

# Bulacan Gov naka-recover na sa Covid-19

NI ROMMEL RAMOS

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS ---- Naka-recover na sa sakit na Covid-19 si Bulacan Gov. Daniel Fernando.

Nitong Martes ay dumalo na ito sa pagdiriwang ng ika-122 anibersaryo ng pagkakatatag ng Malolos Congress sa Barasoain Church.

Hindi masyadong nagbigay ng detalye ang gobernador hinggil sa kanyang pagkakasakit ngunit nagpapasalamat daw siya sa mga health workers na nag-asikaso sa kaniya habang siya ay naka-quarantine.

Matatandaan na nag-



**Fernando**

positibo sa coronavirus ang gobernador noong August 29 at nag-quarantine sa official residence nito sa Kapitolyo ng dalawang linggo.

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## MAYOR'S AIDE SAYS

# No anomalies in San Simon



**Punsalan**

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- "All's well in San Simon."

This was the statement of Loret Santos, the chief of staff of Mayor Abundio "JP" S. Punsalan Jr., here on Tuesday in reaction to allegations of irregularities in his town which surfaced recently.

Earlier, Vice Mayor Leonora Wong lambasted Punsalan for al-

legedly acquiring parcels of land surrounding the town hall which are not contiguous to each other while some are under "lis pendens." She even claimed that the acquisition was at a much higher price.

Wong, who was succeeded to the mayorship by Punsalan, also decried the plan of the LGU to acquire a P350 million loan from the Develop-

ment Bank of the Philippines. She said the LGU should not take out a loan in the middle of the pandemic.

Santos denied any wrongdoing in securing a loan since "the local government unit of San Simon represented by the chief executive can secure loan" to implement various projects which will benefit the people of

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# Execs: No maltreatment of workers at Real Steel

BY ASHLEY MANABAT



**THEIR SIDE.** Real Steel Corp. GM Melodie Arellano, HR chief Jenalyn Salazar, production manager Kristinne Marie Morata and company nurse Necitas Ric Tan field questions from media on issues raised against their company.

**S**AN SIMON, Pampanga -- "Wala pong ikinukulong, wala pong maltreatment."

Thus, the management of a steel manufacturing plant along Quezon Road in Barangay San Isidro here denied detaining and maltreating its workers.

On Tuesday, a press conference was held at the Real Steel Corp. plant here where its general manger, Melodie Arellano, categorically denied the allegations.

"Patungkol po doon sa rescue, wala pong na-rescue. Mayroon

pong nag-resign na 42 katao, kagustuhang personal po nila, hindi po na-rescue," stressed Arellano during the press conference where she was joined by RSC human resource manager Jenalyn Salazar, production manager Kristine Marie Morata, and company nurse Necitas Ric Tan.

Grave threats, physical injuries, illegal detention, violation of labor

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# Nanay heads Covid-19 recovery, rehab team

BY BONG Z. LACSON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Vice Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda has been designated chair of the newly organized Pampanga Recovery and Rehabilitation Team (PRRT) principally tasked to map out strategies to jumpstart the local economy.

Executive Order No. 23, S-2020 signed by Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda on Sept. 8 created the PRRT to serve as the economic cluster within the existing local Covid-19 task force as "urged" by the Department of the Interior and Local Government "for the LGUs to start planning and budgeting for local recovery and rehabilitation now, even if the Covid-19 pandemic is

not yet over..."

Named members of the PRRT are the chairpersons of the sangguniang panlalawigan committees on health, appropriation, trade, infrastructure, education, agriculture and aquaculture.

Also designated members are the chiefs of the provincial offices on health, investment and promotion, public employment service, social welfare and development, tourism, agriculture, veterinary, engineering, manpower and training, disaster risk reduction and management, and the local finance committee.

The provincial planning and development office serves as the PRRT secretariat.

In a social media post

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**GMA ON TAP.** Vice Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda at the initial consultation meeting of her recovery and rehabilitation team with former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



# PH surpasses 3 million Covid-19 tests

THE PHILIPPINES has conducted more than three million COVID-19 tests as of mid-September, as the government continues to implement an aggressive testing program to detect COVID-19 cases.

In a recent webinar with investors, National Action Plan Against COVID-19 Deputy Chief Implementer Secretary Vince Dizon also reported that testing per day has drastically increased to almost 42,000 per day, from just over 500 tests conducted per day in March.

Dizon said the government's continuous aggressive testing program is part of the National Action Plan Phase II anchored on the "Prevent, Detect, Isolate, Treat, and Reintegrate" (PDITR) strategy.

He also credited the Task Force Test, Trace, and Treat coalition with the private sector in the ramp-up of COVID-19 laboratories nationwide. The country

now has a total of 125 accredited labs nationwide from only one in February.

"This is really a prime example of what we can achieve together if the national government, the local governments, and the private sector work on one unified purpose."

According to the testing czar, balancing the risk of infection and the need to reboot the economy posed a serious challenge to the country's ongoing pandemic response. He pointed out that the best option is to reopen the economy safely, as he called for the public's continued cooperation by following health protocols.

"We cannot argue the fact that we need to open up the economy now, as safely as possible. That, I think, should be our objective. How do we do this? The experts have said that if we are able to have the

capacity to test, isolate, and treat, and we make the general population follow the minimum health standards such as wearing of face mask and face shield, proper hand hygiene, and physical distancing, then we can open up the economy. And this is what we're seeing in other countries."

Dizon said that the government is looking into more innovations to test more Filipinos and speed up the turnaround time on the release of test results. These include antigen tests and pooled testing.

He added that under the PDITR strategy, COVID patients are quickly isolated from their communities to lessen the transmission of the virus, especially in densely populated cities. Dizon cited the experience of Navotas City which has successfully brought down its positivity rate last August, after reporting a record-high number of new COVID cases in July. **—PR**

## Benepisyaryo ng 4Ps, SAP timbog sa tong-its

CABANGAN, Zambales -- Inaresto ng mga tauhan ng Cabangan PNP ang tatlo katao, dalawa dito ay senior citizen, na benepisyaryo ng Social Amelioration Program ng Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Kinilala ng pulisya ang mga arestado na sina Harderico Doctor, 66, Rizalina Labrador, 48, Vicky Vargas, 60, pawang mga residente ng Barangay Tondo, Cabangan, at mga tumanggap ng ayuda mula sa SAP, kundi man miyembro sa 4Ps.

Sa ulat ng pulisya, isang tawag ang kanil-

ang natanggap mula sa isang concerned citizen na may nagsusugal sa nasabing lugar kung kaya dali nila itong pinuntahan at huli ang mga suspek na naglalaro ng tong-its.

Nakumpiska sa lugar ng sugalan ang ibatibang gambling paraphernalia, mono block chair, mesa at mga perang ginamit sa pantaya.

Ang mga suspek ay nasa custody ng Cabangan Municipal Police Station at nahaharap sa kasong paglabag sa PD 1602 (illegal gambling).

**— Johnny Reblando**



## Balik-trabaho na sa Masinloc power plant

NI JOHNNY R. REBLANDO

MASINLOC, Zambales ---Balik-trabaho na ang mahigit 200 manggagawa ng coal fired power plant sa Barangay Bani sa bayang ito.

Ito ang kinumpirma sa isang radio interview ni Mayor Arsenia Lim, pagkatapos na gumaling mula sa coronavirus disease na naging dahilan para pansamantalang itigil ang trabaho kasabay ng maintenance shutdown ng planta.

