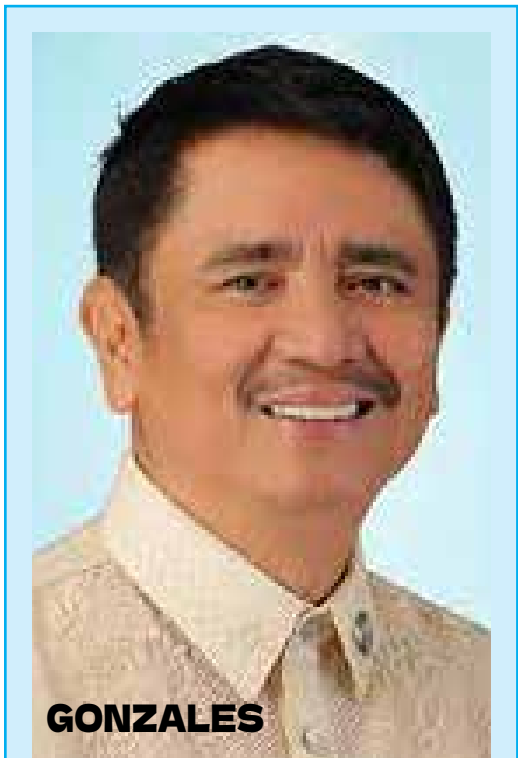


Solon faces graft case

OVER P612-M 'JUICY' DPWH CONTRACTS



Dong laughs off complaint

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- An amused laugh was Congressman Aurelio “Dong” Gonzales’ initial reaction when reached by Punto on Sept. 25 for his comments on the case filed against him at the Office of with the Ombudsman.

He said he has not received “any copy of any complaint” against him. But once he does, he said he would be ready to answer it “point by point” anywhere that it is filed.

The publication is also open to the Gonzales family members and DPWH officials included in the complaint, pursuant to their right to reply.

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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – House senior deputy speaker Rep. Aurelio “Dong” Gonzales Jr. of Pampanga’s 3rd District has been haled to the Ombudsman over “juicy” government infrastructure projects allegedly awarded to his family’s construction firm. **PAGE 9 PLEASE**



NLEX gives back to host communities

MANILA – “Giving back is simply the right thing to do. It is intrinsic in our corporate culture to always show our support to our stakeholders especially during times of emergencies and calamities.”

Thus, said NLEX president J. Luigi L. Bautista as the tollway company continues to live up to its commitment to help those in need with donations and relief missions to host communities, local government units, transport organizations, and charitable institutions who were affected by recent calamities.

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Capitol-funded facilities inaugurated by Delta

SAN LUIS, Pampanga – Three facilities funded by the provincial government in line with its disaster preparedness initiatives were inaugurated here on Sept. 23 by Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda.

With Mayor Jayson Sagum, Sangguniang bayan members, barangay officials and provincial disaster risk reduction and management office chief Angelina Blanco, the governor led the ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the newly constructed covered court extension named Emigdio Bondoc Gym, a community kitchen and comfort rooms.

“Itong project na ito na ibinigay po namin ni Vice Governor Nanay at ng mga board members niyo ay para in times of disaster may magamit po kayong evacuation

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Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda leads the inauguration of the newly constructed covered court extension, community kitchen, and comfort rooms. With him are Mayor Jayson Sagum, SB members, barangay officials, and PDRMO chief Angelina Blanco.

PHOTO: DANIEL OMBINA/PAMPANGA PIO



CSFP is No. 2 model city in PHL

Cited too as Tourism and Culture Hub, Infra Innovator, Tech Territory

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — First runner-up honors went to the City of San Fernando in The Manila Times’ 2023 Model Cities and Municipalities Awards held recently at the Diamond Hotel in Manila.

Pampanga’s capital city ranked second to Calamba City in Laguna in the publication’s award of recognition to “local government units that have made a steadfast commitment to sustainable development and achieved economic

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SFELAPCO: Sept. power rate still at P10.50/kWh

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – A welcome relief for the residents of the City of San Fernando and Floridablanca town in Pampanga: the power rates for September remains as those in August – at P10.50 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

This, despite a slight uptick in power consumption following days of warmer weather, the San Fernando Electric Light and Power Company said.

Unlike in August, when the province experienced almost-daily rains, September brought fairly sunny weather to Pampanga and most of Central Luzon which led to increased electric consumption due to longer operations of air-conditioning units and additional human activities.

While increased consumption normally results to higher power rates, the prevailing prices somehow managed to absorb the additional electricity usage, resulting in the power rates remaining unchanged, said SFELAPCO, noting that at P10.50/kWh, its rate is among the lowest in Luzon.

The power distributor expressed its appreciation for this development, particularly considering the continuing increase in the prices of basic commodities.

Notwithstanding their business revolving around electricity, SFELAPCO emphasized that it does not mean they benefit from higher power rates. A significant portion of power rates are pass-on charges paid to power generators and transmission line operators. These are among the factors that hugely dictate power rate hikes.

Thus, even when distribution fees—which go to SFELAPCO—remain the same, overall power rates may still go up.

SFELAPCO also emphasized that since the firm is temporarily buying from the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market, it is not safe from the volatility of market prices, that are driven by both local

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AC's POC 100% functional

ANGELES CITY — Hundred percent functional.

Thus, the Department of the Interior and Local Government graded the peace and order council (POC) of the city government here under the leadership of Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr.

The DILG recently released the list of local government units in Central Luzon with functional POCs for 2022.

“We, in Angeles City, will continue to adhere to laws and policies undertak-

ing peace and order,” Lazatin said in response to the DILG rating, vowing to that his administration will continuously deliver programs to ensure the protection, safety, and welfare of his constituents.

In the DILG’s 2022 POC performance audit, Angeles City garnered the following percentage points per pillar — Organization (10%); Meetings (20%); Policies, Plan, and Budget (25%); Reports (24.37%); General Supervision (20%); and two bonus points for Innovation.

The Angeles City Police Office, upon the express order of the mayor, maintains 24/7 police visibility with the city government allotting a budget for the weekly gas allowance intended that purpose.

During Lazatin’s inaugural speech, he vowed to maintain peace and order in the city by implementing the 24/7 911 hotline linked to the Angeles City Emergency Disaster Command Center to further minimize emergency response time.

The city has maintained

a low crime rate for the past four years of Lazatin’s term, saying he wants to keep it that way.

DILG’s assessment is annually conducted to evaluate the functionality of regional, provincial, city, and municipal peace and order councils.

