


# House approves bill declaring Pampanga as Christmas Capital



**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO** -- The House of Representatives unanimously approved on third and final reading last Sept. 18 a bill declaring the province of Pampanga as the "Christmas Capital of the Philippines." **PAGE 15 PLEASE**

Colorful lanterns light up Jose Abad Santos Ave. in the City of San Fernando.

FILE PHOTO: GERALD GLOTON

## Subic modernization key to dev't of CL, NL

CLARK FREEPORT -- The forthcoming expansion and modernization of the Subic port by private firm Harbour Centre Port Terminal, Inc. stands to serve as the key to the economic development of not only of its freeport zone, but also the entire central and northern Luzon.

international gateway for airborne commerce, Subic serves the same role for seaborne," Pamintuan noted. "That's the reason why we have this Subic-Clark growth corridor, serving as the platform for the region's global supply chain."

Pamintuan, who once served as chairman of the Subic-Clark Alliance for Development, stressed the importance of such growth corridor to the current global economic situation, where foreign investments and trade have

This, Clark Development Corp. chairman Edgardo D. Pamintuan averred, citing Subic as Clark's marine counterpart in the northern half of Luzon.

"If Clark is the region's

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## NLEX to start San Simon road elevation Sept. 23

### Availability of lanes during repairs assured

MANILA -- NLEX Corp. is set to start the construction to elevate the 200-meter portion of San Simon on Sept. 23 as part of its flood mitigation program.

Targeted for completion before the year ends, the tollway company will work 24/7 to ensure the pavement-raising project under the Tulaoc overpass will be completed on schedule. This is to ensure minimum traffic disruption for the motorists' convenience.

"We will do our best to accelerate the completion of the project to enable our motorists

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### Caluag among 'Top Performing City Mayors' of PHL













**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO** -- Mayor Vilma Balle-Caluang took a "spot in the distinguished list" of "Top Performing City Mayors" in the country in a nationwide appraisal conducted by the RP-Mission and Development Foundation Inc. (RPMD).

With a rating of over 86%, Caluag shared fourth place with Jerry Treñas of Iloilo, Ma. Ester Hamor of Sorsogon, and Baste Duterte of Davao.

Topping the list were Joy Belmonte of Quezon City, with 95.73%, and Eric

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RP-Mission and Development Foundation Inc. (RPMD)  
Top City Mayors in the Philippines (Q2)  
Job Performance Ratings  
June 25 - July 3, 2023

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| <br><b>Jerry Treñas</b><br>ILOILO CITY<br>86.79%           | <br><b>Ma. Ester Hamor</b><br>SORSGOGON CITY<br>86.63%  | <br><b>Vilma Caluag</b><br>SAN FERNANDO CITY<br>86.55% | <br><b>Baste Duterte</b><br>DAVAO CITY<br>86.51%     |
| <br><b>Krisel Lagman-Luistro</b><br>CAGAYAN CITY<br>85.78% | <br><b>Pao Evangelista</b><br>HONOLULU CITY<br>85.75%   | <br><b>Rey Uy</b><br>MAGSAYSAY CITY<br>85.64%          | <br><b>Bruce Matabalao</b><br>CAGAYAN CITY<br>85.37% |
| <br><b>John Dalipe</b><br>PASIG CITY<br>84.27%             | <br><b>Jaycee Dy Jr.</b><br>SANTO SPIRIT CITY<br>84.26% | <br><b>Malia Ting-Que</b><br>TUGUEGARAO CITY<br>84.11% | <br><b>Roxanne Pimentel</b><br>TARLAC CITY<br>83.91% |

The Top City Mayors in the Philippines (Q2) survey is a component of the nationwide "Blessing Blessing" comprehensive evaluation of the performance of public officials using face-to-face interviews with a total of 10,000 adult respondents. The sampling margin of error is +/-1%, at a 95% confidence level.





Masayang nakipaglaro sa mga bata si Mayor Jopet Inton ng Hermosa. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



Naghahanda ng punla ng gulay si Mayor Alex Acuzar ng Samal. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



Gov. Jose Enrique Garcia 3rd at Mayor Charlie Pizarro (nasa gitna) sa paglulunsad ng Health Paaralan sa Pilar. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

# ‘Healthy Paaralan’ inilunsad sa Bataan

Ni **ERNIE ESCONDE**

HERMOSA, BATAAN -- Patuloy ang malawakang paglulunsad ng “Healthy Paaralan” program sa mga piling pampublikong paaralang pang-elementarya sa lalawigan ito na sinimulan noong Lunes, Setyembre 18, sa layuning gawing malusog na lugar ang mga paaralan. “Layunin din ng programa na ituro sa mga mag-aaral ang kahalagahan ng masustansiyang pagkain at isabuhay ang aktibong pamamaraan ng pamumuhay,” sabi ni Gov. Jose Enrique Garcia 3rd. Sinimulan ang paglulunsad sa bayan ng Pi-

lar kasabay sa Hermosa, Orani, Samal, Abucay, Balanga City, Orion, Limay, Bagac, Morong, Mariveles, at Dinalupihan. Dumalo sa programa sa Pilar ang mga local officials sa pangunguna ni Mayor Charlie Pizarro, Pusong Pinoy Partylist Rep. Jett Nisay, mga kinatawan ng Department of Education at iba pa. “Ang layunin ng programang ito ay hindi lamang para mapabuti ang kalusugan ng mga mag-

aaral, kundi pati na rin ang kanilang pag-aaral at pangkalahatang pag-unlad,” sabi ng mayor. Kasabay nito, nagbigay ng kagamitang pang-sports si Congressman Nisay at binuksan ang taniman ng gulay sa paaralan. Masayang nagtanghal din ang mga kabataan ng folk dance. Kasama sa pagtitipon sina sangguniang bayan committee chairman on health chair Luz Samaniego, ibang SB members, municipal health officer Dr. Jose Bismarck Abad, municipal agriculture OIC Vincent Mangu-labnan, school district supervisor Ronie Mendoza,

PTA president Abijohn Manalo, school principal Emely Agustin at Culis barangay chairman Fred-eric Bernal. “Laging tandaan, ku-main ng masusustansyang pagkain at magkaroon ng sapat na pahinga. Ito’y isang mahusay na hakbang tungo sa mas malusog na henerasyon,” payo ni Mayor Inton. Samantala, sa bayan ng Samal, pinangunahan ni Mayor Alex Acuzar ang paglulunsad ng “Healthy Paaralan” program sa Gugo Elementary School kung saan nagsagawa ng pagtatanim ng iba-ibang gulay at sinubukan ang ilang larong Pinoy.

## Coal-fired power plant launches medical consultation

By **ERNIE ESCONDE**

MARIVELES, BATAAN -- GNPower Dinginin Ltd. Co. has launched its first medical consultation in its desire to support quality health access and enrich ties with the community near its business here. GNPD, a coal-fired power plant, conducted free medical consultation, provided 200 hygiene kits and medicines to villagers of Sitio Dinginin in Barangay Alas-Asin and held information, education and communication session for health and hygiene. The activity was a joint effort between the Community Relations (CR) and Safety, Health

and Environment (SHE) departments of GNPD. GNPD’s assistant vice president for community relations Arcel Madrid who spearheaded the program emphasized the company’s commitment to help the nearby community of Sitio Dinginin and its residents. “We at GNPD recognize this as one of our utmost priorities in our company. Together with SHE, we ensure that each member of our growing family stays safe while at work, and through this medical consultation, we are extending this commitment to the community,” he said. Madrid assured that this is only the begin-

ning of GNPD’s many endeavors to help enrich the lives of the residents, as they have more programs planned for Sitio Dinginin. “We strongly believe that we are one with the community - they need our support just as much as we need theirs.” Dinginin’s midwife Lorna Mariano who thanked GNPD explained the importance of prioritizing health and wellness. Latest assessment of GNPD’s community relations team in the community showed that there were children with coughs, colds and skin diseases while the adults required medical attention and upkeep.



