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BCDA president-CEO Joshua Bingcang taking Clark to the global stage.
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3 global logistics firms eye Clark as Asian hub

\$1-B investments seen

CLARK FREEPORT -- “We are now at the tail end of finalizing agreements with global logistics companies, at least three big global logistics companies that will make Clark their Asian hub — not just operations in the country but make it their Asian hub.”

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LAZATIN

Biz tax payment deadline extended in AC

ANGELES CITY – Upon the request of Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin Jr., the city council promptly passed a resolution extending the business tax payment for the permit renewals of existing business establishments without penalties until Feb. 15, 2024.

“Ito po ay bahagi ng suporta ng pamahalaan sa ating mga negosyanteng malaki ang papel na

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LOVE VIBE
Abacan Bridge bedecked with heart-shaped lanterns. Three weeks to Valentine’s Day and already Angeles City pulsates with the love vibe.
PHOTO: KIM TAYAG/ ANGELES CIO





Wu Guiying, member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Hunan Provincial Committee and secretary of the CPC Changsha Municipal Committee presents gift to Bulacan Gov. Daniel Fernando after sealing \$254.82 million worth of investments in the province last November. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Bulacan attracts P20-B new investments in ‘23

MALOLOS CITY – Some P20-billion new investments in real estate, agriculture, and industries poured into Bulacan province in 2023.

These included expansion projects of two real estate firms, namely the P167.24-million Venezia Townhomes 2 in Santa Maria town, and the P126.35-million Farm Masters Village Phase 3 in San Miguel.

Department of Trade and Industry-Region 3 OIC-assis-

tant director and concurrent Bulacan provincial director Edna Dizon also disclosed among the new investments the development of a vegetable greenhouse facility in a 22-hectare of land in San Rafael town that is envisioned to be the largest in the country.

Metro Pacific Agro Ventures Inc. invested P1 billion under a joint venture with Israeli firm LR Group which will be part of

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20,000 vials of pneumonia vax distributed to Pampanga RHUs

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – In a bid to contain the rising cases of pneumonia in Pampanga, the provincial government led by Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda distributed 20,000 vials of pneumonia vaccines to rural health units (RHUs) across the province.

The provincial epidemiology and surveillance unit of Pampanga documented over 1,600 patients admitted and attended to at provincial hospitals from December 2023 to Jan. 23, 2024 who were diagnosed with pneumonia.

Provincial health officer Dr. Zenon Ponce attributed the “significant rise” in pneumonia cases in Pampanga to the prevailing weather conditions.

“Especially during this cold season suddenly turning warm, and occasional drizzles or rains, these weather fluctuations are the primary cause. With numerous people catching colds now, the spread is rapid. Therefore, it is advisable to wear face masks and maintain physical distancing,” said Ponce.

To protect the elderly from contracting the illness, the provincial Capitol prioritized them in the initial distribution of the 20,000 vaccines allocated by the Department of Health for the province.

Senior citizens interested in vaccination can present their senior citizen IDs at the nearest RHU in their localities.

Pampanga PIO

Smart, GSMA commit to strengthen PH disaster preparedness

CLARK FREEPORT -- Leading integrated telco network PLDT’s wireless subsidiary Smart Communications, Inc. and the GSMA, the organization representing mobile operators globally, are collaborating more closely to push for policies that would enable a whole-of-nation approach to disaster preparedness.

“The GSMA is proud to support PLDT and Smart’s work on disaster resilience in the Philippines,” said Kimberly Brown, head of Mobile for Humanitarian Innovation, Mobile for Development, GSMA.

A number of key stakeholders, including PLDT and Smart, have gathered to discuss the role of mobile in disaster preparedness,

response and recovery at the GSMA’s Humanitarian Connectivity Charter (HCC) Asia-Pacific workshop being held in this freeport on Jan. 24 and 25.

“We are pleased to work with the GSMA in advocating for a culture of disaster resilience in the Philippines,” said Cathy Yang, PLDT first vice president and head of Group Corporate Communications.

“At a time when the impact of disasters is heightened by climate change, we as network operators play a vital role in providing communications support before, during and immediately after calamities and emergencies, keeping disaster affected communities connected. In close collaboration with global partners like the



GSMA and key industry stakeholders from government and the private sector, we can further enhance the country’s disaster resilience and help shape policies and protocols to ensure more efficient communications to the public whenever disasters strike,” she added.

The two-day global forum has drawn both local and

international delegates, including representatives from international non-government organizations and mobile network operators (MNOs) from across the region, as well as representatives from the Department of Information and Communications Technology and Philippine Disaster Resil-

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Taniman ng palay madaling matuyo, oras ng pagpapatubig tumatagal

NI ERNIE ESCONDE

SAMAL, BATAAN -- Naka-karamdam na ang mga magsasaka sa bayang

ito ng epekto ng El Nino sa kanilang lupang sakan tulad sa Sitio Parang sa Barangay Ibaba na dumaraing ngayong Lunes



habang nagpapaandar ng kanilang water pump na gamit sa pagpapatubig ng kanilang palayan.

