

# CDC to boost efforts for Clark's economic growth

CLARK FREEPORT— With its new president at the helm, Clark Development Corporation (CDC) will boost its efforts that underscore business recovery of its locators and redefine the Freeport's global competitiveness. This can be gleaned from the first meeting of newly-appointed CDC President and CEO Manuel R. Gaerlan with the CDC management and executive officers. During the said activity, Gaerlan outlined strategies for improving the investment climate in the Freeport. Gaerlan mentioned that by focusing on an

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# Biz leader seeks probe of PMVIC

After BMW-Z4 failed test



Romero

ANGELES CITY – A Pampanga business leader is seeking an investigation on the integrity of private motor vehicle inspections centers (PMVIC) after his vehicle failed the roadworthiness test.

Rene Romero, former president of the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (PamCham) and

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## Central hub, 6 vax centers eyed in Mabalacat

MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA – With P50-million funding earmarked from its coffers, Mabalacat City Mayor Crisostomo Garbo eyes COVID-19 immunization for the Mabalaqueños by establishing a central hub and six (6) vaccination centers.

The city mayor disclosed that the LGU will utilize its Rural Health Units (RHUs) for the city's immunization program when the vaccines become readily available for the people of the city.

During an assembly last January 12, Mayor Garbo and the rest of the member-mayors of the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) resolved to purchase vaccines from the British-Swedish drug-maker AstraZeneca due to its safety, higher efficacy, and low maintenance requirements.

The Mabalacat City Government is also looking at a tripartite agreement with AstraZeneca and the Department of Health (DOH) as part of the acquisition deal for the said vaccine shots.

"Mayroon na po tayong prosesong ginagawa at may inilabas na po akong Executive Order na

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Mayors Dante Torres of Guagua (left) and Diman Datu of Bacolor (right) with renowned sculptor Willy Layug and his wife Baby cut ceremonial ribbon opening the Betis Galleria along JASA in Bacolor.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY MANABAT

## Betis Galleria: Showcase of ecclesiastical art opens

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

BACOLOR, Pampanga – Mayors Dante Torres of Guagua and Diman Datu of Bacolor joined renowned ecclesiastical artist Willy Layug and his

wife Baby in cutting the ribbon during the opening of the Betis Galleria along Jiose Abad Santos Avenue in Barangay Sta. Barbara here on Tuesday.

Layug is a recipient of the Pres-

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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO-- Confidence among businesses and investors in Central Luzon was up in 2020 despite the Covid-19 pandemic.

A total of 66,734 business name (BN) registrations were recorded last year, reported the Department of Trade and Industry Region 3 Industry Development Division.

"Despite the restrictions brought about by the pandemic and the

community quarantine in the region, we have only seen around 11 percent decrease in business name registrations in 2020 compared to the previous year. Given these data,

we can say that Central Luzon continued on a

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# Clark locators buck DENR's water quality guidelines

CLARK FREEPORT – "It's both arbitrary and unnecessary."

This was how the Clark Investors and Locators Association (CILA) described the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Administrative Order No. 2016-08 on Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards (GES) as it expressed its objection and apprehensions against it.

Dr. Frankie Villanueva, former president of CILA and now chair of its foreign investment advo-

cacy, safe and technology, said it appears that DAO No. 2016-08 was a "midnight" directive by then outgoing DENR secretary Ramon Paje "bereft of any study or technical research."

Villanueva said the Clark Water Corp. (CWC) is set to implement the order with the establishment of a P1.5-billion waste water treatment facility on Friday, January 15.

Villanueva explained that this will mean a possible rate increase of

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# Digital solution for Covid-19 contact-tracing eyed in PHL

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—One of the key reasons that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) has caused a great concern is its long incubation period.

Most experts agree that for up to 14 days many affected patients have no obvious symptoms.

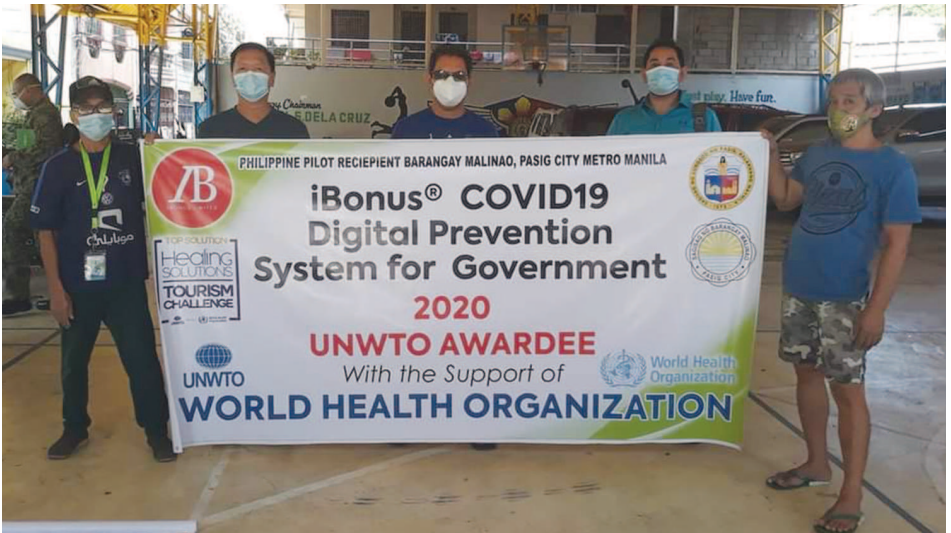
Since nobody knows where these people have been or who they have been in contact with in the incubation period, many people around them could potentially also be infected, leading to eruptions of infection in communities and large numbers of new cases.

The Philippines, as

of December 31, 2020, has logged 472,532 cases and 9,230 deaths, making it the second-worst-affected country in Southeast Asia.

Masks and gloves can help stop this but there is clearly a demand for other safeguards as well.

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# Villar: NLEX Connector to reach España this year

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and NLEX Corporation are accelerating the construction of the first five-kilometer section of NLEX Connector from Caloocan Interchange, C3 to España, Manila as they aim to complete the project by year-end.

DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar led the project inspection along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Caloocan City together with NLEX Corporation President and General Manager J. Luigi L. Bautista.

“Right-of-way delivery for the whole alignment stands at 81 percent, while construction progress is at 16 percent. With the commitment of both the public and private sectors, we are optimistic that we can finish the project as scheduled,” said DPWH Secretary Villar.

DPWH and NLEX officials also witnessed another milestone for the project, the launching of Super T girders — these are innovative, pre-stressed box girders that are widely used for bridges in Australia and New Zealand but relatively new in the Philippine construction industry.

The newly installed Super T beams span 30 meters and weigh 53 tons. Compared to other types of girders, Super T beams are more flexible, structurally efficient, and aesthet-

ically appealing. They have open flanges that provide a complete working surface and reduce the need for formworks thus help fast-track the construction of the elevated expressway.