The POC performance audit is “to acknowledge the innovations done by the councils and their secretariats, enhance their strategies and interventions and build an avenue to showcase their best practices.” *Angeles CIO*



Tarlac provincial government’s general services officer Engr. Raymundo B. Cancio (middle) and local economic and investment officer Frances Margaret W. Canlas (right) receives medical equipment donation from the BCDA through VP for public affairs Leilani Barlongay-Macasaet (left). **BCDA PHOTO**

BCDA donates medical equipment to Tarlac hospital

CLARK FREEPORT – Over 180 medical equipment consisting of hospital beds, bunk beds, mattresses, pillows, and a medical x-ray machine were turned over last week by the Bases Conversion and Development Authority to the Tarlac Provincial Hospital in a bid to help augment its facilities and ensure that Tarlaqueños

have better prospects for accessing quality healthcare services.

“We at BCDA are committed to improve the quality of life of the communities that we develop through the conversion of former military bases and other properties into premier sustainable centers of economic growth. We hope that these

equipment will help Tarlac strengthen its health system and be able to better respond to its constituents’ medical needs,” said BCDA president and CEO Engr. Joshua M. Bingcang.

In response, Gov. Susan Yap said: “The Provincial Government of Tarlac is grateful for the generous support from the BCDA in

delivering critically needed medical equipment to those who need it most. We hope this donation will go a long way towards saving lives at our provincial hospital.”

“We truly appreciate BCDA’s support for our community and we are looking forward to the growth that New Clark City will bring to our re-

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NEW CLMA OFFICERS. Veteran Olongapo-based journalist Vic Vizcocho Jr. is the new president of Central Luzon Media Association (CLMA). Vizcocho, formerly with Manila Chronicle, was inducted as 45th president of CLMA by National Press Club President Lydia Bueno at the MG Grand Hotel inside the Subic Bay Freeport on Friday. The other officers of CLMA 2023-2024 are: Billy Nuqui, Executive Vice President; Deng Pangilinan, VP for Online; Bernie Diaz, VP for Print; and Jason de Asis, VP for Radio. Board of Directors are: Aileen C. Sanchez (Zambales-Olongapo Chapter) Dante M.Salvaña (Zambales-Olongapo Chapter) Menchie Hernandez (Tarlac Chapter) Dina Diaz (Tarlac Chapter) Menchie D. Matias (Nueva Ecija) Cinderella G. Gonzales (Nueva Ecija) Lara Cunanan (Pampanga Chapter) JP Manalang (Pampanga Chapter) Theofel Santos (Bulacan) Lalaine Santos (Bulacan).

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that the parcel of land particularly identified as **Lot No. 3-F, Psd-03-248020, portion of Lot 3, Psd-03-019780 (OLT)**, located at **Sta. Barbara, Bacolor, Pampanga** with an area of **909 square meters** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2021022665** of the Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga was never sold by the registered owners thereof in favor of **MARY CHRIS SIBUG ABADILLA** whose photographs appear above. Further, the registered owners of the said land never executed any kind of document in favor of Ms. Abadilla relative to the said land. Thus, any deed, contract or agreement shown by any person relative to the sale of the said land in favor of Ms. Abadilla is a fraudulent document.

As such, any and all transactions entered into with Ms. Abadilla or her representative in relation to or in connection with the said land will not be honored by the registered owners. For any questions or concerns relative to this matter, kindly contact the legal counsel of the registered owners --- Maglalang Lagman & Maglalang Law Offices with office address at 145-C First Street, Dolores Homesite, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga with landline number (045) 4573476.

BUILDING HOMEGROWN SUCCESS

BOF opens New Corporate Center



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – “This corporate center is designed to be a hub of service excellence, a place where we can better meet the evolving needs of our clients. They are not just physical spaces; they represent the evolution of our brand and our commitment while maintaining the values that define us.”

Thus, BOF president and CEO Susan

David-Nunga celebrated the inauguration of the new BOF Corporate Center and Jose Abad Santos Avenue (JASA) Branch along JASA, in Barangay San Jose here last Sept. 22.

“We want our clients, both old and new, to feel at ease as they step into these spaces, just as they always have in the past. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated team, loyal clients,

and the entire community for your unwavering support throughout this journey. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones, and together, we will continue to build on our homegrown success,” she enthused.

For her part, BOF board of directors’ chairperson Atty. Fides Andin-Balili articulated the significance of this milestone in the bank’s journey, noting that the

new corporate center is “more than just a physical structure; it’s a symbol of the bank’s vision for the future.”

Declaring: “It stands as a testament to the core values that have propelled BOF to its prominent position in the banking industry – trust, integrity, and an unwavering pursuit of success.”

Gracing the grand inauguration were Pampanga Gov. Den-

nis “Delta” Pineda, City Mayor Vilma Balle-Caluag, San Fernando Archbishop Florentino Lavarias, Pampanga Chamber of Commerce president Teresa David-Carlos, business leaders, clients, and members of the BOF family.

The landmark event not only capped the completion of a remarkable architectural endeavor but also underscored BOF’s unwav-

ering commitment to excellence, innovation, and progress.

BOF, known for delivering consistent and satisfactory returns to its shareholders and building lasting partnerships with key stakeholders, remains steadfast in advocating social responsibility while driving economic progress and development in Central Luzon. **Punto Lifestyle Team/PR/Contributed photos**



SWISSOTEL CLARK: LEADING LIFESTYLE HOTEL IN PHL

CLARK FREEPORT -- Swissotel Clark has been named the winner of the 30th World Travel Award for Best Lifestyle Hotel – a testament to its hard work, dedication, and commitment in providing guests with an unforgettable experience. Come, savor that award-winning hospitality at the Philippines’ Leading Lifestyle Hotel 2023. **Punto Lifestyle Team/PR**



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WORLD TOURISM DAY 2023

TOURISM & GREEN INVESTMENTS

Towards sustainable tourism

Tourism is a powerful force for progress and mutual understanding. But in order to deliver its full benefits, this force must be protected and nurtured.

Today, the climate emergency is threatening many travel destinations and the very survival of communities and economies that depend on tourism. And many developing countries that are severely affected by a changing climate are also facing a growing investment deficit and a cost-of-living crisis.

On this World Tourism Day, we recognize the vital need for green investments to build a tourism sector that delivers for people and planet.

Governments and businesses must invest in sustainable and resilient tourism practices.

Private actors must adopt zero-emission pathways, lower their energy consumption and leverage renewable forms of energy.

And everyone must protect the biodiversity and ecological balance of all destinations.

Targeted investments can deliver jobs and support local businesses and industries while mitigating the environmental impacts of tourism, empowering communities, promoting their cultures, and contributing to essential social protection systems.

So, let us all do more to harness the full potential of sustainable tourism. Because investing in sustainable tourism is investing in a better future for all.

(Message of UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on World Tourism Day, 26 Sept. 2023)



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Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

Patas

SA TAGALOG, iba pala ang meaning ng PAREHAS sa PATAS. Pwedeng parehas ang laban pero hindi patas. Pero ang dalawang salitang ito ay concerned lang sa isang bagay: DAPAT PANTAY.

