERESITA D. ADOLPHSON**, American Citizen, widow, resident of 3 Bayanihan Road, Villa Angela, Angeles City and sole heir of **ELOF NORMAN ADOLPHSON** who died intestate on January 13, 2020 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Sole-Adjudication of his estate, more particularly described as Savings Account No. 106620166961 with BDO Unibank, Inc., Angeles-Sto. Rosario Branch, before Notary Public Richard B. Librada as per Doc No. 176, Page No. 70, Book No. 20, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 6, 13 & 20, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of FROILAN GARCIA who died intestate on May 10, 2004 in Los Angeles, California, USA and Spouses SIXTA D. GARCIA and TEODORICO DIZON who died intestate on August 2, 2010 and July 14, 1990, respectively, both in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Shares on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 1 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-29328, being a portion of Lot 86-B-2-S-6 of plan (LRC) Psd-21322, L.R.C. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Pandan, Angeles City and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 68503, before Notary Public Michael C. Yabut as per Doc No. 300, Page No. 60, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JENNIFER ZAPANTA CORREA** who died intestate on September 18, 1999 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 18 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) with improvements thereon, situated in Bo. of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 111323 in the Registry of Deeds of Angeles City, before Notary Public Michael Darwin M. Bayotas as per Doc No. 485, Page No. 04, Book No. IV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ABNEL M. DAVID** who died intestate on October 10, 2016 in Floridablanca, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10, Block 8 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-035401-003862, being a portion of consolidation Lots 1 and 6 (LRC) Psd-289688, L.R.C. Rec. No. ) with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Sto. Cristo, City of Angeles and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2012004799 in the Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles, before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller as per Doc No. 397, Page No. 76, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO D. CANLAS** who died intestate on October 14, 2000 in Baguio City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Share on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 127-A-10-F of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-189579, being a portion of Lot 127-A-10 (LRC) Psd-162485, LRC GLRO Rec. No. 128), situated in the Bo. of Poblacion, Mun. of Magalang, Prov. of Pamp. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 308651-R, before Notary Public Almario D. Marimla as per Doc No. 96, Page No. 65, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JOSEFINA DAYRIT SAPRA who died intestate on June 4, 2019 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 12, Block 4 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-29328, being a portion of Lot 86-B-2-S-6 of plan (LRC) Psd-21322, LRC Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Pandan, Angeles City and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2014002213 in the Registry of Deeds for Angeles City, before Notary Public Krizzy Gayle Martinez-Lacsamana as per Doc No. 90, Page No. 7, Book No. V, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of MACARIO BASILIO TONGOL who died intestate on December 11, 2010 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 36 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-46209, being a portion of Lot 21, Block 1, described on plan Psd-62172, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124) with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Pulungbulu, Angeles City, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 21925 in the Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles, before Notary Public Daniel S. David as per Doc No. 76, Page No. 43, Book No. 4, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FORTUNATO N. ROMERO** and **CRESENCIA S. ROMERO** who died intestate on January 17, 1989 and April 25, 2019, respectively, both in Mabalacat, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) PCS-14407, being a portion of consolidation of Lots 4, 6 & S, Block 10, Psd-49198, LRC Record No. 11732), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 118784-R in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Mylene Yturralde-Chan as per Doc No. 1871, Page No. 21, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JOSELYN BASIUANG DELA CRUZ who died intestate on November 26, 2017 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as Savings Account No. 001460154302 under the name of Jomel B. Dela Cruz amounting to P119,746.90 as of December 7, 2017 at BDO Angeles-MacArthur Highway Branch, before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller as per Doc No. 33, Page No. 2, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10, 17 & 24, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HONORIO S. MALONZO** who died intestate on December 10, 2001 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5-8 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-81842, being a portion of Road Lot 3 (LRC) Psd-17442, LRC Rec. No. 8715) situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, Angeles City, Island of Luzon and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 30099, before Notary Public Archie Paul C. Muyrong as per Doc No. 426, Page No. 87, Book No. VIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10, 17 & 24, 2020



### HOISTE LIVING Riza Shanti Lim

### Mastering stress

Sharing is one of the most beautiful opportunities that most of us are privileged with. It can be rendered in different forms, like donations of food, cash, clothes, time, affection, and service.

Today, I would like to share a practice that made a big difference in my life. The key to the gate to a holistic peace and light...

The deadliest to watch for sickness should not be the corona virus nor cancer, it should be the Stress Bite.

In our life how many times have we experienced hurdles and challenges - which trigger stress - effects to anger, frustrations, physical illness, self-destruction, depression, suicide, crime, and insanity. The mental and emotional disturbance or stress could be related to work, relationships, economy, environment, to name a few. No matter what your social status is, educational attainment, achievements, wealth, you are not spared from this killer Stress Bite.

William C. Shiela JR, MD, has this take on Stress: In a medical or biological context stress is a physical, mental, or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension. Stresses can be external (from the environment, psychological, or social situations) or internal (illness, or from a medical procedure). Stress can initiate the "fight or flight" response, a complex reaction of neurologic and endocrinologic systems.

Catecholamine hormones, such as adrenaline or noradrenaline, facilitate immediate physical reactions associated with a preparation for violent muscular action. These include the following: acceleration of heart and lung action, paling or flushing, or alternating between both, inhibition of stomach and upperintestinal action to the point where digestion slows down or stops, the general effect on the sphincters of the body, constriction of blood vessels in many parts of the body, liberation of nutrients (particularly fat and glucose) for muscular action, dilation of blood vessels for muscles, inhibition of the lacrimal gland (responsible for tear production) and salivation, dilation of pupil (mydriasis), relaxation of bladder, inhibition of erection, auditory exclusion (loss of hearing), tunnel vision(loss of peripheral vision), disinhibition of spinal reflexes, and shaking

Stress can cause or influence the course of many medical conditions including psychological conditions such as depression and anxiety. Medical problems can include irritable bowel syndrome, high blood pressure, diabetes and many other conditions.

If you're asking what could we do to prevent the bite of Stress, unfortunately there is no prevention - but there is a remedy or medicine to be able to handle it well and eventually gets immune to it. This medicine

has no negative effects, no contraindications to any medication and it is cost free!

The medicine is called meditation. The dosage, once a day or more - for best results.

Meditation is a process of putting your brain to a relax mode, for the purpose of calming the mind to lead it into a deep state of consciousness (theta), for which brings about total peace, nothingness, and freedom from all the tensions and pressures from external forces.

According to Gautama Buddha, an un-tamed and un-trained mind is more dangerous than the wildest beast in the forest. It could harm, destroy and kill, which causes sufferings, to the Self and to others.

A regular practice of meditation has many benefits to the mind, body, heart (emotions), spirit and life. It lowers high blood pressure, improves digestive health, lowers cholesterol level, smoother blood circulation, fertility, enhances immune system, quality of sleep, prevents anxiety and panic attacks, peace, bright attitude, harmony, loving relationship, beautiful complexion, etc. It is also one of the best anti-aging formulas!

Meditating for 15 minutes is equivalent to eight hours of sleep. It is refreshing and rejuvenating. When the mind is well rested, it becomes clearer, sharper and more open to possibilities. The self-confidence gets awakened, the importance of self-care is realized and love inflamed.

Everything looks the same to a meditating mind. It doesn't hold a space to anything but quiet and stillness. It is non-judgmental and detached. It doesn't belong to anything, to anyone, even to you. As a matter of fact, it doesn't exist, a mindlessness state. It is boundless, limitless, immeasurable, invisible. The subconscious mind and the conscious, becomes one, then to none.

Meditation is a beautiful and an intoxicating experience, that you get lost in time and space, from the bliss it gives. It makes you realize, that the true love and total happiness that you have been looking for all this time has been residing within you all the while.

Watch out for my next article about the different kinds of meditation with detailed guidelines on how to start the practice.

Love and Peace!

(For queries, email her at: info@orissagarden.com)

### Ing kasalesayan ning Kapampangan

(The history of Pampanga)

By Fr. Edilberto Santos Part 28

ANTHROPOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

What follows is an excerpt from Anthropologist Fernando Nakpil-Zialcita's paper "Devout Yet Extravagant: The Filipinization of Christianity" (ID-2008: 53-77). It is being reproduced here with his permission.

"Anthropologists have classified polities in all known cultures into four: (1) the band, (2) the tribal village, (3) the chiefdom, and (4) the state. To understand what a chiefdom is, we should situate it vis-à-vis the state and the tribal village...

"The first states that arose in the world as a whole began in the Near East around BC 4000. They were monarchies ruled by kings who claimed divinity". .. (Ibid.: 55).

"At the opposite extreme is the polity called the 'tribal village'. I prefer to call this the 'autonomous locality'...In the more simple types of autonomous localities, authority is vested not in a single individual...The leader was he who had skills needed for a particular situation. Kinship forms the framework of the autonomous locality" (Ibid.: 56).

"In between these two polities is the chiefdom.
A ruling chief has rights and prerogatives over his

followers. However, he looks up to another chief, a "paramount" who comes from the most prominent or the wealthiest family in an area. The paramount may also have gained renown for his victories in warfare. It may also happen that the local ruling chief is connected to the paramount through ties of kinship. Nonetheless the paramount's authority base is limited. He has no taxing powers over the subordinate chiefs, much less over their followers. Nor is he able to institute a monopoly on the use of force by banning the use of weapons to all save to his own retinue. Lacking a regular taxing power and a monopoly on force, the chiefdom is unable to set up a full time, formal government. Verticle ties between subordinate and superior are personalistic rather than functional and they revolve around the exchange of favors. The subordinate may remove his allegiance from his master and transfer it to a more powerful or a wealthier master. Horizontal ties between group of followers are tenuous as well, for the focus of the subordinate is keeping true to the master even should conflict erupt between groups of followers.

