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“MASSIVE ACHIEVEMENT”

CRK to propel PH economy

BY BY BONG Z. LACSON

C LARK FREEPORT – “Massive achievement.”
A visibly impressed President Duterte called the new terminal of the Clark International Airport on his inspection visit during the weekend.

"I just hope that the local economy can absorb the number of people coming to visit the Philippines," he said in his speech. "It will surely help decongest traffic at the busy Ninoy [Aquino] International Airport and provide a better flying experience for locals and tourists alike."

Duterte commend-

ed the Department of Transportation, Bases Conversion and Development Authority and private sector partners for the new passenger terminal which is considered as the first hybrid public-private partnership project completed under the Build Build Build program of his administration.

The construction of the structure was handled by a consortium of Megawide Construction Corp. and GMR Infrastructure Limited, while the fit out, operations and maintenance were later auctioned off and awarded to Luzon International Premiere Airport Development Corp.

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President Duterte with Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade, BCDA chief Vince Dizon and LIPAD CEO Bi Yong Chungunco trying the self check-in counter at CRK. **PHOTO COURTESY OF MALACAÑANG**

Cebu Pacific eyes growth with CRK

CLARK FREEPORT -- "We have consistently maintained our presence at the Clark Airport for 15 years now and we remain committed to continue supporting the growth of North Luzon."

So said Michael Ivan Shau, chief oper-

ations officer at Cebu Pacific during the inspection of the new terminal of CRK, calling it "a welcome development for air travel" and vowing that CEB "aims to progressively restore its network for North Luzon with demand for travel expected to in-

crease in the coming months.”

"As more people get vaccinated, more travelers would be confident to fly again, be it for essential or leisure travel," noted Shau.

CEB began operating in Clark in 2006 with

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PASSENGER LOUNGE



CONTACTLESS BAG DROP

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AirAsia to restore Clark airport hub

CLARK FREEPORT – “Once travel restrictions ease and demand picks up soon, we are eyeing to strategically restore AirAsia’s Clark hub hopefully by Q4 of 2021.”

Thus, spoke AirAsia
Philippines CEO Ricky

Isla at the sidelines of the inspection and dry run of the world-class passenger terminal building of the Clark International Airport on Saturday.

Dubbed as Asia's next premier gateway for North and Central Luzon, the

new terminal is expected to decongest passenger traffic at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport with its annual 8 million passenger capacity.

"AirAsia is one with the Filipino people in cel-

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Mass action eyed vs. Subic-Clark Railway alignment

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

CLARK FREEPORT – A mass action led by the Pinoy Gumising Ka Movement (PGKM) will culminate here if the alignment of the Subic-Clark Railway Project (SCRP) will push through with its original design.

This, as the multi-sectoral advocacy group questioned on Tuesday the authority of the Bases Conversion Development Authority over lands outside the former US bases.

PGKM chair Ruperto Cruz said RA 7227 or the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992 is an act “accelerating the conversion of military reservations into other productive uses and does not include properties outside the base lands.”

Cruz said the SCRCP is “being implemented without any public consultation at all” even if its alignment will reportedly encroach on

titled properties outside its jurisdiction.

Cruz said the PGKM will mobilize a mass action composed of land owners and housing developers, businessmen, farmers and those whose properties will be affected by the alignment.

He also said if push comes to shove, the PGKM will “take it to the Senate hearing.”

Cruz said “the railway project is just a table survey because it lacks a proper study on how it will impact on the lives and livelihood of the people.”

Cruz said Porac is destined to become a city soon because of the ongoing development in the area but the railway project will throw a monkey wrench in the ongoing development.

“Besides it’s just a rail freight transport because it will be used only for cargo,” Cruz added.

He said ongoing projects in the area will be affected. He said

high-rise buildings will soon rise in Porac and the town will be transformed into “the Makati of Pampanga, if not Central Luzon.”

“Why insist on the alignment that will affect development in the area?” Cruz asked. “Why did they not consider the present Subic-Clark Tarlac Expressway (SC-TEX) alignment for the railway project?”

He said “the multi-billion cost of the project will be of better use if a railway from Laoag, Ilocos Norte to Clark, Pampanga that can both ferry cargo and passengers will be built instead.”

Meanwhile, Lani Macasaet, BCDA communications director, said the Department of Transportation is in charge of the SCRCP alignment. She referred Punto Central Luzon to DOTr Assistant Secretary Goddes Libiran.

However, texts and calls to Libiran’s cellphone remain unanswered as of press time.



MABALACAT CITYHOOD COMMEMORATION. Mabalacat City Mayor Crisostomo Garbo joins city government officials in a simple yet solemn commemoration program for the 9th Charter Day of Mabalacat on July 21, 2021 at the City Hall. Mabalacat was converted into a component city in July 2012 by virtue of Republic Act 10164 signed by former President Benigno Aquino III.

(MABALACAT CIO)

Mabalaqueños significant in building ‘Bayung Mabalacat’ — Mayor Garbo

MABALACAT CITY – “Only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.”

Citing these inspiring words from Nobel Peace Prize awardee Martin Luther King, Mabalacat City Mayor Crisostomo Garbo attributed Mabalacat City’s history as “a narrative of success and perseverance” in his speech as he leads the commemoration of the 9th Charter Day Celebration of Mabalacat, on July 21, 2021 at the City Hall.

The city mayor also penned the speech to underscore the importance of each Mabalaqueño in “creating a gleaming future for Mabalacat” and in the building of a “Bayung Mabalacat”.

“My aspiration for the highest post in the local government back then

was a bold attempt to break the years-long monotony in Mabalacat City. As I recall, I even compared the situation of our city to a “seed in the dark”, yearning for sunlight for it to grow and prosper,” said Mayor Garbo.

“As we celebrate our 9th anniversary as a full-fledged city, we take into account all our shared dreams and our collective efforts towards the attainment and the safeguarding of what we have founded. Mabalaqueños, malaking bahagi po ng aking pagbuo sa isang Bagong Mabalacat ang inyong partisipasyon. Masaya po ako dahil naging katuwang ko po kayong lahat sa naging biyahe nating ito,” the mayor added.