Matatandaan na may mahigit sa limang buwan mula nang sumailalim sa enhanced community quarantine ang Zambales, nag-iisang bayan ang Masinloc sa 13 bayan ng Zambales ang walang naitalang kaso ng Covid-19.

Nagsimula na magkaroon ng kaso ng Covid sa bayan nitong August 2020 nang unang nagpositibo sa sakit ang isang manggagawa na mula sa siyudad ng Muntinlupa hanggang sa dumami at nagkaha-

wan na at umakyat sa bilang na 232 cases sa buong bayan.

Ayon pa kay Lim, 14 na lang ang aktibong kaso ng Covid-19 sa Masinloc na pawang naka-isolate sa President Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Hospital sa bayan ng Iba, at hinihintay na lang ang resulta ng confirmatory RT-PCR test pagkatapos ng dalawang linggong quarantine.

Binawi na rin ng local government ang deklarasyon ng total lockdown sa planta sa Barangay Bani at Sitio Relocation, Barangay Taltal sa nasabing bayan, subalit patuloy pa rin naka-monitor ang mga health worker sa lugar.

Dugtong parin ni Mayor Lim na panatiliing sundin ang mga protocol gaya ng paghugas ng kamay, pagsuot ng face mask, face shield at ang pinaiiral na social distancing.

Payo ng alkalde sa kanyang mga kababayan na kapag nakaramdam ng hindi maganda ay kaagad na mag-report kaagad sa rural health unit para mabigyan ng agarang lunas.

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DAISY TRINIDAD BOCOG NORRDELL** who died intestate on August 22, 2019 in St. Luke's Medical Center, Quezon City, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as follows:

**BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**  
Angeles Friendship Branch  
Savings Account No. 002293-0232-66

**CHINABANK**  
Angeles City Branch  
Savings Account No. 2711-0779-19

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Savings Account No. 2710-4265-16

**BPI-Philam Life Insurance**  
Angeles Balibago Branch  
Policy No. 7005-3109-90

**2017 Mazda SUV, Series CX-3 2.0 AWD**  
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Plate No. CAA 5564

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 155354**  
A parcel of land (Lot 11, Block 3 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-64180, being a portion of Lot 741, Angeles Cadastre, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Santol, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon. x x x

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 115550**  
A parcel of land (Lot 10, Block 3 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-64180, being a portion of Lot 714, Angeles Cadastre, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Santol, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon. x x x

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-201512221**  
A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-64180, being a portion of Lot 714, Angeles Cadastre, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Santol, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon. x x x

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2013003369**  
A parcel of land (Lot 12-B of the subdivision plan Psd-03-182215, being a portion of Lot 12, Block 1, (LRC) Psd-64180 L.R.C. Rec. No. ) situated in the Barrio of Anunas, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon. x x x

before Notary Public Melvin C. Malaban as per Doc No. 307, Page No. 63, Book No. 36, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020

### ERRATUM

In the Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale of the Regional Trial Court, Third Judicial Region, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Office Sheriff re: E.J.F. No. 29-18, Home Development Mutual Fund vs. Venus M. Beraquit married to Tito M. Beraquit in our August 3, 10 & 17, 2020 issues, the amount **SIX HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HINDRED NINETY THREE PESOS and 41/100 (645,793.41)** should be **SIX HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HINDRED NINETY THREE PESOS and 78/100 (645,793.78)** and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that on August 6, 2020, the estate of the late **ANTONIO JUICO MUÑOZ SR.**, was extra-judicially settled thru "Extra-Judicial Settlement of the Estate of Antonio Juico Muñoz Sr. with Waiver" notarized before Notary Public Eugenia J. Muñoz of Makati City, per Doc No. 257, Page No. 53, Book No. I, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIO BESA MARQUEZ** who died intestate on June 30, 2006 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 6, Block 63, of the subdivision plan Psd-035401-050828, being a portion of Lot 122-E-1-A-2, Psd-035401-049894, L.R.C. Rec. ) situated in the Barrio of Pulung Maragul, City of Angeles and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 189071 in the Registry of Deeds for Angeles City, before Notary Public Bryant R. Canasa as per Doc No. 85, Page No. 18, Book No. I, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **WILLIAM PAUL WARD** who died intestate on August 25, 2020 in Medical City Clark, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as US Dollar Account No. 191-13100097-0 with Philippine Savings Bank, Angeles Balibago Branch, before Notary Public Archie Paul C. Muyrong as per Doc No. 301, Page No. 62, Book No. X, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020

### ERRATUM

In the Notice to the Public of the Civil Registrar Office of Mabalacat City, Pampanga in our August 31 and September 7, 2020 issues, the name **ANGELIQUE LOPEZ CORTEZ** should be **ANJELIQUE LOPEZ CORTEZ** and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RAMON DAYRIT GARCIA** who died intestate on October 22, 2008 in Magalang, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land located in Magalang, Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 454216-R, before Notary Public Aldin C. Ayson as per Doc No. 159, Page No. 46, Book No. XIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CLEOFE CONSUNJI HIZON** who died intestate on January 20, 2003 in San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate, more particularly described as 136 Shares of Stocks with Sunlife Financial with Stock Number 5282, before Notary Public Gener C. Endona as per Doc No. 196, Page No. 41, Book No. 58, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALEJANDRO C. QUITO** who died intestate on August 21, 1996 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 111 of the subd. plan Psd-03-041440, being a portion of Blk. 44, Psd-03-007878, LRC Rec. No. ) situated in the Bo. of Telabastagan, Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 391538-R in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Rodolfo S. Uyengco as per Doc No. 63, Page No. 74, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020



# JVR Foundation donates 5 tri-wheeler service vehicles to Pampanga

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga – The Jesus V. Del Rosario (JVR) Foundation, Inc., in partnership with the TriMotors Technology Corporation and K-Servico Trade, Inc., donated on Monday five units of Bajaj RE three-wheel motorcycles to the provincial government in support of the mobility needs of the province.

Governor Dennis “Delta” Pineda, together with Provincial Administrator Atty. Charlie Chua, personally received the said donation during the turnover ceremony held at the Capitol grounds here.

“Nagpapasalamat po ako sa JVR Foundation para sa tulong na kanilang ibinigay sa probinsiya. Napakalaking bagay po nito, lalo na para sa ating mga frontliner. Right now, mayroon tayong dalawang magkahiwalay na isolation facilities sa NCC, kaya magagamit natin itong mga tri-wheeler na ‘to sa paglilipat sa ating mga pasyente from building to building,” said Governor Delta.

Gina Bulanlagui, executive director of JVR Foundation, said that they are im-

pressed by the continuous and excessive efforts of the provincial government in containing the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

“They are very aggressive, they are very active in fighting and combating this COVID-19 pandemic, and this is only one of our ways to express our support to them,” she said.

To date, Bulanlagui said that their foundation has already rolled out around fifty units of Bajaj RE three-wheel motorcycles, which costs more or less P168,000.00 each, to various local government units (LGUs) and government agencies in the country.

Meanwhile, Atty. Chua also expressed his thanks to the foundation and all other private organizations for continuously assisting the provincial government, especially during these pressing times.

He also commended the hardwork of all the frontliners.