Sinabi ni Rene Bugay, 61, ng Sitio Parang, na madaling matuyo ang lupa at tumagal ang oras ng pagpapaandar upang mapatubigan ang kanilang palayan.

“Malaki ang ipinagbago ngayon kasi yung dating patubig na 24 oras sa isang ektarya, ngayon umaabot na ng 36 oras. Hindi na ma-maintain ang talagang regular na patubig na ang resulta ay nagiging tuyuanin ang

lupa,” sabi ng magsasaka na ang ibig sabihin, aniya, kapapatubig pa lang natutuyo na agad.

Napipilitan daw magtipid ang magsasaka. “Kung tutuusin, every four days sana papatubigan ang palayan pero nagiging once a week na lang dahil lalaki ang konsumo tulad ko na diesel ang gamit kasama ang langis so maraming maintenance at siyempre malaki ang gastos.”

Karamihan ng magsasaka sa Bataan lalo na sa Samal ay gumagamit ng

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Ang magsasakang si Rene Bugay habang nagpapaandar ng kanyang water pump.

KUHA NI ERNIE ESCONDE

TARLAC CITY DIALYSIS CENTER

Free services to qualified indigent patients

TARLAC CITY — The newly-opened Tarlac City Dialysis Center is now ready to offer free services to qualified indigent patients.

Located beside the city hall, it aims to provide residents improved and accessible medical treatment and healthcare.

Mayor Cristy Angeles said the facility’s completion is a stride towards the goal of the city government to ensure a healthy life for all, particularly

those battling chronic kidney disease.

“The establishment of this dialysis center underscores our city’s unwavering resolve to address the healthcare needs of our indigent residents. Access to medical quality services should never be a luxury but a fundamental right,” she stressed.

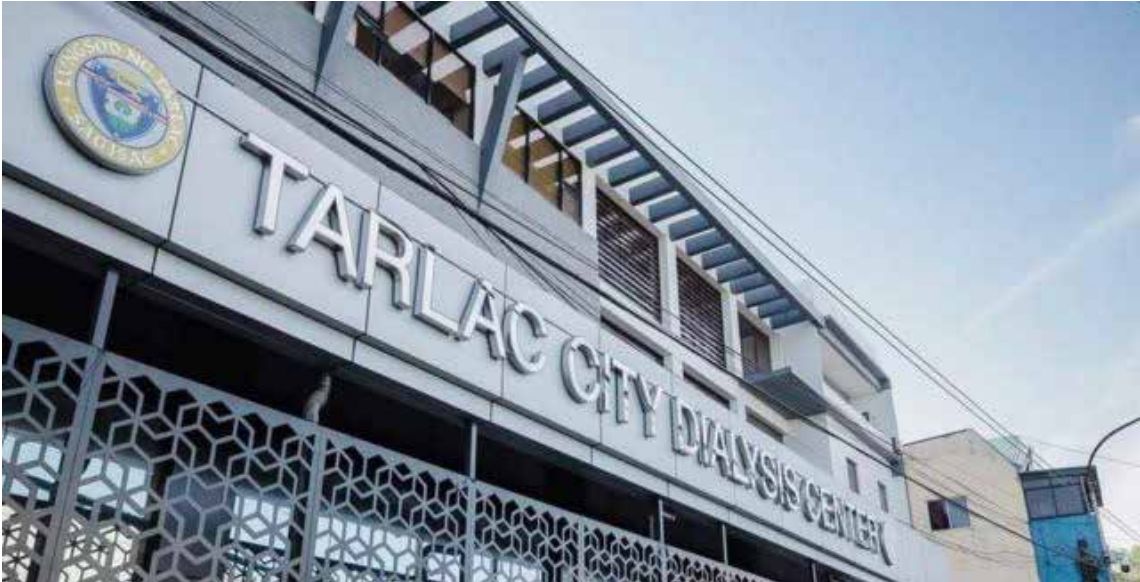
Angeles likewise recognized the Department of Health, healthcare professionals, dialysis team, volunteers, and donors

for supporting an endeavor towards a healthy Tarlac City.

For her part, DOH Undersecretary Maria Francia Miciano-Laxamana lauded the collaboration and dedication of the city government and its stakeholders to improve the well-being of residents of Tarlac City and neighboring municipalities.

With the gap between patients with chronic kidney

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NEW ‘GAPO COP CHIEF CALLS ON MAYOR

OLONGAPO CITY---Newly installed city police director Col. Charlie D. Umayam, along with the command group of the Olongapo City Police Office, pays a New Year’s courtesy call on Mayor Rolen C. Paulino Jr. at city hall on Jan. 22. The call is an old tradition of the uniformed PNP personnel that allows subordinate leaders to manifest courtesy and loyalty to the duly constituted authorities at the start of each year. It also aims to strengthen the relationship between the PNP and LGU working hand-in-hand for the betterment of the city. **JOHNNY R. REBLANDO/PHOTOS: CIO**

To the Point

Waste of time, paper

“WITHOUT A formal petition having been filed, it is premature to submit these signature sheets to the Comelec and there is likewise no valid reason for the Comelec to receive them. In other words, the signatures cannot be filed ahead of the petition.”