Themed “Continue Our Lucky Streak”, the cit-

yhood anniversary theme implies more than “good fortune”. Mayor Garbo cited Galatians 5:22 to 23 to urge an underlying challenge for each Mabalaqueño of keeping the compassion and faith to the Lord, and love and peace for one another despite whatever adversities we are facing today.

Due to the risks posed by the current pandemic, the city government limited the activities for the celebration of the 9th Charter Day of Mabalacat to a simple yet solemn commemorative program. Keynote speeches from LGU officials and a symbolic wreath adorned the façade of the city hall to pay homage to the legacy of the city.

“May our cityhood anniversary remind us the essence of camaraderie,

hope, and perseverance, especially in these trying times, for these shall illuminate our path for a brighter future ahead,” said Mayor Garbo as he extends his heartfelt thanks to the essential workers in the frontline, the private sector, and the people of Mabalacat in general for helping the city counter the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By virtue of Republic Act 10164 signed by former President Benigno Aquino III, the town of Mabalacat was converted into a component city in June 2012.

Joining the city mayor in the commemoration are incumbent City Vice Mayor Gerald Aquino, Councilors Win-Win Garbo, Liza Pineda, Jerry Magsino, Niño Delos Reyes, and Cocoy Tiglaog.

SBMA bans bikers at container terminal road, issues rules for road safety

BY MALOU DUNGOG

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority has prohibited bikers from using the New Container Terminal (NCT) road here in a move to maintain safety at the thoroughfare used mainly by cargo trucks.

SBMA chair and administrator Wilma T. Eisma announced this policy following consultation with cycling groups in the Subic Bay Freeport area and the formulation of guidelines covering biking activities in the freeport.

“We regret to inform bikers that the NCT Road is now off limits to bikers because we have to place a premium on the safety of all—whether they are bikers, truckers, or ordinary motorists,” Eisma said.

“We know that it has become a favorite place among bikers because the road is good and the route is scenic, but we have to set rules to prevent untoward incidents,” she added, referring to an accident during an illegal race at the NCT Road last month.

The NCT Road, which stretches northeast of the Subic Bay International Airport, was closed to bikers since June 19 when an illegal race organized by some bikers from Olongapo City resulted in a spill involving several bikers as they converged on one lane to overtake a cargo truck. A 14-year-old biker was among those reportedly injured.

Eisma said that bikers may instead use the San Bernardino Road that starts at the junction

of the Argonaut Highway and Corregidor Road and loops around the airport area. “That area southwest of the airport, from the Acea Subic Beach Resort until the All Hands Beach Resort, is as scenic but not as busy,” she pointed out.

The allowed route, however, stops short of the NCT and bikers must turn back to exit at the same entry point.

The SBMA has imposed a fine of P2,000 for cyclists violating the ban at the NCT Road, Eisma said.

At the same time, the SBMA issued guidelines for safe biking in the freeport. These rules, which took effect on July 14, include ID checks at freeport gates upon entry, use of safety gears and lights, maintenance of safe distance, road courtesy and traffic rules, and observance of health and safety protocols at all times.

The guidelines specifically disallowed racing and also prohibited crowding at bike stops, as well as littering.

On the other hand, Eisma said that should bikers like to organize cycling events in the Freeport, the SBMA would require them to submit a proposal at least six months before the scheduled event, which would also be subject to IATF approval.

Meanwhile, volunteer marshals from local cycling groups would help monitor and enforce the biking rules. The marshals would be in direct contact with the SBMA Law Enforcement Department for effective monitoring and response, Eisma added.



The Subic Bay Freeport has become a popular venue for leisure biking because of its healthy environment and scenic routes.

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A Nature-inspired Stay at Midori Clark Hotel



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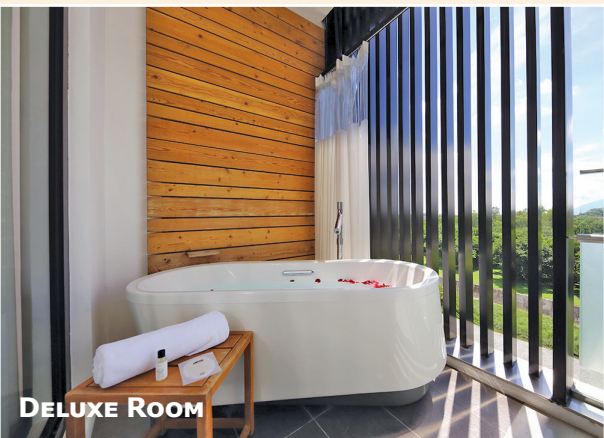
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What luck!

CONTINUE OUR Lucky Streak.

So goes the official theme for the celebration of the 9th anniversary of the cityhood of Mabalacat.

So swept under the rug the trials, tribulations and turmoil attendant to the struggle to transform the fourth class municipality into a component city. Luck be the lady, indeed, lord to the triumph!

There is this most apparent predisposition with luck in the Mabalacat City Government at the assumption of Mayor Crisostomo Garbo: MCG under MCG – lol, ain't that twice lucky?

Why, the very first slogan at Garbo's first coming was (still is?): Give Change a Chance. Chance, luck's very essence. As in its basic dictionary definition: Good fortune; advantage or success, considered as the result of chance.

The cityhood of Mabalacat came as sheer luck, and everything good thereafter. Hence, the wish for the streak to continue?

With luck in, whither God goeth?

"By the Grace of God and the Sovereign Will of the People, We are Now a City" proclaimed tarpaulins all around Mabalacat at the time President Benigno Aquino III signed into law RA 10164 "Act Converting the Municipality of Mabalacat in the province of Pampanga into a Component City to be Known as Mabalacat City" out of House Bill 4736 authored House by Rep. Carmelo "Tarzan" Lazatin and sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., chairman of the Senate Committee on Local Government.

The public sinner Mayor Boking Morales had the epiphany to invoke God as the very cause of Mabalacat cityhood.