Halimbawa, may tatlong bata, magkakaiba sila ng height: maliit, katamtaman at matangkad. Gusto nilang manood ng basketball, pero may bakod. Si matangkad, nakikita na niya ang laro. Sina maliit at katamtaman, walang makita. Gumawa sila ng paraan – naghanap ng matutungtungan. Nakahanap sila ng tatlong case o lalagyan ng bote ng beer na pwedeng tungtungan. Ano ang parehas? Tig-iisa sila. Sila namang tatlo ang nakahanap, lahat sila may karapatan, di ba? Pero ano ang patas? Dalawa kay maliit, isa kay medium, at wala kay matangkad. Equality and concern nila: pantay-pantay. Pero hindi naman sila talaga magkakapantay. Ang tunay na equality na gusto nila, bilang magkakaibigan ay makapanood silang lahat. Ah, hindi na equality ang tawag doon sa Ingles, kundi EQUITY. Ang PATAS, kung minsan, parang hindi parehas.

Ganito rin ang isyu sa parable na ating narinig sa ating Gospel reading ngayon: ang kuwento ng mga trabahador na pinagtrabaho sa ubasan. May nag-complain. Bakit naman ganyan? Hindi kayo patas. Bakit pare-pareho lang ang pinasahod ninyo sa amin, e maaga kaming nag-umpisa at buong araw nagtrabaho. Ang iba sa kanila tanghali na nagsimula, ang iba hapon na, at meron pa ngang isang oras lang gumawa. Ta's pare-pareho kami ng tinanggap? Unfair naman kayo.

Sabi ng amo: hindi kita dinadaya; iyon naman ang pinagkasunduan natin at legal na pasahod sa isang araw ng trabaho, di ba? Naiinggit ka ba dahil generous ako sa iba? Dahil binigyan ko sila ng konsiderasyon? Palagay ko may hirit pa ang nagko-complain: bakit sa kanila lang kayo generous? Hindi ba pwedeng ipantay ninyo ang konsiderasyon ninyo sa lahat? Di ba pwedeng SANA ALL?

Ah, ito ang mentalidad na tinutumbok ng parable: ang tinatawag sa Ingles na SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT: karapatan. Entitled ka sa tamang sahod sa tinrabaho mo. Pero tatawagin mo rin bang karapatan ang magdemand ng bonus? Parang sinasabi ng amo, "Di ba't ako ang may karapatan sa desisyon ko kung sino ang bibigyan ko ng extrang konsiderasyon?"

Noong taon na tumira ako ng one year sa Holy Land, sa Jerusalem, minsan nadaan ako sa isang lugar malapit sa Damascus Gate ng Old City, kasama ko ang isang kaklase. May nakita akong maraming mga tao na nakatayo, may hawak na karatula at may nakasulat: karpintero, tubero, mason, electrician, welder, atbp. Sabi ng classmate ko, "Iyan ang background doon sa parable tungkol sa mga workers na iba't ibang oras nakuha para magtrabaho." Buong akala ko tumatambay lang sila doon; naghahanap pala ng oportunidad na makapagtrabaho.

Palagay ko hindi rin alam ng amo noong una, kaya lagi niyang sinasabi, "Bat ba kayo tatayo-tayo lang diyan?" Ang nagpabago sa pananaw niya ay iyung kinuha niyang huli. "Ba't ba kayo tumatambay lang?" Sinagot siya, "Hindi po, sir. Kanina pa po kami rito, wala pong kumuha sa amin." Wow, 5 p.m. na, hindi pa sila gumi-give up, baka sakali, kahit isang oras lang na trabaho, may kitain pa rin sila. Hindi naman sila nag-eexpect ng buong araw na sahod.

Minsan, mukhang parehas lang sitwasyon, pero hindi pala patas. Oo parehas na requirement – college graduate, fluent in English. Pero palagay mo ba, parehas lang nilang ituturing ang may Ateneo o De la Salle diploma doon sa graduate ng Pamantasan ng Culi-Culi? Parehas lang ba nilang ituturing ang En-

glish na tama naman pero may Visayan accent, doon sa may American accent?

May ganyang pelikula noon tungkol sa unang black women na nagtrabaho sa NASA bilang researchers, mathematicians at scientists. Required din sila na pumasok na well-dressed at high heeled ang shoes. Nakikilala na rin ang talino nila. Pero siyempre, disadvantaged na agad ang pagiging black at pagiging babae nila. "Hidden Figures" ang pamagat ng pelikula. Minsan, nasita ng boss ang leader ng researchers – dahil nagtatagal siya sa toilet breaks at coffee breaks. Unfair daw siya sa mga kapwa empleyado. Noon lang naglakas ng loob magsalita ang babaeng itim: "Kasi ho, kailangan kong lumakad nang four blocks away para makahanap ng 'toilet for colored people'. At lahat ng kapehan dito sa building ay 'for whites only'. Kaya tatakbo ulit ako nang malayo na naka-high heels para uminom ng panis na kape." Natauhan ang boss; akala niya parehas ang sitwasyon ng mga trabahador niya; hindi pala patas. Kaya inalis na ang segregation.

Hindi na equality kundi equity ang issue kapag sinabi natin, "you have to level the playing field." Kaya may kasabihan, "All people are equal but some are more equal than others." Gusto natin parehas lang pero madalas makalimutan natin hindi patas ang lipunan. Madalas mapaboran ang malakas, sikat, may koneksyon, kakulay, kamag-anak, katropa.

Sa kaharian ng Diyos, iba ang criteria ng parehas at patas. Parang magulang sa mga anak. Hindi naman laging pare-pareho ang ibibigay sa mga anak dahil hindi naman pare-pareho ang sitwasyon at pangangailangan nila. Kung may kalamay, parehas ka kung pare-pareho ang putol mo sa kalamay para sa limang anak mo, parehas pero hindi patas. Sa mga Hudyo, si Yahweh ay Diyos daw na walang favoritism. Sa Deut 10: 17-18, sinasabi, "Pinapanigan niya ang mga bala at ulila, mga migrante at mga dehado sa lipunan..." So, may pinapaboran din pala siya? OO, yung dukha, nahuhuli at nasasantabi. Kasi, patas siya.

May kuwentong Hudyo tungkol sa dalawang magkapatid: pinamanahan ng parents nila ng lupa, pero hindi ito hinati. Trabahuin daw nila at maghati na lang sila sa pakinabang. Pareho silang farmer. Ang panganay ay tuman-dang binata. Ang bunso ay nag-asawa at may limang anak. Napagkasunduan nila, 50-50 ang hatian sa pakinabang. Minsan isang gabi, di makatugol si panganay, iniisip ang kapatid na bunso. Nakukunsensya siya, "Marami ang anak ng kapatid kong bunso, mas malaki ang pangangailangan niya. Pero alam ko mapride yun, baka magtalo pa kami. Mamayang gabi pag tulog na sila, maglilipat ako ng 20 kaban sa kamalig niya." Paggising niya, nagulat siya – hindi nabawasan ang palay niya. Parang nadagdagan pa nga. Iyun pala, pareho sila ng iniisip ng kapatid niya. Hanggang minsan isang gabi, nagkasalubong sila. Noon nila naintindihan kung bakit parang hindi nababawasan ang kani-kanilang kamalig. At naiyak sila at nagyakapan. Sa dilim ng gabi at sa kutitap ng mga bituin, ang Diyos Ama sa langit ay nakatanaw, maligaya sa nakitang pagmamahalang magkapatid.