Citing Section 2, Article XVII of the Constitution which provides that “any amendment of its provision by the people through initiative must be ‘upon a petition,” veteran election lawyer Romulo Macalintal called on the Commission on Elections to stop receiving the signature sheets for the people’s initiative to amend the 1987 Constitution.

“It is just a waste of time and paper because these signature sheets have no evidentiary value or cannot be the basis of an initiative. It gives a wrong impression to the people that an initiative to amend the charter has already been properly or validly initiated,” furthered Macalintal, saying the Supreme Court had previously ruled that the public must first read the petition before they sign it.

Also, Macalintal said the Comelec cannot start verifying the signatures yet as the verification fees have not yet been paid.

“To date, no one has ever complied with these basic requirements, hence, no valid initiative has yet been properly initiated or filed with the Comelec,” he stressed.

“With Comelec chairman [George] Garcia’s admission that no petition has yet been filed with the poll body...Without a formal petition having been filed, it is premature to submit these signature sheets to the Comelec, and there is likewise no valid reason for the Comelec to receive them. In other words, the signatures cannot be filed ahead of the petition,” noted the election lawyer.

At this point, Macalintal said, the only valid act that Comelec could undertake is to issue a “certification as to the number of registered voters in each legislative district which the petitioner/s shall attach to their petition” to conduct an initiative.



Ad Lib
Rey Yumang

Opinion

Wristbands and Pinoy integrity

THERE WAS this running joke on how a foreign tourist could determine if his plane already landed in Manila. All it took was for the tourist to put his hand out of the “window” for a few seconds, put his hand back inside the plane and if his watch, bracelet or rings were gone then he is definitely in Manila!

Many Filipinos laughed at this joke, took it very lightly and some couldn’t care less; not even realizing that it speaks volumes about the Filipinos’ integrity, or the lack of it.

During the two-day concert of British band Coldplay for their “Music of the Spheres” world tour at the Philippine Arena in Bulacan, it was reported by the Philippine Concerts account that the return rate of the band’s reusable LED wristbands during the first day was only 87%. Among the countries shown on the leaderboard, Japan had a 97% return rate, the highest so far. Denmark had a return rate of 96% and Malaysia had 90%.

Known for its advocacy towards sustainable living, the band encourages its audience to return the LED wristbands so they can be used for future concerts. Made from 100% compostable, plant-based materials, they are worn by the concert-goers to create a colorful light show during the concert and are collected afterwards so they can be sterilized and recharged for the next batch of users.

While there were many fans who were utterly disappointed by yet another showing of our lack of integrity and discipline, many of us simply shrugged our shoulders. There are some who said it is what it is, and the leaderboard simply confirmed what we Filipinos are known for.

But are we really this kind of people? Is this truly our identity as a nation? I think this indifference is the same reason for the continuous erosion of the Filipino values we used to practice and value highly in our daily lives. Added to this is our penchant to focus on issues and to waste our energies on matters that do not necessarily

have a direct impact on our lives or on our identity as a people.

We are more concerned about the supposed “rigging” in the Miss Universe 2023 judging that allegedly “robbed” us of our fifth crown than knowing how it was possible for the 20 million votes to be reflected in the transparency server one hour after the polls closed on May 9, 2022, or why the several election returns that the transparency server received from different vote-counting machines had the same internet protocol (IP) address.

This time around, people might say why make a big fuzz over the non-return of the reusable LED wristbands if P203-B worth of estate taxes have not been paid by the Marcos family headed by no less than the sitting president? If our elected officials and the big corporations they protect do not follow the basic rule of declaring and paying the correct taxes to increase government revenues, why crucify the lowly Pinoy concert-goer for dismissing the policy to return the reusable wristbands?

There are no excuses to all these because integrity is a reflection of what we do and who we are when no one is watching. Whatever happened to some of the basic lessons our parents taught as at home?

The dismal honesty and failed accountability displayed by people in government or even in the private sector are not reasons for us to follow suit. In fact, they show and tell us what we should never do in our lives. Our leaders may continue to fail us. Let us take the higher moral ground, and let us never fail our country.



Holistic Living
Riza Shanti Lim

The wood dragon forecast 2024

WHILE THE powerful yet gentle dragon prepares himself to dazzle everyone with its captivating charm and daring stunts for the Chinese New Year on February 10, 2024, brace yourselves.

The dragon is a symbol of honor, luck, power, wealth, strength, and vitality. No wonder, in the opening of businesses specifically of Chinese industries – a dragon dance is performed. An act to scare away negative spirits, invite auspicious forces in the space to gain great fortune and success.

Endowed with “yang” (male) element. Expect those who were born under the year of the dragon to run a grand scale show. These personalities are naturally gifted with unwavering courage, confidence, charisma, wit, intelligence, and a tremendous energy. They have an incredible bravery, superlative ego, and are unstoppable.

In 2024, the wood dragon takes the spotlight. Innovative projects, exploration of new opportunities, shifting of career, starting a new enterprise, self-transformation are promising and supported by our charming reliable friend – dragon. More so, harmony in family, relations, meeting new friends, will smoothly transpire.