“Innovation is one of the core values of our company. We are using Super T beams to advance our construction progress so we can soon complete this crucial infrastructure that would help decongest Metro Manila and solve truck ban woes,” NLEX Corporation President and GM Bautista said.

Over 1,400 girders will be used for the entire Connector project. The structural format of a Super T provides an optimal solution to particular challenges posed by the Connector project, which passes through urbanized areas where the roads are already congested, and the right-of-way is constrained laterally.

Last year, DPWH, NLEX, and Meralco facilitated the clearing of electric facilities in Sta. Cruz, Manila. More than 300 Meralco linemen simultaneously worked to clear a portion of the right-of-way. The said activity involved the installation and retirement of around 160 electric poles.

Spanning a total of eight kilometers, the full NLEX Con-



(L-R) NLEX Corp. president and general manager J. Luigi L. Bautista, DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar, and NLEX Corp. VP for Tollway Development and Engineering Nemesio G. Castillo. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

connector will be an all vehicle class elevated expressway that will traverse the C3 Road in Caloocan City pass through Abad Santos, Blumentritt, Dimasalang, España, Magsaysay Boulevard and eventually connect with the Metro Manila Skyway Stage 3 at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Sta. Mesa in Manila.

The P23-billion NLEX Connector will feature four toll plazas and interchanges in C3 and España. It is seen to provide better access to Manila Ports (North Harbor) and airports (NAIA and Clark), and expected to reduce travel time between NLEX and South Luzon Expressway from two hours to just 20 minutes.

The project will also provide trucks with 24/7 alternative route, enabling unhampered delivery of goods and stimulating economic development in Manila, Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, and surrounding areas. **—Press release**



## Tarlac hospital awarded special patent by DENR

TARLAC CITY – “After almost a century of serving the sick people of Tarlac, the Tarlac Provincial Hospital finally has its own title registered in its name.”

So enthused Gov. Susan Yap, expressing her gratitude for the prompt action of the national government to address land issues and concerns in the province.

The Department of

Environment and Natural Resources-Tarlac Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office awarded a special patent to the Tarlac Provincial Hospital covering more than nine hectares.

The special free patent is covered under Section 4 of Republic Act 10023 otherwise known as “An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Patents to Resi-

dential Lands.”

“We hope that this special patent will further empower our health-care workers in our battle against Covid-19,” DENR regional executive director Paquito Moreno Jr. said.

“The land title provides incentives for investments in land and therefore creates an impetus for sustainable economic devel-

opment,” he added.

Since 2011, the land distribution program of DENR has benefitted some 345,000 farmers and their families from the issuance of 63,381 land titles covering 19,504 hectares in Central Luzon.

The DENR is set to distribute another 1,725 residential free patents this year. **-- Carlo Lorenzo J. Datu/PIA-3**

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good trend despite the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic,” said DTI regional director Judith Angeles.

She disclosed that during the peak months of the community quarantine or during April

and May 2020, there were only 1,796 BN registered as compared to the 9,567 BN registrations in the same period in 2019.

“However, after May 2020, we again saw an upward trend in the number businesses. This is because busi-

ness registrations rebounded as businesses continued to operate and as the community restrictions gradually eased,” she added.

Among the provinces in the region, Bulacan registered the most number of business names with 16,127.

Pampanga followed with 14,549 BN registrations, Nueva Ecija—10,830, Tarlac—8,173, Zambales—8,081, Batangas—6,787, and Aurora—2,187.

These business registrations, according to DTI, are expected to add a total of P13.29 billion

in local investments and translates to more than 116,000 jobs for Central Luzon residents.

Meanwhile, Angeles urged entrepreneurs to register their businesses either through the electronic business name registration system (eBNRS) or through the dif-

ferent Negosyo Centers in the region.

DTI’s eBNRS can be accessed online through [www.bnrs.dti.gov.ph](http://www.bnrs.dti.gov.ph). Payment of BN registration can also be done online through GCash, Paymaya and Landbank. **—Marie Joy S. Carbungco/PIA-3**

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a known car enthusiast, cited alleged questionable testing procedures and overcharging by PMVIC in his call for a probe.

Also a member of several car clubs in the country, Romero said his driver brought his 2011 BMW Z4 sports car to the QWIK Motor Vehicle Inspection Center here last January 11 as part of its registration process with the Land Transportation Office.

Romero said his Z4 is “casa-maintained and

well-preserved” after logging some 7,000km. He added that while mounting a new set of tires, he also checked the Z4’s under chassis to make sure that it is in good condition.

After paying the P1,800 for the PMVIC testing fee, his driver was handed Number 85 for his turn at the facility at around 9 in the morning. He said it took three hours before the technicians started the roadworthiness inspection on the Z4.

Romero said he was surprised when his driver informed him that his

car failed the testing procedure.

Disappointed, he said he immediately took his car to the BMW dealership in the City of San Fernando to check on the brake system. But after a thorough inspection, the BMW mechanics did not find anything wrong. Romero said he kept a copy of the inspection result from the BMW dealership.

He was able to return to QWIK PMVIC on January 15 to repeat the inspection process, which cost him another P800. This time, he said, it was the man-

ager who drove the Z4 to the inspection bay. The vehicle got a passing mark.

Romero said he tried talking to the management of QWIK about the inconsistency in the testing process, but to no avail. When he started posting about his experience on social media, similar stories from other motorists started to pour in.

Romero clarified that he respects the government’s policy to rid the streets of unsafe vehicles by checking for roadworthiness. But he said an investigation

should be conducted on PMVIC since a number of motorists are also complaining.

“Kawawa naman ‘yun ibang motorista na isang kahig, isang tuka. Mawawala parang bula ang kanilang pera dahil lang sa palpak sa

sistema,” says Romero. “Nagdusa na nga sa haba ng pila sa testing center, tapos babagsak pa sa evaluation na hindi nila maipaliwanag kung bakit ganun ang nangyari. Dapat na maituwid natin ito.”

**—Ashley Manabat**

**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REMEDIOS YCO TUAZON** who died intestate on August 22, 2020 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate, more particularly described as Global Filipino Savings Deposit with Account No. 212108700016 with a balance of P192,326.38, more or less, drawn against PNB Dolores Branch, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and Kabayan Peso Savings with Account No. 00278225580 with a balance of P45,259.45, more or less, drawn against BDO San Fernando MacArthur Branch, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, before Notary Public Cyril Victor N. Bermudo as per Doc No. 6058, Page No. 53, Book No. LXIX, Series of 2020.

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# Pogi allots aircon units to 76 daycare centers

ANGELES CITY — Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr. has started to distribute one air-conditioning unit each to the city’s 76 daycare centers on January 18, 2021.

“Nitong Lunes, nag-simula na tayong mamigay ng mga aircon para sa 76 daycare centers ng siyudad,” Mayor Lazatin shared.