Ang daming nagbabago kapag nagkasalubungan ang mga tao sa malasakit, hindi na sa usapin lang ng parehas, kundi sa usapin ng patas.

(Homily for 25th Sun in OT, 24 Sept. 2023, Mt 20:-16a)

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Opinion

The Public Space

Jun Sula

The floaters of September

They were eyeball to eyeball, historians recalled, and the other side blinked. It was October 1962 and the world stood on the brink of a possible war, even a nuclear conflict. The United States and the former Soviet Union were engaged in a test of will or nerve. The latter installed nuclear-armed missiles in Cuba, a 90-mile neighbor of the former.

US President John f. Kennedy would not be intimidated. He threatened to use military force, a naval blockade of Russians ships, to remove the ominous threat. Soviet Union President Nikita Krushchev balked but eventually agreed to remove the missiles after a long standoff. If the Americans would pledge not to invade Cuba in the future, the missiles will go. The US agreed and, in addition, also secretly removed its military base in Turkey.

The crisis was defused and the world was safe again.

Fast forward 61 years later in Asia. This September, in a mini version of the missile crisis, China installed a 300-meter rope of floaters or buoys in the West Philippine Sea to block Filipino fishermen from entering the Scarborough shoal, a traditional rich fishing ground. The shoal is part of 90 percent of the WPS or South China Sea which China claims to own under its fictional nine – dash line version, and lately a ten – dash line.

In 2016, the Arbitral Tribunal declared China's claim baseless and illegal. Instead, it awarded the Philippines' claim over it. China has since ignored the court's ruling, defied it, in fact by reclaiming parts of it and building military bases on them. It also continued an unbridled expansive activities in the WPS. The placing of the string of floaters is the most recent, and a political dunk.

President Bongbong has vowed that not inch will be given away under his watch. He sounded loud and clear, despite China's aggressive tactics in the WPS. The water cannon firing at

motorized boats deputized by the Philippine government to continually resupply its Marine troops at an abandoned ship at Ayungin Shoal, another territory claimed by China, is part of the bullying in the sea.

China got what it was asking for.

All it took was a little bit more of courage than his predecessor, former President Duterte showed, or the lack of it, for President Bongbong to prove before the whole world that he meant business when he vowed the Philippine territory or its valid claim in the West Philippine Sea remain intact.

The President gave a more muscular and decisive order that a rope of floaters installed by China in the WPS be dismantled. The order was immediately executed without hassle by the Philippine Coast Guard. Chinese authorities have, in response warned the Philippines that it causing problems in the WPS by removing the barriers "without permission", from China..

The scuttling of the Chinese floaters also, once and for all, demolished the naïve argument by no less than Sen. Robin Padilla that China is not responsible for the escalation of conflict in the WPS. The neophyte senator has not responded to some calls that he resigns his post on account of his favorable comment on China's aggressive moves in the WPS. The latest word is that the actor-turned senator has issued a cop-out: everyone should shut up on the WPS dispute, except PBBM.

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Opinion

Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Generation gap in the classroom

LAST WEEK I attended the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) Regional Assembly in Olongapo City and facilitated one of the breakout sessions with the topic Synodality and Student Well-Being. The speaker, the former basic education principal of one of the country's top universities, started her discussion by presenting the context, circumstance and situation of today's crop of learners.

Admittedly, teachers are already familiar with this but for one reason or another, some insist on doing things the way they think is best for the learners and in the process, forgetting to acknowledge and failing to address the white elephant in the room.

"Ot makanyan kayung anak ngeni? Karayu yu anyang ikami reng magara! Lawe na mu ning mestra mi, manahimik na kami ngan!"

There is no denying that today's learners are miles apart compared to the learners we had say five or ten years ago, more so during our own time as learners. During our time, we never experienced a pandemic; we did not have to stay in the confines of our home and study in front of our computer screen, or with a headset connected to a mobile phone or a laptop. The effect of the two pandemic school years on the social and mental well-being of students cannot be underscored. It is something that will not simply go away just because we are now back to in-person learning modality.

For the past so many years, modern technology has prevented learners from engaging in physical activities that allow them to engage with real playmates in actual games and competitions.

Gone are the days when the streets and vacant lots were teeming with students after class or during the weekends. Today, they are either in the computer shops for virtual online games, or busy with their own phones playing Mobile Legends while their playmates are located somewhere else. So now we have students who cringe at the slightest physical activity, citing exhaustion even after only a few minutes of actual work. They find themselves in a very unfamiliar territory when they face opponents in a real game or contest, not knowing how to handle and process defeat as part of any competition and as a learning process as well.

Students nowadays access information with a single click on the keyboard, prompting some experts to note that this might lead to the eventual demise of physical libraries. During our time we had to go to a library, scout all possible sources of information and if personal weekly allowance permits, have the materials photocopied. If not, note-taking is the key!

So, the question is, do we simply raise both hands as a sign of surrender and give up on our students? The answer of course, is a resounding

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Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

'Happy 16th Anniversary to PUNTO Central Luzon

Nang bilhin noon ni Mr. Levy Laus kay Tony B. Salenga ang Pampanga News, makaraan lang ang ilang buwan halos nagsara 'yan nang walang kaabug-abog.

Nang dahil yata sa ang Editor mismo nakapagsulat ng bagay na di gusto ng publisher kaya iniutos nito ang 'instant closure' ryan ng kanilang diaryo.

Nagkataong ako noon ang 'consultant' ni Mayor Rodriguez 'on culture and the arts' at bilang aktibo ring mamamahayag, na katulad ni Ed Aguilar, madalas

Makasama namin ang PUNTO Editor, na dili't iba ay si Caesar "Bong" Lacson kabilang pati ang dito sa 'ting Rehiyon sa pagdalo-dalo rin sa mga presscon.

Hanggang sa ako ay makasama na ryan sa kolumnista ng diyariong naturan, nang ako'y himukin na ni 'Quesio Quetal' (Ed), Bong Lacson at ng isa pang Aguilar.

At hanggang ngayon nga ay dito sa PUNTO Central Luzon pa rin nagsusulat mismo; may-column man ako sa iba pang diyario Gaya nang sa *Headline*, iba ang 'pen name' ko.