It is also advised to prioritize self-care. For the indefatigable beast might exhaust the “chi” out of you.

Those who were born under the year of the rat, monkey, rooster, rabbit, goat, and pig are the luckily favored. Financial increase, business growth, new acquaintances that lead to golden chances, fame, are some of the magnificent rewards of the generous wood dragon. While those who were born in the year of the ox, horse, dog, tiger, snake might find setbacks in finance, job and relationships. Followed suit by more challenges in the department of physical health and mental wellness.

Though it is fascinating to know about the Chinese astrology forecast. Be guided that we shouldn’t rely on the predictions. After all, it is you who decides to which direction you want your ship to sail on.

Namaste.



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The Public Space

Jun Sula

Vindication or validation

Here's both good news and bad news.

In its latest decision, the Sandiganbayan has exonerated Sen. Jinggoy Estrada from the plunder case filed against him in connection with the pork barrel scam that had ensnared many in government, including two of the senator's colleague.

The senator, who's impliedly insinuated as the "bad one" in a political ad in the past that compared him with his half-brother and senator, JV Ejercito, was euphoric over the Sandiganbayan decision. He felt vindicated. He was, after all, found innocent of the charge against him, legally speaking, beyond reasonable doubt. Sana all.

But he can't say, for sure, that he is Mr. Clean personified. The court has found that he is not sin peccado. He may not be a plunderer as his accusers tried to show the world but he is guilty of bribery. In other words, he is a criminal or crook in another sense. There is vindication there but there is validation also.

He knows like everyone else, at least in the august halls that he inhabits, that a public office is a public trust. The court ruling laid in no uncertain terms that the honor code has been breached in that sense. It's was no surprised that he was surprised—or aghast—about the legal curve ball. Two of the senator's colleagues had been earlier declared off the hook for the similar scam, for one reason or another. His lawyers didn't give him the total picture?

It's no small, insignificant setback or debacle in an important battle. "And Cain said to the Lord, my punishment is greater than I can bear?"

To be sure, Jinggoy has not been driven out like Cain from the face of the Senate. The Sandiganbayan decision is not yet final and executory until the highest court rules. Meaning, the senator can still keep his post, take part in Senate hearings, even bully some witnesses that are not telling the truth. Why should they?

But like Cain, Jinggoy may be worried about the ruling's impact and repercussion. Public opprobrium may come in 2025 or 2028, depending on the people's mood to forget or forgive. Some people may find and try to harm me, Cain begged for mercy. It took the present regime more than two decades to regain their reputation. It's still ongoing. There is a P23 billion or P203 billion tax estate that has yet to be settled. There's an SC ruling that calls for an imprisonment. But fairness and human rights, or old age, stand in the way.

Jinggoy and his lawyers are considering the SC as an option. Former senator Leila de Lima, out on bail from her own drug case, has a caveat to Jinggoy. He warns him that that option may be like jumping from the prying pan into the fire. He might end up being convicted of plunder in the event the SC takes

up his appeal.

Jinggoy is in a perfect dilemma. He has a choice between two bad options, the one may be a lesser evil, but it's evil still. It's an imperfect world with imperfect people and, people find it hard to locate the better angel of their nature. Some people can be lucky, and Jinggoy may entertain that idea like a superstition. Who knows, it will take years before the decision become final and executory, like in ten years or forever. By that time, Jinggoy will be old already. And old age matters based on jurisprudence. Good luck.

The 18th century English philosopher John Sturt Mills had reservations about representative government. His fear was intellectual, not moral. He was certain morons, not crooks, will be elected in office. Is moral bankruptcy, a bane in democratic system of government, the upshot of intellectual deficit?

Non sequitur, history tells us. Great minds had their tendencies to commit great crimes, too. More than 20 years ago, a dictator was kicked out from his throne, many thought will last a lifetime, in a peaceful revolution heard and seen all over the world in an unprecedented fashion. Rizal, who had hoped something like that he prophesied in his essay "The Philippines a Century Hence", was vindicated. It was short-lived though. Two decades or so after, the son of the dictator was brought back to power. History has since been rewritten, and continues to be so, proving the old dictum that victors write history, not the good ones.

In fairness, Jinggoy didn't sound heroic on his exoneration. There was vindication all right, but there was also validation. The equation is not right minus wrong. He can still look forward to jail time and huge fine for the millions of pesos he earned through bribery. If he likes his chances, and his lawyers agree, he might try his luck in the Highest Tribunal. Even if he is lucky, it's a fat chance that he will be buried in the Libingan ng Mga Bayani.

He's in a big hole right now, and wise minds suggest that there is no need to dig deeper. De Lima has pointed to the risk of that route via an appeal to the SC. It's seldom the road taken. The future is not promising for him, unlike some guy who, according to rock star Rod Stewart, has all the luck and travels a lot and brings home the bacon, so it is banded about.

There's a better nugget at home: some guys are smarter than others.



Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

Di tayo alipin ng sinuman para diktahan

May karapatan ba itong si Xi Jinping ng Tsina, na ikasakit ng damdamin ang simpleng pagbati ng Pangulo natin kay Taiwan 'president elect' na si Lai Ching?