Irony at its starkest – the born-again Christian Garbo ascribing it and all the good things that have since come the city's way to luck. Or has the good mayor ever read in his edition of the Good Book that things don't happen because of luck, as they are known beforehand by God?

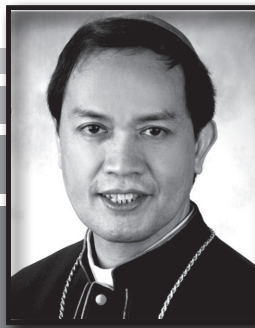
Thus, Ephesians 1:11: In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.



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Opinion

Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

Blood and water

I AM quite sure Jesus did not mean to insult his family when he said what he supposedly said in our Gospel reading today: "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" I am also sure that he later went out in order to kiss and greet them or at least say hello to them. So what did he mean when he pointed at his disciples and said, "These are my mother, my brothers and sisters..."?

I am more inclined to think that Jesus said this to warm the hearts of his disciples and to teach them precisely to regard each other as brothers and sisters, if they are to call God their Father. That it was what he expected to be the natural consequence of growing in discipleship. Namely, that we learn to open our hearts and our homes to "others"; that we learn to share the love and the care that we have received from our families—even to those who are not our blood relatives.

We are familiar with the saying "Charity begins at home," and that is true. The home is our very first school for charity, for what we call in Tagalog PAGPAPAKATAO, becoming human. I don't think anyone of us will learn to behave as proper human beings if we have not been nurtured or raised in a proper family.

It is in family that we learn to love unconditionally. Look, we all received free board and lodging, free babysitting, free education, free health care our families. If the best things in life are free, family is most certainly one of those best things.

We have learned to love because we have been loved. It is in family that we have learned to develop a sense of meaning and purpose because we saw it in our own parents. No doubt, no family is perfect. We also hear of dysfunctional families and horrible stories of abuse in the context of family, don't we?

The wisdom of Jesus is when he uses precisely the model of family and expands it to include the rest of humankind, by saying—ultimately, we are children of the same Father. He goes even beyond humankind to suggest that family should also include every fellow creature, because the earth is our common home. That is why we have saints like Francis of Assisi, who taught us to relate, not just with fellow hu-

man beings as brothers and sisters, but also with "Brother Sun and Sister Moon, Brother Wind and Sister Air..."

Charity does indeed begin at home, but it does not and should not end there. That is, if what we learned at home is genuine charity; it will overflow and transcend borders and boundaries.

Pantries, for example, are a home concept. They are open usually only to family members. When we open a pantry and make them accessible to the poor, to people who are not our blood relatives, our humanity grows. This is what Jesus is trying to teach us.

Our families are schools! If our humanity gets stunted and we limit charity only to our blood relations, it could only mean the family has failed.

We know the saying BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER. The retired archbishop of Pampanga whom we fondly call Apu Ceto, loves to say in his homilies—"No. Water is thicker than blood." And by WATER, he means the water of baptism, which expands our blood relations. We have been "washed by the blood of Christ."

The Gospel of John tells us, when Jesus expired and his side was pierced by a soldier's lance, blood and water flowed out of his wounded side. This was the Gospel writer's way of saying, that is how the Church, the New Eve, was born. She was pulled out of the side of the New Adam. She is now the mother of all who have been washed by the blood and water that flowed from the side of the New Adam as he slept the sleep of death. He is the Son of God who died, so that he could share his divine life to us all, so that we could all become part of God's family.

(Homily for Tuesday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time, 20 July 2021, Mt 12:46-50)

TEACHER'S FORUM

The value of values

By Leilani N. Garcia • T-III Pampanga High School

Changes are not strongly observable if viewed in a day-to-day perspective. Change takes time as well as growing and learning to reach its fullest stretch, and for man to be able to distinguish such an apparent transformation, he/she must have witnessed the process of alteration – how the subject of such change had been in the past until it has reached the state of newness it embodies today.

Having been raised during the 80s and teaching the 21st century learners are two opposing poles that one has to deal with the same level of importance. Assuming the role of an educator for quite some time gives one a panoramic view of how students have changed in terms of character and behavior. Many of the students of today are highly aggressive, way too imaginative, and easi-

ly bored. They are restless and unfocused. It seems to be that the current challenge among educators is not highlighted by the transfer of knowledge but on how are they able to preserve and inculcate the enduring values that every man should possess. These are the values that will shape the character of the student till he/she finally establishes his/her own personhood.

The real battle is defi-

nately not about finding out who or what is to blame in the general change of behavior among the students, but it lies in the pursuit of the sector of education to withstand the test of change posted by different factors and influences. At the end of the day, what the children remember are the good things that the teachers taught them and the values that they have caught through them.



The Public Space

Jun Sula

Pacman's two 'wars'

Politics, like boxing, is the other people. Both are Darwinian and Machiavellian in their dynamics. The end justifies the means, the fittest survives. Sen. Manny 'Pacman' Pacquiao is fighting two wars at the same time in both fields. The outcomes for both are uncertain, if not dicey.

On the one hand, all hands are on deck in preparation for his bout with boxing champ Aaron Spencer Jr. in what might as well be billed as Pacman, the Elder versus Spencer the Younger. Most boxing experts and analysts make a big deal of his age as a huge minus when he climbs the ring on August 21. A boxing expert, a big fan of the Filipino legend, puts it dramatically: you get old by merely climbing the stairs. At 42, he could be a senior citizen when he reaches the ring. Take that like a Duterte joke. Truth is, Pacquiao needs nothing short of a miracle to escape injury, much less win the title, most experts and analysts agree.

On the other hand, thousands of miles across the Pacific, Pacquiao is being aggressively exfoliated by President Duterte and allies while doing surgical political moves to control the damage of his denunciation of humungous corruption in the Duterte watch. He has been root-canalled like a bad tooth but not excised like a bad cell from Duterte's body politic, the PDP Laban. He was not expelled, so go the political apologists, merely given a lateral arabasque. His principal ally in the party, Sen. Koko Pimentel, is offered a consuelo de bobo as member of the Council of Elders. He is, after all, pointed to by Duterte himself as Pacquiao's mentor and should also be blamed for acting the way his protégé does.