This, after the city government has allotted P12 million for the purchase of 76 air-conditioning units. Part of the fund will also be used in procuring television sets for the daycare centers.

Lazatin, assisted by City Social Welfare and Development Officer Edna Duaso and staff, and Gender and Development Officer Mina Cabiles and staff, already turned over four aircons to four daycare centers

in Barangay Malabanias.

According to Lazatin, this is also in line with the preparation of the city government once the face-to-face learning will be implemented, where the city has also allotted P5 million for the repair and renovation of daycare centers and classrooms.

For the past years, Duaso shared, there has been a spike in the enrollment of children ages 3 to 5, since Mayor Lazatin urged a no collection policy in the centers.

In fact, she said, there are 4,700 enrolled students in the city’s 76 daycare centers last school year. 68 out of 76 centers have already been accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development-Central Luzon, Duaso added.

Last March 2020,

the city government has also distributed 76 electric fan set to the city’s day care centers.

It can be recalled that Mayor Lazatin’s educational assistance amid the pandemic was recognized by the DepEd during the Region 3 Fiscal Year 2020 Virtual Local Stakeholders Convergence and Recognition.

Among his programs during the pandemic are the distribution of tablets, installation of access points for the free Wi-Fi of teachers and students in their online classes.

A total of P209 million was allotted for the purchase of 61,200 tablets to be used by 55,000 students from Grades 4 to 12; 3,000 teachers in 53 public schools; and 3,200 scholars of the City College of Angeles.

To date, 49,992 tablets have already been distributed to 48 public schools in the city.

Meanwhile, a total of 700 access points are also being installed city-

wide, 200 of which were paid by the city government for P20 million, while the other 500 are being installed for free.

“We are ensuring that securing the future

of the youth will not end because of the pandemic. Tuloy-tuloy pa rin po ang mga programang pang-edukasyon,” Mayor Lazatin reiterated.

—Angeles CIO



SMFI farmer graduates of Candaba, Pampanga. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## SMFI scholars graduates from farmers’ training

ADDRESSING the challenge of providing a healthy and sustainable food source for communities, SM Foundation Incorporated in partnership with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) continue to work together in training farmers from both urban and rural areas in the country to improve and evolve its sustainable agriculture program Kabalikatan sa Kabuhayan (KSK) Farmers’ Training.

KSK aims to provide hands-on and season-long training on high value crops for small-scale farmers for them to produce better quality and higher yielding fruits and vegetables, increase their food production and improve livelihood opportunities for their families. It also aims to help promote food security as well as provide an extra form of livelihood for the participants but targets the marginalized sector in the urban setting.

The project will also link ordinary farmers with large-scale farmers to create a knowledge sharing network on agribusinesses and will serve as a platform for showcasing and marketing farmers’ products to

attract potential markets.

With TESDA, St Isidore the Farmer Learning Center and SM Foundation partner in its KSK programs, conducted the training, the project was envisioned to help teach the participants the concept of smart farming using the limited spaces or backyards of their households. The end objective was to bring nutritious food to every table of its participants.

In Pampanga, SM Foundation farmers successfully finished their training course held in various areas of *Talete* king Panyulung Kapampangan Inc (TPKI) Nature Farm in Barangay Malpitik in the City of San Fernando, Barangay Calibutbut in Bacolor, Barangay Floridablanca, St Isidore The Farmer Learning Center in Sta Ana, Barangay Bitas in Arayat and Pansinao Candaba all in a short distance from SM City Pampanga. The 12-week program taught the participants how to utilize space for backyard farming by using recycled containers as planting pots which can easily be replicated in their own backyards.

Crops that were grown during the train-

ing included lowland and upland vegetables and fruits such as bitter melon, eggplant, green beans, lettuce, okra, radish, squash, sweet potato, tomato, watermelons and melons, to name a few.

A total of 175 individuals from Pampanga completed and graduated the training early this year and more are expected to finish as SM Foundation continues to conduct regular KSK trainings, effectively rolling out 17 trainings nationwide.

Aside from agriculture training conducted by TESDA and St Isidore The Farmer Learning Center, SM Foundation also partners with the Department of Social Welfare and Development which conducts values formation and entrepreneurship trainings for the farmer-participants, Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Tourism (DOT).

In a steady phase, SM Foundation continues to strengthen its initiatives to support its goal of enabling people to attain food security in the various communities it serves.

—Press release



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# SSA virtual alumni homecoming virtue-inspired

BY JOANN MANABAT

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — Continuing its tradition to celebrate as one despite the current circumstances brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, the St. Scholastica's Academy Alumni Association Inc. (SSA-AAI) will hold its virtual grand alumni homecoming via Facebook Live on February 6.

Now on its 96th year, the SSA's annual grand alumni homecoming is organized by SSA batch 1996 led by its president Cherry Simbulan-Nuguid together with Kaysi Diyco-Hizon, Kai Samson-Hizon, Teg Zaragoza, Tei Cano-Katigbak and Cecil Carreon of CDC events. The virtual event will be hosted by SSA batches 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, and 1966.

According to Nuguid, the grand alumni homecoming is the project of SSA-AAI San Fernando which is held annually every first Saturday of February.

"Despite the pandemic, the asso-

ciation along with the 2021 jubilarians, decided to proceed as customary, this time via a virtual celebration," said Nuguid.

Nuguid also noted that the virtual alumni homecoming will be a fundraising event which aims to help their alma mater cope with the effects of the pandemic.

"With a big chunk of its students unable to enroll this school year, the school has retained and sustained all its employees. Together, the Scholastics intend to prove that with faith, hope, and love, they will not only survive but thrive even in unfavorable circumstances," she added.


The SSA 96th grand alumni homecoming will begin at 9 a.m. with a thanksgiving Mass to be officiated by Fr. Deo Galang. The program proper will follow immediately with video presentations from all host batches.

For more details and updates, visit St. Scholastica's Academy San Fernando Alumni Association Inc. Facebook page.

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# To the Point

## Duque, Galvez pinged

"WHEN THE Senate hearings raised more questions than answers about Sinovac, our officials were both tongue-tied and stuttering, leaving us with a string of flip-flopping pronouncements."

So, Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson noted in his privilege speech on the controversial issue of Covid-19 vaccines on Monday.

"If they had been more forthright and honest in their responses in our first hearing, *hindi mafo-focus sa Sinovac*," Lacson continued in an ANC interview Tuesday.

The senator shot down insinuations of personal or political motivations on the part of some senators in the hearings: "What we are doing in the Senate is an exercise of our oversight function over the appropriations laws that we passed, particularly on the purchase of the vaccines."

And forthrightly: "There is no personal or political agenda involved in our inquiry as insinuated by Sec. Carlito Galvez Jr. earlier. Most of us who participated in the public hearings of the Committee of the Whole merely want to get straightforward and honest responses from the concerned authorities so we will be informed for our future reference in our legislative work."