Dinginin folk avail themselves of GNPD’s free medical consultation. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



Ang naganap na pulong balitaan ng AFP, NTF-ELCAC, Plaridel LGU at dalawang aktibista na sina Jonila Castro at Jhed Tamano. **KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS**

## 2 environmentalists nanindigan na dinukot sila ng militar

Ni **ROMMEL RAMOS**

PLARIDEL, BULACAN ---- Iniharap sa media nitong Martes ng Armed Forces of the Philippines, NTF-ELCAC at Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Plaridel, ang dalawang environmentalists na napaulat na dinukot kamakailan sa Orion, Bataan. Ayon kay Lt. Col. Ronnel Dela Cruz, commanding officer ng 70th Infantry Battalion, nagbalik loob sa gobyerno ang mga nawawalang sina Jonila Castro at Jhed Tamano na pawang mga miyembro ng AKAP KA Manila Bay. Aniya, sina Castro at Tamano mismo ang humiling na humarap sa media para matapos na ang isyu ng pagdukot sa kanila ng militar at sa halip ay dumaan sa legal na proseso ang kanilang pagsuko. Pero nabago ang lahat nang

magsalita sina Castro at Tamano at nanindigan na dinukot sila ng militar noong gabi ng Sept. 2. Kwento ng dalawa na noong una ay inakala nilang sindikato ang dumukot sa kanila at sapilitang isinakay sa isang van at piniringan. Pero walang tigil na nterogasyon daw ang ginawa ng mga abductors na nagpakilalang umanong mga nasa hanay ng militar at Special Action Force. Matapos ang nasabing pulong balitaan, ayon sa NTF-ELCAC ay pinag-uusapan pa kung sino ang magkokostodiya sa dalawang estudyante. Samantala, nagpiket naman sa harap ng munisipyo ng Plaridel ang mga kaklase nina Castro at Tamano mula sa Bulacan State University at isinisigaw na palayain na ng gobyerno ang mga ito.







# To the Point

## The Call



**Never forget!  
Never Again!**

## The Reality



**All forgotten!  
All forgiven!  
A people dumbed,  
A nation damned.**



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## Opinion



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Bong Z. Lacson

## Oca: Isang Istorya ng Pakikibaka

PINAGKAITAN SIYA ng kapalaran na maging martir ng armadong paghihimagsik upang kaipala'y biyayaan ng kasaysayan ng takdang papel na gagampanan sa patuloy na pakikibaka tungo sa ganap na kalayaan at pambansang demokrasya.

Pakikibaka – ito ang buod ng kasaysayan ni Oscar Samson Rodriguez.

Pakikibaka – ito ang mismong ubod ng kanyang buhay.

Buhay na wari'y sadyang pinilas mula sa pam-bungad na bersikulo sa unang kapitulo ng mapagpalayang ebanghelyo nina Karl Marx at Friedrich Engels – ang *Communist Manifesto* -- “Ang kasaysayan ng lahat ng naitayong lipunan ay kasaysayan ng pakikibaka – pakikibaka sa pagitan ng mga naghahari at pinaghahariang uri...”

Pakikibaka. Uring anak-pawis na ang kamusmusan ay tigib sa hagkis ng karalitaan, sa hagupit ng kalakarang piyudal, sa giyagis ng paghihimagsik.

Pakikibaka. Kayod sa araw, aral sa gabi. Sa limang kahig, iisang tuka. Kalam ng sikmura'y hindi na ininda. Sipag, sikap, tiyaga, tiis, tikis – pinuhunang pawis, luha't dugo makatapos lamang sa pag-aaral.

Pakikibaka. Alab ng damdamin, puyos ng dibdib sumiklab, nagngalit mula paaralan tungo sa lansangan. Nagningas, lumiyab sa digmang bayan. Ka Jasmin isinilang, sa rebolusyonaryong kilusan pumailanlang. Bartolina ang sinad-lakan. Sa pusikit na kadiliman, isang dipang langit ang tanging tanglaw. Rehas na bakal na pampiit, paninindigang makabayan pinaalab pa nang higit.

Pakikibaka. Sandigan ng katotohanan, saligan ng mga karapatan, tanggulan ng bayan. Kampe-

on ng mga inaapi't pinagkakaitan ng katarungan.

EDSA Uno. Bagong pulitika – paglingkuran ang sambayanan binuhay, pinairal sa Kapitolyo, sa bawat takbo sa Kongreso.

EDSA Dos. Atas ng kabayanihan muling tinup-dan ng magiting na prosecutor ng bayan.

Pakikibaka. May hihigit pa kaya sa dusa't pighati dala ng delubyo ng Bulkang Pinatubo? Sa gitna ng kawalang pag-asa, sa harap ng panawagan ng mga eksperto kuno, kasama na ang noo'y senador na Kapampangan daw, na hayaan na ang kalikasan at lisanin na ang lalaw-igan, matatag siyang nanindigan na ipaglaban ang lahing Kapampangan at hindi ito pababa-yaang mabura na lamang.

Pakikibaka. Patuloy na pakikibaka. Mula sa kanyang kabataan hanggang ngayon na ang timon ng pamahalaang lokal ay kanya nang tan-gan. Tangan tungo sa kadakilaan.

Ang istorya ni Oscar Rodriguez ay kagana-pan ng pagsanib ng isang indibiduwal na buhay sa takbo ng kasaysayan. Na siyang piling pagka-kataon ng kabayanihan.

**“Ang mga bayani ay may kaukulang pana-hon, kung paaanong ang kapanahunan at mga pangyayaring umiiral ay lumilikha ng mga bayaning kailangan nila.”** Ana ngang isang makabayang makata sa kanyang pagpa-pakahulugan sa konsepto ng “bayani ng kasay-sayan.”

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**Shepherd's Call**

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

## Unbinding

WHEN THE news came out that our petition to Rome for the establishment of the permanent diaconate in the Philippines had been approved, it went viral in the social media. I did not realize that so many people found the idea of having married deacons in the Philippines a welcome development. There were a few, however, who privately expressed to me their apprehensions about it. They thought of it as another “innovation” under the papacy of Pope Francis. Obviously, there are many Filipinos who do not know that the reestablishment of a permanent diaconate open to married candidates happened already after Vatican II and has since existed in most Roman Catholic dioceses around the world long before the papacy of Pope Francis.

When people react to Pope Francis and say that he is changing a lot of things and that things should just be left “the way they have always been since the beginning,” I shake my head and smile, wishing I could tell them, “You don't know what you are talking about.” Since Vatican II, the Church has actually been busy returning to its sources, especially the Scriptures and the Apostolic Tradition.

Today's first reading from the first letter to Timothy, for example, was written in the first century. It is not a novel proposal by some so-called “liberals” or “progressives” in the Church wanting to change Church doctrine and policies or introduce some innovations. It is from the Apostle St. Paul himself laying down the requirements for bishops and deacons.

Take note, he is not requiring them to be celibates. Meaning, these ministries were never meant to be exclusive to celibates. But if some candidates are married, he says they should be “married only once.” If some of them get widowed, they are admonished not to get remarried anymore.

You see, we often forget that the exclusion of married candidates to the offices of bishops, presbyters, and deacons is actually a later development in Church history—already in the 11th century. It is obvious that the reasons for this later decision to make the ordained ministries exclusive to celibates were more practical than theological. The Latin Church went for an exclusively celibate ordained ministry obviously on the presumption that celibates, unlike married clerics, would be relatively “low-maintenance,” if I may put it that way.