Whether he wins or loses his fight against Spencer, Pacquiao's legendary reputation and world respect for his unmatched feat as boxer will not diminish. He will only come out of it as bigger in persona and prosperity. Of course, victory is preferred by his countrymen like Rep. Rufus Rodriguez, a fellow politician from Mindanao, who has called on Duterte and company for a ceasefire in their demolition job so as not to distract Pacman from the goal. The distraction is embarrassingly unpatriotic.

Rufus's pleading is a moonshot. Politics is a non-stop business. You have to settle, as Todd Griffin said in his "Letters to Young Activist", for the less ideal result "because you live alongside others, because they are the field of your action, because consequences count and history is unforgiving".

Right now, the Duterte camp is writing the narratives about Pacquiao, that he's the victim of his own naivete, driven by an overwhelming ambition to get to the top of the hill at all cost, that he's more than imperfect, and has issues that can be called skeletons his closet. The message is drilled hith-

er and tither and because, as Griffin describes politics, it is a world bound together by media, investment and violence, and consequences ripple far and wide. The so-called 357 or so troll farms exposed by the Senate must be working full time.

Curiously, Pacman seems to give priority to his reputation as a boxer, more than his redemption as a politician. He has dumped tons of corruption charges against the Duterte administration only to leave in a huff to honor his commitment to a fight before a bigger audience in the United States. He promised to pursue the former after the bout with Spencer. He has threatened to engage Presidential Spokesman Harry Roque with the latter's 'watusi' dwarfing of his accusations when he comes back from the fight, win or lose.

In the boxing world, Pacquiao is unanimously hailed as a warrior who doesn't walk away from a good fight. He is seen as one who performs even better when the odds are not in his favor. In his political fight at home, he's image isn't exactly like the one he's famous for as a boxer. Is Duterte right in saying that he may be good in boxing but not in politics?

When he comes back, Pacquiao is expected to walk his talk. By the that time, Duterte shall have made his last state- of -the -nation address which should paint a picture entirely different from Pacquiao's raining his parade with corruption allegations. Pimentel appears to bide his time to counteract the diminution and demolition of his disciple as national political figure. Perhaps, Pimentel is just being a realist who subscribes to Napoleon's view that morality lies on the heavier side of the artillery.

Between now and his return, a few things are certain. He will remain unwelcome as a candidate by the opposition. In fact, by not leaving the PDP-Laban despite the heavy beatings he has received from all angles, he doesn't intend to. Or so it seems. It is conceivable that Duterte will not change his mind about him as a presidential bet. He has been weighed and found wanting. Blood is also thicker than water.

A month is too long in politics. Duterte like Pacquiao trusts his instincts. Add to that his devil-may-care skill as a politician, his populist image and a Teflon-like popularity. Pacquiao may not have what it takes to go the distance in a political brawl with the man he stops short of saying corruption stops at his door.



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

'Magtaas ng Increase, a funny proposed bill'

KAILAN ma't ang taong nagmamarunong lang at di pa hinog sa tunay na larawan ng kung anong bagay na pinangahasang pasukin – marapat na magdahan-dahan.

Walang masama sa ang tao'y mangarap na marating pero huwag sobra kataas, pagkat may tendensyang ang tayog ng lipad ganun din katindi ang biglang pagbagsak.

Hindi simpleng bagay ang lahat na lamang ay sinasalihan, na gaya ni Pacquiao para manatiling ini-idolo 'yan pagkat ang lahat na may takdang hangganan.

Darating ang araw na makararanas 'yan ng kahihiyan at grabeng pagyurak na manggaling sa iba't-ibang antas ng lipunang may kani-kanyang panukat.

Na nabihisan lang ang payak na mukha nang magkapera sa basagan-ng-mukha, hinangad pati ang bagay na di akma sa natapos, yan ba'y di kahiya-hiya?

Pasado sa kursong dapat limang taon yata ang kailangan bagong ganap itong mabigyan ng 'certificate of graduation, kaya di totoong 'graduated' si Paquiao.

(Lalo't ilang buwan lang din yatang pumasok si Pacquiao sa alin mang 'tertiary schools' kaya nga't base sa 'still kept on records, di nagtapos 'yan ng kahit anumang 'course'.

Hindi tayo itong nagsasabing siya ay may kayabangan kundi ang lahat na rian ng sa kanya ay dismayado na, sa pinag-gagawang di kaaya-aya.

Kung saan pati na ibang kaalyado n'yan sa 'political party' dismayado, sa naging asal na asa mo'y kung sino siya kung umasta sa panahong ito.

Tanto kaya niya na itong 'Magtaas ng Increase' na kanyang sinabi at sukat (sa Senate ba?) 'During his privilege hours In which he's the speaker' is tama o tumpak?

Tagalog na nga ang winika ay mali pa rin itong pagka-sabi ng "Bayani sa Boksing" kung kaya tanggapin at hindi ni Paquiao bantilaw ang English na iwi.

Yan bang magnanasa na maging Pangulo, na lalong bumaba ang 'trust rating' nito sa taongbayan na akala siguro, ay kanya pa rin ang otsenta porsyento?

Kung saan pati na ang PDP Laban, na dati ay hawak n'yan ang pamunuan, inetse puwera na siya nang tuluyan kaya wala na siya ngayong matakbuhan!

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NLEX Lakbay Norte...

FROM PAGE 8
a day tour in Bulacan. Having a total of 24 cities and municipalities, Bulacan is home to numerous churches and heritage sites. The province also has an abundance of shrines and ancestral houses. Easily reached by car in under one hour from Metro Manila, Bulacan makes the perfect destination for a quick getaway, with a combination of historical sites and opportunities for adventure.

Starting off the tour was a safety briefing given by NLEX patrol crews, where participants were given information on the tollway company's 24/7 operations, implementation of traffic rules and regulations, and compliance with the health and safety protocols mandated by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and other relevant government agencies.