Ruefully: "Instead, the resource persons were groping, inconsistent, flip-flopping and even evasive in their responses – hence our misgivings and apprehensiveness."

Lacson noted that it was only recently that Galvez declared an "indicative price" of P700 for the Sinovac vaccines: "If at the outset, during our first hearing last Jan. 11, he already declared we can get Sinovac vaccines for P700 thereabouts, then that's the end of the story."

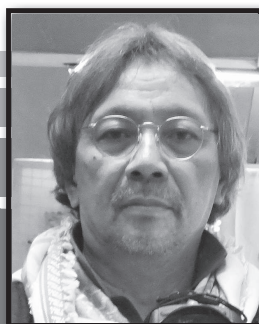
Emphatically: "So, the controversy is their own doing. It's not the Senate, it's not the senators. We're performing our job, oversight. We did it in the Bureau of Customs, PhilHealth, and Bureau of Corrections. *May nangyayari naman pag nag-iimbestiga kami* in aid of legislation."

### Unsurprised

"As I was observing our resource persons (including Galvez and Health Secretary Francisco Duque III), I didn't notice any glow in their eyes or at least an expression of pleasant surprise in their faces, which should have been the case for a normal person after hearing such a wonderful piece of information: 44 million doses (for free from COVAX)! My God, Philippines, my beloved Philippines – at P1,200 per dose as the estimated average cost made by the Department of Finance for purposes of transacting loan agreements with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, this would translate into P52.8 billion worth of free vaccines!"

Doing basic arithmetic, Lacson goes: "We would not be needing P70 billion to purchase vaccines because of the free doses. Our computations show the national government should need to vaccinate 36 million Filipinos. At P1,200 per vaccine on the average, it would need just P39 billion to P40 billion instead of P70 billion!"

Pinged, Duque and Galvez stuttered. The Covid vax issue unraveled.



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**Zona Libre**

Bong Z. Lacson

## Standing for UP

"THE COUNTRY'S premier state university has become a safe haven for enemies of the state."

Thus spake Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana of the University of the Philippines, thereby – in some senselessness – making imperative the unilateral termination of the 1989 DND-UP agreement requiring state forces to inform the state university before its personnel can enter campus grounds.

Signed between then UP president Jose Abueva and then Defense chief Fidel Ramos, the agreement also holds that military and police cannot enter any UP campus "except in cases of hot pursuit and similar occasions of emergency" or when assistance is requested by university officials.

An earlier agreement, the 1982 Soto-Enrile accord between then student leader Sonia Soto and then Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile, was signed to protect the autonomy of the university from military intervention, especially in protest rallies.

The "agreement" – Lorenzana presumably making the two as one and the same – he deemed merely a "gesture of courtesy" that is now "obsolete."

What Lorenzana takes as some outdated privilege bestowed by the state is the very core of academic freedom, among all other freedoms upheld as human rights in a democratic state.

"However, during the life of the agreement the University of the Philippines has become the breeding ground of intransigent individuals and groups whose extremist beliefs have inveigled students to join their ranks to fight against the government," he said in a statement, bereft of even but a shred of evidence to support his claim.

Lorenzana in effect there reducing UP students to herds of cattle easily led by the nose, even to slaughter.

Expectedly, outrage poured out of social media deluging Lorenzana.

"Kung meron tayong due process, sana sinabi muna kung ano ang resulta ng compliance sa halip na pumasok sa red-tagging na wala namang batayan si Lorenzana dun sa kaniyang desisyon to abrogate nga ito," said UP journalism professor Danilo Arao.

Furthering: "Ang mensahe natin sa publiko, ngayon UP 'yan baka sa susunod PUP (Polytechnic University of the Philippines) na at iba pang unibersidad na walang kasunduan. Mas lalakas ang loob ng military at pulis sa paghahasik ng kaharasan."

Seconded Froilan Cariaga, chairperson of the UP Diliman Student Council: "Ngayon sinusubukan itong lusawin ng administrasyon ay malinaw siya na atake laban sa karapatang sibil ng mga estudyante at ng buong komunidad ng unibersidad at malinaw siyang atake sa academic freedom ng UP at ng iba pang pamantasan."

UP alum and former student regent Sen. Francis Pangilinan, on Twitter: "Tinutulan natin

ang panghihimasok ng diktador noon. UP has always been and will always be a citadel of freedom and democracy. Pakiusap lang, please don't mess with UP" referencing the so-called "Diliman Commune" of some 50 years ago when students barricaded the UP campus for days in protest of the Marcos administration still in its pre-martial law stage.

A "blatant disregard for students' historic win against campus militarization," shared Youth Rep. Sarah Elago. "For education institutions to fulfill their significant role in upholding human rights and democracy, they must be protected from ruling regimes' undue pressures and dictates."

### Sonia's dare

For her part, Sonia Soto, principal party to the eponymous accord with Enrile had this to say: "Nalungkot ako at nababahala. Para sa akin, ang UP-DND Agreement noong 1989 na nakabatay sa Soto-Enrile Accord noong 1982 ay kapwa resulta ng democratic reforms movement ng kabataan-estudyante na hindi dapat ganoon kadalang makaisang-panig na ibasura ng pamahalaan. Ipinaglaban namin ito noon."

And dared: "Forty years ago, we made a stand. Today it is the turn of the young Isko/Iska to defend their institution."

Defend the institution. Uphold academic freedom.

Comes to mind here one of the greatest philosophical treatises in defense of the basic right of freedom of expression, John Milton's *Areopagitica*, thus:

"Though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the earth, so Truth be in the field, we do injuriously, by licensing and prohibiting, to misdoubt her strength. Let her and Falsehood grapple; who ever knew Truth put to the worse, in a free and open encounter?"

So Lorenzana urged the UP Community to "work together to protect our students from extremism and destructive armed struggle" even as he warned that the DND will "not tolerate those who will violate the laws of the land in the guise of lawful public dissent, free assembly and free speech."

An abject admission, unwittingly, there of the utter defeat of the regime Lorenzana represents in that free and open encounter that is the UP system.

Milton, once more: "For who knows not that truth is strong next to the almighty; she needs no policies, nor stratagems, nor licensings to make her victorious, those are the shifts and the defences that error uses against her power: give her but room, and do not bind her when she sleeps..."

Abrogating – unilaterally at that – the UP-DND agreement is that very shift, that deceitful scheme, that error, indeed, evil, uses against the power of Truth.

## TODAY IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

### A peace treaty is signed between the Governor-General and the Sultan of Sulu

ON JANUARY 18, 1737, a treaty of peace was signed between Governor-General Valdes Tamon and Alimud Din, the Sultan of Sulu, represented in Manila by Datu Mohamad Ismael and Datu Ja'far.