Kung saan sa ating Ambassador mismo d'yan sa Beijing pinarating kay Pangulo ang isang bagay na direktang insulto sa lahat ng mamamayang Pilipino!

Na panghimasukan ang mga opisyal at personal nating pakikipag-ugnayan sa alin mang bansa, tulad ng sa Taiwan na maituturing nating kapit-bahay.

Anong masama sa pagbati ni Bongbong kay Lai Ching, gaya lang ng 'Congratulations'? Di niya kaaway ang alin mang pangulong nakasasakop sa bawat isang nasyon.

At kahit na 'yang si president Xi Jinping di natin kaaway na maituturing kahit madalas ang trato nyan sa ating mga mangingisda ay sipa-sipain.

Sakop man natin ang pinagtatalunang parte ng dagat na ating pangisdaan, na gustong solohin, tayo'y kampante lang at nananahimik para walang away.

At itong patuloy na pamimihasa ni Xi Ping sa atin medyo maalab na ngayong pati na rin ang itinalaga ng batas sa dagat nilalabag niya.

Bagama't mayroong 'international law on the sea,' si Xi Ping itong may malabnaw na pangangatuwiran at maling pananaw sa ganang ating sariling obserbasyon.

Kung saan at di rin malayong pati na iba pang parte rin marahil ng Asia, pagkapilitan ding masakop n'yan basta 'including ours' kapag di tayo umalma!

Kaya nga para di dumami ng husto ang bilang ng mga dumarayo rito para maging POGO workers' sa Casino; 'Stop -' ang lahat na ng uri ng bisyo.

At ang sino pa mang dito magkasala ng 'heinous crime' gaya r'yan ng sa droga, bitay kaagad ang dapat na parusa, para maging patas, tulad ng kanila.

Kapagka Chinese ang mahulian dito ng kahit na isang toneladang Shabu, 'deportation' lamang ang parusa rito, Kaya bale wala lang sa mga 'Chino'.

Pero kapag tayo itong mahulian ng droga sa China, kahit katiting lang, 'ten years' sa kulungan, pagkatapos bitay; kaya pag-sarhan na sila ng pintuan!

Nang di maging daan sa lalong pagdami ng mga kampon Xi Jinping sa sarili nating Inangbayan upang di magsisi pagdating ng araw sa pamumulubi!~



LOVE YOUR PARENTS MORE

"Mga anak, I love you rin pero mas mahal in ninyo ang inyong mga magulang dahil nagsasakripisyo sila para mapagtapos kayo sa pag-aaral." Thus responded Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda to expressions of love from 2,438 Grade 12 graduates of Porac and Floridablanca towns who each received P3,000 as financial educational assistance from the Capitol. **PAMPANGA PIO**

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDILBERTO BARBOSA SANTOS** who died on July 17, 2017 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, in Angeles City Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 11, Blk. 53 of the cons-subd. plan Pcs-03-015720, being a portion of lot 3008-P-4 3008-P-5 & 3008-P-7, Psd-141126; 3008-P-6-A to 3008-P-6-H, Psd-03-159018, LRC Rec. No. 151), situated in thr Brgy. Calibutbut, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of Forty Five Square Meters & Fifty Square Decimeters (45.50) more or less and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 677349-R; before Notary Public Rochelle V. Lorenzo, as per Doc No. 2115, Page No. 66, Book No. XIII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 15, 22 & 29, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDWINA M. SANTOS** who died on May 08, 2021 at Jose B Lingad Memorial General Hospital Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement on her estate, That said deceased left the following property/ies and more particularly described a bank deposit maintained with Angeles Miranda Branch of BDO UNIBANK INC. (Bank), in the amount of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One and 19/100 pesos only (Php 10,231.19) representing remaining balance of Current Account # 005238001490 plus interest accruing; before Notary Public Bryant R. Canasa, CPA, as per Doc No. 1933, Page No. 52, Book No. XV, Series of 2023.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LEONOR CALILUNG NARCISO** who died on January 26, 2022 at RMH San Roque, Guagua, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; That deceased left a Bank Account maintained with San Fernando-Pampanga branch of Maybank (Bank) with SA No. 10290014425, in the amount of Php41,188.44 plus interest accruing; before Notary Public Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc No. 287, Page No. 59, Book No. LXXII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 15, 22 & 29, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MANUEL R. BOSABAS** who died on February 13, 2008 at Subic, Zambales; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; leaving a property located at Aningway, Subic, Zambales covered by original Certificate of Title No. P-6865 consisting an area of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven (10,837) sqaure meters and this lot is covered by F.P.A. No. (III-4) 3672-A; before Notary Public Lourdes I. De Dios, as per Doc No. 94, Page No. 20, Book No. LXXIII, Series of 2022.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL
FORECLOSURE OF
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE NO. 205-23