NLEX Lakbay Norte participants were then toured around the Hi-yas ng Bulacan Museum which houses valuable relics, mementos, articles,

documents and handicrafts of the Philippine Revolution; and explored the historic Barasoain Church in Malolos, as well as the Casa Real Shrine. The group also visited the Malolos Historic Town Center, also called the Camestisuhan or Pariancillo District, which is a long stretch of Spanish and American-era houses and government structures.

They then went to the municipality of Bulakan, the location of another historical site—the Marcelo H. del Pilar Shrine (insert a phrase about Marcelo del Pilar here). There was also a visit to the Nuestra Señora dela Asuncion Church, a 19th century Neo-Byzantine-Romanesque stone church. The group also enjoyed sumptuous meals at local restaurants in the City of Malolos - Kalye Mabini in Mojon, with its unique fusion of European and Filipino cuisine, and Casie's Restaurant in Dakila which offers Italian-American dishes.

“This trip made me realize that I'm still a stranger to my own province. Who

would've thought little jaunts close to home can be this much fun and enriching? I look forward to exploring my beloved province more through safe and convenient trips via NLEX,” said Kaye Mendez of La Bulakenya.

For Dennis Esplana of The Pinoy Traveler, “NLEX Lakbay Norte featuring Bulacan was a fun filled travel adventure. The tour was excellent and provided a real insight of the province and its history.”

“The trip was fun, enjoyable, and informative. I felt safe to explore the beautiful town of Malolos and nearby places because of the strict protocols that were put in place. Bulacan is such a delightful destination, which reminded me of how big a role the province and its people had played in the country's rich history,” said Inquirer's Kenneth Del Rosario.

With the success of this year's first leg of NLEX Lakbay Norte, the tollway company hopes to help the the tourism industry, and help travelers once again satisfy their wanderlust, one trip at a time.

Cebu Pacific...

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its maiden Clark-Cebu route. Pre-pandemic, CEB was the largest Philippine carrier that served the most number of domestic and international routes out of Clark.

At the end of 2019, it operated direct flights to seven domestic destinations namely Bacolod, Bohol, Boracay, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, and Puerto Princesa; and four international destinations namely Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, and Tokyo (Narita).

Operations of the new terminal will likely increase by more than double the volume of passengers and expand the destination network, which CEB is ready to further develop together with the Luzon International Premier Airport Development Corp. (LI-PAD), the operator and manager of the CRK.

“Currently, we are operating flights between Clark and Cebu. We look forward to restoring our network once travel restrictions ease and pas-

senger demand picks up,” said Xander Lao, CEB chief commercial officer.

CEB and its wholly-owned subsidiary Cebgo, operates the widest domestic network in the Philippines, on top of its extensive international network that spans across Asia and the Middle East. Its 74-strong fleet, one of the youngest in the world, includes two dedicated ATR freighters and a A330 cabin cargo capable aircraft. **CEB-PR**