“Salamat sa serbisyo, patuloy lang tayong lumaban para ma-contain natin ang virus at ma-flatten na natin ang curve,” he said. – **Jasmine D. Jaso/Pampanga PIO**



**TURN-OVER.** Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda receives the ceremonial key from JVR Foundation executive director Gina Bulanlagui during the turn-over ceremony of five Bajaj RE three-wheel motorcycles to the provincial government held at the Capitol grounds on Monday. **PHOTO COURTESY OF JUN JASO/PAMPANGA PIO**



## ‘New Zealand of CL’ closed for 2 weeks

BY ARMAND M. GALANG

CUYAPO, Nueva Ecija - Two ecological sites, including the so-called New Zealand of Central Luzon in this north-westernmost municipality of the province that provided a breather for local tourists at the time of the pandemic will be closed for visitors for at least two months.

“Matapos po ang ilang linggong monitoring at pag aaral ng ating itinalaga na task force at technical working group sa pag aayos ng Colosboa Hills at Mt Bancal, atin

pong pinagpasyahan na pansamantalang ipasara muna at ipagbawal na gawing pasyalan ang nasabing lugar sa loob ng two months or until further notice,” Mayor Flor Paguio-Esteban announced in social media.

The temporary closure, she said, will start on Friday, Sept. 18.

Colosboa Hills has been tagged by tourists, particularly motor bikers and hikers, as New Zealand of Central Luzon because of its picturesque mountain trails and natural green hilly landscapes.

Adjacent to the hill is Mt. Bancal, also in Barangay Colosboa, that provides a fresh and safe venue for adventurers.

Folkloric accounts said a number of Filipino guerillas who fought the Japanese forces were killed in the place thus called “bancai” (corpse). But others said it was because of the mountains original shape that resembles a lying body.

In her announcement, Esteban said one of the considerations in temporarily closing Mt. Bancal and Colosboa Hills to tourists is keeping the town free from Covid-19.

“Masyado nang dumadami ang nagiging bisita na mula pa sa ibat ibang lugar na karamihan ay may mga pasaway

at di nago-observe ng basic health protocols against Covid,” she said.

They also want grasses, trees, and natural terrains recover from the damage caused by volumes of people and vehicles that come to those places amid rains.

The government, particularly village officials, shall also have to craft protocols and guidelines in coordination with private properties within their vicinities, she said.

“Bagamat kasiyahan po natin at ipinagamamala-ki na may bagong tuklas na pasyalan sa ating bayan, humihingi po ako ng pau-manhin sa pansamantalang pagsasara nito upang higit pa itong maiayos at ma-preserve ang likas nitong kagandahan at para na rin sa proteksyon ng ating mamamayan ngayong panahon ng Covid pandemya,” the mayor said.

## GMA Kapuso namahagi ng school supplies, anti-Covid kit

NI ERNIE ESCONDE

ABUCAY, Bataan -- Namahagi ang GMA Kapuso Foundation ng school supplies at anti-Covid-19 kit sa mga batang mag-aaral sa walong bayan ng Bataan.

May 2,800 na bata mula sa mga bayan ng Dinalupihan, Hermosa, Orani, Samal, Abucay, Pilar, Bagac, at Morong ang mabibiyayaan ng regalong handog ng foundation.

Nagpatuloy ngayong Miyerkules ang pamimigay sa Abucay matapos simulan ang pamamahagi noong Martes sa mga bayan ng Dinalupihan at Hermosa. Ipagpapatuloy sa Huwebes ang pamimigay ng mga gamit ng mga bata sa iba pang bayan.

Sa Abucay, ginanap ang pamamahagi sa Tomas Pinpin Memorial Elementary School.

Katulong ng Kapuso Foundation ang mga kasapi ng pulisya at sundalo sa ilalim ng Charlie Company ng 48th Infantry Battalion ng Philippine Army na nakadestino sa Bataan sa pangunguna nina 1st Lt. Oscarito Tobias at 2nd Lt. Mark Anthon Fragio.

Sinabi ni Melfa Tejada ng GMA Kapuso Foundation na bukod sa school bag at iba pang school supplies, tumanggap ang mga bata sa pamamagitan ng kanilang mga magulang ng hygiene kit laban sa coronavirus disease tulad ng sabon, face mask at alcohol.

“Nagpapasalamat po ako at malaking tulong sa amin lalo na ako, tatlo ang anak ko. Malaking halaga sa amin na nabigyan kami ng tulong. Maraming salamat po!”, sabi ni Jean Ramirez ng Abucay.



Tinanggap ng mga magulang ang ipinamahaging school supplies at anti-Covid kit ng GMA Kapuso Foundation.

**KUHA NI ERNIE ESCONDE**



# Editorial

## Epal-itics to the max

THE HONORABLE Eric Go Yap, party-list representative for ACT-CIS, was among the principal authors of the House bill that sought to expunge the martyred senator of the Republic, Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., from the name of the Philippines' premier international gateway.

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House Bill No. 7031

Introduced by Representatives PAOLO Z. DUTERTE, LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO and ERIC GO YAP

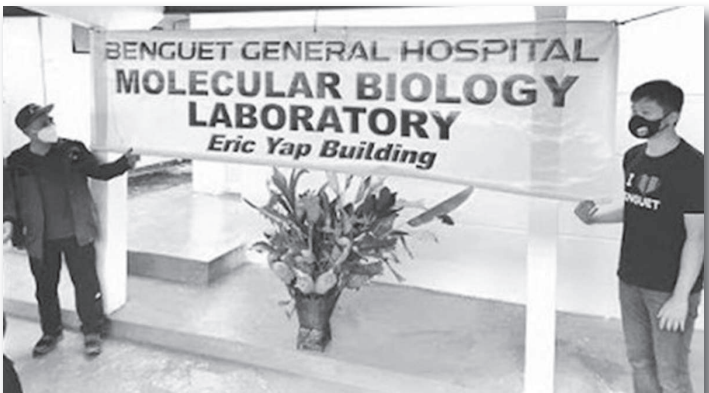
AN ACT RENAMING THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS THE PALIPARANG PANDAIGDIG NG PILIPINAS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The name of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, otherwise known as NAIA, is hereby changed to Paliparang Pandaigdig ng Pilipinas.

Incidentally, a petition before the Supreme Court toward the same end – of renaming the Ninoy Aquino International Airport – filed by the bobo-babbling Atty. Larry Gadon was junked for “lack of merit” only last week.

About the same time that came out in the internet a picture of the inauguration of the Benguet General Hospital's molecular biology laboratory at the prominently and proudly named “Eric Yap Building.”



Insofar as the guidelines of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Yap is wrong in both antics.

Naming Manila's international airport after Aquino fully subscribes to: “No public place should be named or renamed after a person within ten (10) years of his death except for highly exceptional reasons (e.g. his death was due to assassination in the service of the country, he/she gave exceptional service to the nation, death while trying to save others, death was a result of his patriotism, and death while in performance of one's duty).”

Not to mention Republic Act No. 6639: An Act Renaming the Manila International Airport as the Ninoy Aquino International Airport signed on Dec. 10, 1987.

On the other hand, the naming of a government building after Yap is a direct contravention of the NHCP guidelines, to wit:

“No local governments, institutions, places or buildings shall be named after a living person.”

“In the naming of public places after people, the use of the word ‘memorial’ should be deleted as it is already understood that the person being honoured is already deceased.”

No, we don't wish Yap to be instantly memorialized just to justify or legalize into existence the Eric Yap Building.

Yes, we wish Yap's bloated ego be cut to his diminutive size.