(To be continued)



### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Mabalacat City Province of Pampanga

### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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MINUTES OF THE 17th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 3rd SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2022 HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2019 AT TAIWOO RESTAURANT, STA. INES, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

- Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald Guttrie P. Aquino

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Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito

Hon. Hans Christian G. Balingit

- Member

- Member

ABSENT: None

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 07 Series of 2019

### AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE REALIGNMENT OF THE APPROPRIATED BUDGET OF THE MABALACAT BIRTHING STATIONS UNDER THE MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE (MOOE) ON MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P550,000.00) TO ELECTRICITY EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00), HOSPITAL WASTE EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) AND OTHER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) AND OTHER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00)

Be it ordained in Regular Session assembled:

Section 1. The realignment of the appropriated budget of the Mabalacat Birthing Stations under the Maintenance and Other Operating Expense (MOOE) on Medical Supplies in the amount of five hundred fifty thousand pesos (P550,000.00) to Electricity Expenses in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00), Hospital Waste Expenses in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00), Office Supplies in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) and Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses in the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) is hereby approved.

Section 2. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting on conspicuous places within the city and/or publication to any newspaper of local and/or national circulation.

ENACTED: This 23rd day of October 2019 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ETHELWILDA D. OCAMPO Acting SP Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

### APPROVED:

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO KRIZZANEL C. GARBO

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Member Member

APPROVED:

CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO City Mayor

Date: November 13, 2019

### SSS' PLP releases reach P3.5-B mark, benefits more than 100-K pensioners

THE STATE-RUN Social Security System (SSS) on Thursday said loan releases to pensioners under the enhanced Pension Loan Program (PLP) reached the P3-billion mark, benefitting more than 105,000 pensioner-bor-

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Aurora C. Ignacio said the increase in PLP disbursement was due to the enhancement of the program last October 2019 which allowed qualified retiree-pensioners to avail of up to a maximum amount equivalent of 12 times of their pension or about P200,000.

"We are happy to announce that we have already assisted a number of pensioners for their short-term and immediate financial needs preventing them from becoming victims of private loan sharks with steep interest rates and eventually giving their ATM cards as collateral," Ignacio said.

Launched in September 2018, the PLP aims to provide immediate financial assistance to pensioners who are in need of additional cash aside from their basic monthly pension (BMP).

SSS data showed that as of Janu-

ary 30, the pension fund has already released more than P3.53 billion to 105,365 retiree-pensioners who have availed of the enhanced PLP.

SSS Diliman branch released the highest amount of approved pension loan at P155.08 million for 4,388 approved applications while SSS Bacolod has the most number of approved applications with 5,137 amounting to P132.76 million loan releases.

Other branches that are included in the top five branches with the highest loan disbursements are SSS Cebu with 3,258 approved pension loans amounting to P112.99 million; SSS Bacoor branch with 2,576 approved pension loans which adds up to P94.30 million; SSS Davao with 2,882 approved pension loans for a total of P89.38 million.

"Now that they can borrow a larger amount, which depends on their qualifications, we are expecting an increase in the number of retiree-pensioners who will avail of the program in the coming days. We are glad that we are able to provide them the assistance they need in times of contingencies," Ignacio said.

"Further, we would like to remind

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our qualified retiree pensioners that they may get 12 times of their BMP plus the P1000 additional benefit, provided that they will still be receiving a substantial amount from their BMP. We do not want their BMP to end up as full loan collaterals, very different from those lending companies who get their whole monthly pension as payment for the loan," she added.

Under the new guidelines, retiree pensioners who are 85 years and below at the end of the month of the loan term are now qualified to apply for the PLP, provided that they have no outstanding loan balance, benefit overpayment payable to SSS from his

monthly pension. He must also have no existing advance pension under the SSS calamity package and must be receiving his regular monthly pension for at least one month and has an "active" status of pension.

Moreover, the enhanced PLP guidelines also gave the borrower a wider option of the loanable amount to choose from. From the previous minimum loanable amount of twice his BMP plus the P1,000 additional benefit, the pensioner-borrower may now apply for a loan equivalent to three times, six times, nine times or 12 times of his BMP plus the P1,000 additional benefit. -Press release



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MINUTES OF THE 23rd REGULAR SESSION OF THE 3rd SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2022 HELD ON DECEMBER 05, 2019 AT THE SP SESSION HALL, XEVERA, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald Guttrie P. Aquino

Hon. Krizzanel C. Garbo

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Hon. Carlo Francis B. Dizon

Hon. Marjorie Grace M. Sambo

Hon. Hans Christian G. Balingit

ABSENT: Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito

-Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Member

- Member

- Member - Member

- Member

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- Member - Member

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 08 Series of 2019

### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 003-2019 INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF FIFTY EIGHT MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT PESOS (P58,726,468.00) FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE, CAPITAL OUTLAY AND PROGRAM, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MABALACAT, PAMPANGA

Be it ordained in Regular Session assembled:

Section 1. The Supplemental Budget No. 003-2019 involving an amount of fifty eight million seven hundred twenty six thousand four hundred sixty eight pesos (P58,726,468.00) for the Maintenance and Other Operating Expense, Capital Outlay and Program, Projects and Activities of the City Government of Mabalacat, Pampanga is hereby approved.

The budget documents consisting of the following are incorporated herein and made integral part this Ordinance:

- LBPF No. 8 (Statement of Funding Sources)
- LBPF No. 9 (Statement of Supplemental Appropriation)

Section 2. Sources of Funds. The sources of funds for the Supplemental Budget in total amount of fifty eight million seven hundred twenty six thousand four hundred sixty eight pesos (P58,726,468.00) shall be as follows:

Account	Amount
Classification	(3)
(2)	
2019 Unified Positions (See	52,139,041.62
attached)	
	151,433.12
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	1,740,106.00
	35,887.82
	3,660,000.00
	1,000,000.00
	58,726,468.56
	Classification (2)  2019 Unified Positions (See

Section 3. Use of Funds. The amount of fifty eight million seven hundred twenty six thousand four hundred sixty eight pesos (P58,726,468.00) is hereby appropriated for the Supplemental Budget of the Local Government of Mabalacat City as follows:

Proposed New Appropriation Language

### STATEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (Supplemental Budget No. 003-2019)

Implementing Office	Particulars/Purpose	Object of Expenditure	Account Code	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Unappropriated Balance/A	vailable Resources from LBP Form No.8			58,726,468.56
PROPOSED APPROPRIA	TION:			
	I. PERSONAL SERVICES			
Mayor's Office	II. MAINTENANCE & OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE Electricity Expense Drugs and Medicines Expenses Subscription Expense Rent Expense		5-02-04-020 5-02-03-070 5-02-99-070 5-02-99-050	5,500,000.00 2,000,000.00 100,000.00 4,200,000.00
Mayor's Office				
	Representation Expenses Subsidy to NGA's: PNP Subsidy to Local Government Unit(Barangays) Subsidies- Others Professional Services Allowances of Judges Other Supplies and Materials Other MOOE Prior Years Obligation:		5-02-99-030 5-02-14-020 5-02-14-030 5-02-14-990 5-02-11-990 5-02-14-020 5-02-03-990 5-02-99-990	4,000,000.00 1,500,000.00 2,336,500.00 4,500,000.00 1,000,000.00 100,000.00 1,000,000.00 3,000,000.00
	Rent Expenses-Sound System -Space Rental: Mowealth (NovDec. 2018) Other Supplies & Materials Expenses (Candles, Paint & Rice)		5-02-99-050 5-02-99-050 5-02-03-990	2,000,000.00 280,000.00 1,500,000.00
Engineer's Office	Food Supplies Expenses (UNDAS 2018) Rental of Equipment-Manlift (Streetlights & Christmas Decors)		5-02-03-050 5-02-99-050	1,350,000.00
	Survey Expenses	TOTAL MOOE	5-02-07-010	100,000.00 <b>34,766,500.00</b>
Mayor's Office	III. CAPITAL OUTLAY Office Equipment (PSAU Airconditioning) Furniture & Fixtures (Glass Tint and Curtains) Other Machinery and Equipment	TOTAL CO	1-07-05-020 1-07-07-010 1-07-05-990	763,000.00 600,000.00 500,000.00 <b>1,863,000.00</b>
Mayor's Office	IV. PROGRAM, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES Yuletide Celebration & decoration Gift Giving Program Sports Development Program (Sportsfest) Community Development Program Clearing of Aguso Rd. of informal Settlers (14 families			5,000,000.00 7,873,968.00 1,000,000.00 1,000,000.00
	@ P50,000.00 each) Rehabilitation of P. Burgos St., Brgy. Poblacion Rehabilitation of R. D. Policarpio St. Extension, Brgy.			700,000.00 600,000.00
CSWDO	San Francisco Assistance to Individuals/Families in Crisis Situation (AICS)			623,000.00 5,000,000.00
	Financial Assistance to Women in Especially Difficult Circumstances (WEDC) and Children in Need of Special Circumstances (CNSP)	TOTAL PPA's		300,000.00 <b>22,096,968.00</b>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION			1	58,726,468.00
	ANCE/ENDING BALANCE			0.56

Section 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other sections or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting on conspicuous places within the city and/or publication to any newspaper of local and/or national circulation.