KHRISTIANNE A. BELTRAN,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by the Act No. 4118, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, Mortgagee, with postal address at Petron Megaplaza Building, 358 Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City and Suburbia Commercial Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga against **KHRISTIANNE A. BELTRAN**, Mortgagor, with postal address at 100 San Antonio, Lubao, Pampanga and/or Lot 5, Blk.26, Xevera Subd., Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 25, 2023, amounted to **FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY PESOS AND 38/100 (PHP 583,640.38)** Philippine Currency, excluding penalties, Attorney's Fees and expenses of the foreclosure, the undersigned authorized Sheriff IV, will sell at public auction on ***February 28, 2024 at 9:00 in the morning*** or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder in **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency the property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 698731-R

A parcel of land (Lot 5, blk.26, of the cons-subd., plan Pcs-03-015720, being a portion of lots 3008-P-4, 3008-P-5, 3008-P-7 Psd-141126; 3008-P-6-A, to 3008-P-6-H, Psd-03-159018, L.R.C. Rec. No.151) situated in the Bo. Calibutbut, Mun. of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga. x x x containing an area of FORTY FIVE SQUARE METERS AND FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (45.50), more or less x x x

Prospective bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and to the encumbrance existing thereon, if any there be.

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 March 6, 2024 at same time and at the same place mentioned above without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, December 29, 2023

REGINALDO D. SERRANO
Sheriff IV
(Regional Trial Court Br.48)

Copy furnished:

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND- Suburbia Commercial Center, Maimpis, CSFP and Petron Megaplaza Building, 358 Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

Khristianne A. Beltran-100 San Antonio, Lubao, Pampanga and Lot 5, Blk.26, Xevera Subd., Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga

Engr. Danilo P. Catolos- Bldg. 1 Suburbia Commercial Center, Mc. Arthur Highway, Maimpis, CSFP

Atty. Simeon P. Madrid- unit 2010 20/F Herrera Tower, V.A. Rufino cor. Valero Street Makati City

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOWIL PALCISO MAZO** who died on October 25, 2013 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, That said deceased left the following property which is described as a Lot 13, Block 65 Northville 14, Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Containing an area of Forty (40) Square Meters); before Notary Public Rolando B. Atanacio, as per Doc No. 106, Page No. 22, Book No. XXX, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 15, 22 & 29, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REYNALDO O. RECTO** who died on may 06, 1985 in San Pedro City, Laguna; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 2, of the consolidation and subdivision plan Ccs-499-D, being a portion of the consildation of Lots 322,330, 335,336,339,340,341,342,343,396,397, and 405 described on plan Gss-877, L.R.C. Record No.....), Situated in the Barrio of San Vicente, Municipality of San Pedro Province of Laguna; cantaning an area of One Hundred One (101) Square Meters; before Notary Public Katrina Sanedel G. Silanga, as per Doc No. 28, Page No. 44, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 15, 22 & 29, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RODRIGO DE LEON CABRERA** who died on December 21, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; Whereas he left an account holder of Savings Account with Bank Account Number 000763-0596-18 with Bank of the Philippines Islands (BPI), Angeles Highway Branch amounting Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen and Seventy-Six Centavos (PHP575,418.76), and an Account holder of Savings Account with Bank Account Number 60220-000680-4 with Philtrust Bank-Philippine Trust Company a Universal Bank, McArthur Branch amounting Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty and Seventy Three Centavos (PHP228,140.73); a total of Eight Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine and Forty-Nine Centavos (PHP803,559.49); before Notary Public Jonathan Francis Nepomuceno, as per Doc No. 872, Page No. 32, Book No. XV, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 15, 22 & 29, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIANO TAMAYO GUTIERREZ**, who died on May 18, 2021 at Telabastagan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, leaving his conjugal share in certain real property, situated in the Brgy., Telabastaga, Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) Nos. 481214-R, 045-2015013311, 290701-R, 41314, RT-37204 (364825), N-141171, 182377-R, 182378-R and 182379-R, and more particularly described as follows:

“TCT NO. 481214-R”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 28, BLK. 5 OF THE SUBD. COND. PLAN Pcs-03-001964, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. LOTS 4410-A TO 4410-C (LRC), PSD-341244 & LOT 2 PCS-03-001846 & LOT 18-A TO 18-F (LRC) PSD-341245, LRC rec. No. 0) SITUATED Brgy., Telabastagan, Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga. Containing an area of THREE HUNDRED (300) square meters.

“TCT NO. 045-2015013311”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 23, Blk. 27 OF THE COND. SUBD., PLAN Pcs-03-015003, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. LOTS 73-B-3-B TO 73-B-3-H, 73-B-3-J TO 73-B-3-N, 73-B-3-P TO 73-B-3-T, 73-B-3-V TO 73-B-3-Z, 73-B-3-AA TO 73-B-3BB ALL OF PSD-03-004431, LOTS 73-C-2-C TO 73-C-2-E, 73-C-2-K TO 73-C-2-P ALL OF (LRC), PSD-304894 LOTS 73-B-3-U-2, PSD-03-116643, LOT 73-B-3-A-2, PSD 03-116644, LOT 73-C-2-B-3, PSD-03-116645, LOT 73-C-2-B-2, PSD-03-116645, LOT 73-C-J-2, PSD-03-116646, LOT 73-B-3-0-2, PSD-03-122546 & LOT 73-B-3-1-2, PSD-03-122547 L.R.C rec. No. 0) SITUATED Brgy., Duquit & Mabiga, Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga. Containing an area of ONE HUNDRED (155) square meters.