Ngunit di nagtagal, ito'y pinasara ng 'Publisher' sanhi ng kung anong 'drama,' na namagitan sa kanilang dalawa ni Marlo at nitong mga kwenta Boss niya.

Pero itong PUNTO nanatili pa rin namang matatag at bumabandera sa kabila nitong pagrampa sa tuwina ng ekonomiya at halos nang lahat na.

At sa puntong ito na matatag pa rin ang tindig at gilas ng PUNTO ay ating ipagpatuloy ang pagtangkilik natin para manatiling 'alive, still kicking'.

Ang pahayagan na ating maasahang makukuhanan ng impormasyong tunay at pagbabalita na ika nga'y walang pagtatakip pabor sa salot ng bayan.

Kundi ng totoo na mga pahayag ng mga 'columnist,' at mamamahayag upang itong 'readers' malaman ang dapat paniwalaan at mga tamang ulat.

At di ang gaya ng 'Balitang Kutsero' at/o kaya r'yan nang 'Balitang Barbero'; Maliban dito sa ngayon ay nauso – na mga 'Marites' at saka 'Chismoso?'

Sa 'PUNTO News' walang kasinungalingan kundi pawang mga katotohanan lang ang balita't saka komentaryo ryan ng mga 'Columnists' sa isyung pambayan!

At sana ang PUNTO manatili itong matatag, magilas, taga sa panahon ang pamamayagpag dito sa '3rd Region laban sa anumang di mabuting layon.

Mabuhay ang PUNTO Central Luzon News!

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 Mabalacat, 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 Mabalacat, 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 cudierdo 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

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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.
x ----- x

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 **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 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 **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 Mabalacat 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 Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-202000979 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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CRISANTO BAYANI CARREON** who died on February 3, 2023 at Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga, and **TERESITA MANALO CARREON** who died on November 6, 2009, at Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of agricultural land lot 5, Psd-03-016900 (OLT), Portion of Lot 2997, Cad. 231, Arayat Cadastre, situated in the Barrio of Telapayong, Municipality of Arayat, Province of Pampanga Island of Luzon; containing an area of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three (4,983) Square Meters, More or Less; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 17058; before Notary Public Jaime R. Manaclang, Doc. No. 716, Page No. 30, Book No. XI Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 25, October 2 & 9, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JUANITO LURIS CHANGCOCO** who died on June 27, 2013 at 42-11 California Street, Villa Sol Subd., Anunas, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 32, Block 11 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-1824, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 710-A, 710-B, 710-C, 710-D, (LRC) Psd-5601 and Lots 711-B-2-A, 711-B-2-B, 711-B-2-C, 711-B-2-D, 711-B-2-E (LRC) Psd-5323, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Santol, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga Island of Luzon; containing an area of Three Hundred Fifty One (351) Square Meters, More or Less; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 56179 (Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City); before Notary Public Katrina Sanedel C. Silanga, Doc. No. 480, Page No. 97, Book No. I Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 25, October 2 & 9, 2023

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIA NONONG ALPASA** who died on July 15, 2023, at Jecsons Medical Center, Tarlac City and her lawful husband died on July 5, 2007; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and is the registered lawful owner/holder/depositor at the Bank of Commerce with Account No. 019-20-018087-1; before Notary Public Jovy Ann Mendoza Ramiscal-Atinaja, Doc. No. 507, Page No. 27, Book No. 19, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 25, October 2 & 9, 2023

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IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION OF
ENTRY NO. 15 (FATHER'S
CITIZENSHIP) IN THE CERTIFICATE OF
LIVE BIRTH WITH LOCAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR NO. 2019-736 OF
SHAWN MATTHEW CUNAN LU
REPRESENTED BY RENQUING HUANG LU,
Petitioner,

-versus-
SP PRO CASE NO. 6277

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF SAN LUIS, PAMPANGA
AND THE OFFICE OF THE CIVIL
REGISTRAR GENERAL,
Respondent.
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ORDER

This is a verified petition filed by the petitioner through counsel, praying unto the Honorable Court, that after due notice, publication and hearing, to issue a favorable decision directing the Office of the Municipal Registrar of San Luis, Pampanga, and the Office of the Civil Registrar General to:

1. Effect the correction in the Certificate of Live Birth of Shawn Matthew Cunan Lu with Local Civil Registrar No. 2019-736 particularly the Entry No. 15, the citizenship of father of the child, from Filipino to Chinese.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, this court hereby sets the initial hearing of this case on **December 4, 2023 at 2:00 in the afternoon to be held at the Session Hall of this court, 2nd Floor, Hall of Justice, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga** and directs the publication of this Order in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks at the expense of the petitioner.

All persons interested in the said petition may appear before this court on or before the next scheduled date and time, and to show cause if any, why the said petition should not be granted.

The petitioner is hereby directed to furnish copies of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General of the Philippines; Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, City of San Fernando, (P), particularly to the Office of the Public Prosecutor assigned to this Court, Deputy Provincial Prosecutor Arsenio V. Bumacod; Office of the Local Civil Registrar of San Luis, Pampanga; Philippine Statistics Authority, Civil Registrar General of the Philippines, and to show proof of said service to this court.

Furnish copies hereof to the petitioner, petitioner's counsel, the Solicitor General; the Local Civil Registrar of San Luis, Pampanga; the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, the Philippine Statistics Authority, and the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines.

SO ORDERED.

City of San Fernando, (P), September 11, 2023.

MARY JANE B. DACARA-BUENAVENTURA
Presiding Judge

PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON: September 25, October 2 & 9, 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 follos;

“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

SFELAPCO...

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and international factors. The power distribution firm said that if it is feasible and possible for them to keep the cost of electricity lower, they are committed to doing so.

SFELAPCO hopes that this month's power rate remains affordable for consumers, especially considering the typical increase in consumption during the "BER" months leading up to the holiday season.

However, they are optimistic that the cooler weather during the coming months may help temper the surge in consumption. In light of this, SFELAPCO also reminded consumers to continue observing power conservation practices to avoid unnecessary increases in their monthly power bills.

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In 2022, BCDA participated in the local government's celebration of the 310th Capas Day by collaborating with the Capas Municipal Health Office, and donating 500 hygiene kits to project-affected communities in Sittio Kalangitan, benefiting 500 indigenous peoples and farmers.

BCDA also partnered with the Tarlac LGU and Abacan River and Angeles Watershed - Advocacy Council Inc. to provide over 210 indigenous youths from Barangay Sapang Bato, Angeles City books, clothing and toys, as well as food packs and other gift items.