You may have also been surprised to hear about “women” among them—yes, women deacons. There are those who are against the idea of making the diaconate open again to women the way it was in the first century, and interpret the “women” mentioned by St Paul as the wives of deacons. Check out the footnoted commentary of the New American Bible produced by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops that says the interpretation of the “women” here as “women deacons” is to be preferred. It says “if dea-

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## Opinion

### The Public Space

Jun Sula

## Robin is braver than Batman. So, it seems.

The senator, who stands out, or is the odd man out, in the House of the Wiser, on the burning issue on the West Philippine Sea dispute, has braved the shining sea on his own. And on a rickety banca, mind you, not on a ship. He did one better than a former president who threatened to be the first to cross the sea on a jet ski but found out later he was just kidding. He was friendlier. Better to win the war, or what passes for it, without fighting. It's an old Chinese saying, and the former president delighted in it.

Chill up, Robin told his older and veteran colleagues. China hasn't been a bad boy with its nine-dash line. Not even with its new ten-dash line. No escalation out there, or anywhere, according to his surprise and secret ocular inspection. When was the last time the country's maritime expert visited the controversial sea? His colleagues and others must be seeing things, like "mist and snow".

There is a problem they, his colleagues, refuse to see: the old man who's poking its nose in the current spat between China and Taiwan. We have no business allowing the old man to use our backyard to meddle in the spat and make more serious than it is. Can't we fight our own battle by ourselves without bringing back an "old threat" we kicked out from their bases a long time ago?

Of course, on his banca, it was understandable for Robin not to see the massive pillage on the country's coral reefs deep down in the WPS. He was not fired with a water cannon, as a footnote, which can't lie, showed a Filipino boat encountered days before he made or divulged that secret trip. Apparently, he did not see the swarms of Chinese militias and the Coast Guard ships nearby ready to block any attempt to resupply the Sierra Madre at the Ayungin shoal.

Robin's brave act raised more questions than

gave answers, or assurance. Who authorized his daring act that a former president failed to do? Who knew about it, and failed to use the intelligence fund? How come he was able to look into the alleged escalation in the sea without being noticed by both sides? Was it a trip under a diplomatic arrangement?

Robin's revelation needs some explanation. In a nation troubled by wild allegations that China has its own "friends" to ramp up its propaganda that it is a gentle, not a misbehaving, beast, pushing its weight around its neighbors, Robin's brave trip is worrisome. It's bad, really bad, when a senator appears to act like one.

May be he was on a singular mission to tell like it is as opposed to what is being peddled around. It may even be patriotic even if some see it the other way. Or photos and videos show and tell for the world to know. He, for all we know, may be deserving of an heroic medal for defying the common perception that China is slowly but surely pushing its boundary, illegally, against its neighbors.

A privilege speech will be a great service to the nation, once and for all. His story and his patriotic ache about a US Navy plane flying over the WPS is unnerving him. It is causing the esca-

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## Opinion

### Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

## The Pinoy as a 'sour' loser

MUCH HAS been said about elections in the Philippines. But one thing that I find really amusing is the observation that there are really no losing candidates in an election – only the proclaimed winner on one hand and the *mepurayit* or the *penekasan* on the other hand. This is not to say however that claims of election fraud, whether in recent memory or those down in our nation's colorful and controversial election history, have no bearing at all. In fact, we have a verified and documented list of election cases both in the national and barangay level where the initial winner made his or her way to the top through a dubious process, only to suffer a dismal political fall after overwhelming evidence of fraud, tampering and vote-buying have been unearthed by the opponent, and eventually presented and proven in court.

Quite understandably, this mentality has crossed the boundary of politics and has become evident in practically every activity where there are supposedly a winner and a loser. When a student does not make it on top of the class, the parents accuse the teachers and the school head of favoritism. When a basketball team fails to advance to the finals, the players, along with the coaches and the "miron" criticize the referees and umpires of poor officiating. When a pageant contestant does not make it to the top five, the handlers and the contestant's family and throng of supporters question the results and even throw a shade on the qualifications of the judges if only to establish what they feel and believe is a biased evaluation of all the contestants' overall performance.

*Tiyo, Lutong Macao, Berirong, Cooking Show* – these are just some of the terms we use to describe any contest when the results do not go the way we wanted, hoped or expected them to be.

While it may be true that there are contests

that have produced questionable or unpopular results, the judges' decision is always final and irrevocable. Remember the Erik Santos-Sheryn Regis tiff in the 2003 Star in a Million, the Olivia Culp-Janine Tugonon buzz during the 2012 Ms. Universe, or even the Lyca Gairanod-Darren Espanto battle in the 2014 The Voice Kids?

Despite the time-tested, periodically revised and updated criteria that guide the judges, competitions such as pageants, dance, singing, speech and writing contests are in fact, subjective in nature. The 'audience impact' in the criteria, if any, could only do so much to influence the judges. To be blunt about it, even if more than half of the audience in attendance scream their lungs out for a particular contestant, that is not an assurance of a victory or even a special award. Unless of course there's the "Darling of the Crowd," a staple minor award in many gay beauty pageants.

More importantly, it is the judges that are given the task to choose the rightful winners;

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## Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

## Parusang 'disbarment' lang, hindi sapat

Ngayong 'disbarred' na si Ariel D. Maglalang bilang 'lawyer' sanhi riyan ng nagawang pagkakasala o isang panlilinang ay marapat lang na kanyang pagdusahan.

At kung anong klase riyan ng panloloko ang nagawa n'yan sa mismong kliyente nito, batik na sa kanyang pagka-abogado kahit malusutan ang naging asunto.

Tulad nang bago 'yan ma-'disbar,' siya itong sa DARAB Pampanga ang Adjudicator, maasahan pa ba ang klase ng taong ito, na may bahid na ng pangongotong?

Na kung kanino 'yan posibleng kumita papanig kahima't mas maliwanag pa sa sikat ng araw, na ganito siya at maituturing din na doble kara?

Kung saan posible rin niyang kasabuwat si Atty. Munting-Mayor na pahamak, matapos maningil sa isa kong anak ng 100K ay nag-'withdraw' at sukat?

At ito namang si A.D.M. na ayaw mag- 'inhibit' kahit na napakalinaw, na 'disqualified' si Mrs. Cruz sa kasong paglabag s batas ng Agrarian Reform.

Katwiran nila ay 'certain portion' lamang ng 509 square meters r'yan ng lupang isinangla sa MACABEBE RURAL BANK nitong 'allocattee' riyan na naturan.

Nadesisyonan na ng pabor sa akin itong narimata na 'subject landholding' pero binaligtad ng napakagalang na 'Adjudicator,' nang ni walang 'hearing'?

At kahit minsan ay itong magkabilang panig di tinanong man lang ni Maglalang, kundi bagkus mga 'entry of appearance' lang ng mga 'lawyers,' kasunod – pirmahan!

Kaya di malayo na magkasangga nga ang dalawa na pareho yatang bakya ni Neneng ang suot sa paa kung kaya ang tunay na 'gender' nila ay halata.

At sana ang 'Congress, Senate, Malacañan gawan nang matamang aksyon na kailangan ang ganitong klase na kahiya-hiyang 'malpractice' ng nasa ganitong larangan.

At di pagka- 'disbar' lamang sa propesyon itong nararapat kay Maglalang, ihatol kundi ng kung ilang taong pagkakulong nang di tularan ng ibang Manananggol.

Gaya nga nila na mangalaga dapat sa makatarungang bagay na panukat – sa tama – at di sa katanungang 'how much' ang kayang ibigay nang sa matuwid salat.