ENACTED: This 5th day of December 2019 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

AILEEN G. PEÑA SP Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

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HANS CHRISTIAN G. BALINGIT

Member

APPROVED:

CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO City Mayor

Date: December 16, 2019

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MINUTES OF THE 1st SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 3rd SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2022 HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2019 AT THE MABALACAT CITY HALL ANNEX, CLARKFIELD, PAMPANGA

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald Guttrie P. Aquino

-Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer Hon. Krizzanel C. Garbo - Member Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr. - Member

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ABSENT: None

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 10 Series of 2019

- Member

AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 004-2019 INVOLVING AN AMOUNT OF EIGHTY FOUR MILLION FIFTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY SIX PESOS (P84,052,856.00) FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE AND PROGRAM, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MABALACAT, PAMPANGA

Be it ordained in Regular Session assembled:

Section 1. The Supplemental Budget No. 004-2019 involving an amount of Eighty Four Million Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six Pesos (P84,052,856.00) for the Personal Services, Maintenance and Other Operating Expense and Program, Projects and Activities of the City Government of Mabalacat, Pampanga is hereby approved.

The budget documents consisting of the following are incorporated herein and made integral part this Ordinance:

- LBPF No. 8 (Statement of Funding Sources)
- LBPF No. 9 (Statement of Supplemental Appropriation)

Section 2. Sources of Funds. The sources of funds for the Supplemental Budget in total amount of Eighty Four Million Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six Pesos (P84,052,856.00) shall be as follows:

Hon. Hans Christian G. Balingit

	Particular (1)	Account Classification (2)	Amount (3)
Begin	nning Balance (Unappropriated Balance)		
1.0	New Revenue Sources Tax Revenue Loan Proceeds (Borrowings)		
2.0	Savings/Surplus		84,052,856.00
3.0	Realignment/Reversion		
	Total Available Sources for Appropriation		84,052,856.00

Section 3. Use of Funds. The amount of Eighty Four Million Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six Pesos (P84,052,856.00) is hereby appropriated for the Supplemental Budget of the Local Government of Mabalacat City as follows:

Proposed New Appropriation Language

### STATEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (Supplemental Budget No. 004-2019)

Implementing Office	Particulars/Purpose	Object of Expenditure	Account Code	Amount
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Unappropriated Balance/Available Resources from LBP Fo	rm No.8			84,052,856.00
PROPOSED APPROPRIATION:				
	I. PERSONAL SERVICES Other Personnel Benefits-Service Recognition Incentive (SRI) as per BC No. 2019-6	TOTAL PS	5-01-04-990	12,714,000.00 <b>12,714,000.00</b>
Mayor's Office	II. MAINTENANCE & OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE Fuel Oil and Lubricants Expenses  III. PROGRAM. PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES	TOTAL MOOE	5-02-03-090	6,000,000.00 <b>6,000,000.00</b>
CENRO Mayor's Office	Hauling and Disposal of Residual Waste Acquisition of Ambulance-Different Municipality of Pampanga Economic Welfare Assistance Program (EWA) Painting of the MES Multi Purpose Hall	TOTAL PPA's		12,433,856.00 21,000,000.00 31,155,000.00 750,000.00 <b>65,338,856.00</b>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1			84,052,856.00
UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE/ENDING BALANCE				-

Section 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other sections or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting on conspicuous places within the city and/or publication to any newspaper of local and/or national circulation.

ENACTED: This 19th day of December 2019 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:** 

AILEEN G. PEÑA SP Secretary

ELIZABETH R. PINEDA

TIMOTHY PAUL A. LLANOS DEE

MARJORIE GRACE M. SAMBO

Member

Member

ATTESTED BY:

Presiding Officer

Member

JERRY P. MAGSINO

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO

RUVIELANE S. MARGARITO

NIÑO REYNAN L. DELOS REYES

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED: KRIZZANFI C GARBO

MARCOS T. CASTRO JR Member

VICTOR D. TIGLAO II NOELITO B. CASTRO

MOISES DWIGHT OLIVER P. MORALES CARLO FRANCIS B. DIZON

HANS CHRISTIAN G. BALINGIT

Member

APPROVED:

CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO City Mayor

Date: December 19, 2019



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MINUTES OF THE 29th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 3rd SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2022 HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2020 AT THE SP SESSION HALL, XEVERA, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

> PRESENT: Hon. Gerald Guttrie P. Aquino -Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Krizzanel C. Garbo - Member Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr. - Member Hon. Elizabeth R. Pineda - Member - Member Hon. Niño Reynan L. Delos Reyes Hon. Victor D. Tiglao II - Member Hon. Noelito B. Castro - Member Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee - Member Hon. Jerry P. Magsino - Member

- Member Hon. Moises Dwight Oliver P. Morales Hon. Carlo Francis B. Dizon - Member Hon. Marjorie Grace M. Sambo - Member Hon. Hans Christian G. Balingit - Member

ABSENT: Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito - Member

> APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 13 Series of 2020

### AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE REALIGNMENT OF THE APPROPRIATED BUDGET OF THE MABALACAT CITY COLLEGE UNDER PERSONAL SERVICES (PS) ON PERFORMANCE ENHANCE INCENTIVES IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PESOS (P140,575.00) TO OVERLOAD IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PESOS (P75,575.00) AND OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS (LOYALTY INCENTIVE BONUS) IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P65,000.00) AND REALIGNMENT OF THE APPROPRIATED BUDGET UNDER MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE (IT & SOFTWARE) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED PESOS (P222,900.00) TO POWER (ELECTRICITY) IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED PESOS (P169,400.00) AND OTHER MAINTENANCE & OPERATING EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P53,500.00)

Be it ordained in Regular Session assembled:

Section 1. The realignment of the appropriated budget of the Mabalacat City College under Personal Services (PS) on Performance Enhance Incentives in the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Pesos (P140,575.00) to Overload in the amount of Seventy Five Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Pesos (P75,575.00) and Other Personnel Benefits (Loyalty Incentive Bonus) in the amount of Sixty Five Thousand Pesos (P65,000.00) and realignment of the appropriated budget under Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) on Repair and Maintenance (IT & Software) in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Pesos (P222,900.00) to Power (Electricity) in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Pesos (P169,400.00) and Other Maintenance & Operating Expenses in the amount of Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P53,500.00) is hereby approved.

Section 2. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting on conspicuous places within the city and/or publication to any newspaper of local and/or national circulation.

ENACTED: This 30th day of January 2020 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

AILEEN G. PEÑA SP Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

### APPROVED:

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO KRIZZANEL C. GARBO

**Presiding Officer** Member

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Member Member

HANS CHRISTIAN G. BALINGIT

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Member

APPROVED:

CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO City Mayor

Date: February 14, 2020



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MINUTES OF THE 18th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 3rd SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2022 HELD ON OCTOBER 30, 2019 AT THE MABALACAT CITY HALL ANNEX, CLARKFIELD, PAMPANGA

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald Guttrie P. Aquino

-Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer - Member

Hon. Krizzanel C. Garbo Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr. Hon. Elizabeth R. Pineda Hon. Niño Reynan L. Delos Reyes Hon. Victor D. Tiglao II

- Member - Member - Member - Member

- Member

Hon. Noelito B. Castro Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee Hon. Jerry P. Magsino Hon. Moises Dwight Oliver P. Morales Hon. Marjorie Grace M. Sambo Hon. Hans Christian G. Balingit

- Member - Member - Member - Member - Member

ABSENT: Hon. Carlo Francis B. Dizon Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito - Member - Member

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 09 Series of 2019

AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL MEAT INSPECTION CODE (LMIC) OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

WHEREAS, Section 15 Article II and Sec. 9 Art. XVI of the 1987 Constitution guarantees that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instil health consciousness among them and protect consumers from trade malpractices and from substandard or hazardous products;

WHEREAS, Sec. 8 of the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines (RA 9296), as amended by RA 10536, provides that the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) shall formulate and issue and implement jointly with the appropriate Local Government Units (LGUs) national policies, guidelines, rules and regulations and

WHEREAS, Sec 10 of aforesaid laws provides that the LGUs, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code and Executive Order No. 137 governing the devolution of certain powers and functions of the National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC) to the Local Government Units (LGU), shall regulate the construction, management and operation of slaughterhouses, meat inspection, meat transport and post-abattoir control, monitor and evaluate and collect fees and charges in accordance with the national policies, procedures, guidelines, rules and regulations and quality and safety standards as promulgated by the Department of Agriculture (DA) Secretary.

WHEREAS, Sec.15(c) of the Food Safety Act of 2013 (RA 10611) states that the local government units (LGUs) shall be responsible for food safety in food businesses such as, but not limited to, activities in fish ports, wet markets, supermarkets, school canteens, restaurants, catering establishments, water refilling stations, street food sale and ambulant vending;

WHEREAS, Sec. 19(a) of RA 10611 further provides that the LGUs shall be responsible for the enforcement, implementation of hygiene and sanitation laws and the use of applicable standards of the DA and Department of Health (DOH) for food produced within their territorial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Section 458(5) of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of the basic services and facilities as provided for under Section 17 of this Code, and in addition to said services and facilities shall: (ii) establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize the operation thereof by the city government; and regulate the construction and operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and structures; (iv) regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, fruits, fresh dairy products, and other foodstuffs for public consumption;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (3) of the same law, provides further that it shall enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of permits or licenses, upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the city and pursuant to this legislative authority shall: (i) fix and impose reasonable fees and charges for all services rendered by the city government to private persons

WHEREAS, there is a need to enact ordinance and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Sec. 16 of the LGC and for the creation and implementation of the city meat inspection service in compliance to the meat safety laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, public interest dictates the necessity for the Mabalacat City to mandatory have or build its own "AA" slaughterhouse in order to improve the delivery of basic services by providing its constituents with safe and wholesome meat and likewise create job opportunities to those who are qualified; and also contribute additional income for the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session duly assembled that:

### **SECTION 1** TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL MEAT INSPECTION CODE (LMIC) OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA".