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AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF**

FIRST ISABELA COOPERATIVE
BANK (FICOBank)
Mortgagee-Creditor,

- versus - EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 23-0408(M)

SPS. JONUEL M. GUEVARRA
AND NICE S. GUEVARRA,
Mortgagors-Debtors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by **First Isabela Cooperative Bank (FICOBank)**, against **Sps. Jonuel M. Guevarra and Nice S. Guevarra**, registered owners of **Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. 042-2015004619 and 042-2013015710**, residents of Brgy. Concepcion, San Simon, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 4, 2023 amounts to **Twelve Million Seven Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Pesos & 91/100 (PhP12,755,999.91)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, and penalty excluding Attorney's fee, filing fee, sheriffs fee, and other cost of litigation, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **November 10, 2023 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Macabebe, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2015004619

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF CONCEPCION, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN SIMON, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 4-B PLAN NO: PSD-03-211862
PORTION OF: LOT 4, PCS-5960 ;
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF CONCEPCION, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN SIMON, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SW	LOT 4-A, PSD-03-211862
2-3	NW	LOT 75, SAN SIMON CADASTRE
3-4	NE	LOT 4-C, PSD-03-211862
4-1	SE	LOT 7 (ROAD), PCS-5960

TIE POINT: PBM NO. 2, CAD 260, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN SIMON, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	N. 29° 45' E	1026.08 M.
1-2	N. 20° 19' W	26.27 M.
2-3	N. 71° 30' E	33.26 M.
3-4	S. 16° 06' E	27.59 M.
4-1	S. 73° 53' W	31.30 M.

AREA: EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (868), MORE OR LESS

DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CMS.

BEARINGS: TRUE
DECLINATION:
DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: APRIL 1929-NOVEMBER 1930

DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: NOVEMBER 18, 2014
DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: DECEMBER 08, 2014
GEODETIC ENGINEER: ALFEO S. GALANG

NOTES:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2013015710

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY CONCEPCION, MUN. OF SAN SIMON, PROV. OF PAMPANGA., ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: E-4 PLAN NO: PSD-03-203222
PORTION OF: LOT E, PCS-035418-004653 (AR);
LOCATION: BARANGAY CONCEPCION, MUN. OF SAN SIMON, PROV. OF PAMP., ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SE	LOT 80, SAN SIMON CAD.
2-3	SW	E-3, PSD-03-203222
3-4	NW	G, PCS-035418-004653 (AR)
4-1	NE	E-5, PSD-03-203222

TIE POINT: PBM NO. 2, CAD 150, MUNICIPALITY OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	N. 29° 51' E	1067.64 M.
1-2	S. 71° 30' W	31.38 M.
2-3	N. 15° 22' W	29.32 M.
3-4	N. 71° 21' E	31.13 M.
4-1	S. 15° 51' W	29.39 M.

AREA: NINE HUNDRED SIXTEEN SQUARE METERS (916), MORE OR LESS
DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS:
BEARINGS:
DECLINATION:
DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JULY 1919 — MARCH 1920
DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: SEPT. 20, 2013
DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: NOV. 13, 2013
GEODETIC ENGINEER: ALFEO S. GALANG

NOTES:

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 17, 2023 at the said time and place without further notice.

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NU Clark sparks academic excellence

CLARK FREEPORT – Higher education’s center of gravity in Pampanga, if not in Central Luzon, arguably shifted to this freeport with the inauguration on Sept. 22 of National University Clark. Located at Clark Tech Hub 8 in the sprawling SM

countancy, architecture, engineering and technology, education, arts and sciences, psychology, communication, and soon, dentistry. Committed to academic excellence and holistic development, NU Clark ensures the most conducive learn-

ity and empowering individuals to pursue their dreams without financial constraints.” Academic excellence. Commitment to innovation. Community engagement. All made manifest with the opening of NU Clark. Leading the inauguration



City Clark Expansion area, the 10th campus of the renowned 123-year-old private institution of higher learning welcomed 2,300 senior high school and college students, exceeding by 287% the target of 800 enrollees – the largest ever in the history of NU’s start-up campuses. NU Clark offers undergraduate programs in business and management, ac-

ing environment with cutting-edge laboratories and impressive libraries equipped with state-of-the-art technologies and equipment. Accessibility and affordability among its core values, NU Clark offers a range of scholarships and financial aid programs to make quality education accessible to a greater number of deserving students, “fostering inclusiv-

rites preceded by the eucharistic celebration were NU president Dr. Renato Carlos Ermita, SM Supermalls president Steven Tan, NU executive director Dr. Arnel Diego, Clark Development Corp. Atty. Agnes VST Divanadera, Department of Education-3 director May Eclar, Pampanga board members Fritzie David-Dizon and Cherry Manalo representing Gov. Dennis



“Delta” Pineda and Vice Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, and Mabalacat City administrator Franco Madlangbayan representing Mayor Cris Garbo. Also in attendance were NU Clark academic director Dr. Priscilla Evangelis-

ta, donors and benefactors, administrators, faculty and staff, the university’s collegiate men’s and women’s varsity teams NU Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs, respectively, and high school varsity teams Bullpups and Lady Bullpups. ABOUT NU. Mariano F. Jhocson Sr., established the institution on Aug. 1, 1900, as Colegio Filipino in Quiapo, Manila. It is considered as the first private non-sectarian and coeducational institution in the Philippines and also the first university to use English as its medium of instruction, replacing Spanish. In 2008, the SM Group of Companies acquired majority ownership of the National University. **Punto News Team/Contributed photos**