“TCT NO. 290701-R”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 34-B-8 OF THE SUBD. COND. PLAN PSD-10777, BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 34-B, PSD-10746, PSD-10746, GLRO CAD. REC. No. 132) WITH ALL BUIDING AND IMPROVEMENTS EXISTING THEREON, SITUATED IN THE Brgy., Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga. Containing an area of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) square meters.

“TCT NO. 41314”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 10, blk. 3 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-13-000329, BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 293-A-1, PSD-21047, LRC REC. NO. 5975), SITUATED IN THE Brgy., Bahay Toro, Q. City, M. Manila. Containing an area of FIFTY SIX (56) square meters.

“TCT NO. RT-37204 (364825)”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 9, blk. 3 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-13-000329, BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 293-A-1, PSD-21047, LRC REC. NO. 5975), SITUATED IN THE Brgy., Bahay Toro, Q. City, M. Manila. Containing an area of FIFTY SIX (56) square meters.

“TCT NO. 141171”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1, blk. 4 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-13-000329, BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 293-A-1, PSD-21047, LRC REC. NO. 5975), SITUATED IN THE Brgy., Bahay Toro, Q. City, M. Manila. Containing an area of SEVENTY-FIVE (75) square meters”

“TCT NO. 182377-R”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 6, blk. 5 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-16067, BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 34-A-6, PSD-11353, G.L.R.O CAD. REC. No. 132), WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, EXCEPT THOSE HEREIN EXPRESSLY NOTED as belonging to other persons, SITUATED IN THE Brgy., Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, province of Pampanga. Containing an area of ONE EIGHTY-EIGHT (188) square meters”

“TCT NO. 182378-R”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 7, blk. 5 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-16067, BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 34-A-6, PSD-11353, G.L.R.O CAD. REC. No. 132), WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, EXCEPT THOSE HEREIN EXPRESSLY NOTED as belonging to other persons, SITUATED IN THE Brgy., Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, province of Pampanga. Containing an area of ONE NINETY-TWO (192) square meters”

“TCT NO. 182379-R”

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 8, blk. 5 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-16067, BEING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 34-A-6, PSD-11353, G.L.R.O CAD. REC. No. 132), WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, EXCEPT THOSE HEREIN EXPRESSLY NOTED as belonging to other persons, SITUATED IN THE Brgy., Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, province of Pampanga. Containing an area of ONE NINETY-TWO (192) square meters”

before Notary Public Ronaldo P. Duro as per Doc. No. 1940, Page No. 54, Book No. 41, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 8, 15 & 22, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDWIN T. LANSANG** who died on December 29, 1995 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; Left a parcel of land located at Panlinlang, Arayat, Pampanga, Lot 23, Psd-03-075657(AR), portion of Lot 2, Pcs-035402-005131 and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 8812, which is conjugal and owned in common with his widow, herein ESPERANZA DIZON; before Notary Public Alberto D. Pamintuan III, as per Doc No. 508, Page No. 4, Book No. VI, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 8, 15 & 22, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDWIN T. LANSANG** who died on December 29, 1995 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 4-A of the subdivision plan Psd-035409-053308, being a portion of Lot 4, Pcs-4428, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Bical, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty (25,130) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 382972-R; before Notary Public Alberto D. Pamintuan III, as per Doc No. 507, Page No. 41, Book No. VI, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 8, 15 & 22, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JERALD BASILIO MAÑALAC** who died on February 7, 2017 at Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; That, the decedent at the time of his death left a rights to a certain real property known as a Block 32 Lot 31 located at Phase III-B, Mexico, Arayat, Pampanga which was awarded to him by the National Housing Authority; before Notary Public Arnel D. Berato, as per Doc No. 1054, Page No. 69, Book No. XI, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 8, 15 & 22, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO SAMSON** who died on June 29, 2018 in Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; That, the decedent at the time of his death left a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of title No. 185620-R with Lot No. Lot B-2-H-3-B, of the subd., plan Psd-03-005346; Containing an area of Four Hundred (400) Square Meters more or less; before Notary Public Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc No. 2107, Page No. 3, Book No. V, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 8, 15 & 22, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BEVERLY BARRUGA OLIVA DEL MUNDO** who died on November 9, 2020 in City of Marikina, Metro Manila; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on her estate; Whereas, the deceased is the registered owner of parcel of residential land, with improvements standing thereon, situated at PHP IV, Telapayong, Arayat, Pampanga and more particularly described a Block 26, Lot 05, Pampanga Housing Project, PH. IV Project, Telapayong Arayat, Pampanga with an area of One Hundred Four (104) Square Meters; before Notary Public William V. Alonte Jr., as per Doc No. 103, Page No. 21, Book No. XC, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 8, 15 & 22, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANASTACIO L. HOSMILLO** who died on November 5, 1985 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 13-A of the Subdivision Plan (LRC) Psd-141576, being a portion of Lot 13, Block 3, (LRC) Psd-16666, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the barrio of Pandan, City of Angeles; Containing an area of One Hundred Forty-Three Square meters and Fifty Decimeters (143.50); and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 51694 Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles; before Notary Public Donnie Ray B. Muli, CPA, as per Doc No. 4, Page No. 55, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 8, 15 & 22, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PEDRO MASICLAT VILLAPAÑA** who died on January 20, 1997 at Angeles City and **FORTUNATA F. VILLAPAÑA** who died on February 10, 2004 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 15465
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga
Emancipation Patent No. 491570