At ngayong posibleng wala na ang tinik sa kasong 'yours truly' ang nasa matuwid, 'disqualification' ang dapat manaig laban kay Cruz at kay Ariel – itong 'verdict'

Na maipatupad ng DAR o ng DARAB base sa 'rulings' at panuntunang batas ng 'Agrarian Reform' upang maging patas para sa 'kin at kina CRUZ ang panukat!~

NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CLAUDIO PANGAN** who died on January 6, 2021, at Angeles Medical Hospital in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land located at Brgy., Bical Mabalatcat, Pampanga Island of Luzon Lot No: 98-B-2-B-2-B-13-B, PLAN NO: PSD-03-243697 portion of Lot 98-B-2-B-2-B-13 (LRA) Psd-411518 with an area of Nine Hundred Twelve (912) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2020006073; before Notary Public Katrina Sanedel C. Silanga, as per Doc No. 2304, Page No. 43, Book No. V, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 18, 25 & October 2, 2023

NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ELENA BARRETO** of legal age, Filipino, and with postal address in Angeles City; and heirs of **AMADO P. SUAREZ a.k.a. AMANDO P. SUAREZ** who died on February 22, 2005 in Angeles City and **LUZ BARRETO** who died on March 15, 2009 in Angeles City; Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2768 of cadastral survey of Arayat, situated in the Municipality of Arayat, containing an area of Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Square meters (48,317); and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-32651-R; before Notary Public Henry D. Adasa, as per Doc No. 112, Page No. 22, Book No. IX, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 18, 25 & October 2, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ORLANDO TIAMZON** who died on February 20, 2023 at Bical Mabalatcat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 98-B-2-B-2-B-9 of the subd., plan (LRA) Psd-411518, approved as a non subdivision project being a portion of Lot 98-B-2-B-2-B, Psd-03-153546, LRC Cad, Rec. No. 132), situated in the Bo. of Bical, Mun. of Mabt., Prov. of Pampanga containing an area of One Thousand (1,000) Square Meters and covered by TCT No. 193832; before Notary Public Ford G. Tuazon, as per Doc No. 231, Page No. 31, Book No. LXXX, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 18, 25 & October 2, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REYNALDO D. MANALOTO** who died on December 20, 2008, in No. 316 Mc Arthur Hi-Way, Claro M. Recto, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 44883

“ 1. Un terrano (Lote No. 79, Block No. 18 del plano de subdivision Psd-3066, parte del lote No. 590 de la modicion catastral de Angeles, G.L.R.O. cad. Rec. No. 124), situated en el barrio de Lourdes, Municipio de Angeles, Provincia de la Pampanga x x x al punto de particia cuideruo una extension superficial de Ciento Cincuenta Metros Cuadrados (150), mas o menos. x x x”

“ 2 Un terrano (Lote No. 80, Block No. 18 del plano de subdivision Psd-3066, parte del lote No. 590 de la modicion catastral de Angeles, G.L.R.O. cad. Rec. No. 124), situated en el barrio de Lourdes, Municipio de Angeles, Provincia de la Pampanga x x x al punto de partidada; midiendo una extension superficial de Ciento Cincuenta Metros Cuadrados (150), mas o menos. x x x”

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 44884

“A parcel of land (Lot 512-C of the subdivision plan Psd-37300, being a portion of lot 512 of the Cadastral Survey of Angeles, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of San Nicolas, Municipality of Angeles City, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of One Hundred and Twenty Six (126) Square Meters, more or less. x x x”

before Notary Public Darwin S. Reyes, as per Doc No. 688, Page No. 3, Book No. 27, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 18, 25 & October 2, 2023

NOTICE OF SOLE ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **JEANNETTE MICLAT CARPENTER**, of legal age, Filipino, widow and resident of Lot 1 Block 10 Balik Barangay Manibaug Pasig, Porac, Pampanga; and heirs of **REGINALD PETER CARPENTER** who died on August 31, 2023 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his estate, That deceased left is a Special Resident Retiree's Visa (SRRV) deposit of Fifty Thousand U.S. Dollars (U.S.\$50,000.00) in Banco de Oro (BDO), a Philippine Retirement Authority accredited bank; before Notary Public Raenan B. Malig, as per Doc No. 776, Page No. 65, Book No. 19, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 11, 18 & 25, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONO S. MIRANDA** who died on June 2, 2006 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; Left a parcel of land located at Block 2 Lot 1-C Abacan, Malabanas, Angeles City; Containing an area of Fifty Four (54) Sqaure Meters; before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc No 2772, Page No. 72, Book No. 101, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 11, 18 & 25, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CARMELITA L. MARCELO** who died on March 26, 2010 at Porac Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 12, Blk. 4 of the Cons-subd. plan Pcs-035415-005 793, being a portion of the consolidated Lots, 1, Pcs-03-002753, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Balubad, Mun. of Porac, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-412650-R; before Notary Public Kristine Keith N. Colle, as per Doc No. 614, Page No. 45, Book No.III, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 11, 18 & 25, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JULIO CUYUGAN MIRANDA** who died on July 24, 2022 at Magalang, Pampanga and whose remains interred at Magalang Memorial Park in San Pedro, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1-R of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-195854, being a portion of Lot 1, (LRC) Psd-186259, LRC. Cad. Rec. No. 128), situated in the Bos. of talimundoc & Sta. Cruz, Mun. of Magalang, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Sqaure Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 326365-R (Registry of Deeds of Province of Pampanga) before Notary Public Katrina Sanedel C. Silanga, as per Doc. No. 390, Page No. 79, Book No. 1, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 11, 18 & 25, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BONIFACIO CASTRO AYSON** who died on July 28, 2023 at 1-9 H Valencia Comp., Clark Ave., St., Villasol Subd., Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2019006560 (Registry of Deeds for Angeles City)

Lot No: B-26, Plan No: Psd-03-234174  
Portion Of: Lot B, Psd-03-140354 (AR)  
Location: Brgy. of Sta. Catalina & Anunas, City of Angeles, Prov. of Pampanga, Island of Luzon  
Area: Two Hundred Sixty Two (262) Square Meters, More or Less

before Notary Public Mark Andrew M. Santiago, as per Doc No. 3485, Page No. 40, Book No. XXXVI, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 18, 25 & October 2, 2023

NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSE M. MANALANSAN** who died on February 11, 2012 in Lubao, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 11, Block 1 of the consolidation and subd., plan Pcs-03-000440, being a portion of the consolidated lots 2-A-2 & 2-A-13, Pcs-03-002316, LRC Rec. No. ) situated in the Bo. of Prado, Mun. of Lubao, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of Two Hundred Seventy Four (274) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 185342-R; before Notary Public Romeo B. Torno, as per Doc No. 156, Page No. 33, Book No. III, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 18, 25 & October 2, 2023

NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MARINEZ C. JOVELLANOS**, of legal age, Filipino, single, with residence and postal address at Sitio Pandan, Brgy. Anupul, Bamban 2317, Tarlac, Philippines; and heirs of **ANALOU C. JOVELLANOS** who died on December 07, 2021 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, McArthur Hi-way, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on her estate, The deceased is the owner and depositor of two (2) PESO Deposit Accounts with Account No. **9683-1274-82** and **9689-0422-68** before the **Bank of the Philippines Islands (BPI) – Angeles-Kuliat Branch**, Prudential Bank Building, Sto. Rosario St., Angeles City, Pampanga, with an aggregate account balance of **Twenty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Two and 95/100 (Php23,642.95) Pesos**, Philippine Currency; before Notary Public Arnaldo P. Dizon as per Doc No. 06, Page No. 03, Book No. 32, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 4, 11 & 18, 2023