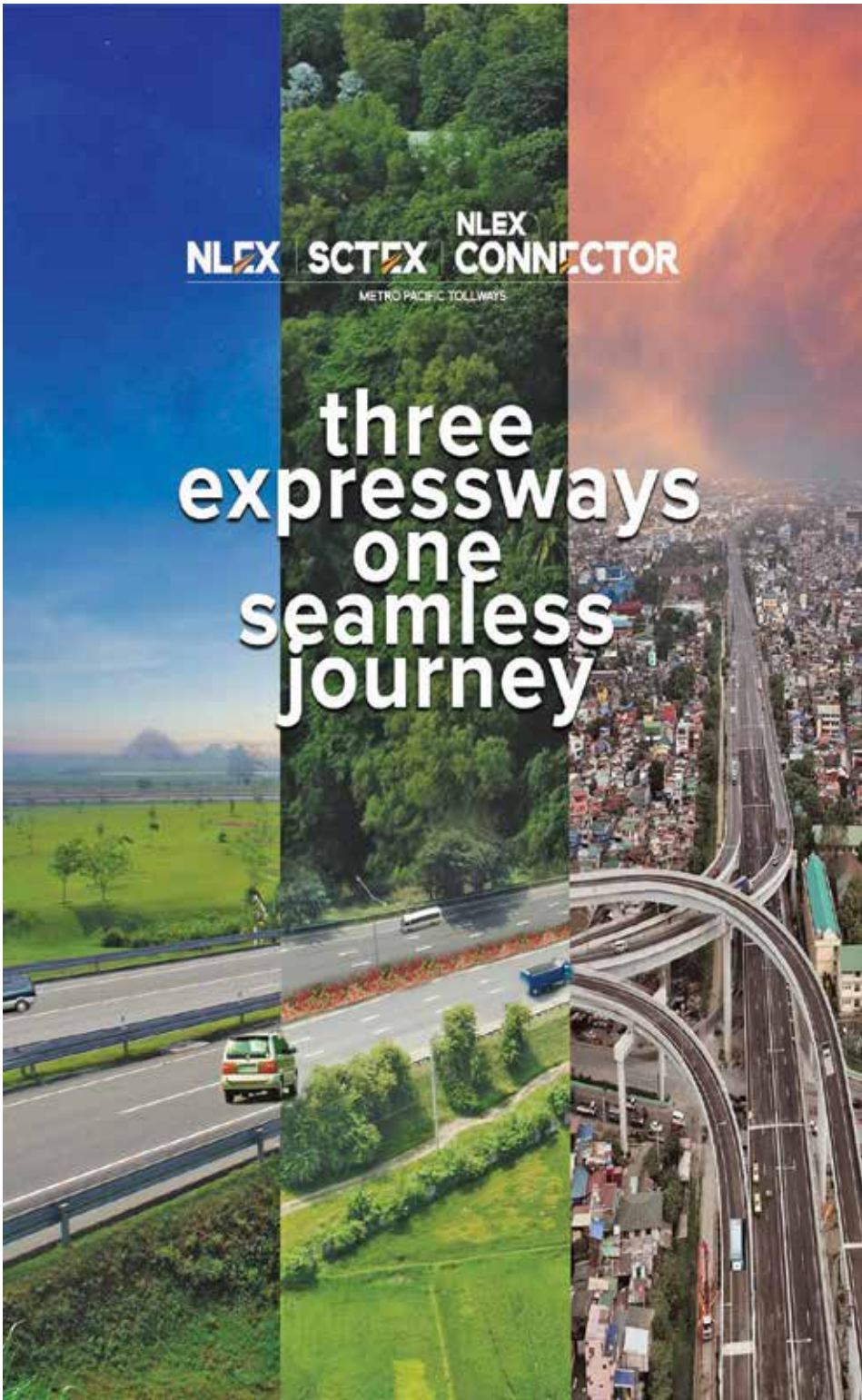


CSFP is No. 2...

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growth and expansion through innovations.”
“Of all of the events that we put together, I think this is one that is most enjoyable because as we know, the work to bring or to realize the aspirations of the country begins with improving one city at a time. And so, we are glad today to bring those achievements to the national spotlight,” Manila Times CEO Dante Francis Ang II said during the awarding ceremony.
Aside from its runner-up finish, the City of San Fernando also snatched a back-to-back win as Tourism and Culture Hub “for its captivating blend of a rich culture, heritage, and tourism offerings, making it a dynamic hub for travelers and culture enthusiasts.”
The city was also conferred with the Infra Innovator Award, for it “being a testament to the nation’s commitment to progressive infrastructure development.”
“With its modern and well-planned infrastructure, the city is poised for a prosperous and sustainable future that will cater to its growing population,” The Manila

Times said.
The Tech Territory Award was also won by the City of San Fernando for “its progressive planning, principles, and innovative approach in management, and for being an example of a smart and technologically-advanced urban center.”
In his keynote message, Interior and Local Government Secretary Benhur Abalos highlighted the Philippine Government Plan of Action geared towards creating smart cities and building sustainable communities in the country.
“I will focus on three things namely digitalization for more efficient, faster service delivery, more transparency, and fewer opportunities for corruption; dynamic innovation ecosystem with emphasis on technology and innovation-targeted strategies; and enhanced connectivity including digital and physical connectivity through infrastructures,” he said.
For her part, Mayor Vilma Caluag vowed “to continuously put into (her) heart and actions the excellence in public service,” not only in the areas cited by Abalos, but also in her 10-point

agenda for the city.
“When Secretary Abalos was giving his message, we were happy to note that what we are doing in San Fernando is in line with what DILG and the national government want to implement, especially in terms of digitalization. It is really heartwarming that our efforts are being recognized at the national level. Thank you, Manila Times, for appreciating our hard-work,” the mayor said.
Aside from San Fernando, other cities in the region that received awards included Meycauayan City, Bulacan as Education Hub; City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan — Family First Award and Food Security Enabler; Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija — Social Service-Oriented; and Baliuag City, Bulacan — Livelihood and Employment Center.
For the municipalities, Bulacan, Bulacan bagged the Best Model Municipality and Emergency Disaster Management Excellence Awards; Capas, Tarlac – Safe Haven; Plaridel, Bulacan – Education Hub; Baler, Aurora –Eco Friendly Award; and Sta. Maria, Bulacan –Business Friendly Award. **Punto News Team/PIA-3**



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Solon faces...

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The cases for violations of Section 3 (e and h) of RA 3019 (the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act), and the “Possession of Prohibited Interest by a Public Officer” from Article 216 of the Revised Penal Code were filed on Sept. 7 against Gonzales by Terrence Napao, barangay chairman of Santo Cristo and president of the Association of Barangay Chairmen of Mexico, Pampanga.

Charged along with Gonzales were members of his family: City of San Fernando councilor Aurelio Brenz, 3rd District board member Alyssa Michaela, Aurelio III, and Aurelio Michaline – all officers of the A.D. Gonzales Jr. Construction & Trading Co., Inc -- along with company director Zenaida Quiambao.

Also included in the charge sheet were Department of Public Works and Highways-Region 3 director Roseller Tolentino, chairman of the bids and awards committee (BAC) Ignacio Evangelista, BAC vice chairman Arthur Santos, and Anna Marie Tayag, BAC secretariat.

In his complaint, Napao alleged that Gonzales and the DPWH officials “conspired to corner” P611,577,718.40 worth of flood mitigating projects which were awarded to the construction company bearing the congressman's name and with business address adjacent to the residence of the deputy speaker in the capital city.

NLEX gives back...

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Earlier in September, the tollway company turned over 500 mattresses and 225 double deck beds to the AFP's Northern Luzon Command in Tarlac, Mabalacat City Drop-in Center for Women and Children, Bahay Pag-asa in both Mabalacat and Angeles City, and Ephesus Home for Girls in Guiguinto, Bulacan.

“We continue to support and partner with institutions who are helping people transform their lives and acknowledge their contributions in securing the safety and welfare of every Filipinos especially the women and the youth. We salute these organizations who undertake programs that help the less fortunate Filipinos,” added Bautista.

Capitol-funded facilities...

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center. Huwag po kayong mag-alala, anumang kailangan niyo dito sa bayan ng San Luis, open ho lagi ang Kapitolyo,” said Pineda as he encouraged the residents to cherish and ensure the functionality of the facilities.
The construction of the facilities cost P6.9 million drawn from PDRRC funds.
Blanco said the upgraded covered court

struction company bearing the congressman's name and with business address adjacent to the residence of the deputy speaker in the capital city.