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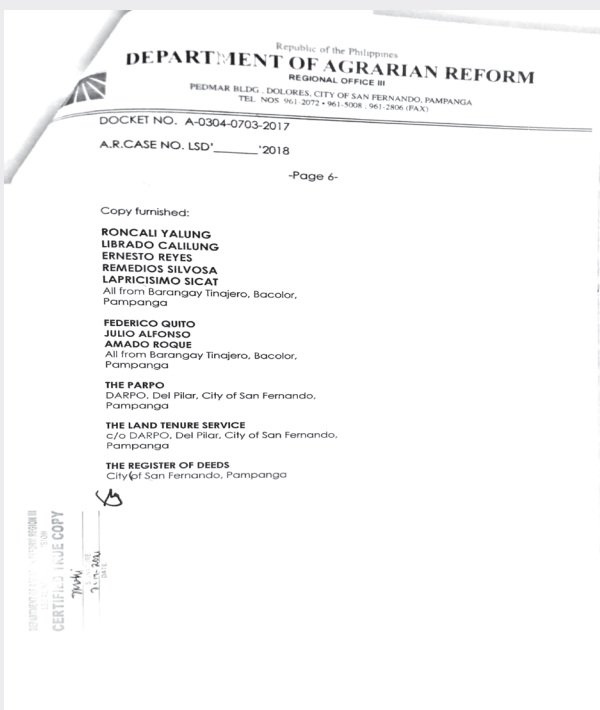
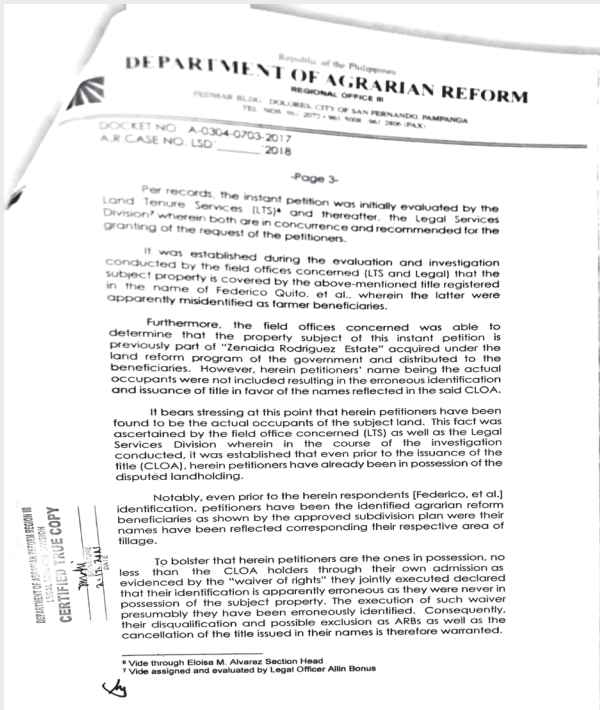
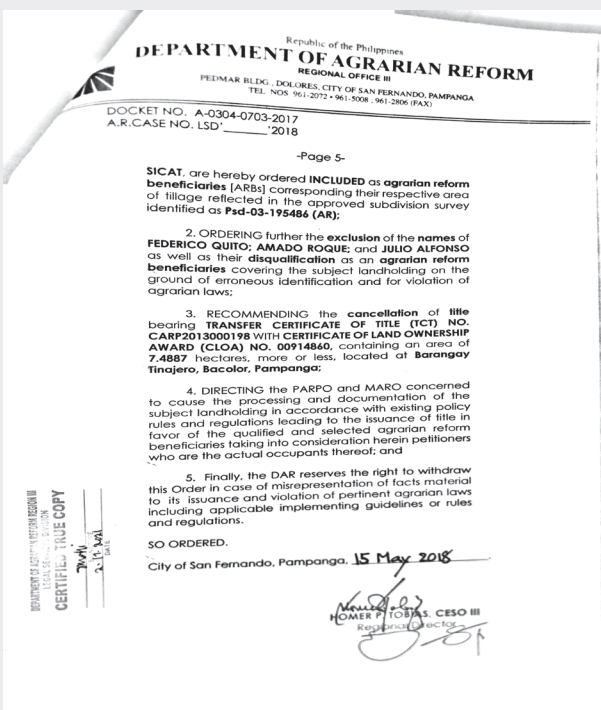
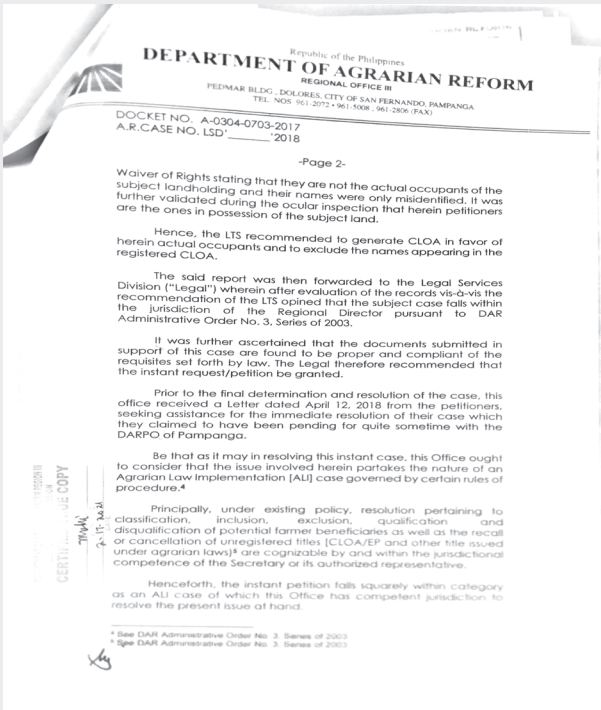
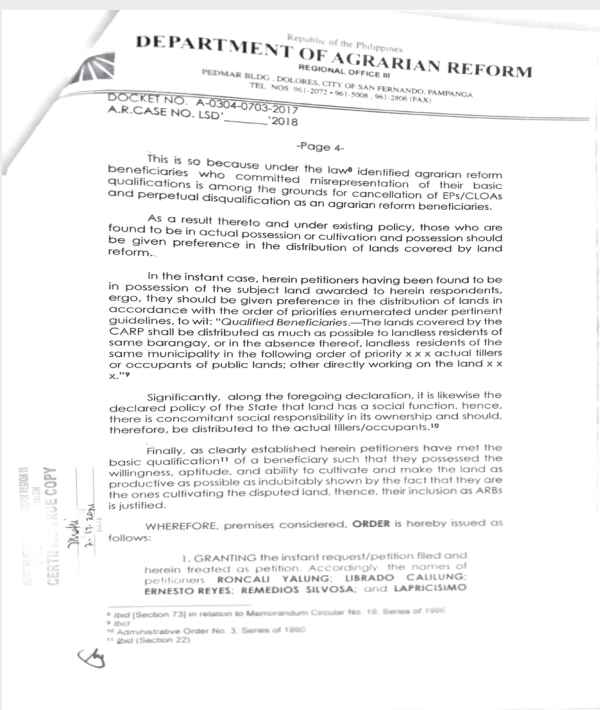
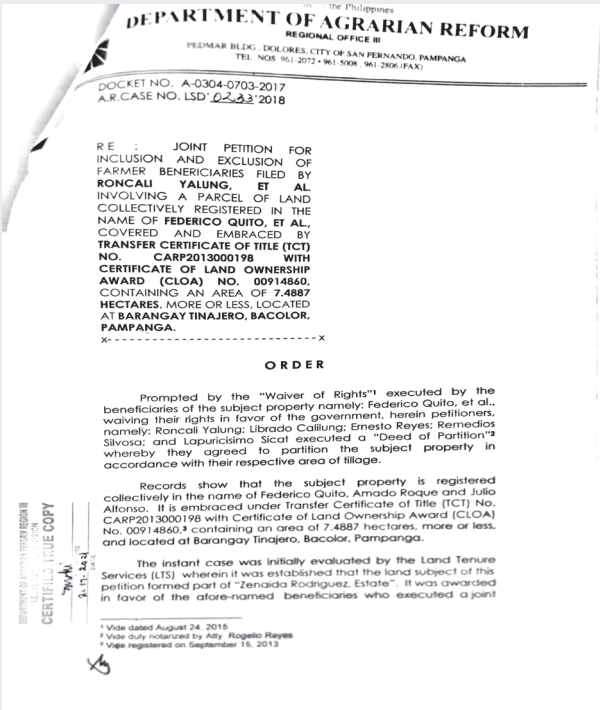
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CRK to propel...

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(LIPAD) composed of Filinvest Development Corp., JG Summit Holdings, Inc., Philippine Airport Ground Support Services, Inc., and Changi Airports Philippines (I) Pte. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Changi Airports International.

“The structure before us reflects the administration’s unyielding commitment to improve the quality of life of every Filipino by providing big ticket infrastructure projects such as this that will improve connectivity, mobility, create jobs, and disperse economic activity to the regions,” enthused the president.