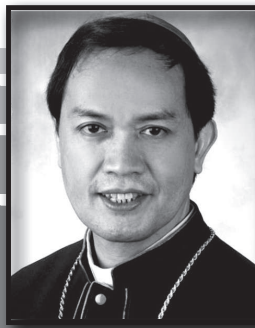
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Opinion

Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

## The Grieving Mother

I SHARED these thoughts a few months ago to our family when I celebrated Mass for my sister-in-law's first death anniversary. I realized that the thoughts that I had shared then are also very appropriate for today's Memorial of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows.

The image that we get of Mary in today's Gospel is that of a GRIEVING MOTHER, isang inang nagluluksa, which is how I propose to translate MATER DOLOROSA, the title by which we commemorate Mary today.

In Kapampangan we refer to the first death anniversary as “LUKAS PALDAS”. Literally, it means removing one's grieving clothes (Hubad Luksa). In Tagalog, they call it “BABANG LUKSA” (Putting down the grief, allowing grief to descend). I asked a friend of mine from Bulacan why they use BABA instead of HUBAD. He said, grieving for them is not just something you wear and easily remove like clothes. When you lose someone you really love, grief is like something that envelopes and permeates your whole being. It takes a lot more to put it down or let go of it.

This makes me understand why we Filipinos have a different way of celebrating Easter. The Easter eggs and bunnies of Europeans and Americans do not mean much to us. So, we have reinvented our Easter and enculturated it as something like our “Babang Luksa,” our Pinoy ritual of putting an end to the grieving process. We prefer to dramatize it through our traditional Salubong, the encounter between the Risen Jesus and the Sorrowful Mother, facilitated by the coming down of an angel. The angel's task is to remove the black veil that covers the face of Mary to allow her to share in the joy of her Risen Son.

Last Easter Vigil, because we were still under ECQ and were not yet allowed to hold public religious gatherings, I myself played the role of the angel that performed the ritual of removing the black veil of grief from the head of the Sorrowful Mother. When I did it, I imagined her to be our country or the whole world today, knowing how a veil of grief had descended upon us and covered or lives since the start of the pandemic crisis that had locked us all down in our homes.

Imagine how much more painful the grieving must have been for people who have lost their loved ones to the Covid-19 in the past few weeks? Imagine the thought of letting your loved one suffer and die alone in a hospital ICU? Imagine not being allowed to even kiss or touch them? Imagine saying goodbye to them through a cellular phone? Not being able to have a proper wake in order to mourn together as a family? Having to have your loved one cremated within 24 hours?

**Pope Francis**

I don't know why we often find ourselves apologizing when grief makes us break into tears. One of the scenes that we will never forget about that time when Pope Francis visited the Philippines took place at the parade grounds of UST. Remember that girl who broke

down before him after asking the question “why does God allow young people to suffer abuse?” The Pope himself cried and embraced the little girl. Later he said, “Sometimes God helps us to see more clearly with eyes washed by tears.” Victor Hugo said something to that effect too in his novel Les Miserables, he said, “Those who do not weep do not see.”

In the introduction to his sermon on the mount, Jesus says, “Blessed are those who grieve, they shall find consolation.” Imagine calling grief a blessing? But maybe that is the paradox of it. Only those who have loved can truly grieve. I don't know if I've ever mentioned to you that Italian writer, Carlo Rovelli in his book entitled, The Order of Time, who gives a positive meaning to grieving. He says, “It isn't absence that causes sorrow (or grieving). It is affection and love. Without affection, without love, such absences would cause us no pain. For this reason, even the pain caused by absence, is, in the end, something good and even beautiful, because it feeds on that which gives meaning to life.”

Only those who love can truly grieve. Only those capable of compassion can be stricken with sorrow for the pain of another person. My honest feeling is that what the Blessed Mother grieves about in our day and age is when people cannot even grieve anymore; when people just don't care. When they remain unaffected by the suffering of others.

When the Papal Nuncio visited us in the Diocese of Kalookan, he retold to us the story of our beloved patron saint, San Roque—who lived in the time when Europe was stricken by a deadly plague. At some point in his homily, he shifted to our own times and said, modern people are confronted by an even more serious kind of plague: the plague of indifference.

He alluded to the story of Cain and Abel, where, he said, it is the Lord who grieves. What affects God more deeply is Cain's incapacity to grieve about the terrible thing that he had done to his brother. God is grieved by Cain's answer to his question, WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER? When Cain replied and said, AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER? What he was actually saying was, WHAT DO I CARE?

Indeed, It is indifference that kills our hope—the very incapacity itself to grieve. And so, you see, why we celebrate the image of Mary as a grieving mother. Mary's grief is the sorrow of love that brings hope with it. Remember what Jesus says in John 16:20-22: “Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will turn into joy.”

(Homily for 15 September 2020, Tuesday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, John 19:25-27)

## TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

### Philippines-Mexico galleon trade ends

ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1815, the galleon trade between the Philippines and Mexico ended a few years before Mexico gained independence from Spain in 1821. The Spanish Crown took direct control of the country, and was governed directly from Madrid. The opening of the Suez Canal and the invention of steam ships, which reduced the travel time from Spain to the Philippines to 40 days, made this more manageable.

Galleon trade became the fundamental income-generating business for Spanish colonists living in the Philippine Islands with a total of 110 Manila galleons set sail in the 250 years of the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade (1565 to 1815).

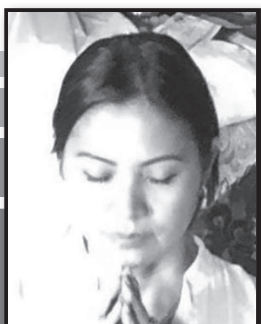
The Manila galleons or Manila-Acapulco galleons sailed the Pacific for nearly three centuries, bringing to Spain their cargoes of luxury goods, economic benefits and cultural exchange.

Positive results of the galleon trade were the intercultural exchanges between the Philippines and the Americans, symbolized by no less than the Mexican-made Virgin of Antipolo, chosen as the patroness of the sailors, who protected them from the untold perils across the Pacific.

The mango de Manila, tamarind and rice, the carabao (known by 1737 in Mexico), cockfighting, Chinese tea and textiles, fireworks display, tuba (coconut wine) making came to Mexico through the trans-Pacific trade.

In exchange, the return voyage brought innumerable and valuable flora and fauna into the Philippines: avocado, guava, papaya, pineapple, horses and cattle.





## Holistic Living

Riza Shanti Lim

# Niyama: How do you behave when you are the only witness?

MOST PEOPLE think that yoga is all about asanas (body poses), which discourages many from joining join for all they see are challenging yoga poses of women in revealing outfit, fit for the beach. Whatever happened to the beautiful and flowing traditional yoga clothes? Seeing yoga being advertised falsely and westernized, treated more as a business and for ego-based intention, rather than a School of Life, to live in a spiritual way, is disheartening.

Allow me to impart my humble knowing and understanding on the meaning of the system in depth, to guide and encourage aspiring students to learn the very purpose of the practice, as well as to give light to the curious.

In my previous article I discussed the first of the eight limbs (paths) of yoga, which is Yama. Let us take a look at the second limb, Niyama.

Niyama, governs the rules of personal behavior and conscious choices. How do you live when no one is looking? How do you behave when you are the only witness? What are your real intentions?