NOTICE OF SOLE ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **LOURDES MARIANO** of legal age, Filipino, Widow, and resident of 22 Via Roma St., Villa Angela Subd., Angeles City, Pampanga; and heirs of **DOMINADOR MATABA MARIANO** who died on May 23, 2021, at Sacred Heart Medical Center Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Sole Adjudication on his estate, That the aforementioned deceased is a depositor of Bank of the Philippine Islands-Dollar Deposits, Angeles Branch, Savings Account 005684-0184-36 and Amount \$ 3,124.89 plus intrest accruing; before Notary Public Jessica Ella S. Lagman, CPA, as per Doc No. 53, Page No. 12, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 11, 18 & 25, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PASTOR TAMBIO UDARBE** who died on August 31, 2010 in Purok 5 Sta. Cruz Porac Pampanga and **PACIENCIA GARILLO UDARBE** who died on December 20, 1997 in Dallax Texas; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2017001384

LOT NO.: 9-B  
PLAN NO.: PSD-03-224631  
PORTION OF: LOT 9, BLOCK 20, (LRC) PCS-5403  
LOCATION: BARANGAY PAMPANG, LOURDES & SAN NICOLAS, CITY OF ANGELES ISLAND OF LUZON

before Notary Public Israel C Forto, as per Doc. No. 76, Page No. 21, Book No. XI, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 4, 11 & 18, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ARMANDO SOLOMON CARANTO** who died on September 27, 2021 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; Left a personal property known as a Joint Passbook Account in the **Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) bearing Passbook No. 000763-0570-62**; before Notary Public Arnel D. Berato, as per Doc No. 586, Page No. 81, Book No. X, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 4, 11 & 18, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MIRABELLE CALADIAO LINGAT** who died on September 11, 2020 at the Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, McArthur Highway, City of Angeles, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 4 of the consolidation and subd. plan Pcs-03-000400, being a portion of the consolidated lots 22 & 24 Block 17, (LRC) Psd-59305, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Telabastagan, Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga; Containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty (250) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 208166-R; before Notary Public Mylene A. Yturralde-Chan, REB, as per Doc No. 1344, Page No. 100, Book No. XLVIII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 11, 18 & 25, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **WILFREDO YUMUL FELICIANO** who died on September 3, 2021 at Mabalatcat City Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 11, Blk. 76, of the subd., plan (LRC) Psd-202163, being a portion of Lot 29-D (LRC) Psd-197421 (AR), LRCM (GLRO) Rec. No. 11732), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Municipality of Mabalatcat, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2020000979 Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Joanne D. Vitug-Evangelista, as per Doc No. 203, Page No. 73, Book No.VII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 11, 18 & 25, 2023

Donggwang Clark Corporation

company is looking for a competent, self-motivated candidate to fill the following position;

(Address: CM Recto Highway, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga)

Submit / E-mail resume to at donggwangdev21@gmail.com

Tel No. (045) 499-1166

Position: Assistant Manager (Casino Marketing Department)

Required Qualifications and Experiences:

• Must know how to speak in English and Korean language; Must be 35-50 years old and above.

• At least five (5) years of experience working in Casino business / company.

• Has knowledge, expertise and experienced in Casino Marketing management and other Casino Marketing strategies.

• Salary Range: Php 80,000.00 to Php 100,000.00

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IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF REMEDIOS BAYDO WEINGARTNER, Decedent,

SPEC. PROC. NO. R-ANG-23-02158-SP

-for-

“PROBATE OF WILL & ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY”

REGIS ALOYSIUS WEINGARTNER, Petitioner.

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ORDER

A verified Petition having been filed by REGIS ALOYSIUS WEINGARTNER praying that after hearing, judgment be rendered approving, allowing and admitting the Will of the deceased Remedios Baydo Weingartner and publication, and issuing the Letters Testamentary to the petitioner without bond..

NOW THEREFORE, you are hereby given notice that the said petition will be heard before this Court on November 14, 2023 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, to which date, time and place all persons interested in the matter of heirs, creditors or otherwise may appear to show cause, if any, they have, why the petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga and the City of Angeles, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of hearing at the expense of the petition.

SO ORDERED.

September 13, 2023, Angeles City, Philippines.

IRIN ZENAIDA S. BUAN  
Judge

Punto Central Luzon: September 18, 25 & October 2, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AFRICA LACSON** married to **LUCILO ASUNCION** (both deceased), **CRESENCIO LACSON** married to **MARIA PEREZ** (both deceased), **CATALINO LACSON** married to **PILAR KARASIG** (both deceased), and **ADELAIDA LACSON** married to **FELICIANO CABALU**; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follis;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 353745-R

A parcel of land (Lot 1 of the cons-subd. plan, Pcs-035411-004913, being a portion consolidated lots 5-F-2 and lot-5-F-3, Psd-03-042243, L.R.C. rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty (8,220) Sqaure Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 313691-R

A parcel of land (Lot 5-F-1 of the subd. plan, Psd-03-042243 being a portion of lot 5-F, Psd-03-031326 L.R.C. rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Jose, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five (12,875) Sqaure Meters;

before Notary Public Enrico P. Quiambao, as per Doc. No. 282, Page No. 41, Book No. XII, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 11, 18 & 25, 2023









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MINUTES OF THE 59<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2025 HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2023 AT THE SP SESSION HALL, XEVERA, BARANGAY TABUN, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

PRESENT: Hon. Gerald Guttrie P. Aquino - Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer  
Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr. - Member  
Hon. Marjorie Grace M. Sambo - Member  
Hon. Victor D. Tiglao II - Member  
Hon. Noelito B. Castro - Member  
Hon. Elizabeth R. Pineda - Member  
Hon. Roland D. Peña - Member  
Hon. Jerry P. Magsino - Member  
Hon. Carlo Francis B. Dizon - Member  
Hon. Elmer S. Mendiola - Member  
Hon. Hans Christian G. Balingit - Member  
Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito - Member

ABSENT: Hon. Cherry D. Manalo - Member (OB)  
Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee - Member

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 38  
Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING THE LAND USE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH AN AREA OF 2,386 SQUARE METERS LOCATED IN BARANGAY BICAL, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA WITH TRANSFER CERTIFICATE TITLE (TCT) NO. 045-2023000159 DULY REGISTERED WITH THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE NAME OF BSPT CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL IN THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance reclassifying the land use of a certain parcel of land with an area of 2,386 square meters located in Barangay Bical, Mabalacat City, Pampanga with Transfer Certificate Title (TCT) No. 045-2023000159 duly registered with the registry of deeds in the name of BSPT Construction Corporation from agricultural to commercial in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance of Mabalacat City, Pampanga".

HON. GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO

HON. CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO





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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall only cover the reclassification of the land use from agricultural to commercial of the 2,386 square meter land located in Barangay Bical, Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

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

SECTION 4. The requirements and procedure for reclassification of agricultural lands to commercial as provided in Memorandum Circular No. 54, series of 1993 of the Office of the President shall be complied with by the proponent such as the Certifications from DAR, NIA and DA and the conduct of public hearing.

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

ENACTED: This 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 on motion of Hon. Jerry P. Magsino, duly seconded by Hons. Marcos Castro, Tiglao II and Mendiola.