Noting: “This development will also certainly boost economic growth in North and Central Luzon and provide these regions their own gateway to the rest of the Philippines and the world.”

Duterte said people could “look forward to a safer, easier, and more comfortable travel experience here at the Clark International Airport,” This, as the nation recovers from the pandemic and adapt to a new normal,

The president was joined in his inspection that included testing of check-in kiosks, bag drops, and other contactless features

at the terminal building by Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade, BCDA president and CEO Vince Dizon, LIPAD CEO Bi Yong Chungunco, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines officials, and private sector partners.

PREMIER GATEWAY

“Clark International Airport will clearly showcase the best of Northern and Central Luzon; from the world-class service this new terminal will offer and to the thousands of job opportunities it will further open for many of our kababayans, it is no doubt that the CRK will cement its position as the next premier gateway of Asia. This will prove that the Duterte administration’s Build, Build, Build is not just a dream ... it is real, it is true, and it is here,” Tugade said.

For Dizon, the modernization and expansion of the CRK is needed more than ever as it will help the Philippines “bounce back better,” not just by the jobs it creates, but also through the supply chain it supports and the trade it facilitates.

CRK is expected to create 150,000 new jobs, equating to 0.4% of the total employed population in the Philippines. Through production links, supporting in-

dustries such as tourism, food and beverage services, infrastructure, agriculture and manufacturing are expected to benefit from the modernized and expanded Clark airport.

“Thank you to the more than 3,000 workers, engineers, architects, and designers, who built this world-class airport for all of us. This is truly a testament to the skill and talent of the Filipino... Today, despite the challenges of the pandemic, despite the scourge of Covid-19, this truly world-class airport is now here for every Filipino to enjoy,” said Dizon, who also serves as Presidential Adviser for Flagship Programs and Projects. “We hope and we pray that this unprecedented infrastructure program will be continued by the administrations to come.”

LIPAD, the operator and manager of the CRK, assured that the new terminal building was designed to be a space of safety, ease, and quiet, with peace of mind of travelers high in its priority, especially in this time of global health crisis

Chungunco said her group equipped the new terminal building with state-of-the-art technology and vital contactless solutions for smooth and safe operations.

Cabanatuan’s...

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is a replication of its main branch in Cabanatuan. Thoroughly involved with the process to ensure quality, Gonzales also shared that all their recipes are from her mother’s which she still continuously improves. Their breads, cakes, and pastries are baked in their kitchen commissary daily for freshness.

“Our cakes, we bake it in Cabanatuan but we add the icing here. But yung ibang cakes na on the day like birthday cakes, dito na namin

binebake. Tapos yung mga cheese rolls and ensaymadas baked in our commissary overnight since we bake fresh everyday,” said Gonzales.

Gonzales said she feels grateful to know that a lot of Kapampangans are looking forward to their opening and said they also plan to expand and put up another branch in San Fernando, as well as Bulacan and Manila.

Located along Sto. Rosario St. across Carmelite Monastery, Edna’s Cakeland is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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R.A. 10172

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A 10172) Notice is hereby served to the public that **MARIFE OBENARIO ABAYA** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the sex from “**MALE**” to “**FEMALE**” in the Certificate of Live of Birth of her minor child **PRINCESS ANGELA OBENARIO ABAYA** at Mabalacat, Pampanga and whose parents are **ALEJANDRO FLORES ABAYA** and **MARIFE YACAS OBENARIO**.

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

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CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR
FOR THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR

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Form 28 (Revised June 2014)			
Rural Bank of Angeles Inc.			
Name of Bank			
PUBLISHED BALANCED SHEET			
(Head Office and Branches)			
As of June 30, 2021			
CONTROL PROOFSIT			
	Account Code	Current Quarter	Previous Quarter
Cash and Cash Items	108000000000000000	31,685,463.82	21,511,758.98
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	105150000000000000	75,497,455.23	76,197,200.00
Due from Other Banks	105200000000000000	572,369,216.92	422,263,276.97
Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	112000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Available-for-Sale Financial Assets-Net	195200000000000000	0.00	0.00
Held-to-Maturity (HTM) Financial Assets-Net	195250000000000000	220,578,551.03	199,883,371.07
Unquoted Debt Securities Classified as Loans-Net	195300000000000000	0.00	0.00
Investments in Non-Marketable Equity Security-Net	195350000000000000	0.00	0.00
Loans and Receivables - Net	195400000000000000	1,726,972,064.66	1,887,615,192.47
Other Financial Assets	148000000000000000	63,535,934.11	63,170,322.33
Equity Investment in Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures-Net	195452500000000000	0.00	0.00
Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixture and Equipment-Net	195500500000000000	40,736,545.56	44,038,180.97
Real and Other Properties Acquired-Net	195501000000000000	60,664,272.16	67,260,008.40
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	150150000000000000	0.00	0.00
Other Assets-Net	152000000000000000	98,666,079.81	100,221,945.97
Net Due from Head Office/Branches/Agencies, if any (Phil. branch of a foreign bank)	155250000000000000	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	100000000000000000	2,890,705,583.31	2,882,161,207.13
Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	208000000000000000	0.00	0.00
Deposit Liabilities	215000000000000000	2,144,497,778.31	2,141,830,815.63
Due to Other Banks	220050000000000000	0.00	0.00
Bills Payable	220100000000000000	54,304,863.85	58,554,863.85
Bonds Payable-Net	295201500000000000	0.00	0.00
Unsecured Subordinated Debt-Net	295202000000000000	0.00	0.00
Redeemable Preferred Shares	220250000000000000	0.00	0.00
Special Time Deposit	220300000000000000	0.00	0.00
Due to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	230350000000000000	0.00	0.00
Other Financial Liabilities	240050000000000000	31,056,792.10	20,818,678.24
Other Liabilities	240100000000000000	122,155,727.70	139,258,286.63
Net Due to Head Office/Branches/Agencies (Philippine branch of a foreign bank)	230850000000000000	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	200000000000000000	2,352,615,161.96	2,360,482,644.36
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	300000000000000000	538,690,421.34	521,698,562.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	305000000000000000	2,890,705,583.31	2,882,161,207.13
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS	400000000000000000	10,850.00	11,064.80
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Gross total loan portfolio (TLP)	499020000000000000	2,029,558,752.44	2,190,201,880.25
Specific allowance for credit losses on the TLP	499300000000000000	281,389,938.13	281,389,938.13
Non-Performing Loans (NPLs)			
a. Gross NPLs	499100500000000000	345,930,719.54	311,227,268.50
b. Ratio of gross NPLs to gross TLP (%)	499150500000000000	17.04%	14.21%
c. Net NPLs	499101000000000000	106,031,554.28	71,268,103.24
d. Ratio of Net NPLs to gross TLP (%)	499151000000000000	5.22%	3.45%
e. Ratio of total allowance for credit losses to gross NPLs (%)	499151500000000000	81.34%	90.41%
f. Ratio of specific allowance for credit losses on the gross TLP to gross NPLs (%)	499152000000000000	81.34%	90.41%
Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) on Solo Basis, as prescribed under existing regulations			
a. Total CAR (%)	499650500500000000	16.67	14.70
b. Tier 1 Ratio (%)	499650501000000000	15.96	14.04
c. Common Tier 1 Ratio (%) ^{1/}	499650501500000000	15.94	14.03