This second step of Yoga is much needed in our present critical situation to prevent the further spread of the coronavirus, by applying awareness in all our actions – a self-responsibility, so we can regain our strength the soonest and build back what we have lost.

**Niyama, has five sub-limbs: shaucha, santosha, tapas, svadhyaya and ishwara pranidhana.**

**Shaucha** or purity, cleanliness. It relates to the cleansing of the outer body through a regular bathing and maintaining good hygiene, the purification of the inner body through consistent exercise, asanas (body postures), pranayama (breathing techniques) and kriyas (detoxification of internal organs). Purity in thoughts, speech, action, surroundings, intentions, nutrition, is part of shaucha.

**Santosha** or contentment. It is the absence of addiction to power, control and approval. Through this practice, the mental turbulence that disturbs your contentment vanishes. Keeping the mind focused on happiness, that no matter what circumstances you are in and what is happening around you, your state of calmness remains the same and your peace becomes independent from any given situation.

**Tapas** translated as austerity. It refers to the discipline of the external and internal body. People often associate discipline with deprivation. You may want to ask yourself your goals in life and start mapping the steps to attain it. These steps are what we are referring to as

discipline. They are well-thought-of actions, the vehicle to transport you to your dream destination.

The Sanskrit word tapas also mean “heat or internal fire.” It evokes fiery passion, to burn away impurities in the body, choosing a healthy balanced diet, developing regulated food intake.

To follow nature’s rhythm, like rising early when the sun rises in the morning and retiring as soon as the moon takes over, radiates peace in the mind and tranquility in the heart. With tapas involved, a yogi’s life is certain to shine brightly, she becomes a beacon of light that brightens up the dark.

**Svadhyaya** refers to the dedication of study of Vedic spiritual literatures and prayers. The Gayatri mantra is the base of all Vedic verses, which has two categories, Vedic and Tantra. Mantras are words recited repeatedly to give siddhi (power), to those who chant them. A union with your desired deity or God.

**Svadhyaya** illuminates the difference between knowledge and knowingness. It teaches you, not to confuse information with wisdom. Performing holy actions and maintaining holy thoughts, to create selflessness, is svadhyaya. When svadhyaya lives in your awareness, dependence on superficial and outer accomplishments deceased and joy arises from within.

**Ishvara Pranidhana** means faith or to surrender to God. It is an action of completely surrendering to the unknown, believing in the wisdom of the higher self. Furthermore, it is a dedication to fulfill your sacred duties, trusting the process even in uncertainty, to mirror the God-like perfection to attain samadhi (enlightenment/bliss) and to be One with the Supreme Being, the essence of all existence.

As you embrace Niyama and your practice becomes a natural expression in your daily living, expect to receive a pure contented sense of well-being, a glowing body of health, a euphoric divine connection with your spirit and an eternal life filled with rhapsodies of ecstasy. OM Samadhi.



## Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

# Husay sa serbisyong pambayan, paligsahan?

KUNG ang gitarista at ang mang-aawit di magkademado ang tugtog at birit, anong maasahan nating maririnig kundi ng musikang sa taynga masakit?

Ganyan ang katulad ng ngayo’y tambalan ng Mayor at V.M. sa pamahalaang bayan na karatig sa parteng Silangan nitong San Luis at Minalin sa Kanluran.

Na sapol maupo bilang Ama’t Ina sa iisang bubong, sila ay hindi na nakitaan ng kanilang kapamilya, ng may ngiti yan sa labi kung magkita?

Kakampi ni Inay, masunuring anak at si Itay, itong sa Ina, salungat; kung kaya marahil ay napakabigat na dalain ‘yan sa iba pang kaanak.

May bagong gusali nang pinasimulan ang konstruksyon, pero nahintong tuluyan nang itong isa ay mas minabuti niyang ang dating gusali na lang ang dugtungan.

Dulot nito imbes yata makatipid, sanhi ng pagkuha sa bangko ng ‘five-six’ ni Mayor ng di lang tres syentos milyones, natural lamang na may mamuhong init.

Lalo pa’t para bang hinarang siyang kusa ni Sir sa dapat ay itinuloy na nga na ‘one stop shop’ ni Mam, naisantabing bigla, ‘in a much better place’ na ligtas sa baha.

Na pinahinto nga ni mayor at siya itong sa ‘McArthur Hiway’ nagpropasa na dugtungan na lang ang dating gawa na, gayong bahain d’yan at ito’y batid niya.

At kung kailan pa r’yan kasagsagan nitong pandemya, saka n’yan isinabay itong pagpapagawa r’yan ng kwenta ‘extension’ ng ‘has just recently renovated town’s hall’.

Di paligsahan ng magkabilang kampo o pagpapakita nila r’yan kung sino ang higit mahusay humawak sa setro at korona kumbaga sa isang Reyno?

At kung alin ang mas makapagbibigay ng serbisyong tapat at handang pumasan sa lahat na nga ng problemang pambayan ang siyang sa susunod marapat ihalal?

Mas makabubuting magpartner pa muna si Mayor at V.M. at mga kasangga para sa ikabubuti ng lahat na, hanggang sa ‘next poll’ kung gugustuhin nila.

Kaysa ngayon pa lang ay magbabatuhan na sila ng mga di magandang bagay, na di ikarantal sa harap ng bayan kundi ng puna at grabeng kapintasan.

At imbes sila ay hangaan ng madla sa pagiging honorable at dakila, ang posibleng kamtin n’yan ay upasala, kapag nagpatangay sa maling akala!

Sa puntong ito ay di tinuturuan sila ni ‘yours truly’ kundi ‘reminder’ lang, na ang epektibong serbisyong pambayan, sa totoo lang ay parang paligsahan!

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The living quarters and canteen for the workers. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS**

# Execs: No maltreatment of workers...

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laws, especially giving salaries below the minimum wage, were just among the numerous complaints that the workers raised against RSC management.

The workers plight went viral in the internet after broadcast journalist Erwin Tulfo featured them in his program where he organized a rescue operation led by the Department of Labor and Employment regional office and the local police.

In Tulfo’s program, the workers also alleged maltreatment such as making them “target practice,” and forced to sniff shabu (methamphetamine) to keep them awake to last them longer hours for work.

But all their allegations were categorically denied by the RSC officers during the press conference.

### Police certification

A certification from the San Simon PNP stated that the municipal health office has provided assistance during the conduct of mandatory and unannounced drug-testing for employees of RSC proving that no illegal drugs are permitted in the RSC compound.

The RSC compound

is also certified Covid-19-free which explains the strict security procedures being implemented because of the pandemic. Only 15 workers at a time are allowed out during their days off owing to the pandemic, said Salazar.

Meanwhile, a YouTube video of the Erwin Tulfo program “Tutok Tulfo” showed some of the reported more than 100 workers coming out of the gate of the RSC compound after one of the staff of Tulfo called the workers on their cellphones and asked them if they still needed to be rescued to which they replied, “yes.”

A few hours earlier, the DOLE led by regional director Zenaida Angara-Campita entered the RSC compound with the police but came out without the workers prompting Tulfo’s staff, who remained outside the compound, to call the workers.

Upon hearing the workers’ distressed call over the phone, the DOLE and the police went back inside the compound and were later shown in the video coming out of the gate with the alleged detained workers.

But during Tuesday’s press conference, Arellano noted that some of the workers who were

allegedly detained came out fresh from taking a shower and wore clean clothes.

“Malilinis po ang kanilang damit at kumpleto ang kanilang gamit mayroon pong representative ng DOLE na sumaksi,” she said.