### **SECTION 2** SCOPE

This Ordinance shall cover the establishment of Local Meat Inspection Code (LMIC) of Mabalacat City and City Meat Inspection Service (CMIS) under the supervision of City Veterinary Office (CVO), its composition, functions and source of funds for the conduct of its services and implementation of the laws, rules and regulations on meat safety.

### **SECTION 3 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms, words and phrases shall be construed to mean as follows:

- 3.1 Authorized Person refers to person in authority to enter the premises of the city slaughterhouse (i.e. Mabalacat City Government Officials and City Veterinary personnel).
- 3.2 Competent authority refers to NMIS, the official authority charged by the government under RAs 9296 and 10536 with the control of meat hygiene and meat inspection including setting and enforcing regulatory meat hygiene requirements pursuant to Codex Alimentarius.

- 3.3 CODEX refers to the collection of internationally recognized standards, codes of practice, guidelines, and other recommendations relating to food safety.
- 3.4 Deputation means the authority of the CMIS to allow barangay workers employed by Barangay Units to perform the duties of a Deputized Meat Inspection Worker, provided that have completed the Basic Meat Inspection Training Course (BMITC) of the CMIS.
- 3.5 Direct Supervision means the authority and responsibility for the delivery of actual meat inspection service where the supervisor is in the premises and is quickly available and includes the accountability for the issuance of relevant inspection certificates.
  - 3.6 GnRF an acronym for Gonadotropin Releasing Factor
- 3.7 Good Hygienic Practices (GHP) refers to all practices, conditions and measures implemented throughout the marketing chain from slaughtering to retail necessary to ensure the safety and wholesomeness of meat and meat products being produced and marketed.
- 3.8 Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) means the conformance with codes of practice, industry standards, regulations and laws concerning production, processing, handling, labelling and sale of foods decreed by industry, local, national and international bodies with the intention of protecting the public from illness, product adulteration and fraud.
- 3.9 Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOPs) are the specific, written procedures necessary to ensure sanitary conditions in the food plant. They include written steps for cleaning and sanitizing to prevent product adulteration.
- **3.10 Inspection** refers to an act by an official inspector to ensure compliance with rules and regulations including but not limited to humane handling of slaughter animals, ante and post mortem inspection, quality assurance program, hygiene and sanitation program, good manufacturing program, sanitation standard operating procedures, hazard analysis critical control point program, residue control program on any meat and meat product, meat establishment facilities, transport vehicles and conveyance.
- 3.11 Meat Establishment refers to premises such as slaughterhouse, poultry dressing plant, meat processing plant, cold and dry storage warehouse, meat shop and other meat outlets that are approved, registered and issued Business Permit by the LGU in which food animals or meat products are slaughtered, prepared, processed, handled, packed or stored.
- 3.12 Meat Inspection System refers to a system to ensure the safety and quality of meat and meat products for human food including but not limited to humane handling of slaughter animals, ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection, Quality Assurance Program, Hygiene and Sanitation Program, Good Manufacturing Practices, Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point Program and Residue Control Program, of a country. It covers regulatory activities such as registration, licensing, accreditation, and enforcement of regulations and supported by laboratory examination.
- 3.13 Meat Inspector refers to a professionally qualified and properly trained officer, duly appointed by the local government unit for meat inspection under the supervision of the City Veterinarian.
- 3.14 Meat Markets refers where meat trading activities take place and shall include but not limited to Meat Shops/Meat Stalls, Supermarkets and Groceries with Meat Section, Wet Markets in public, private and flea markets (Talipapa), and those engaged in home based and street meat outlets.
- 3.15 Post-Meat Establishment Meat Inspection refers to the enforcement of regulations governing meat and meat product inspection during transport up to the time of retail sale in the meat outlets.
- 3.16 Registered means officially listed with CMIS of the following: (a) any meat establishment engaged in the slaughtering operation, preparation/cutting, processing, manufacturing, storing, canning, packing or repacking of meat and meat products for commerce, (b) any meat dealer, trader, vendor, distributor, trucker or handler; (c) any meat transport vehicle or conveyance; (d) any person, firm, corporation as provider of laboratory services or independent inspection or audit services.
- 3.17 Safe and Wholesome refers to meat and meat products that has been passed as fit for human consumption using the criteria that it (a) will not cause food borne infection or intoxication when properly handled and prepared with respect to the intended use; (b) does not contain residue in excess of set limits; (c) is free of obvious contamination; (d) is free of defects that are generally recognized as objectionable to consumers; (e) has been produced under adequate hygiene control; and, (f) has not been treated with illegal substances as specified in this Act and in other related national legislation.
- 3.18 Slaughterhouse Master refers to an inspector who is professionally qualified with second level eligibility duly appointed by the local government unit responsible for the supervision and control of meat inspection works of the city slaughterhouse.
- 3.19 Visitors refer to those persons with official transaction, upon conforming to the house rules, allows entering, from entrance to exit points of the city slaughterhouse.

### **SECTION 4 ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY SLAUGHTERHOUSE**

Public interest dictates the necessity for the City of Mabalacat to mandatory establishes its double "A" ("AA") City Public Slaughterhouse with budgetary appropriation for its creation including the provision of a Waste Water Treatment facility as prerequisite integrating prior to its operation.

### **SECTION 5** PROVISION OF SLAUGHTERHOUSE MEAT WORKERS and PERMANENT MEAT INSPECTORS

All butchers and other meat workers working in the city slaughterhouse shall be employed by the city government, detailed in the City Veterinary Office under the supervision of the City Veterinarian, and trained by the CMIS.

The City Veterinarian, when deemed necessary, may request the immediate creation, promotion and/or abolition of a permanent plantilla of Meat Inspectors to the Chief Executive Officer which shall be endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for its exigent resolution.

### **SECTION 6** PROVISION OF MEAT DELIVERY SERVICE VEHICLE FOR CITY SLAUGHTERHOUSE

The LGU shall provide meat delivery service vehicle to the City Slaughterhouse to be used in meat transport Meat delivery vehicle shall conform to the prescribed specification set by the CMIS in safeguarding meat transport.

### **SECTION 7 SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPERATION**

- 7.1 Food animals for slaughter All food animals such as cattle, carabao, swine, sheep, and goats intended for human consumption and for sale shall be slaughtered in the City Slaughterhouse.
- 7.2 Slaughtering Schedule The schedule of operations shall be set by the City Veterinarian and may be amended from time to time as deemed necessary. The slaughterhouse premises shall be fenced and declare as restricted area. It shall only be opened during slaughterhouse operation.
- 7.3 Entry into the City Slaughterhouse Equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), only the following are allowed to enter the city slaughterhouse premises:

- 7.3.1. Authorized person and visitors;
- 7.3.2. Duly registered and accredited dealers, traders and meat haulers;
- 7.3.3. Duly accredited livestock delivery vehicles;
- 7.3.4. Duly accredited meat delivery vehicles; and
- 7.3.4. Animals to be slaughtered upon presentation of required documents such as health certificates and shipping permits.
- **7.4 Slaughtering Procedures** The following slaughtering procedures shall be always observed in slaughtering of food animals in the city slaughterhouse.

Slaughterhouse management shall adhere to the schedule / duration of slaughterhouse operation as follows:

Arrival / Acceptance of Food Animals : Six (6) hours
Slaughter Time : Ten (10) hours
Cleaning and Disinfection : Six (6) hours

7.4.1 Pre-Operation (Pre-Ops). To be supervised by the meat inspector on duty to ensure GMP, GHSP, and SSOP involving slaughtering entire operation, including its mechanical and technical aspects, are well organized;

Receiving of Food Animals.

- All animals brought in for slaughter shall mandatorily be accompanied with original copies and valid copies of the following transport documents:
  - Veterinary Health Certificate duly certified by a licensed veterinarian (with complete name and signature).
  - b. Shipping Permit from appropriate controlling authority as provided in Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Memorandum Circular No. 26, series of 2017.
  - For large animals, Certificate of Ownership and or Certificate of transfer of Ownership is required as additional document.
- Strictly comply with "No Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC), No Slaughter Policy" in slaughterhouse.
- Only animals with complete and valid transport documents are accepted in the slaughterhouse.
- No Slaughter animal shall be kept in the lairage for more than 24 hours from the time of its arrival in the slaughterhouse. "All In – All Out Policy" shall be strictly implemented.
- 7.4.2 Entry of livestock will only be through designated entry points;
- 7.4.3 All animals must be properly rested four (4) to six (6) hours from arrival and bathed before stunning:
- 7.4.4 Stunning, scalding, dehairing, evisceration and final washing, including the cleaning and washing of offals shall be done only at designated areas;
- 7.4.5 Scalding vat is for scalding purposes only. Dehairing within the scalding vat is prohibited;
- 7.4.6 Dehairing, final shaving and evisceration shall be done at the dehairing table or overhead rails to avoid floor dressing;
- 7.4.7 Red/Black offal shall be separated from white offal upon evisceration prior to cleaning of all its contents:
- 7.4.9 Cleaned entrails, offal and hides must be placed immediately in a non-corrosive clean container;
- 7.4.10 Unauthorized removal and/or trimming of any part of the carcass or entrails are prohibited; and
- 7.4.11 Post Operation. The meat inspector on duty shall supervise the deployed maintenance personnel to ensure the cleanliness, disinfection and sanitation of the slaughterhouse and corrals, including the proper disposal of condemned meat and solid waste management system after the operation.