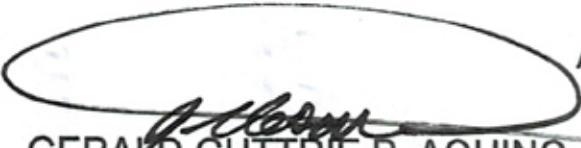
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Aileen G. Peña  
SP Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


  
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Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
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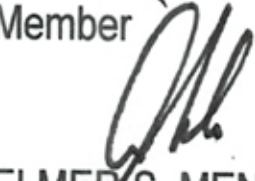
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CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO  
City Mayor  
Date: 09/13/2023 

  
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|          | Hon. Hans Christian G. Balingit | - Member                       |
|          | Hon. Ruvelane S. Margarito      | - Member                       |
| ABSENT:  | Hon. Cherry D. Manalo           | - Member (OB)                  |
|          | Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee | - Member                       |

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 39  
Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING THE LAND USE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND WITH TOTAL AREA OF 1,000 SQUARE METERS LOCATED IN BARANGAY CAMACHILES, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA WITH TRANSFER CERTIFICATE TITLE (TCT) NOS. 045-2022006794 AND 045-2022006795 DULY REGISTERED WITH THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE NAME OF RICHARD DIOMEREZ MENDOZA FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL IN THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

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

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance reclassifying the land use of certain parcels of land with total area of 1,000 square meters located

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in Barangay Camachiles, Mabalacat City, Pampanga with Transfer Certificate Title (TCT) Nos. 045-2022006794 and 045-2022006795 duly registered with the Registry of Deeds in the name of Richard Diomerez Mendoza from agricultural to commercial in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance of Mabalacat City, Pampanga."

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall only cover the reclassification of the land use from agricultural to commercial of the 1,000 square meter land located in Barangay Camachiles, Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

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

SECTION 4. The requirements and procedure for reclassification of agricultural lands to commercial as provided in Memorandum Circular No. 54, series of 1993 of the Office of the President shall be complied with by the proponent such as the Certifications from DAR, NIA and DA and the conduct of public hearing.

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

ENACTED: This 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 on motion of Hon. Jerry P. Magsino, duly seconded by Hons. Tiglao II and Mendiola.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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SP Secretary

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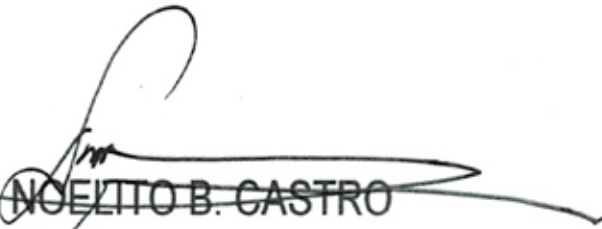


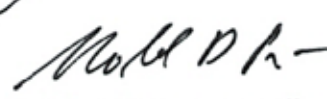
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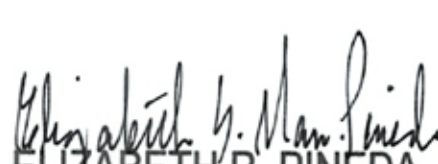
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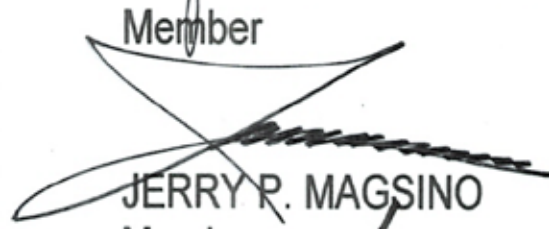
  
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APPROVED:

  
CRISOSTOMO C. GARBO  
City Mayor  
Date: 09/13/2023 

  
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Hann Resorts employees celebrate the iconic Hann Casino Resort facade during its opening day on Dec. 15, 2021 amid the Covid-19 pandemic.  
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Hann Philippines: ‘Best Integrated Resort Workplace’

MANILA – Hann Philip-pines, Inc. (HPI), own-er and operator of Hann Casino Resort, was be-stowed the Best Work-place Integrated Resort (IR) Award at the pres-tigious IAG Academy IR Awards held on Sept. 13 at Hilton Manila.

Accepting the award for HPI was Dennis An-dreaci, senior vice pres-ident of Hann Casino, who was also recog-nized in the Industry Icons category.

The IAG Academy IR Awards, organized by In-side Asian Gaming, rep-resent the highest rec-ognition in the Asia-Pa-cific Integrated Resort industry. The awarding ceremony celebrated outstanding achievements and eminent fig-ures within the gaming and hospitality industry.

For Andreaci, these accolades only further highlight HPI’s work and success: “Hann Casino Resort has always been boldly at the forefront of the industry, and these awards prove that we are a key player committed to the highest standards in the integrated resort sector.”

Having built a distin-guished career across global destinations, in-cluding Macau, Singa-pore, and the Philip-pines, Andreaci’s ex-traordinary contributions have not only solidified his status as an industry luminary but also earned him a cherished place as one of the most beloved figures in the gaming landscape.

“For us at Hann, ev-erything is ultimately

about the guest experi-ence, and our objective is to consistently exceed the guests’ expectations. Our management is also driven to create an out-standing work environ-ment and culture that helps each team mem-ber to grow, develop, and be fully engaged in a commitment to excel-lence,” enthused An-dreaci.

For her part, HPI as-sistant VP for human re-sources Christi Galura expressed her sincere gratitude to Inside Asian Gaming and the entire industry for recognizing its dedication to excel-lence and its unwaver-ing commitment to cre-ating exceptional guest experiences.

“Since its inception, Hann Casino Resort has been a trailblazer in Cen-tral Luzon, Philippines, known for innovation and creativity. At Hann Resorts, we elevate the experiences of our com-munity through our lux-ury facilities, products, and the hospitality of our people,” Galura said.

“We are in this posi-tion because of the hard work and dedication of our team. Even when the pandemic hit hard, we continued to devel-op Hann Casino Resort. After a very difficult deci-sion to lay off almost half of our workforce in Oc-tober 2020, we opened our new casino in De-cember 2021 with near-ly 1,000 employees,” she furthered.

“This achieve-ment was made possi-ble through the grit and capabilities of our em-



Hann Casino SVP Dennis Andreaci receives the Best Workplace IR Award for Hann Philippines.  
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ployees, as well as the dedication of our HR team, which consisted of only 10 individuals at that time, none of whom had prior casino experi-ence—a feat we take im-mense pride in,” Galura noted.

HPI has emerged as the employer of choice within the re-gion – currently provid-ing job opportunities to about 3,000 employees and is poised to em-ploy over 4,000 individu-als by January 2024. Its commitment to provid-ing top-quality services and experiences has earned it a reputation as a sought-after employer both locally and interna-tionally, attracting skilled and talented individuals to join its workforce.

Galura also highlight-ed, the camaraderie and

kinship among the team members make them an exceptional organi-zation. She explained, “In a VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complex-ity, and ambiguity) world, we aim to guide them in finding purpose and ful-fillment in their work and as individuals. We as-pire to cultivate an envi-ronment that empowers and values our employ-ees, inspiring them to reach their full potential. We are committed to up-hold well-being, divers-ity, equity, integrity, and community engagement, which makes us deserv-ing recipients of the ‘Best IR Workplace’ award. We pledge to continue giving our best for all our stakeholders, ensuring we remain deserving of this recognition.”

Press release

NLEX to start...

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immediately enjoy fast-er and safer travel in the area in any weather con-dition,” said NLEX Corp. president J. Luigi L. Bau-tista.

Starting at the north-bound direction, NLEX assures that two lanes per direction will be avail-able for motorists during the construction works. A counterflow will be opened at the opposite direction to ensure seam-

less travel for motorists despite the lane closures.

The same traffic management scheme will be applied to the south-bound direction once the works at the northbound portion are done.

The tollway compa-ny is advising the motor-ists to plan their trips and expect heavy volume of traffic during the pave-ment raising.

“We would like to re-mind our motorists to ex-

pect high volume of traffic in the area once the proj-ect starts. While this may cause temporary incon-venience for our motor-ists, the long-term ben-efit of a flood-free road will be experienced once we fully complete the ele-vation of the San Simon area,” Bautista added.

NLEX has coordinat-ed with the Department of Public Works and Highways and concerned local government units to

provide alternative routes for motorists in case traf-fic congestion is experi-enced.

Since August, NLEX has been undertaking pre-liminary works under the Tulaoc overpass in prepa-ration for the construction of the project, which in-clude the completion of the detailed engineering design for the pavement raising of both the north and south bounds.