The treaty contained five articles: First, the preservation of permanent peace between the two states; second, the provision for alliance and mutual aid against any foreign foe; third, free trade between the two states; fourth, responsibility of each state

for all infractions of the peace and fifth, provision for the exchange of captives and return of all church images and ornaments.

A man of peace and a reformer, Alimud Din also revised the Sulu code of laws and its system of justice. He caused parts of the Qur'an and several texts on law and religion to be translated into the local language.

He was such a wise and enlightened ruler that he was said to have attained among

his subjects "an authority almost supreme." To him also was accorded the title of "Chief of Pandita" because of his erudite and precise explanations of the Qur'an.

Also he coined money, organized an army and tried to establish a navy. His name is foremost in the memory of the Sulus, partly because of his able administration and partly because of the fact that he was the ancestor of all the present principal Datus of the southern Philippines.



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## The Public Pulse

Jun Sula

### For once, the House of Elders shines

WHAT A world of difference the Senate, acting with vigilance, virtue and enough wit, has made by stepping up to the plate and rising to the occasion.

In the last few days, the Senate has squarely confronted a nation's existential issue. There were emerging problems in the government's incoherent and, at times, conflicting potpourri of policies and decisions on the anti-COVID vaccines. Which one can Filipinos avail of and use with confidence, when and at what price? It was a crux of life or death -- no ifs, no buts and no maybes.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque had further muddled up the tense public conversation when he practically badgered his countrymen -- that they couldn't be choosy about the vaccine. It was plain arrogance and utter disrespect anyway you look at it. And the vaccines' prices, particularly that of the Chinese brand, were kept under wraps, even if these could be found on the web. So much ado about the pretext of confidentiality, secrecy and intelligence.

The hearing gingerly walked on a tightrope with a preemptive warning shot across the Senate bow, aimed from a sniper's vantage position. No less than the President himself, who had sworn to abide by the Constitution and, therefore, duty-bound to put the public's interest first and above all, threatened his co-equal, if not his betters. That alone is proof, beyond an iota of doubt, that his sacred oath has not been observed with fidelity and sincerity as his term recedes.

The deep sense of alarm was widely palpable and shared -- in the street and in the session hall.

Did the senators have an urgent, compelling premonition? As if they anticipated a mob-like, maniacal-like assault on the institution. It was a possibility, conceivably not a remote one, with the President threatening to personally lead the potential incursion into the Senate if the elders pursued their earlier Plan A. They sagaciously sidestepped the nagging issue to look into the jabbing of Duterte's praetorian guards with characteristic prudence and political correctness. Better be safe and sour than be sorry.

The bluff was taken seriously. A Plan B was reasonable and rational, given the possible alternative. Hence, the 'little crisis' that Duterte dared an equal branch of government to trigger was safely avoided. And, in a virtual experience, Filipinos and other peoples of the virus-stricken world witnessed in their living room an unprecedented, despicable horror thousands of miles away. It might as well have been in the Philippine Senate, courtesy of their own leader, too. Thank heavens for small miracles.

In another time and place, Donald Trump's cultic egging of his loyal followers to storm the Washington Capitol has cast him among the certified deranged leaders of our time, regardless of ideology, or even the obvious lack

of it. There may be others lurking somewhere, waiting for their turn. Even in our neck of the woods.

The Senate hearing on the Administration's vaccination plan was not heroic only because it was the right thing to do, in the first place, by those who were elected by the people to protect them. Their elders were promptly being responsible citizens, first, and faithful public servants, second.

The proper office of a representative assembly, according to 18<sup>th</sup> century political philosopher John Stuart Mills, is to watch and control the government: to throw the light of publicity on its acts. The Senate hit a bull's eye with its two-day marathon hearing. Yes, the people will get the vaccine of their choice, according to the anti-COVID Cabinet. Yes, the Sinovac vaccine tag will not be as expensive as initially conveyed. The YESes, the official turnabout, were the mountain top. Sen. Ping Lacson was quick to claim the other day that their excruciating effort may have saved the Filipino taxpayers billions of pesos that could have gone ala 'pastillas'.

Mills has suggested another power of the assembly: if the men who compose the government abuse their trust, or fulfill it in a manner which conflicts with the deliberate sense of the nation, to expel them from office. Well, that maybe a moonshot for the Senate, just like government's jabbing plan is doubted by Senate Minority Floor leader Frank Drilon. Health Secretary Francisco Duque, long the object of derision by peers and superiors, is still very much around to nettle public confidence on the vaccine.

In a democratic setting, institutional power is still the best bet against any willful popular power with reckless tendency to upset tradition and status quo. This was amply validated in the recent attack on democracy in the U.S. by no less than its outgoing president who could not accept the reality of debacle at the ballot, leading to his inglorious exit from power. His farewell becoming a farce. It's an ongoing concern in the Philippines, and the Senate is leading the way in proving its worth as a respected and revered historical pillar in a republican state where choice is a sacrosanct right.

To be sure, the Senate had its own missteps and poor judgment. Some of its tentative and indecisive postures in the past under the present regime remain under lingering scrutiny, if not cynical suspicion. But its latest exceptional feat in the exercise of independent function as a bulwark of freedom and fairness takes on a redemptive quality. Looking forward, a seminal tipping point for the nation may have been sown in the democratic soil.

We can, still, hope.



## Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

### Panukalang 'coinless' ng Bangko Sentral, marapat tutulan

DI KO NINANAIS sabihing kawalan ng muni ng ating taga bangko sentral, itong panukala ng kung sino ryan na ang sirkulasyon ng barya palitan.

At ang ipagamit isang makabago  
O 'hi tech na uri yan ng instrumento,  
Na ala ATM ba ang pagproseso  
Ang pag-gamit n'yan kung may bibilhin tayo?

Gaya ng sa isang 'sari-sari store'  
Bumili tayo ng sinulid, karayom  
Ang tanong natin ay -- iyan sa paanong  
Paraan uusad sakali't ituloy?

Na kung may sukli ka, paano mo ito,  
Puedeng makuha sa mismong binil'han mo,  
Kung 'coinless' na nga ang umiral ng husto  
Pati ang pagbili lang ng kahit ano?

Mautusan pa ba itong mga bata  
Para bumili yan ng tinging mantika  
Sa isang karaniwan lang na tindahan nga,  
Ng halagang treynta pesos halimbawa?

Di 'coinless society' ang sa ganang atin  
Ang solusyon upang itong 'Covid-19  
Maiwasan, kundi sa subok na nating  
'Isolation' at/o sa 'social distancing'.

Ang pangamba nitong ating mga 'genius'  
Na 'heads of office' ng CBP, di pasok  
Sa hinala n'yan na umano itong 'coins'  
Ay napakabilis kapitan ng 'virus'.