"No Meat Inspector - No Slaughter Policy"

### 7.5 Other Prohibited Acts

- 7.5.1 Floor dressing or slaughtering of food animals and cleaning of offal and hides other than in designated areas;
- $7.5.2\ Smoking,\ urinating,\ spitting,\ blowing\ of\ nose,\ eating\ and\ drinking\ inside\ the\ slaughterhouse;$
- 7.5.3 Illegal drugs and intoxication and/or drinking of alcoholic drinks within the slaughterhouse premises;
- 7.5.4 Loitering/standing by inside the slaughterhouse premises;
- 7.5.5 Bringing/taking out of carcass prior to inspection and without the issued Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC); and
- 7.5.6 Non-payment of regulated fees.
- **7.6 Haulers and Meat Hauling Delivery** Haulers and meat delivery vehicles may be allowed to haul and deliver meat/carcasses from the city slaughterhouse with the following conditions:
  - 7.6.1 Only accredited meat delivery vehicles are allowed to load, deliver and transport meat/carcasses and offal;
  - 7.6.2 Separation of carcasses shall be observed during hauling and transport;
  - 7.6.3 No offal shall be allowed to transport or delivery unless contained in a leak proof non-corrosive container; and
  - 7.6.4 Haulers or delivery personnel and other meat handlers allowing to enter the slaughterhouse shall be in complete personal protective equipment (PPE) provides by each management.
- **7.7 Parking of Vehicles** Parking of vehicles in the city slaughterhouse shall be allowed only for the following:
  - 7.7.1 Vehicles of concerned city officers and employees with official business in the City Slaughterhouse shall be parked in designated areas;
  - 7.7.2 Livestock and meat delivery vehicles are allowed to park in their designated parking during loading and unloading time only;
  - 7.7.3 Clients vehicles shall be parked in a designated parking area within the duration of their transaction.

The City Veterinarian is hereby authorized to promulgate and implement additional rules and regulations not covered by this ordinance in the operation and management of the city slaughterhouse as deemed necessary.

### SECTION 8 COMPOSITION OF THE CMIS

The City Meat Inspection Service (CMIS) shall be established under the City Veterinary Office (CVO). It shall be established and operational with or without the physical structure of a city slaughterhouse. It shall be composed of the following sections to represent the essential elements of the meat inspection/control system.

- **8.1 Regulatory Section.** It is concerned with the registration of but not limited to meat handlers, butchers, meat cutters, dealers, vendors, processors, truckers/distributors, meat establishment owners/operators and such other entities that may be regulated in the future.
- **8.2 Meat Inspection Section**. It shall conduct Animal Welfare inspection, ante-mortem inspection and post-mortem inspection in all public and private slaughterhouses and Poultry Dressing Plants, enforcement and re-inspections in the meat markets, strike operations by the Task Force Hot Meat, and such other meat inspection activities for the purpose of keeping the meat and meat products safe for public consumption.
- **8.3 Meat Safety and Quality Assurance Section.** It shall implement and regularly monitor the implementation of good manufacturing practices (GMP), good hygienic practices (GHP), sanitation standard operating procedures (SSOP), and such other approved or CODEX recommended quality assurance programs.
- **8.4 Laboratory Section (Optional).** It shall conduct simple monitoring of pathogens in the territorial jurisdiction of the city.

When appropriate, unit/s may also be created under each section to efficiently and effectively implement the meat inspection laws, rules and regulations.

### SECTION 9 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

A. Personnel. The City Veterinarian shall head the CMIS assisted by a Slaughterhouse Master concerning meat inspection activities and programs. In the absence of a Slaughterhouse Master, the City Veterinarian shall designate concurrent supervising officer from the rank of the listed meat inspectors, who must have leadership ability, technical knowledge in meat inspection and experienced wise to do the job of the Slaughterhouse Master. The City Veterinarian, Slaughterhouse Master and Meat Inspectors who are performing meat inspection will receive hazard pay due to the health risk involved in their work.

The City Veterinarian shall head any related activities such as prevention or control of outbreak of highly-contagious and deadly animal diseases and in situations resulting in the depletion of animals for work and human consumption, particularly those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural calamities and disasters;

The CMIS shall, after due process, be the sole recommending body for the revocation of local and/or barangay business permit of any meat establishment, including those home based and street meat outlets.

- **1. Duties and Responsibilities of the Slaughterhouse Master.** The Slaughterhouse Master shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- (a) The Slaughterhouse Master shall report directly to the City Veterinarian and shall exercise direct supervision over meat inspection personnel of the city, and technical supervision over deputized barangay meat inspection workers within the territorial jurisdiction of the city to ensure that they act within the scope of their prescribed powers and functions.
- (b) Develop plans and strategies and upon recommendation by the City Veterinarian and approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with veterinary public health related activities which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the Sanggunian is empowered to provide for under the LGC;
- (c) Advise and/or report to the City Veterinarian as the case may be, on all matters pertaining to the slaughter of animals for human consumption and the regulation of slaughterhouse and meat markets:
- (d) Regulate and inspect meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, eggs, honey, game or exotic meats and other animal products for public consumption;
- (e) Enforce all laws, rules and regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals, meat hygiene and inspection;
- (f) Assist in veterinary related activities such as prevention or control of outbreak of highlycontagious and deadly animal diseases and in situations resulting in the depletion of animals for work and human consumption, particularly those arising from and in the aftermath of manmade and natural calamities and disasters;
- (g) Exercise such other duties and functions as may be directed by the City Veterinarian.
- Duties and Responsibilities of the Meat Inspector (MI). The MI shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- Inspect or verify document (shipping permit, veterinary health certificate, certificate of ownership and or transfer certificate) of food animals presented for slaughter;
- (b) Responsible for the identification and isolation of animals held as suspect for further inspection and evaluation;
- (c) Ensures that the slaughterhouse management maintains the identity of the food animal from the holding pen to the slaughter floor until it becomes finished products (carcass, viscera and blood) for human consumption;
- (d) Perform Ante-Mortem Inspection (AMI) on animals subject for slaughter to ensure fitness before slaughter; Post-Mortem Inspection (PMI) of their carcasses, head, visceral organs and parts during slaughter for fitness for human consumption; and daily recording of results of AMI and PMI using the official CMIS form; Deputized in conducting Post Abattoir Activities/Market Surveillance Operation to all Supermarkets, Flea Market, Meat Section of Public and Private Markets, Meat Stalls and Shops, Frozen Meat Store and Home Based Meat Store within the city.
- (e) Enforce the humane slaughtering techniques or practices of food animals in the slaughterhouse that is he/she is responsible for the inspection and evaluation of food animals for animal welfare compliance with appropriate recording of observation in using CMIS form;
- (f) Ensures the production of clean meat through the enforcement of approved and proper meat handling in all meat establishments (slaughterhouse, PDP and meat markets) and meat transport.
- (g) Responsible for inspection of incoming carcasses, returned meat or meat for fabrication or for further processing into various types of meat products;
- (h) Responsible for inspection and evaluation of delivery vans; for inspection of meat and meat products loaded into delivery vans for transport;
- (i) Maintain personal cleanliness and hygiene in the use of proper attire among slaughterhouse workers and the provision and proper use of amenities;

- Supervise pre-operation and post-operation cleaning and disinfection of slaughterhouse premises, equipment, and animal effects daily;
- (k) Supervises and ensures the proper disposal of condemned carcasses organs and parts by rendering if not affected by any dangerous diseases; If not available, the condemned shall be buried deep in the ground/condemnation pit with the application of lime;
- Accomplish properly all prescribed reports, CMIS forms and submit them regularly to the slaughterhouse master at the end of the month;
- (m) Report immediately the presence of any reportable animal disease (FMD, hog cholera, etc.) found in the slaughterhouse to the City Veterinarian;
- (n) Assist in animal quarantine work that may be instituted by concerned government agency during outbreak of reportable animal and or poultry disease by regulating the entrance and exit of live animals and carcasses to and from slaughterhouse;
- (o) Conduct and or assist in animal disease surveillance work among slaughter animals kept in holding pens and lairage of the slaughterhouse;
- (p) Certify the fitness of meat and meat products with the prescribed branding and issuance of Meat Inspection Certificate; and,
- (q) Perform other related duties as may be required from time to time.
- **B. Jurisdiction.** The CMIS shall be vested with the following powers and jurisdictions:

It shall regulate the slaughtering, preparation, transport, marketing, inspection and sanitation standard of meat and meat products in "AA" when transport of products is outside the city; and LRMEs if the distribution of products is within the city's territorial jurisdiction in accordance with the national policies, including those Meat Stalls in Flea Markets, home and street based meat store.

1. Registration. The CMIS shall issue Registration Certificate to operate and register the following:

### a. Meat Establishment (ME)

- (i) The CMIS shall register and issue certificates to all meat establishments such as but not limited to slaughterhouse, poultry dressing plant, meat cutting plant, meat processing plant, cold storage warehouse and meat markets within the territorial jurisdiction of the city.
- (ii) The CMIS shall maintain a regularly updated registry of all meat establishments operating in the city, which shall be submitted to the City Veterinarian.

### b. Meat Transport Vehicle (MTV)

(i) For private vehicles, only meat delivery vehicle registered by the CMIS shall be used to deliver meat and by-products within the city. Likewise, only registered livestock and poultry hauler trucks shall be allowed to transport live food animals to the slaughterhouse for slaughter. An updated annual registry of registered transport vehicles shall submit to the City Veterinarian.