“These projects are glaring examples of ‘conflict of interest in public service’, and obviously manipulated to favor the family-owned business of Congressman Gonzales, a known super-rich contractor in the province and a powerful ‘trapo’ (traditional politician),” Napao said.

Copies of the complaint-affidavit distributed to media indicated that at least three civil works projects for the flood management program in Pampanga obtained from the congressional funds of Gonzales were awarded to the family-owned construction business.

Napao cited a general information sheet from the Securities and Exchange Commission allegedly naming Gonzales' immediate family members as either corporate shareholders, officers or directors of A.D. Gonzales Jr. Construction & Trading Co., Inc.

At its registration at the SEC in 1993, the congressman was listed as one of the company's incorporators owning 77% of the shares. Up until 2015, Gonzales sat as the company's president who held 25% shares, it

Bahay Pag-asa-Angeles head Edna Duaso expressed her gratitude to NLEX for the donations. “Sa ngalan po ng Pamahalaang Panlungsod ng Angeles, taos puso po kami nagpapasalamat sa inyong malasakit na magbigay ng matutulugan sa mga child in conflict with the law na nasa aming pangangalaga.”

Duaso also noted the steel beds and mattresses will help improve the well-being of the children under their care as these will give them comfort and restful sleep. The Bahay Pag-asa is being operated by Angeles City Social Welfare and Development Office.

In other CSR initiatives, NLEX provided relief assistance to 45 families who were affected by the structural collapse in Barangay Mapulang Lupa in Valenzuela City due to strong rains caused by the southwest monsoon and typhoon Hanna.

Gabions were also donated to Barangay Hacienda Dolores in Pora, Pampanga, which was hit by a landslide recently. The gabions will help prevent another possible incident which can pose harm to the safety of the residents.

NLEX donated sacks of rice to the members of the Alliance of Concerned Transport Organization-National Jeepney Organization who were affected by the recent typhoons.

Walkers, canes and crutches were also given to the Create a Job for Disabled Association, Inc., (CJDAI) in Pandacan, Manila to support its program to provide persons with disabilities with assistive and mobility devices so they can have access to services and employment opportunities.

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was alleged.

“Any right-minded citizen would easily figure out why and how a senior deputy speaker, a city councilor and a bokal (provincial board member) owning a construction company and with DPWH officials under their beck and call were favored with hundreds of millions worth of government contracts,” Napao alleged, adding “With huge projects such as these, it would be the height of naiveté not to sense a collusion between the congressman's company and the DPWH.”

The infrastructure projects included the construction of drainage systems and flood mitigation structures and facilities within major river basins and principal rivers in the town of Mexico and at the City of San Fernando and Bacolor town sections of the province.

The complaint narrated that in awarding the projects, the DPWH regional office “evidently favored” the lawmaker's construction company “knowing fully well from the start of the bidding process that the corporation is owned by individuals holding public offices in a province where these projects will be implemented through countryside development funds sourced from taxpayers' money.”

napao said the DPWH regional office awarded the three projects and consecutively issued notices of awards from Feb. 9 to May 25, 2023.

Corrupt practices

Under Section 3 of RA 3019, “corrupt practices of public officers constitute (e) causing any undue injury to any party, including the Government, or giving any private party any unwarranted benefits, advantage or preference in the discharge of his official administrative or judicial functions through manifest partiality, evident bad faith or gross inexcusable negligence.”

The same section provides that “corrupt practices of public officers constitute (h) directly or indirectly having financing or pecuniary interest in any business, contract or transaction in connection with which he intervenes or takes part in his official capacity, or in which he is prohibited by the Constitution or by any law from having interest.”

Article 216 of the Revised Penal Code or the crime of Possession of Prohibited Interest by a Public Officer referred to a “public officer who directly or indirectly shall become interested in any contract or business in which it is his official duty to intervene.”

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an – volleyball and basketball tournaments,” he said.

The inauguration ceremony coincided with the opening of the women's inter-barangay volleyball competition which was also attended by the governor. To foster sports camaraderie among the youth, the governor personally provided financial assistance to all participating teams in the tournament. **Pampanga PIO**

The Public Space...

FROM PAGE 5
What step China will take next after the Philippines' bolder, braver posture in the WPS remains to be seen. There is no doubt, the policy under PBBM is no longer as sanguine, thankfully, as it used to be under the previous administration. Even giants understand the value of caution, like the US and Russia did during the Cuban missile crisis. China's next moves will be probably- hopefully= be done in the same manner. Raising the ante in the WPS or SCS can only lead to something more serious.

To be sure, China has not given up its long-time position that Taiwan is part of the mainland. Under President Xi Jinping, China's plan is to invade the tiny island in 1927 or thereabout. Taiwan, with the aid of the US, has taken notice. To be forewarned. is to be forearmed.

There are other things to consider. The US has increased the number of its bases in the Philippines. More are reportedly in the drawing board. Whether it's about Taiwan or about the WPS or SCS, China knows the implication of more US bases nearby. It's not just for deterrence; it's a threat as uncomfortable as the missiles in Cuba.

China's economy is in trouble a. And this, according to analysts, may impact its plan, present and future, in the region. The US has also expanded its alliance with other countries like Japan and Australia as countermeasure to China's hegemonic moves. On the other hand, some analysts, believe that China may not alter its plan under Xi , notwithstanding its economic problem or the growing US alliance .

Ad Lib...

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no! These are the realities that confront today's school administrators, teachers and even parents, who are considered as co-facilitators of learning. These are the same realities that become the bedrock of the many education reforms we need to institute in our schools that include teaching strategies, intervention and remedial programs, relevant co-curricular activities that promote holistic formation and a dynamic partnership between the school and the parents.

Perhaps one of the biggest challenges of Generation X and Y teachers in handling today's GenZ, iGen or Centennial learners is how to “speak their language” and “dance to their music.” This is not merely knowing their lingo or appreciating their song choices. It is about putting themselves in their students' situation, listening attentively without any preconceived notion or biases and yes, without an iota of judging. From there, teachers might just be able to really know what the learners want and need from them, and even from their families.

During the closing ceremony of the two-day assembly, our regional

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trustee shared his dream of one day seeing student representation in all the major activities of the school – proposing the schedule of school fees, preparing the school's annual budget, reviewing the student handbook to formulate policies on student discipline, suggesting activities in the monthly celebrations particularly during the intramurals and the foundation celebration and ultimately, sitting as a member of the school's board of trustees.

This might seem a far-fetched dream but then again, it may be improbable, unlikely but not impossible. The generation gap in the classroom, school or any organization will always be there. But if we remain committed to foster a culture of genuine collaboration and synodality, we can always continue to inspire and touch the life of every learner entrusted to our care.



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