Kung sa 'coins' tayo ay madaling mahawa,  
Sa 'virus' ng Covid, baka ibayo pa  
Ang taglay na 'danger' o peligrong dala  
Ng salapin papel nating hawak tuwina.

Pagkat ang papel ay madaling kapitan  
Ng anumang sakit kumpara sa metal,  
Kaya masasabi nating kabobohan  
Ang balak isulong nitong bangko sentral.

Ang daming solusyong higit na mabuti  
Kaysa isulong ang 'coinless' na nasabi,  
Na sa ganang tanan lubhang imposible,  
Ang kakatwang bagay na gustong mangyari.

Manapa, ang dapat nilang pagtuunan  
Ng pansin ay itong inilabas nilang  
Pigura at laki r'yan ng mga baryang  
Nasa sirkulasyon sa kasalukuyan.

At di itong 'coinless' nilang panukala  
Ang siyang ipilit na gamitin ng madla,  
Na kung talastasin, sampal yan ika nga,  
Sa nakararami nating mga dukha.

Kabilang na tayo r'yan sa tiyak milyon  
Ang sinisuguro kong pihong tututol,  
Sa panukala ryan ng sinu-sinong  
Masasabi natin na may pagka-bopol.

(DI KATULAD noong dekada singkwenta,  
Ang singko at dyes ay lubhang magkaiba,  
Beinte sentimos at saka ang mamera,  
Mabibilang kahit sa loob ng bulsa.)

At dito nga lamang din sa Pilipinas  
Pabago-bago ang disenyo ng lahat  
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# CDC to boost efforts for Clark’s...

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economic recovery plan, the Freeport can further contribute to the national government’s initiatives in cushioning the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

He also said that there is also a need to boost investors confidence in Clark as CDC re-focuses its attention to “economic reset, rebound, and recover” to arrest the gripping effects of the pandemic inside the Freeport.

CDC also aims to make the Freeport a modern and sustainable

aerotropolis and preferred meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE) and tourism destination in the Asia-Pacific region by 2030.

Aside from this, the new CDC head also shared that this Freeport is capable of competing with other investment destinations in other Asian countries.

“Clark is not in battle between cities and provinces. It is not competing against Manila. Clark’s competition is Indonesia, Vietnam, and even China,” he added.

To further promote

the ease of doing business in the Freeport, Gaerlan likewise encouraged his team to incorporate modern technology in the state-owned firm’s system, methods, and processes. With this approach, he believes that Clark will be able to attract more investments and achieve its vision of becoming a premier aerotropolis and a preferred MICE and tourism destination across Asia Pacific Region.

Similarly, he motivated his team to continuously deliver services that are at par with international standards.

Apart from refining business activity procedures here, Gaerlan will also give priority to enhancing the welfare of investors and their employees. He is set to meet with stakeholders of Clark that includes the locators, Local Government Units (LGU) officials, media, partner agencies and other groups from public and private sector.

Gaerlan, who finished Master of Management with distinction at the Asian Institute of Management in 2002, took his oath as CDC’s top executive last week.

# Clark locators buck DENR’s water quality...

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100 percent by the CWC which, he said, is unjustifiable at this time of the raging pandemic.

He said the DAO No. 2016-08 appears to be without basis as CILA’s requests for a study

were ignored.

In a letter to present DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu last Thursday, CILA called his attention for his “swift and favorable response” on their objection and apprehensions as they called for a “proactive discourse be-

tween the government and the private sector in view of corporate environmental sustainability.”

CILA said: “We cannot stress enough the urgency of this request since CWC is compelled to start construction to

comply with the DAO which shall commence on January 15, 2021.”

CILA is the organization representing over 90 percent of total investments, employment and exports of this freeport zone.

—Ashley Manabat

# Betis Galleria: Showcase of...

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idental Merit Award for Ecclesiastical Art of then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and is also a Most Outstanding Kapampangan Awardee.

Among Layug’s famous creations is the image of Our Lady of Palo blessed by Pope Francis in the Holy Mass in Tacloban, Leyte in 2015.

Layug joined the ranks of musician and composer Ryan Cayabyab, noted liturgist and theologian Dom Anscar Chupungco, Jesuit composer and Cebu politi-

cian-writer Mariano Jesus Diosomito Cuenco, and musician Rev. Fr. Eduardo Pardo Hontiveros who are all “Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice” Filipino awardees.

The showroom here is aptly called “the Arte Sacra de Betis or the Sacred Art of Betis” and features ecclesiastical art using new and more innovative materials than conventional wood, metal and stone.

Layug publicist Ian Flora said the Arte label is a subsidiary of Betis Galleria, the main outfit founded by Layug some

30 years ago. Flora said Layug envisioned it “as a means of providing ecclesiastical art with lasting universal appeal that is not only worthy of veneration but also veritable family heritage pieces.”

Layug was also named Outstanding Guaguaño for sculptor and Best Actor in the 39th Metro Manila Film Festival for “Dukit,” his bio-film as an artist. He is the most accomplished sculptor of his time, added Flora.

According to a Kapampangan culture

advocate, “the Arte Sacra de Betis explores the flexibility and economy of new materials available in the current time without compromising quality.”

Mayor Tores said the Betis Church in Guagua and the Dukit Festival evolved to actual sculpting adopted by the municipal government.

Torres said he tried to create a national culture by establishing a training center in his municipality where wood carving is being taught. The mayor said Willy Layug is a big part of this legacy.

# Central hub, 6 vax centers eyed...

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tinatalaga ko ang mga Mabalacat City Task Force for COVID-19 vaccination,” said Mayor Garbo.

The initial stage of

the vaccination will prioritize the city’s medical workers in the frontline, indigent senior citizens, uniformed personnel and other frontline workers.

“Tayo po ay kumikilos

na at sisikapin po natin na ang lahat ay mabigyang-bakuna. Bukod sa ating pondo, tayo po ay dudulog at maghihintay din sa ilalaan ng national at provincial government sa ating bawat localities,”

the city mayor added.

The mayor also assures the appropriate safekeeping of the vaccines through a central storage hub complete with transport and cooler units. —Mabalacat CIO

# Digital solution for Covid-19...

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To help solve this problem, a Hong Kong-based technology company has launched in the Philippines the iBonus Covid-19 Digital Prevention System.

The system records the times and places participants have visited using contactless smart cards and a set of designated terminals installed at different locations.

In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the system, Barangay Malinao, Pasig city was selected as pilot site for

the project.

The system is pretty simple. It starts out with a Covid-19 bubble concept. A bubble is created when a group of people agree to a certain level of protective measures. By keeping this group small and exclusive, you can reduce your risk of exposure to the virus.

Smart identity cards are issued to residents who have tested negative for Covid-19. They are free to go in and out of Pasig City after their smart identity cards are verified with the dedicated terminals on the en-

trance of the identified area.

Installed inside malls, for example, the system removes the need for manual registration at entrances of each establishment to record the entry of clients.