### c. Meat Handlers (MH)

The CMIS shall register all meat workers/handlers in the meat establishment, meat dealers, meat vendors including store personnel, meat shop/stall owners and other meat handlers in the city and shall submit an updated annual registry of said registry to the City Veterinarian. Registration requirements includes

### d. Meat Inspectors and Deputized Meat Inspection Worker (MI/DMIW)

- (i) The CMIS shall register and maintain a registry of all meat inspectors and deputized meat inspection workers, CMIS trained and untrained, who are employed by the city government and shall submit an updated annual record of said registry to the City Veterinarian.
- **2. Certification**. The CMIS shall certify the competency of the following workers in the meat establishment:
  - (i) Butchers / slaughterman
  - (ii) Meat cutters or fabricators
  - (iii) Utility personnel

It shall submit to City Veterinarian an annual updated report of licensed butchers and other workers in the slaughterhouse.

- 3. Direct Supervision. CMIS shall directly supervise the conduct of meat inspection in the meat establishment.
  - a. The CMIS shall have the responsibility to see to it that the city implements and complies with the meat hygiene and inspection laws, rules and regulations.
  - b. It shall monitor and oversee that the city properly maintains the slaughterhouse facility equipment and utensils in good operating condition at all times.
  - c. The City Veterinarian as head of the CMIS may conduct regular visits to all meat establishments in the city (1) to fully understand the meat safety problems and conditions thereat; (2) to listen and give appropriate coaching/mentoring to slaughterhouse master, meat inspectors and deputized meat inspection worker; and (3) to inform and update all stakeholders of the laws, rules and regulations which specially concerns them to the end that the delivery of the meat inspection service in the locality shall be improved.
- **4. Slaughterhouse and Poultry Dressing Plant (PDP) Inspection.** CMIS shall conduct actual animal welfare, ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections in all registered slaughterhouses and PDP in the city.
  - a. The CMIS shall:
    - (i) Ensure minimum standards are met in the performance of GMP, SSOP, GHSP and meat inspection in the entire operation of slaughterhouses and PDP within the city;(ii) Enforce humane handling and slaughtering of food animals; and,
    - (iii) Issue Meat Inspection Certificate (MIC) or Meat Products Inspection Certificate (MPIC) and certify that meat and meat products subject for distribution within their territorial jurisdiction are safe and wholesome.
  - b. It shall implement the national standard prescribed size, shape, and wording of inspection mark, the kind, color and composition of the food grade marking ink used for branding carcasses and the format of the meat inspection certificate.
  - c. It may deputize CMIS trained Meat Inspectors under the employ of the city or Barangay Meat Inspection Workers appropriated under barangay to perform meat inspection in registered meat establishments.
  - d. The CMIS shall adopt, formulate and conduct annual documented GMP and SSOP audit inspection to all slaughterhouses and Poultry Dressing Plant (PDP) to be performed under Meat Safety and Quality Assurance Section, to gather information concerning the prevailing sanitary conditions, and from such, shall prescribed the rules and regulations under which meat establishments shall be operated in accordance with hygienic requirements. Copy of GMP and SSOP audit records shall submit to the City Veterinarian for review, after which shall be submitted to the City Mayor for approval and/or renewal.

    e. The CMIS shall submit to City Veterinary Office copy of monthly and special reports on meat establishment operation such as but not limited to the slaughter report, condemnation report, incidence of reportable diseases, supply/inventory report and such other data required or requested by the city government.

### 5. Post Meat Establishment Inspections.

- a. The CMIS shall be responsible in ensuring that only meat and meat products that passed meat inspection shall be offered for sale within its territorial jurisdiction.
- b. Meat products found to be undocumented during selling operation within the city shall be outrightly dealt with the penalty provision of this ordinance.
- Disputes between parties shall be settled amicably. The CMIS shall provide its own mediation and arbitration rules for issues or conflicts not resolved amicably.
- d. When it is necessary to confirm, validate and verify information relative to the operation of a meat establishment, an unannounced special inspection shall be undertaken by the CMIS.
- Meat products that are offered for sale found to be in the state of mishandling are subject for confiscation. Meat establishment owner shall be dealt with accordingly.
- **6. Task Force "Hot Meat".** As the need arises, a Task Force "Hot Meat" shall be organized and will be composed of different members covered under the ordinance designated by the City Veterinary Officer through executive order with corresponding logistical support.
  - a. The Task Force shall also have the power to
    - (i) Confiscate any carcasses or parts, offal and meat products found to have been prepared, handled, packed, stored, transported or offered for sale within the city as human food not in accordance with any provisions of the Local Meat Inspection Code (LMIC);
    - (ii) Impose administrative fines on persons in conflict with the law; and/or,
    - (iii) Issue, after due process, cease and desist order or recommend the immediate closure of meat establishment, including those home based and street meat outlets, to the City Mayor.
  - b. Any meat inspector and/or member of Task Force, who in the performance of his official duties, is charged in court shall be provided with legal assistance by the City Legal Office.

This "Task Force Hot Meat" is enacted/created for the purpose of possible selling and entry of illegally slaughtered meat and meat products or "Botcha" or Hot Meat in the City;

The objective and purposes of this task force:

- To prevent the selling of illegally slaughtered of meat and meat products or "Botcha" or Hot Meat, thus ensuring public safety.
- To promote and protect the health, food safety and general welfare of the residents of Mabalacat City.

This "Task Force Hot Meat" shall be organized and shall have the exclusive authority to oversee the implementation of the provisions of this ordinance and other related activities as maybe provided by the rules and regulation and guidelines promulgated by higher authority or mandated by existing laws. It shall be composed but not limited to the following:

Chairman : City Mayor
Vice Chairman : City Veterinarian
Members : City Administrator

City Chief of Staff Committee involved from the SP City Legal Officer City Health Officer Market Administrator City Treasurer Officer PNP - Public Order & Safety)

- **7. Meat Safety and Quality Assurance Program.** The CMIS shall have the responsibility and legal power to enforce hygienic requirements necessary to produce meat and meat products that is safe and wholesome in all meat establishments.
  - a. The CMIS shall monitor and implement the "NO BACKYARD SLAUGHTERING" even during fiestas or large family gatherings that suggests for selling and/or trading, but with the special exemption if the animal to be slaughtered is for religious purposes or personal for family consumption.
  - b. The CMIS shall ensure the implementation of DA Administrative Order No. 05, series of 2012, Rules and Regulations on Hygienic Handling of Newly Slaughtered Meat in Meat Markets, and in relation to imported meat, shall adopt and implement DA Administrative Order No. 06, series of 2012, Rules and Regulations on Hygienic Handling of Chilled, Frozen and Thawed Meat in Meat Markets.
  - c. The CMIS shall regulate the prohibition to slaughter of those intact male hog or boar, except for those injected with commercial vaccines or drugs approved by BFAD that inhibits or suppresses the production of GnRF which is responsible for the boar taint odor, provided accompanied by a Certificate of Administration issued by the administering veterinarian of the producer farm.
  - d. The CMIS shall oversee and regularly monitor the GMP and SSOP implementation and compliance to all meat establishments in the city, to minimize the substantial risk of contamination during slaughtering, dressing, processing and handling and to ensure the production and distribution of safe and wholesome meat and meat products.

### 8. Capacity-Building.

- (a) The Slaughterhouse Master and Meat Inspectors of the city who are duly appointed, designated or deputized by the LCE to perform meat inspection shall first undergo and complete the CMIS Basic Meat Inspection Training Course.
- (b) The CMIS shall update the city meat inspection personnel and external stakeholders of general laws, rules and regulations and other national government policies, new technologies and current developments in the meat industry in order for them to harmonize with the national development agenda, policies and priorities; and enhance their capabilities in the regulation, risk management and implementation of meat inspection and meat hygiene programs.
- (d) The CMIS shall conduct or organize special or advanced training courses on meat inspection, meat hygiene and other related courses to further develop the meat inspection skills of the meat inspectors and other meat workers in the meat industry.

### 9. Laboratory Services (Optional).

- (a) The CMIS may establish its own meat inspection laboratory in support of inspection work where the need for such can be justified and where such tests cannot be conveniently sent for examination to official DA Laboratories. In any case, a meat inspection laboratory conducts only simple tests where test results are immediately required to support inspection work.
- (b) In the absence thereof, the CMIS may avail of the services from other government laboratories or government accredited private laboratories. The laboratory tests to be undertaken shall include the following but not limited to water and ice portability test, *E. coli* test, test for Salmonella and initial screening test for selected antibiotic residues to be identified by the NMIS.
- 10. Quarantine and Disease Surveillance. Control of movement of meat and meat products from priority

reportable diseases endemic areas to free zones in the country shall be jointly undertaken by the BAI and CMIS in coordination with the Regional Field Office of the Department of Agriculture to prevent the entry and control the spread of animal pests and diseases in the province.

### **SECTION 10** FEES, CHARGES AND CERTIFICATE

- 1. The CMIS shall impose the following fees and charges for rendered administrative services by its personnel and or use of city government facilities:
  - (a) stockyard, lairage or holding pens
  - (b) slaughtering or dressing
  - (c) butchering and or fabricating
  - (d) ante-mortem inspection
  - (e) post-mortem inspection
  - (f) meat transport vehicle, and
  - (g) registration of meat establishments, butchers, meat dealers, distributors, meat vendors and all other workers in the meat trade, meat transport vehicle and livestock and poultry hauler trucks used in livestock and meat trade within the city's territorial jurisdiction.
- 2. The following are the prescribed rates of fees and charges: Fees, Charges and Certificates may or may not increase annually from 5% to 15% depends upon the economic status. Only one or all of the payables (Fees, Charges and Certificates) may increase each year with the approval of the Local Chief Executive.