“Hindi namin alam na mayroon silang plano at sabay-sabay na aalis. Sa katunayan, kinabukasan may natanggap kaming text messages at tawag humihingi sa amin ng pasensya,” she narrated as she showed the text messages on her cellphone. “Gusto nila magbalik trabaho na.”

“Natakot lang daw po sila may nagsabi sa kanila na isasara ang kumpanya at huhuliin ang kanilang boss,” according to Arellano saying that only 42 of their 500 workers resigned. Salazar said all of the 42 workers are probationary meaning they were only hired last June and July.

### No guns

“Wala pong maltreatment,” she stressed. “Wala pong baril ang mga Chinese,” denying that they are being made target practice. She admitted that there are some 20 Chinese nationals working at RSC with complete documents and legitimate working permits.

RSC president Irwin Chua was not present during Tuesday’s press conference but distributed a printed statement saying he is a Filipino citizen with Filipino parents who grew up in Tondo, Manila.

Chua said RSC workers come from all over the country and some of the issues being raised do not concern race. But just like Filipinos, some workers also have some misunderstandings which are quickly resolved by management because they do not tolerate abuse and harassment.

### Harassment

Chua said based on his perspective, what is happening is harassment. He noted that many times they have been visited by DOLE, the Department of Trade and Industry, the police, Bureau of Fire Protection, and the municipal government with no issues raised.

It happened only now just because Tulfo was not allowed to enter the RSC compound.

Chua admitted that RSC is not perfect but assured the authorities that they are continually improving their system and procedures.

“Mahal ko po ang Pilipinas,” he concluded his statement.

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROGELIO GALANG** who died intestate on May 1, 2019 executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2, B-7 of the subd. plan, Psd-25092, being a portion of Lot 1 described on plan Pcs-2497, G.L.R.O., Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Pampang and San Nicolas, Mun. of Angeles, Prov. of Pampanga, before Notary Public Carlotra M. Dela Cruz-Manalo as per Doc No. 80, Page No. 17, Book No. XXV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARITA S. MACAPINLAC** who died intestate on December 25, 2019 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 51, Block 22, of the cons. subd. plan Pcs-03-13432, being a portion of Lot 188-A, Psd-03-034049, Lot 188-B-2, Psd-03-083528, Lot 188-C-3 (LRA), Psd-337083, LRC Rec. No. ) situated in the Brgy. Bundagul, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Ponciano V. Dela Cruz Jr. as per Doc No. 460, Page No. 82, Book No. XV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MATEO S. MALLARI** and **VIRGINIA M. MALLARI** who died intestate on December 9, 1990 and May 20, 2004, respectively, both in Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2 of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-028132, being a portion of Lot 580-H-8, (LRC) Psd-289126, L.R.C. Rec. No. ) situated in the Barrio of Mabiga, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Zenaida O. Balmas as per Doc No. 1064, Page No. 912, Book No. III, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of Sps. **HONORIO T. MACAPAGAL** and **MILAGROS M. MACAPAGAL** who died intestate on November 8, 2006 and April 20, 2016, respectively, both in San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

#### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 318805-R

Lot 6-A of the subd. plan Psd-03-007598, being a portion of Lot 6, Blk. 12 (LRC) Pcs-2913, LRC Rec. No. , situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga;

#### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 318804-R

Lot 5, Blk. 12 of the cons-subd. plan (LRC) Pcs-2913, being a portion of the cons-lot 16, Blk. 2, Psd-24493, sht. 1 and Lot 5037, San Fdo. Cad., LRC Rec. No. 145, situated in the Bo. of San Jose, Mun. of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga;

#### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 84687-R

Lot 7, Blk. 12 of the cons-subd. plan (LRC) Pcs-2913, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 16, Blk. 2, Psd-24493 (Sheet 1) and Lot 5037, San Fdo. Cadastre, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 145, situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga;

#### Transfer Certificate of Title No. 310268-R

Lot 1 of the cons-subd. plan Pcs-03-002209, being a portion of the cons. Lots 7325, Lubao Cad. and Lot 1, (Psu-42644), LRC Rec. No. , situated in the Bo. of Sta. Maria, Mun. of Lubao, Prov. of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Elmo H. Ocampo as per Doc No. 162, Page No. 34, Book No. 135, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 31, September 7 & 14, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **LILIA S. GUARIN** and **LEOPOLDO E. GUARIN SR.** who died intestate on May 2, 2001 and May 14, 1995, respectively, both in Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 23 of the subdivision plan Psd-57299, being a portion of Lot 1-C-11-F of plan (LRC) Psd-19960m L.R.C. Record No.) situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 73980 in the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga, before Notary Public Rowena S. Cunanan-Mundo as per Doc No. 223, Page No. 46, Book No. 2, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LUZ FAUSTO** who died intestate on November 3, 1974; **LORETO FAUSTO** who died intestate on February 5, 1985; **QUEROBINA FAUSTO** who died intestate on November 9, 1985; and **JOSE FAUSTO** who died intestate on March 4, 1989, all in Sta. Ana, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale of a Portion on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Plan Psu-86885) situated in the Barrio of San Juan, Municipality of Sta. Ana, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 95932-R, before Notary Public Ponciano C. Lobo as per Doc No. 03, Page No. 02, Book No. 46, Series of 1989.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VICTORIA SALAZAR** who died intestate on November 4, 2008 in Sta. Ana, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on her estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 25, Psd-03-016825 (OLT) Amd., being a portion of Lot 90, Psd-03-016825 (OLT) situated in Brgy. Sta. Lucia, Municipality of Sta. Ana, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 14734, before Notary Public Amado L. Santos as per Doc No. 06, Page No. 03, Book No. 238, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ENRICO DE LA CRUZ** who died intestate on August 1, 1996; **HEINDELBERTO DE LA CRUZ** who died intestate on February 10, 1999; **UBALDO DE LA CRUZ** who died intestate on August 3, 1994; **ADELAIDA DE LA CRUZ OLALIA** who died intestate on January 20, 1992; and **EMILIANO DE LA CRUZ** who died intestate on August 26, 2010 executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 472-B-2 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-151962 being a portion of Lot 472-B, Psd-0354909-062352, L.R.C. Rec. No. ) situated in the Barrio of Poblacion, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 139762 in the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Gener C. Endona as per Doc No. 336, Page No. 69, Book No. 59, Series of 2019.

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# Nanay heads Covid-19 recovery...

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on Monday, Governor Pineda said the PRRT has already started consultation meetings with former President and

House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Rep. Juan Miguel “Mikey” Arroyo.

The governor also said that a survey has been salted for the busi-

ness sector through the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their inputs in the formulation of the province’s recovery plan, strategies and programs.

“Sabay po nating ginagawa ang pagkontrol sa Covid-19 habang habang dahan-dahan nating ibinabangon ang ating ekonomiya,” said Pineda.