The system also has the capability to log all places the card holder visited and makes alerts of all card holders that have come in close contact with another who is positive of Covid-19.

Proponents plan to spread the use of the system in the whole country starting with the

distribution of free smart identity card terminals to all local government units in the Philippines.

The iBonus Covid-19 Digital Prevention System was introduced in March 2020 based on a mathematical model published in the medical journal, “Coronaviruses” with Ferid Murad (Nobel Laureate) as senior advisor.

The system was one of the finalists for the UN-WTO’s Healing Solutions Tourism Challenge and received endorsement from UNWTO and WHO as “TOP SOLUTION”.



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NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that JEROME S. VALLOCES, married, Filipino, resident of 32 Taft St., Buas, Candaba, Pampanga and OIC of Region III Luzon RAM Cycles, Candaba, Pampanga Outlet executed an Affidavit of Loss on the Original Collection Receipt with Series No. CRE 08846-08850, before Notary Public Nye N. Orquillas as per Doc No. 145, Page No. 30, Book No. VIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of MARCIANO CAYABYAB JR. who died intestate on November 5, 2015 in Bacolod, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Sale on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-001948 (OLT), being a portion of Lot 220, L.R.C. Rec. No. \_\_\_\_), situated in the Barrio of Carmencita, Municipality of Floridablanca, Province of Pampanga, before Notary Public Roseller T. Logronio as per Doc No. 59, Page No. 13, Book No. CLXXI, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of DENNIS ANDALES ANCAJAS who died intestate on March 17, 2020 in Mandaluyong City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 10, of the subd. plan Psd-03-081584, being a portion of Lot 3911-A-1, Psd-023313, L.R.C. Rec. No. \_\_\_\_), situated in the Bo. of Calulut, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2017017754, before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda as per Doc No. 42, Page No. 10, Book No. IX, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JOSE VLADIMIR JOVEN SAMPANG who died intestate on September 10, 2012 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, 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 and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 61541 in the Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles, before Notary Public Sabrina V. Suarez as per Doc No. 378, Page No. 8, Book No. V, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that FERNANDO DELOS REYES LAZATIN, married, Filipino, resident of Blk. 10 Lot 41 St. Jude Village, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and Acting Record Officer of Land Transporation Office (LTO), Angeles City District Office, executed an Affidavit of Loss on the Certificate of Registration and Official Receipt with the following details:

Registered Owner : Alvin Q. Bajado

Make and Type : Honda Motorcycle

Plate No. : 6938VZ

Engine No. : KB509E418669

Chassis No. : KB509418624

File No. : 0304-00000115731

before Notary Public Paul C. Muyrong as per Doc No. 443, Page No. 90, Book No. XI, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of LETICIA PAMINTUAN SLADKY who died intestate on March 16, 2020 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate, more particularly described as follows:

A. Real Properties:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 102621

Residential house and lot located at 358 E. Jacinto St., Barangay Agapito Del Rosario, Angeles City (Lot 193, Block 12 of the subdivision plan Psd-546, being a portion of Lot 831 of the Cadastral survey of Angeles)

B. Bank Accounts

Bank	Account Number	Amount
China Bank Savings, 6171 Angeles-Rizal Branch	Account No. PHP617102003265	PHP761,952.42
China Bank Savings, 6171 Angeles-Rizal Branch	TD Account No. 607705002063	PHP514,670.97
Security Bank, Angeles Branch	Account No. 0021-310453-201	PHP351,753.19
Security Bank, Angeles Branch	TD Account No. 0081253713203	US\$25,506.15

before Notary Public Bryan Matthew C. Nepomuceno as per Doc No. 07, Page No. 70, Book No. LIII, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 18, 25 & February 1, 2021

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CORAZON A. RACHER** who died intestate on October 11, 2016 in California, USA executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as 2015 Toyota Innova 2.5J DSL with Plate No. ALA 1236 and covered by Certificate of Registration No. 208795930, before Notary Public Angelo Justin Iñigo O. Lopez III as per Doc No. 660, Page No. 81, Book No. XXX111, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RODOLFO T. RANADA II** who died intestate on December 7, 2020 in Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as Savings Account Nos. 0739-155096 & 0739-053145 in the Bank of Philippine Island (BPI), Nepo Branch, Angeles City, before Notary Public Danilo T. Tuazon as per Doc No. 223, Page No. 68, Book No. XXX, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HERMINIA N. THOMAS** who died intestate on December 17, 2020 in Mabalacat City, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate, more particularly described as a Savings Account in the amount of PhP1,475,803.04 deposited in the Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company, Dau Branch, before Notary Public Pepito M. Torres Jr. as per Doc No. 660, Page No. 81, Book No. XXX111, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RUBEN N. PARPAN** who died intestate on February 16, 2018 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as follows:

A. Personal Properties:

1. Toyota Corolla 1995 Model  
2. Isuzu Fuego

B. Real Properties

TCT No.	Location
TCT No. 263656-R	San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TCT No. 257299-R	San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TCT No. 272160-R	San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TCT No. 042-2012016462	Bulaon, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TCT No. 428380-R	San Miguel, Magalang, Pampanga
TCT No. 502423-R	Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga

before Notary Public Janice C. Tiglao as per Doc No. 450, Page No. 91, Book No. I, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ELPIDIO SANTOS DIZON JR.** who died intestate on November 26, 2002 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 41707

Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

Lot 1-C of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-20385, being a portion of Lot 1, described on plan (LRC) Psd-19774, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124, situated in the Barrio of Malabañas, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 132613

Registry of Deeds for the Province of Tarlac

Lot 3-M of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-236394, being a portion of Lot 3 (LRC) Pcs-19850, LRC Rec. No. 55515 & N-32293, situated in the Barrio of Anupol, Mun. of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 132614

Registry of Deeds for the Province of Tarlac

Lot 3-F of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-236394, being a portion of Lot 3 (LRC) Pcs-19850, LRC Rec. No. 55515 & N-32293, situated in the Barrio of Anupol, Mun. of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;

before Notary Public Crisanto A. Cocal as per Doc No. 6205, Page No. 18, Book No. 175, Series of 2020.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ONOFRE M. TAN** and **TEODORA CUNANAN TAN** who died intestate on September 8, 1997 and February 19, 1987, respectively, both in San Simon, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on their estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 22971-R

Lot No. 1478 of the Cadastral Survey of San Simon, situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of San Simon, Province of Pampanga;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 6389

Lot No. 2570 of the Cadastral Survey of San Simon, situated in the Barrio of San Miguel, Municipality of San Simon, Province of Pampanga;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 194880-R

Lot 916 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-193001, being a portion of Lot 6, Psu-7252 (GLRO) No. 12465, situated in the Bo. of Tolaoc, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp., Island of Luzon;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 194607-R

Lot 836 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-193001, being a portion of Lot 6, Psu-7252 (GLRO) No. 12465, situated in the Bo. of Tolaoc, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp., Island of Luzon;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 313302-R

Lot 825-B of the subdivision plan Psd-03-033782, being a portion of Lot 825 (LRC) Psd-193001, LRC Rec. No. , situated in the Barrio of Tolaoc, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp.;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 628

CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD NO. 18014

A parcel of land situated in Barangay Tulaoc, Municipality of Apalit, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon, Philippines;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 632

CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD NO. 18021

A parcel of land situated in Barangay Tulaoc, Municipality of Apalit, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon, Philippines;

before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda as per Doc No. 471, Page No. 96, Book No. X, Series of 2021.