### 1. Registration, Certificate and I.Ds (with required documents)

meat handlers	Php 50.00 / head
butchers	Php 100.00 / head
meat cutters	Php 100.00 / head
meat dealers	Php 100.00 / head
meat vendors	Php 70.00 / head
meat processors	Php 100.00 / head
meat truckers	Php 100.00 / head
meat distributors	Php 150.00 / head
meat establishment owners/operators	Php 150.00 / head
meat transport vehicle	Php 100.00 / unit
livestock hauler truck	Php 100.00 / unit
poultry hauler truck	Php 100.00 / unit

### Requirements

- Meat handling orientation / seminar
- 2. Health Certificate
- 3. Drug Test
- Clearance Certificate issued by the CMIS under the City Veterinary Office. 4.
- Barangay Clearance

### 2. Re-issuance for loss Certification and I.D

Certificate	Php 50.00
I.D.	Php 100.00

3. Meat Inspection Fees. (It shall include rendered ante-mortem inspection services at the livestock auction market and or public markets where live animals are sold to be slaughtered and dressed at home, where applicable.)

### PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND POULTRY DRESSING PLANT (ACCREDITED BY NMIS AND LRME)

### ANTE-MORTEM INSPECTION FEE

Php 5.00 / head
Php 1.50 / head
Php 3.00 / head
Php 0.15 / head

### **POST-MORTEM INSPECTION FEE**

(per kilogram of meat)

Php 0.25
Php 0.25
Php 0.25
Php 0.25

### PUBLIC SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND POULTRY DRESSING PLANT

Large Cattle (Ox, Carabao, Horse) Slaughter fee Coral fee Delivery Van fee	Php 300.00 Php 25.00 Php 50.00
Small ruminants (goat, sheep) Slaughter Fee Coral Fee Delivery Van fee	Php 100.00 Php 25.00 Php 25.00
Hogs Slaughter Fee Fattener Culled sow Coral Fee Delivery Van fee	Php 125.00 Php 140.00 Php 25.00 Php 25.00
Poultry (Chicken, Duck, etc.) Slaughter Fee Coral Fee Delivery Van fee Ostrich	Php 5.00 Php 2.50 Php 2.50 Php 500.00

All transactions involving payments of fees and charges shall be made directly with the Mabalacat City Treasurer's Office.

### SECTION 11 INTERFERENCE IN THE CONDUCT OF INSPECTION

- 1. No person, firm or corporation should resist, harass, intimidate, assault, impede or interfere with any inspection during performance of his/her duties as prescribed under this ordinance.
- Any meat inspector who is harassed, intimidated, threatened or assaulted by any person during the performance of his official duty shall be given full assistance by law enforcement agencies and provide legal assistance by the City Veterinary Office or the Local Chief Executive.
- Any person, firm or corporation who shall resist, interfere with/or impede the completion of duties of an inspector shall be held liable and charged accordingly under this ordinance.

### **SECTION 12 CMIS DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND**

- 1. An independent and separate City Meat Inspection Service Development Trust Fund (CMISDTF) shall be established. At least fifty percent (50%) of collected meat inspection fees derive from Private Slaughterhouses and Private Poultry Dressing Plants (PDPs), and fines impose from this ordinance, shall be reserved and kept in a special account for further use and purpose subject for accounting and auditing rules and guidelines.
- 2. The fund shall be used for, but not limited to the following:
  - (a) regular repair, maintenance, improvement, upgrading or rehabilitation of the slaughterhouse facilities:
  - (b) health assistance on top of Philhealth and legal assistance to CMIS personnel who are physically injured while on duty or charged in court for causes related to work;
  - (c) establishment of CMIS training center and laboratory facilities;
  - (d) capability development of the city veterinarian and meat inspection personnel;
  - (e) operation of the Task Force "Hot Meat";
  - (f) incentives to meat handlers, meat vendors, meat dealers, and other meat workers that are performing exceptionally in their compliance to sanitation standards;
  - (g) indemnification of condemned animals during ante-mortem inspection due to zoonotic disease; and
  - (h) buy back of pregnant animals

### **SECTION 13 PENALTY CLAUSE**

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall immediately be apprehended, and be required to pay a fine as follows:

> 1st Offense - Php 2, 000.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Php 3, 000.00 3rd Offense - Php 4, 000.00

4th Offense - Php 5, 000.00 and imprisonment for a maximum of one (1) year

### **PROHIBITED ACTS**

No person, firm, entity or corporation shall:

- sell, transport, offer or receive for sale or transportation in commerce carcasses or parts thereof, meat and meat product required to be inspected under this ordinance unless they have been so inspected and passed;
- do any act while they are being transported in commerce or held for sle, which is intended to cause or has the effect of causing such articles to be adulterated or misbranded; any person, firm, entity or corporation found directly or indirectly violating any provision of this ordinance, in addition to the penalties and sanctions prescribed herein, shall be charged under applicable laws of the Philippines.

### **SECTION 14 APPLICABILITY CLAUSE**

All present and future official issuances, policies, standards, rules and regulations of the NMIS and other national government agencies on meat inspection, meat safety and quality assurance or other subject matters relevant to food safety shall automatically be adopted by the CMIS without the need for the issuance of another ordinance and such shall be included or attached as an Appendage to this Ordinance.

### **SECTION 15 REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances, rules and regulations, part or parts thereof, whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

### **SECTION 16 EFFECTIVITY**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval, and after due compliance with publication requirements.

ENACTED: This 30th day of October 2019 on motion of Hon. Noelito B. Castro, duly seconded by Hons. Llanos Dee, Morales and Magsino.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:** 

AILEEN G. PEÑA SP Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

Member

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO KRIZZANEL C. GARBO **Presiding Officer** Member

ELIZABETH R. PINEDA MARCOS T. CASTRO JR. Member

Member

NIÑO REYNAN L. DELOS REYES VICTOR D. TIGLAO II

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Member Member

MOISES DWIGHT OLIVER P. MORALES JERRY P. MAGSINO Member Member

MARJORIE GRACE M. SAMBO HANS CHRISTIAN G. BALINGIT

Member

APPROVED:

CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO City Mayor

Date: November 18, 2019

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### OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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MINUTES OF THE 20th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 3rd SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2022 HELD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2019 AT THE SP SESSION HALL, XEVERA, TABUN, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald Guttrie P. Aquino -Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Krizzanel C. Garbo - Member Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr. - Member Hon, Elizabeth R. Pineda - Member Hon. Niño Reynan L. Delos Reyes Member Hon. Victor D. Tiglao II Member Hon. Noelito B. Castro - Member Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee - Member Hon. Moises Dwight Oliver P. Morales - Member Hon. Carlo Francis B. Dizon - Member Hon. Marjorie Grace M. Sambo - Member Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito - Member Hon. Hans Christian G. Balingit - Member

ABSENT: Hon. Jerry P. Magsino - Member

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 10 Series of 2019

### AN ORDINANCE

RECLASSIFYING THE LAND USE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 15,932 SQUARE METERS LOCATED IN BARANGAY MAWAQUE, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA WITH TRANSFER CERTIFICATE TITLE (TCT) NO. 045-2015001823 DULY REGISTERED WITH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN THE NAME OF MANNY G. MALLARI AND MARITES G. MALLARI FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL IN THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance reclassifying the land use of a certain parcel of land containing an area of 15,932 square meters located in Barangay Mawaque, Mabalacat City, Pampanga with Transfer Certificate Title (TCT) No. 045-2015001823 duly registered with the Register of Deeds in the name of Manny G. Mallari and Marites G. Mallari from agricultural to commercial in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance of Mabalacat City, Pampanga".

Section 2. This Ordinance shall only cover the reclassification of the land use from agricultural to commercial of the 15,932 square meter property situated in Barangay Mawaque, Mabalacat City, Pampanga;

Section 3. This reclassification shall be reflected in City Ordinance No. 71, Series of 2018, Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan of Mabalacat City.

Section 4. The requirements and procedure for reclassification of agricultural lands to commercial as provided in Memorandum Circular No. 54, series of 1993 of the Office of the President were complied with such as the Certification from DAR, NIA and DA, Resolution of No Objection from the Mawaque Barangay Council and the conduct of hearing.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval, signing and posting on conspicuous places within the city and/or publication to any newspaper of local and/or national circulation.

ENACTED: This 14h day of November 2019 on motion of Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr., duly seconded by Hons. Llanos Dee, Delos Reyes, Tiglao and Balingit.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

AILEEN G. PEÑA SP Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

### APPROVED:

Member

CARLO FRANCIS B. DIZON

GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO KRIZZANEL C. GARBO

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HANS CHRISTIAN G. BALINGIT

MOISES DWIGHT OLIVER P. MORALES

Member

Member

APPROVED:

CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO City Mayor

Date: November 29, 2019

### Mt. 387: A place to commune with nature

BY ARMAND M. GALANG

CARRANGLAN, Nueva Ecija - Communing with nature is getting more exciting for hikers up 761 meters above sea level (masl) for a 3-kilometer walk from jump off to summit in Barangay Puncan here.

Named Mt. 387 which stands for the whole number of its total land area of 387.9 hectares as adopted by Kalinga sa Kalikasan ng Puncan (Kapuncan), the summit can be reached in two hours on the average, said Roy Manuzon, the group's chair.

Kapuncan takes care of the area under the Adopt a Mountain Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Getting to Mt. 387 actually is also taking a journey

through world history.

"Isa sa mga major defenses ng Japanese Army ang summit nito during World War II," said Manuzon. "The summit is called Batong Amat, or ghost rock. 'Amat' in adjacent Pantabangan town means ghosts."

At Batong Amat, one can enjoy the panoramic view of Nueva Ecija and portion of Pantabangan, Manuzon added

Just 125 meters below the summit is a pine tree which a Nueva Ecija mountaineers group call "lovers tree," and a campsite for stargazing as well as a vantage point from where to ponder city lights.