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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION (2<sup>ND</sup> VIRTUAL SESSION VIA WEBEX) OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA HELD ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2020

PRESENT:

Hon. JAIME T. LAZATIN .....	Presiding Officer
Hon. BENEDICT JASPER SIMON R. LAGMAN .....	Member
Hon. HARVEY A. QUIWA .....	Member
Hon. RENATO G. AGUSTIN.....	Member
Hon. CELESTINO S. DIZON .....	Member
Hon. ARIEL C. CARREON .....	Member
Hon. CRISTINA D. LAGMAN .....	Member
Hon. RALPH DANIEL M. HENSON .....	Member
Hon. NELSON G. LINGAT .....	Member
Hon. RAUL F. MACALINO .....	Member
Hon. REDENTOR S. HALILI .....	Member
Hon. VILMA B. CALUAG .....	LnB Pres. (Ex-Officio Member)
Hon. GUSTAV JOHN S. HENSON .....	SK Fed. Pres. (Ex-Officio Member)

ABSENT:

NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-016  
Sponsor/Author: Hon. Celestino S. Dizon

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING MORATORIUM ON AMUSEMENT TAX FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020 IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared, by virtue Proclamation No. 922, a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines to prevent rapid containment and prevention of the Corona Virus (COVID-19), in view of the pandemic and or international concern which threatens national security and in order to mobilize governmental and non-governmental agencies to respond to the threat;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID 19 pandemic has gravely affected the business community, the entertainment industry included, due to community quarantine measures implemented by the national government in response to COVID 19;

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Fernando, Pampanga has to adopt strategies to help the business sector cope and stabilize the economy under the “new normal” environment by easing stringent requirements and adopting measures granting reliefs as may be allowed by law;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 192 of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, “Local government units may, through Ordinances duly approved, grant tax exemptions, incentives or reliefs under such terms and conditions as they may deem necessary”;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 455, Chapter 3 of RA 7160, par. b (1), the City Mayor as the Chief Executive of the City Government shall exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions xxx for efficient, effective, economical governance the purpose of which is the general welfare of the its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code; the City Mayor shall exercise general supervision and control over all programs, projects, services and activities of the city government;

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable City Mayor Edwin D. Santiago has communicated a letter-request for the enactment of an Ordinance declaring Moratorium on Amusement Tax in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga for the month of August 2020 to December 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod deemed fit to assist the business sector, including those in the amusement business, in this time of COVID 19 pandemic, by declaring a Moratorium on Amusement Tax for the month of August 2020 to December 2020 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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*I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance adopted by the 6<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga during its 57<sup>th</sup> Regular Session (2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Session via Webex) held on August 24, 2020.*

(SGD.) AVELINA M. LACANILAO-LAGMAN, DPA  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) JAIME T. LAZATIN, DPA  
City Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

(SGD.) EDWIN D. SANTIAGO  
City Mayor

September 2, 2020  
Date

# No anomalies in San Simon

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San Simon.

Santos also denied any anomaly in the town’s acquisition of several parcels of lands surrounding the town hall which, he said, “will eventually benefit the people.”

Santos even said their critics’ allegations that the parcels of land are not contiguous and are under “lis pendens” or have pending legal actions is not true.

He said there is even a bonus since the acquired lots will reach up to the end of the lot of the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP).

“Atin yang bonus, miras ya keng dulu ning NGCP,” he said, claiming that this will mean free additional parking space.

Suspect

Santos said he suspects that Vice Mayor Wong is reacting negatively to the land purchase because her brother’s PTT gas station will be set for demolition because it encroached on the road.

“Karening asali ng gabun ning munisipyo, malasak ya ing gas station ning kapatad na kasi ing dalan siklo re anya very soon masukad lareni at lunto la boundaries at mayakit ing meg encroach la,” he stressed.

When asked about the lands under lis pen-

dens, he said: “The titles are clean. Mantun la bustus but the titles are ok.”

He said the LGU bought them at around P3,00 per square meter.

He recalled that the lot fronting the town hall was being offered for sale then at P2 million which is a 1,000 square-meter lot. But he said then mayor Wong refused to buy it.

He said that now it is valued at P10 million by the one who bought it, a businessman from Sto. Tomas town he identified as a certain Adelon David.

“Sometime in the second half of last year, the office of the mayor offered to buy it at P6 million, but Mr. David rejected the offer and lately it was learned that 800 square meters was sold at P13 million to a former mayor of Capas,” he said.

That leaves a 200 square-meter lot which was reportedly bought by another buyer.

Santos said with the lot acquisition, they will now have a space for a training center, a multi-purpose gym, and other necessary offices.

Plans

He disclosed that the office of the mayor plans to entice the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in Macabebe town to relocate in San Simon

by offering them a portion of the land. This will be convenient for the RTC since it easily gets flooded in Macabebe while the location in San Simon is flood-free and is very accessible, he explained.

“The mayor has a lot of plans around the municipal hall,” he added.

Santos said there is now an ongoing construction, an expansion of the municipal hall to better serve and accommodate the people. The new building has a budget of P5 million from the Capitol and 4<sup>th</sup> District Rep. Rimpay Bondoc.

“Because the present municipal hall building is quite small, more space is needed to accommodate and better serve the people,” he noted.

Santos said with the plans of the office of the mayor and the progress now taking place in San Simon, big businesses are taking a second look at the town.

“The office of the mayor has received a lot of inquiries from big businesses like SM, Puregold, and Vista Land, just to name a few,” he disclosed.

Santos said the proximity of San Simon to Manila and its strategic location make it an ideal location for investment.

San Simon is a third-class municipality in the 4<sup>th</sup> district of Pampanga.

–Ashley Manabat

# Bulacan Gov naka-recover na...

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Matapos sumailalim sa dalawang linggong self-isolation ay nag-negatibo na daw siya sa Covid-19 batay sa resulta ng kanyang swab test.

Samantala, plano pa daw nila na magpatayo

ng mga karagdagang quarantine facilities sa lalawigan gaya ng planong itayong Provincial Mega Community Quarantine facility.

Aniya, malaking tulong ang pagkakaroon ng molecular laboratory dahil sa mabilis na resulta ng Covid-19 test sa loob lamang ng tatlong araw.

Nagbigay na din daw siya ng direktiba na hanggat maaari ay i-discourage ang home quar-

antine at hangga’t may mga bakanteng kama sa mga quarantine facilities ay ipagamit ito sa mga magpopositibong pasyente.

Batay naman sa pinakahuling ulat ng Bulacan Provincial Health Office ay umakyat na sa 3,518 ang bilang ng confirmed cases ng Covid-19 sa lalawigan.

Nasa 1,412 ang active cases, 2,020 na ang naka-recover, habang 86 naman ang namatay.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **BENIGNO D. GUINTO** and **ENCARNACION S. GUINTO** who died intestate on September 18, 2009 and October 28, 2016, respectively, in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as a housing allocation (Block 108 Lot 02, Bulaon Resettlement Project, City of San Fernando, Pampanga) from the Mt. Pinatubo Commission-Housing Urban Development Coordination Council (MPC-HUDCC), now National Housing Authority (NHA), before Notary Public John Manuel B. Bautista as per Doc No. 10, Page No. 2, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 14, 21 & 28, 2020

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Pampanga  
Municipality of San Luis  
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

Publication Notice  
R.A 10172/r.a. 9048

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CFN-07-2020

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. Series of 2012 (IRR on RA 10172) and Section 5 of R.A. 9048 a notice is hereby served to the public that **DENNIS D. TOLENTINO** has filed with this Office, a petition for the change of first name of child from “**JACINTO**” to “**DENNIS**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JACINTO DUNGCA TOLENTINO** born on July 3, 1973 at San Luis, Pampanga and whose parents are **Atanacio S. Tolentino** and **Adelaida S. Dungca**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than two weeks henceforth.