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Spotlight

Arci Pineda

# Maja Salvador, Catriona Gray, Jake Ejercito bid SNL goodbye

MAJA SALVADOR to Sunday Noontime Live director Johnny Manahan: “Thank you very much Mr. M sa pagbuo ng show na ito para makapagbigay ng trabaho sa marami at makapag dulot ng saya sa lahat ng mga fans for the past 3 months!”

Brightlight Productions announced in a brief statement on Saturday, January 16, 2021, that SNL and the gag show Sunday Kada would soon end.

Part of its statement read: “Sunday Noontime Live (SNL)’s delightful run is about to end and we await future endeavors from its outstanding stars and phenomenal newcomers.”

SNL is a co-production of Brightlight Productions and CS Studios.

Following the announcement of SNL’s cancellation, its main hosts Maja Salvador, Catriona Gray, Jake Ejercito, and Ricci Rivero posted in their respective social media accounts photos and messages of thank yous and goodbyes to the noontime show.

On Twitter and Instagram, Maja thanked SNL’s viewers and its director, Johnny “Mr. M” Manahan.

She wrote, “Maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat na sumubaybay, sumuporta, at nakisaya sa amin sa isang buong season ng #SNL

“Thank you very much Mr. M sa pagbuo ng show na ito para makapagbigay ng trabaho sa marami at makapag dulot ng saya sa lahat ng mga fans for the past 3 months!

“#TeamLive Magkikita pa tayong muli!”

Catriona reposted Maja’s Instagram story in her own account and commented, “Maraming Salamat #TeamLive” with a sobbing emoji.

Jake and Ricci’s farewell messages were short.

But both posted a series of their photos with the SNL family.

Jake posted on-the-scene photos and selfies with his co-hosts and the staff of the show.

Jake’s last post showed a photo of him on stage with the caption, “Thank you, Team Live!”

Jake also reposted Maja’s Instagram story and added, “All love [heart emoji]”

Ricci posted a photo of him, Jake, and Maja in a production number.

His short caption: “Thank you!”

SNL’s two other main hosts were Piolo Pascual and Donny Pangilinan.

Both shows first aired on October 18, 2020, and their abrupt end surprised the staff and cast.

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JANELLA SALVADOR looks back on her surprise baby shower organized by friend Liza Soberano.Her surprise baby shower, which happened in August 2020.

The theme was Breakfast at Tiffany’s, a Hollywood film which starred Audrey Hepburn, one of Janella’s favorite actresses.

The little celebration was arranged by Janella’s Star Magic batchmate Liza Soberano.

The young celebrity mom said in her recent Instagram post: “This is an extra special post. I just wanna thank a good friend for planning and organizing a surprise baby shower for me before I left the country months ago.”

Liza planned the intimate baby shower during Janella’s “secret maternity pictorial.”

Janella’s glam team told her that she was going to do an OOTD post in another room. Little did she know that her family and friends were waiting for her.

The 22-year-old Kapamilya star said, “I’m not very good at reactions when people surprise me in person which explains my face in the video but seeing these people who are dear to me all in one room warmed my heart and reminded me of the good in the world despite the situation.”

Janella then thanked Liza for this memory: “You are a gem.”

In the same Instagram post, Liza gave a video message to Janella’s son Jude.

Liza said she was happy to see that the secret was finally out and she could now openly talk about how proud she is of Janella.

“I don’t know, but I can understand how hard it must be to become a mother at a time like this, during a time of uncertainty, because of the virus and of course with that was happening with our company.”

Addressing Baby Jude, Liza continued, “That’s why I came up with a little surprise for your mom. I made her a baby shower because I wanted her first pregnancy with you to be a special one and one that she will never forget.

“And I just wanted to let her know that there’s so many people who support and love her and we wanted you to know that, too, as well.”

“This is me just saying how happy and proud I am to be in your life...”

Other celebrity friends present for the baby shower were Enrique Giland Maja Salvador.

Also present were Janella’s go-to glam team: make-up artist Mickey See, associate stylist Kris Deleon, stylist Perry Tabora, and hairstylist John Valle.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of Sps. **ANACLETA LAXAMANA ALIMURONG-PAMINTUAN** and **FRANCISCO R. PAMINTUAN** who died intestate on June 24, 2004 and October 10, 1990, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on their estate, more particularly described as their rights and interest over a certain housing allocation (house and lot) from the Mt. Pinatubo Commission-Housing Urban Development Coordination Council, now National Housing Authority, which is identified as Block-111 Lot-8, Bulaon Resettlement Project, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, before Notary Public Michael Yabut as per Doc No. 305, Page No. 61, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2019.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 18, 25 & February 1, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FREDESWINDA S. FERRARIS** and **JOSE G. FERRARIS** who died intestate on October 19, 2006 and May 23, 2016, respectively, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation on their estate, more particularly described as parcels of land with improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 161581

Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

Lot 24-C of the subd. plan (LRA) Psd-400979, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 24, Psd-03-013451, (OLT) LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132, situated in the Barrio of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 161579

Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

Lot 24-A of the subd. plan (LRA) Psd-400979, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 24, Psd-03-013451, (OLT) LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132, situated in the Barrio of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;

before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller as per Doc No. 206, Page No. 37, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BENJAMIN QUIWA MANALASTAS SR.** who died intestate on August 28, 2015 in Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, more particularly described as parcels of land, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 46207

Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles

Lot 14, Block 4 of the subdivision plan Psd-67299, being a portion of Lot 1-C-11-F of plan (LRC) Psd-19960, L.R.C. Record No. , situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 46208

Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles

Lot 16, Block 4 of the subdivision plan Psd-67299, being a portion of Lot 1-C-11-F of plan (LRC) Psd-19960, L.R.C. Record No. , situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Rodolfo S. Uyengco as per Doc No. 09, Page No. 89, Book No. LXVIII, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of spouses **JESUS M. CORDERO** and **TERESITA C. CORDERO** who died intestate on September 9, 2016 and February 26, 2016, respectively, both in Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on their estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 8, Block 11, 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 the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 91339 in the Registry of Deeds for Angeles City, before Notary Public Melvin R. Panillio as per Doc No. 331, Page No. 42, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2021





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