From there, Manuzon said, mountaineers take the challenge of taking a more than 45 degrees slope traverse trail going to the popular Aloha

Falls, another beauty that nature has to offer.

"Napakasarap maligo sa Aloha Falls. Para siyang Sto Niño Cold Spring ng Camiguin," he said. "There are actually three falls within Mt. 387 that mountaineers enjoy. Nariyan din ang Agat Falls at Longalong Falls. Ang lahat ay magaganda at pwedeng paliguan."

Mt. 387 also traverses part

of Talavera Watershed Forest Reserve within the Caraballo Mountain range.

A dump truck ride going back to the jump off site serves as a closing remark for the most memorable date with Mother Earth. "Ang pinakamasaya ay ang pakikipagniig sa kalikasan," Manuzon said.

Be warned, however, that single use plastics are prohibited in Mt. 387.







Zambales police chief Col. Ponce Rogelio Peñones, Jr. gives the program overview during the launch of JIPCO. PHOTO BY JOHNNY R. REBLANDO

### JIPCO launched in 'Gapo

### By Johnny Reblando

OLONGAPO CITY - The Olongapo City Police Office headed by city director Col. Benjamin Sembrano, Jr., and Zambales Police Provincial Office provincial director Col. Ponce Rogelio Peñones, Jr., launched the Joint Industrial Peace and Concerns Office (JIPCO) at Kong's Restaurant, Ramon Magsaysay Drive, Barangay East Tapinac

JIPCO is designed to compose teams to be assigned to address security issues and to cater to complaints, queries, and other concerns in the workplace, and at the same time combat radicalism that tends to disturb peace, Sembrano said.

For his part, Peñones clarified that JIPCO is not anti-labor with its objective to protect labor welfare and promote harmonious relationship between workers and the employers not only on the Freeport Zone but in the entire Olongapo, Zambales, and Central

JIPCO was launched in Pampanga as the 6th priority program of Police Regional Office 3 (PRO3) director Brig. Gen.I Rhodel O. Sermonia.

Residents, businessman, and stakeholders inside the freeport attended the launch of JIP-

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please be informed that MARIA CECILIA COBARRUBIAS a.k.a. SHYR VALDEZ is no longer connected with **BEAUTÉDERM CORPORATION** effective January 10, 2020. The public is advised not to enter into any transaction with her.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

### FORT MAGSAYSAY, Nueva Ecija ---- Sitaw, okra, talong, kalamansi, sili, pechay, kalabasa, papaya at kamatis ay ilan lamang sa mga tanim na gulay

sa halos isang ektaryang lupain sa loob ng kam-Ayon kay Lt. Gen. Gilbert Gapay, commanding general ng Philippine Army, ang Kaugnay Hardin

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Kasundaluhan

nagtanim ng

mga gulay

NI ROMMEL M. RAMOS

ng Lunas ay isang livelihood project ng kasunda-luhan para makatulong maging sa kani-kanilang pamilya.

Ibinibenta aniya nila ang mga gulay para makatulong na dagdag kita sa kasundaluhan ng Philippine Army at ang iba naman ay para sa kanilang pagkain.

Isa aniya itong food security program o pagpapasiguro na ang lahat ay may makakain at may tamang supply ng pagkain.

Target nila na ang lahat ng kampo ng kasundaluhan sa Pilipinas ay magkaroon din ng Hardin ng Lunas para sa isang "greener camp."

Mayroon na rin aniyang tanim na gulay ang

ang ibang kampo ng Army gaya ng sa Tarlac City na una nang naglunsad ng Hardin ng Lunas pro-

Sa paraang ito ay sa halip na nakatengga lamang ang mga bakanteng lupa sa loob ng kanilang kampo ay mas mapapakinabangan pa ito sa pamamagitan ng pagtatanim ng gulay.

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of ISMAEL M. PAMINTUAN who died intestate on July 16, 2019 in Angeles City, MELVIN C. PAMINTUAN who died intestate on July 20, 2016 in Angeles City, and MEDEL C. PAMINTUAN who died intestate on April 15, 1993 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on their estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 74250

(Registry of Deeds for Angeles City) Lot 15, Block 58 of the subdivision plan (LRC) PSD-66539 (Sheet 2) being a portion of Lot 702-B, described on plan (LRC) PSD-48796, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124, situated in the Barrio of Pampang, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon;

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 51497 (Registry of Deeds for Angeles City)

Lot 110 PSD-76713, being a portion of Lot 18-8-1 (LRC) PSD-1365, of the subdivision plan LRC Rec. No. , situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Angeles City;

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2012001534

(Registry of Deeds for Angeles City) Lot 42, PSD-76713, being a portion of Lot 18-B-1-C (LRC) PSD-13632, of the subdivision plan LRC Rec. No. , situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Angeles City;

before Notary Public Crisanto A. Cocal as per Doc No. 1332, Page No. 95, Book No. 165, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 17, 24 & March 2, 2020

### Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRY **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 CORAZON MARQUEZ LAXAMANA has filed with this Office a migrant petition for change of first name from "MARIA CORAZON" to "CORAZON" in the birth certificate of MARIA CORAZON P. MARQUEZ at cat Pampanga and whose parents are CRESENCIO MAROLIE LUCITA PÁBALAN

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.

> **GLENDA A. JARIN** Assistant City Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10 & 17, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of RICARDO A. PANGILINAN SR. who died intestate on February 18, 2012 in Concepcion, Tarlac executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Contract to Sell on his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 043-2012000960

(Registry of Deeds of Province of Tarlac) Lot 98 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-16220. being a portion of the consolidated Lots 1432 & 1442 x x x, situated in the Barrios of San Bartolome, San Antonio, San Vicente & San Nicolas Balas, Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac;

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 043-2012000961

(Registry of Deeds of Province of Tarlac) Lot 102 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-16220, being a portion of the consolidated Lots 1432 & 1442 x x x, situated in the Barrios of San Bartolome, San Antonio, San Vicente & San Nicolas Balas, Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac,

before Notary Public Enrico P. Quiambao as per Doc No. 712, Page No. 6, Book No. XI, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 6, 13 & 20, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of  ${\sf ISMAEL}$  C.  ${\sf REGALAJR}$ , who died intestate on March 27, 2017 executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Sale of his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 143166

(Registry of Deeds for Angeles City) Lot 1-A of the subd. plan Psd-03-156016, being a portion of Lot 1, Blk. 1, Psd-48432, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, City of Angeles;

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 142237

(Registry of Deeds for Angeles City)
Lot 7, Block 1 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-15293, being a portion of Lot 7-B-8-A, described on plan (LRC) Psd-13454, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Rodolfo S. Uyengco as per Doc No. 133, Page No. 88. Book No. LXÍV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 6, 13 & 20, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses LEONARDO D. MANALO

and ROMANA P. MANALO who died intestate on April 17, 1990 and June 20, 2006, respectively, both in Botolan, Zambales executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1525, Cad. 614-D) with improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio of Taugtog, Municipality of Botolan, Province of Zambales and covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-22630, before Notary Public Michael Darwin M. Bayotas as per Doc No. 244, Page No. 04, Book No. IV. Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 17, 24 & March 2, 2020

### Republic of the Philippines **Province of Samar** MUNICIPALITY OF PINABACDAO OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 3 of R.A. 9048 a notice is hereby served to the public that NILO DIZON PABRUDINA has filed with this Office a petition for re: Change of First Name from "MARIO" to "NILO" in the birth certificate of MARIO DIZON PABRUDINA who was born on September 6, 1965 at PINABACDAO, SAMAR and whose parents are FRANCISCO O. PABRUDINA and VICTORIA S. DIZON.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than February 24, 2020.

> REMEGIO B. MENDAÑO Local Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: February 10 & 17, 2020

### NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of ROSALINA SORIANO AYSON who died intestate on November 8, 2019 in Magalang, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Addendum on her estate, more particularly described as follows:

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2013006107

A parcel of land (Lot 2-D of the Subdivision Plan PSD-03-199667 being a portion of Lot 2, PSD-03-012800 (OLT) L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barangay of San Miguel, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga;

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2013006108 A parcel of land, without any improvements, situated in Barangay

San Miguel, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; and

### Tax Declaration No. GR2020-10-0014-00045

A residential building in Barangay San Miguel, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Fenalon O. Chan as per Doc No. 6, Page No. 61, Book No. V, Series of 2020 and Doc No. 42, Page No. 68, Book No. V, Series of 2020. Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses FELINO DEL ROSARIO

who died intestate on July 10, 1995 in Magalang, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2330-E-4 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-110649, being a portion of Lot 2330-E, described on plan, LRC Psd-109360, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 138), situated in the Barrio of San Pedro, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 73452-R. before Notary Public Andres S. Pangilinan Jr. as per Doc No. 478, Page No. 97, Book No. LVIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 17, 24 & March 2, 2020

### NOTICE OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that FLORENTINA VIOLA DE LEON-CABOCHAN, widow, resident of No. 41 Rizal Street, San Vicente, San Miguel, Bulacan and sole heir of MONICA VIOLA who died intestate on August 14 1970 executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on her estate, more particularly

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 23268-R

A parcel of land situated in Cawayan Bugtong, Municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga with an area of Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven (86,677) Square Meters, more or less;

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 40628-R

A parcel of land situated in Barrio Cawayan Bugtong, Municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga with an area of Fifty-One Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Eight (51,138) Square Meters,

before Notary Public Jason G. De Belen as per Doc No. 284, Page No. 57, Book No. 177, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 13, 20 & 27, 2020

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