Apart from elevating

the 200-meter portion by 0.7 meter, NLEX plans to add another 0.3 meter on the pavement once the raising of the Tulaoc over-pass by DPWH is com-pleted, raising the portion by a total of one meter.

To minimize traf-fic slowdowns and pro-vide immediate roadside assistance, the tollway company will implement the deployment of patrol crews and traffic mar-shals, installation of traf-

fic signs in strategic lo-cations, and posting of regular traffic updates on electronic variable mes-sage signs and social media accounts.

For more infor-mation on the closures and advisories, motorists may send a message to NLEX Corp.’s social me-dia accounts @NLEXex-pressways or call their customer service hotline 1-35000.

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Festive Flair...

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Eyes are indulged, with women artists depicting women em-powerment gratifying the heart, uplifting the spirit.

The paintings convey Mi Vida Fleur’s raison d’etre. Ana is a former over-seas Filipino worker toiling in Abu Dhabi for 10 years. Her re-turn home to the Phil-ippines three years ago resonated with her long-time dream of becoming a suc-cessful and inspiring female entrepreneur.

“I myself have always wanted to in-spire other women to pursue their dreams and passion, and turn them into reality. As you can see, my col-leagues here are all women, empowered at that,” shares Ana.

Easily, Ana could have joined her fam-ily’s booming busi-ness in construction, instead she chose to pursue her passions and first loves: arts, fashion, and flowers. Mi Vida Fleur is her own expression of

celebrating women and beauty.

At the ribbon-cut-ting ceremony led by Ana were equal-ly empowered wom-en: Rowena Medi-na-Mangubat, gyne-cologist and Beaut-edermbassador; Minnie Uy, prominent EENT doctor and Beautedermbas-sador; Goddess Hope Libiran, undersec-etary of the Depart-ment of Budget and Management; and Genevieve Hizon-Pe-rez, successful real estate broker and en-trepreneur.

Open daily 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. find Mi Vida Fleur along MacArthur Highway, Barangay Dela Paz Norte, City of San Fernando. For ap-pointment and other details send PM via Mi Vida Fleur Face-book page.

Love to hear from you, message me at my blog or FB page at festiveflair.ph or IG at Festive-FlairbyNingCorde-ro.



# House approves...

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“The Christmas season here in the Philippines is made extra special every year by the Kapampangans who take pride in their famous and vibrant tradition of lantern-making,” said Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, principal author of House Bill No. 6933 along with senior deputy speaker Pampanga 3rd

District Rep. Rep. Aurelio “Dong” Gonzales Jr. Enthused Gonzales: “It is only fitting that we formalize Pampanga’s legacy as the Christmas Capital of the Philippines now, as it continues to brighten the season of giving each year.” All 250 lawmakers unanimously voted to approve the said bill that seeks to recognize the

“grand and famous Christmas traditions and excellent craftsmanship” of lantern-making artisans in Pampanga, citing their contribution to the robust local economy and promotion of the province as a cultural tourism destination. “This proposed law will further promote our province as a cultural and Christmas tourism destination. It will boost our local

# Subic modernization...

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become inter-related and linked by infrastructure requirements. “Both foreign and local investors, especially those involved in imports and export-oriented manufacturing, require the types of infrastructure available in Clark and Subic but at the level of capacities that befit their current and future requirements,” Pamintuan explained. “In short, they need the element of permanence that are best guaranteed by both physical and policy infrastructure, the entry of Harbour Centre Port Terminal, Inc. to Subic will achieve this purpose.” Furthered Pamintuan: “This is particularly so in the Philippines, whose archipelagic nature makes it accessible to the outside world by only air and sea. We are not part of any Asian continental landmass like the Middle East or even the Mekong sub-region that are accessible by land. Nonetheless, our lack of land access also serves as a

natural market filter for the entry of only the high-end foreign tourists.” “Still, it is imperative for our country as an archipelago to beef up its airports and seaports to remain a truly active part of the global supply chain. Now, for the entire northern half of the Philippines, that role is being served by Clark and Subic through an effective process of infrastructure complementation that contributes to total national employment and generation of GIR (gross international reserves),” he added. Pamintuan lamented though that the ideal budget for infrastructure development at 10% of the gross domestic product (GDP), as cited by vice president Dr. Ronilo Balbieran of the Research, Education and Institutional Development Foundation, is reportedly far beyond what the government can actually raise. Balbieran said infrastructure spending at 10% of GDP could push the national economy to the speed of China’s phenomenal

growth. “That implies, though, that the other half of the ideal 10% infra spending may come from the private sector, which is how the Subic port and other PPP (public-private partnership) projects are best carried out,” Pamintuan said.

**Only Subic**  
Pointing at Subic on the map of the Philippines, Pamintuan said no other port at the western flank of Luzon could take the place of Subic in its strategic location and security attributes, “unless we develop an entirely new Freeport zone at the Lingayen Gulf because the San Fernando Port in La Union is just too small” for the desired scale. He said the port development in Subic, especially by the private sector such as Harbour Centre, would benefit and strengthen, not only this industrial and logistical hub, but also the rest of Central and Northern Luzon, which combined hectareage could easily exceed those of Sin-

economy, which will mean more income and job opportunities for our kabalen and residents of neighboring areas,” said Gonzales. Under the proposal, the Department of Tourism is tasked to include and feature Pampanga as the country’s Christmas capital in its national and regional promotion programs.

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gapore (73,430 has) and Hong Kong (275,500 has) put together (348,930 has). In comparison, Central Luzon alone has a land area of 2,147 million hectares, the Ilocos Region of North Luzon 1.3 million hectares, and Cagayan Valley over 2.6 million hectares. Yet, Singapore’s total land area of only 73,430 hectares is just 1,578 hectares more than the combined hectareage of Clark and Subic. Still, Singapore’s GDP amounted to \$466.79 billion in 2022, even bigger than that of the whole Philippines at \$404.28 billion in the same year. “The irony here is that Singapore relies mostly, if not solely, on manufacturing, services and trade because of its lack of natural resources, it being an island city state. In fact, Singapore has been the Philippines’s top source of FDIs (foreign direct investments) for quite a long while now,” Pamintuan stressed. “On the other hand,

# Zona Libre...

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Ang istorya ni Oscar Rodriguez kung gayon ay marapat lamang na mailsulat. Hindi para sa kaluwalhatian ng kanyang pangalan. Kundi sa mgaral na dulot nito – ang sidhi ng pangangailangan sa pakikibaka sa pagbabago ng lipunang Pilipino. At ang aral ng kaysaysayan mismo: “Ang kahapon ay saligan ngayon, ang ngayon ay haligi ng bukas.” (Bilang paggunita sa ika-51 guning-taon ng deklarasyon ng Batas Mil-

itar, handog ko kay Kagalang-galang Oscar S. Rodriguez, nagsilbing kinatawan ng ika-3 Distrito ng Pampanga at punonglungsod ng San Fernando sa maraming taon, ang paglimbag ng talumpati na aking binigkas noong Setyembre 19, 2006, araw ng kanyang kapanakanan, kung kailan aming inilunsad ang aklat na pinalad kong naisulat – Oca: Isang Istorya ng Pakikibaka, ang salin sa Tagalog ng orihinal ko ring inakda – About Oca: A Story of Struggle.)