HELENIANA S. CARLOS  
Municipal Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: September 7 & 14, 2020

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD  
Regional Office No. III  
City of San Fernando, Pampanga  
Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service.  
R-EV-PJ-2019-I-89-02523  
HERMANDO G. DIZON /Applicant  
SECOND NOTICE OF HEARING  
Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ Service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the routes: ANGELES CITY – CITY OF SAN FERNANDO (Pampanga) via MCARTHUR HIGHWAY and vice versa with the use of one (1) units, which certificate is valid up to September 6, 2019. In the application filed on September 6, 2019. Applicant request to Extension of Validity of said Certificate with the use of the same number of unit authorized.  
NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this Board on at September 23, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at its Office at the above address.  
Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least FIVE (5) days before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in REGION III.  
Parties opposed to the granting of the Application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, copy of the same be furnished to the applicant, and may if they so desire appear on the said date and time.  
This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of the records of this case submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary evidence for the judicious resolution of the same.  
WITNESS the Honorable AHMED G. CUIZON, Regional Director this 19th day of August 2020 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.  
JE-JESUS D. SISON  
Hearing Officer  
PUNTO! Central Luzon: September 14, 2020





**'BIKE DAYS' IN CLARK.** Aside from being an ideal investment destination, Clark is also a preferred location for various sports-related activities including biking. Frequented by cycling enthusiasts due to its convenient and accessible bike lanes and routes, Clark is poised as a destination where people can enjoy open spaces whilst being walkable, bikeable, green, and resilient.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CDC-CD

# CDC launches 'Clark Bike Days'

CLARK FREEPORT – Bikers and cycling enthusiasts will now have a chance to rediscover the scenic routes in this Freeport as Clark Development Corporation (CDC) launches “Clark Bike Days.”

In a Facebook post by CDC-Tourism and Promotions Division (TPD), the state-owned firm shared that Saturdays and Sundays will be dedicated as ‘bike days’ in the Freeport to welcome bikers and cyclists who would like to traverse and experience pedaling to various sites here.

The Prince Balagtas Road, which is also one of the designated routes for ‘bike days’, will be closed to motor vehicles every Saturday and Sunday except for FA Korea CC players and employees.

The “Clark Bike Days” activity will have morning and afternoon schedules. The morning program will be from 5:00 AM to 10:00 AM while in the afternoon it will commence at 3:30 PM and will end at 6:00 PM.

To ensure the protection and well-being of bikers and cyclists during the activity, safety protocols, and guidelines were also put in place. These include the utilization of QR codes for contact trac-

ing purposes and other standard health measures such as wearing of face mask, maintaining a safe distance between bikers, and observing traffic rules among others.

Aside from its mission to encourage a healthy lifestyle and promote an alternative way of transportation, the provision of the ‘bike days’ program in the Freeport also aims to stimulate local tourism and recuperate from the far-reaching effect of the pandemic.

During a recent radio interview in Clark in Action, Melvin Fausto, coach of the Philippine Triathlon team shared that they are coordinating with CDC – TPD and Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) to make biking a part of the Tourism Recovery Plan in the Freeport.

“We met with CDC and also with BCDA, to make this a part of the Tourism Recovery Plan. So, we are going to make an event for this and of course, we’re practicing the protocols as well. We would like to show that biking is safe in Clark even during this time of pandemic,” Fausto said.

This Freeport has been one of the preferred routes for cyclists due to its safe, convenient, and accessible bike

paths and lanes established along the main thoroughfares of Clark. The provision of additional traffic signage and lights also assures a safe ride for bikers navigating the area. With these features, Clark continuously poised itself as a bikeable, walkable, green, and specifically resilient destination in the country.

Before the pandemic, the state-owned firm has approved the construction of bike lanes inside the Freeport following the increase in numbers of bike enthusiast here, including workers using the bicycle as their form of transportation.

It can be recalled that the regional office of the Department of Tourism (DOT), with several non-government organizations and CDC, also launched a ‘bike tour’ to promote Clark as a tourism destination featuring various historical sites and new tourist attractions here.

CDC has constructed the initial bike lanes along major roads here such as in M.A. Roxas Highway and Abad Santos Avenue. The bike path in Gil Puyat Avenue leading to Mabalacat Gate has also been set for completion.

—CDC CommDiv

# SBMA resumes P122.7-M perimeter fencing, road rehab projects

BY MALOU DUNGOG

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority has resumed the implementation of perimeter fencing and perimeter road rehabilitation projects designed to improve the security in this premier free port zone following the easing of Covid-19 restrictions in construction works.

SBMA chair and administrator Wilma T. Eisma said the projects were disrupted by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic last March, but “are now back in full force.”

Eisma said the P69.7-million perimeter fencing project will cover the entire stretch from the Kalaklan Gate up to the Kalayaan Gate of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, while the P53-million perimeter road rehabilitation project will run from the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Gate to the Kalayaan Gate.

“The two projects are complementary,” Eisma said. “The fencing project will improve the security at the Freeport perimeter, while the road rehabilitation project will improve management of access along the

perimeter areas.”

According to the SBMA Engineering Department, the seven-kilometer long perimeter fence project, which started on January 2 of this year, is now 53 percent completed.

It was previously scheduled to be finished by October 28 this year, but the delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has moved project completion to April 2021.

The project involves the installation of special load-bearing concrete blocks with the strength of 2,500 psi, SBMA project engineers said. It also includes clearing and excavation works, column and tie beam installation, block laying, and plastering works.

Meanwhile, the perimeter road rehabilitation project is now 11 percent completed.

Project engineers said it will address the deteriorating condition of the old perimeter road that separates the Subic Bay Freeport Zone from communities in the adjacent City of Olongapo, and improve drainage along the perimeter road as well.

Both the perimeter fence



Workers install load-bearing concrete blocks to maximize the integrity of the perimeter fence project at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone. PHOTO BY MALOU DUNGOG

and the perimeter road are remnants of the security network erected by the U.S. Navy around the fenced-in portion of the former military base.

The road rehabilitation project likewise started in January this year, and was previously slated to be finished last

August. The new completion date has been set for February 2021.

The project involves the concreting of an area measuring 6,614 square meters with Portland Cement Concrete Pavement, specifically used to yield a strong and durable,

yet cost effective and workable structure that can take heavy loads like trucks that usually utilized the perimeter road.

Aside from paving works, the project includes clearing and grubbing, levelling and compaction, and installation of forms.

# BOC-Clark opens Customer Care Center



CLARK FREEPORT – The Bureau of Customs-Port of Clark inaugurated its Customer Care Center over the weekend here.

BOC-Clark district collector Atty. Ruby Alameda said the CCC is established pursuant to the bureau’s directive to lessen face-to-face transactions in accordance with health protocols during the Covid pandemic, as well as in compliance with ease-of-doing-business policy of the BOC.

The CCC, she said, will serve as the port’s one-stop-shop that will assist stakeholders in receiving and releasing of documents, determining status of shipments, facilitation of payment transactions and other cus-

tom-related inquiries and transactions.

It will be comprised of Pass Control, Information, Document, Cashier areas, among others, she added.

The CCC team will be manned by customs service officers headed by Customs Operations Officer III Jennifer Gabriel.

Alameda said that with the CCC in operation, customs processes will be further streamlined and customer service improved.

“There will also be less opportunities for corruption and rightful revenues will be collected for the government,” she furthered.

—BOC-Clark PR