1/ Common Equity Tier 1 is only applicable to all Universal and Commercial Banks and their subsidiary banks.

I hereby certify that all matters set forth in this Published Balance Sheet are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Edna's Cakeland Angeles City Branch grand opening held July 16. PHOTO BY JOANN MANABAT

Cabanatuan's famous Edna's Cakeland opens in AC

BY JOANN MANABAT

ANGELES CITY – Kapampangans don't need to travel all the way to Cabanatuan for their famous Edna's Cakeland. Known for their empanadas and ensaymadas, pasta dishes to chicken sandwiches, Edna's Cakeland has finally opened its first branch outside Nueva Ecija here on Friday. According to Edna's Cakeland general manager Ana Margarita Gonzales, they wanted to

bring their food closer to the Kapampangans as she also hopes to be part of the food community here. "In the middle of the pandemic, I came here a lot. Nakita ko pa din na everyone was still interested in buying food, active pa din ang mga tao going to restaurants, so we tried our luck hoping na sana maging parte din kami ng food community dito sa Angeles," said Gonzales. Started in 1990 when

her mom, Edna, was just baking in their kitchen, Edna's Cakeland eventually expanded, having two more branches in SM Megacenters and SM Cabanatuan. It has now become Cabanatuan's famous homegrown casual dining and go-to place for pasalubong. Bringing in its traditional pink glee of a color, Gonzales said Edna's Cakeland will always give its homelike concept to all its branches as the newest branch

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Mommy Edna (right) with daughter Ana Margarita Gonzales (center) and family leads the ribbon-cutting ceremony during Edna's Cakeland Angeles City branch grand opening on Friday. PHOTOS BY RIC GONZALES



NLEX Lakbay Norte explores Bulacan's cultural heritage



Puni Art demo by Ms. Rheeza Hernandez, one of the remaining palm leaf artists in Bulacan.

WITH TRAVEL restrictions slowly being relaxed and vaccination roll-out ramping up, people are starting to make travel plans again. To showcase travel destinations and cultural highlights in the north, NLEX Corporation recently launched the first leg of its NLEX Lakbay Norte program. This first run was held in historic Bulacan, in cooperation with the Provincial History, Arts, Culture, and Tourism Office (PHACTO). NLEX Lakbay Norte is an annual media familiarization tour that aims to promote and accelerate tourism development in the northern part of the country. As the main gateway to the progressive north, the NLEX-SCTEX ex-

pressways provide the safest, most comfortable and efficient way to access the areas like Bulacan. "This edition of NLEX Lakbay Norte not only intends to encourage people to drive to the north, but also to help economic recovery. Tourist destinations have been adversely affected by the pandemic and this is our way of safely boosting tourism in these regions, and inspiring motorists to journey north through NLEX-SCTEX," said NLEX Corporation President and General Manager J. Luigi L. Bautista. Now on its 10th year, the program once again gathered select members of the media, this time for

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The famous Lomo Ribs of Kalye Mabini located in Malolos



As part of the cultural heritage tour, the team visited the Santos Mansion known for its classical art deco architecture.

SM Megacenter exhibits the Bb. Pilipinas Best National Costume

BY SHEEN EUGENIO

CABANATUAN CITY, Nueva Ecija - A young Novo Ecijano designer Erjohn Dela Serna takes pride in winning Bb. Pilipinas Best in National Costume Award now displayed at SM Megacenter from July 16 to 31. The winning masterpiece was worn by a Novo Ecijano beauty queen represented by Binibini 18 Dra. Ruth Erika Quin during the national pageant Bb. Pilipinas 2021 last July 11 at the Smart Araneta Coliseum. "When it was announced, I felt so grateful and overwhelmed because the journey is not easy. I'm

so happy to bring home the pride to my fellow Novo Ecijanos" said Dela Serna. This National Costume in its full glory and beauty. It inspires the green and golden fields of Nueva Ecija embodied in one attire, adorned with a manifold of beads to represent the grains, the design is more than just the province, this is the Filipinos – culture, tradition, and daily life. "My team and I bring the very backbone of our country to the Bb. Pilipinas stage. Agriculture, and one of the most important crops – rice or palay. This is also a tribute to the hardworking, dedicated, and strong farmers who are the reason

why we have food in our tables. Their life's work may be underappreciated by others, but they are as important as any other profession in the world" Bb. Ruth Quin said. SM Megacenter gave the honor and recognition to these young achievers as they became the catalyst to tell the country and the world about the beauty of the province of Nueva Ecija through their beauty, talent, dedication and wonderful creation. Aside from the NatCos, other Dela Serna's creations worn during the pageant were also displayed at the upper ground level exhibit area of the mall.



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