# Shepherd’s Call...

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cons’ wives were meant, a possessive ‘their’ would be expected. Moreover, they are also introduced by the word ‘similarly,’ ... which suggests that they too exercised ecclesiastical functions.” In Romans 16:1, Paul is endorsing a female deacon named Phoebe to the Romans. The Eastern Catholic Churches, unlike the Roman or Latin Catholic Church, which is the only Christian tradition most Filipino Catholics are familiar with, have not followed this policy of restricting the ordained ministries to celibates. Sometimes I feel that the Church is like the grieving widow of Nain in the Gospel, who touches the heart of Jesus. How moved Jesus must

have been to see this woman—instead of accompanying her youthful son to his wedding, walking by a hearse that carried his cadaver for burial. He couldn’t afford to just watch such a pathetic sight. And so, he went out of his way to rouse this young man and bring him back to his widowed mother. He would later do the same thing with another young man, Lazarus. He would command his friend to come out of the tomb and order the people to unbind him. I imagine Jesus asking us also to do a lot of unbinding to bring the Church back to life again. (Homily for Tuesday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time, 19 Sept. 2023, 1 Tim 3:1-13 & Lk 7:11-17)

# The Public Space...

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lation that his fellow senators, for one, and its potential harm don’t see. What if the Chinese flew their own plane on the same air space? Already his narrative is a causing stir among the people. It polarizes them. According to a quick survey, it is dividing people, almost 50-50. A bad boy has triggered a bad reaction to a security issue that requires unity, according to Marcos Part II who vowed that not an inch of the WPS that belongs to the nation will be given away. It’s his pipe dream, apart from bringing back the price of rice to P20 per kilo. So far, the price has been capped at around P40. Nice try. Is Robin aware that it’s not only the Americans but others like the Japanese, Australians and others who are willing to do a joint patrol to stop China on its expansionary moves in the WPS. We need allies, according to his colleagues and other patriotic souls in the land, to stop the new hegemon from eating us alive and whole. Now, not later. The sooner the better for Filipino fishermen who have been harassed and taken away their means of livelihood by a so-called friendly neighbor for so long. Before things get worse, Robin should make a public confession

on why and how he did the secret trip he said he made bravely and, well, recklessly. It’s should be the story of the year. It may be the best or baddest in espionage or counterespionage. The country’s armed forces can learn from it and make a better presence in the WPS without alerting foreign invaders or threats. For one, it will confirm or invalidate John Stuart Mills theory on the evils about election in a representative government. These evils, Mills said, may be reduced to two, general ignorance and insufficient mental qualifications, the danger of its being under the influence of interests not identical with general welfare of the community. The last one, he said, is one to which a representative government is liable.

Mirror, mirror on the wall, queried the bad Queen, who is the fairest—or bravest – of them all? Alone, all alone, in the wide sea, cried the Ancient Mariner, and never a saint took pity on my soul in agony! Or Mills is right.



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Singson of Candon City, at 94.86%. In a press statement released recently, the RPMD said the appraisal for city mayors “is anchored on seven fundamental criteria: service delivery, financial acumen, economic progress, leadership governance, environmental conservation, social initiatives, and engagement.” At the second tier of “distinguished mayors” were Art Robes of San Jose del Monte, Benjamin Magalong of Baguio, and Nikko Mercado of Maasin.

Sharing the third spot were Eric Africa of Lipa, Jonas Cortes of Mandaue, Indy Oaminal of Ozamis, Felipe Antonio Remollo of Dumaquete, Samsam Gullas of Talisay, Bambol Tolentino of Tagaytay, and Ahong Chan of Lapu-Lapu. Dr. Paul Martinez, RPMD executive director, noted that “these notable distinctions are awarded to the standout public officials from various regions, determined through performance ratings bestowed upon them by their respective constituents.” The assessment of

the city mayors was part of the national “Boses ng Bayan” polling of the RPMD that also included an assessment of the country’s congressional representatives. Topping the appraisal for members of the House were Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez and Ilocos Norte Rep. Sandro Marcos, the president’s son. Pampanga 2nd District Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo shared third spot with Jay-jay Suarez of Quezon, Ralph Recto of Batangas, Joey Salceda of Albay, and Manix Dalipe of Zamboanga

City. Two other House members from Central Luzon made the list at fourth -- Rida Robes of San Jose del Monte and Jay Khonghun of Zambales. Conducted from June 25 to July 5, the nationwide poll surveyed 10,000 randomly selected registered voters across diverse districts, achieving a ±1% margin of error at a 95% confidence level, reflecting official voting demographic profiles and ensuring data accuracy, RPMD said. **Punto News Team/PR**

# Ad Lib...

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it is never the audience who would of course choose their own. While there are times when most of the audience and the judges agreed on one candidate, there are several instances as well when they disagreed. It has been 55 years since Gloria Diaz won the country’s first Miss Universe crown but to date, a famous beauty queen maker from Colombia still considers Diaz undeserving of the title. Conversely, many

Filipino pageant pun-dits continue to cry foul over Evangeline Pascual’s first runner-up finish to Marjorie Wallace in 1973, in what could have been our first Miss World title. As a pageant organizer, I always tell contestants and handlers to study the contest rules and guideline and the criteria for judging so they can prepare a game plan. I also encourage them to request a copy of the tabulated results after the pageant so they

can erase even an iota of doubt on the integrity of the results, and eventually plan ahead and be more prepared and competitive in their next competition. As for my students who compete in various academic, cultural and sports contests, I tell them the same words every year. If they want to win, they need to train very hard and be ready to make little sacrifices along the way. When they come to the contest venue carrying the name of the school, they know that they have

been prepared well. Victory will simply be an icing on the cake. What about people who do not want to lose in any contest? Well, I tell them not to join any contest, period! In this case, they will never experience losing. But then again, they will also lose something more precious than winning – and that is the joy of rising above their own limitations, and the satisfaction of being able to bring out the best in themselves.





## Festive Flair

Ning V. Cordero

FROM FINE JEWELRY TO VIBRANT FLOWER

# Mi Vida Fleur opens in style

PERFECT TIMING for the holiday season is a vibrant flower cum fashion and fine jewelry boutique in the heart of thriving City of San Fernando.

Mi Vida Fleur opened on Sept. 17. Truly living up to its name, the shop highlights the beautiful life and passion of the owner, Ana Dila Ma-sillones.

Mi Vida Fleur presents a sophisticated and comforting vibe; well-trained employ-

ees and amiable owner giving a totally uplifting and convenient shopping experience.

Opulent objects that Ana personally curates are the highlight of one's foray here: high-quality gold and diamonds, designer perfume, luxury watch, and art collection.

Ana explains: "If you will look at the jewelries, you will notice exquisite and rare designs which illuminate how precious the character and beauty of the

bearers are."

Also, one can't miss the charming dried and preserved flower display, ranging from queenly large floral to fairy tale-like whimsical bouquets that Ana personally and creatively arranged.

### Empowering art pieces

Alongside the shop's luxury products are art works that enhance the graceful ambience of Mi Vida Fleur.

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# Burger King opens at Orchard



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- The original home of the Whopper comes a-grilling at the Orchard: A Community Place in Barangay Telabastagan here with the blessing of Burger King Philippines' fourth store in the capital city, the eleventh in Pampanga last Sept. 19.

Proof positive there of the gastronomic niche BK has carved for itself right in the very culinary capital of the Philippines with its premium ingredients, signature recipes, and family-friendly dining experience.

Enjoy best tasting flame-grilled burgers, chicken nuggets, onion rings, and many more delectable dishes in this newest BK store featuring the 20/20 design used worldwide, 62-seating capacity with al fresco dining and enough parking space plus a drive-thru.

Leading the ribbon-cutting ceremony were Weng Del Prado, operations director Burger King PH, and Mark San Joaquin, restaurant systems and store development head.

Also present were Janssen Agbada, BK trade marketing manager, and the Orchard Community Place owners Carlo Lazatin Magat, Jonathan Lazatin, Clarita Lazatin Magat, and Gino Lazatin Magat.

The blessing was administered by Rev. Fr. Eric de Guzman of the Sacred Heart Parish.

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