“A parcel of agricultural land, Lot 9, Bsd-03-002654 (OLT) portion of Lot 2679, Mexico Cadastre, situated in the Barangay Tangle, Mexico Pampanga, cantaning an area of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three (15,393) Square Meters more or less,”

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 15463
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga
Emancipation Patent No. 491575

“A parcel of agricultural land, Lot 29, Bsd-03-002654 (OLT) portion of Lot 2679, Mexico Cadastre, situated in the Barangay Tangle, Mexico Pampanga, cantaning an area of Ten Thousand Ninety Nine (10,099) Square Meters more or less,”

before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc No. 150, Page No. 40, Book No. 108, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 15, 22 & 29, 2024



NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ARMANDO VALEROSO NUCUP** who died on July 6, 2006 in San Luis, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1353-D of the subd. plan Psd-03-121990being a portion of Lot 1353 (San Luis, Cadastre) xxx situated in San Carlos, San Luis, Pampanga xxx containing an area of Seven Hundred Eighty Seven (787) Square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 518887-R Register of Deeds of Pampanga; before Notary Public Rolando B. Atanacio, as per Doc No. 2, Page No. 1, Book No. XXX, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 22, 29 & February 5, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES PLACIDO INGAL** who died on November 6, 1996, at Brgy. San Pedro, Minalin, Pampanga and **PAULA GALANG INGAL** who died on August 21, 2001, at Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Minalin, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 21330
Register of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

Lot

Portion of Lot

Location

Bounderies

: 1, Psd-03-019336 (OLT)

: 3, Pcsn-74-Amd.

: Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Minalin, Pampanga

: NW., along line 1-4... (lot 1682, Minalin Cad) Lit 2, Psu-14735 (accepted)
NE., along line 4-7... Sapang Matulid
SE., along line 7-8... lot 1681 (port.) Minalin Cad.
along line 8-1.... lot 2, Psd-03-019336 (OLT)
With an area of Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six (28,586) square meters x x x

before Notary Public April Elenor C. Juco, as per Doc No. 317, Page No. 65, Book No. I, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 22, 29 & February 5, 2024 Series of 2024.

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REYNALDO MERCADO** and **ELENA MERCADO** who died on December 27, 2019 and February 28, 2022 in Silang Cavite City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land, (Lot 3, Block 12 of subdivision plan Psd-68126, being a portion of lot 202 of the Cadastral survey of Arayat, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 1274), situated in the Bo. of Guemasan Mun. of Arayat, Province of Pampanga; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 211990-R Tax Declaration of Real Property No. GR2020-02-0010-00741; before Notary Public Silvino L. Sumagaysay, Jr., as per Doc No. 138, Page No. 28, Book No. 177, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 22, 29 & February 5, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REYNALDO BALUYUT BENGCO** who died on July 21, 2020 at No. 22-6B, Calamansi street, Trinidad Village, Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; Whereas, the decedent left the amount of Two Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Three Pesos and Twenty One Centavos (Php 271,873.21) under Savings Account No. 297-3-29744974-6 and Twenty One Thousand Seventy Two Pesos and Sixty Eight Centavos (Php 21,072.68) under Savings Account No. 297-3-29745009-4 both deposited at Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (Metro Bank) Angeles Sto. Rosario Branch; and left the following parcel of land which is conjugal and owned in common with his wife, the herein Transfer Certificate of Title No. 700536-R; a parcel of land (Lot 3506-B-1 of the subd. plan Psd-03-173466, being a portion of Lot 3506-B, (LRC) Psd-3271, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Concepcion, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp. Containing an area of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty five (7,885) Square Meters; before Notary Public Francis C. Guinoo, as per Doc No. 025, Page No. 036, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 22, 29 & February 5, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROSITA MANALOTO AQUINO** who died on August 20, 2008 at Mabalacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land, Lot B, Psd-03-104415 (AR), portion of Lot 541-D, Psd-33302; located at Barangay Sta. Maria Mangalit, Mabalacat, Pampanga; Containing an area of Twenty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Nine (22,849) Square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (14376) 1278-MM CLOA NO. 00520954 Register of Deeds of Angeles City; before Notary Public Miguelito S. Pama, as per Doc No. 124, Page No. 26, Book No. 17, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 22, 29 & February 5, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION FOR
APPLICATION FOR NOTARIAL
COMMISSION,

Notarial Application No. 24-34

ATTY. CHRISTIAN FERDINAND R. CAYLAO,
Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of the above-named petitioner shall be held on January 31, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto before the date of the summary hearing.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, January 17, 2024.

ROBERT ALEXANDER R. MALIG
Executive Judge

Copy furnished:
Atty. Christian Ferdinand R. Caylao
Room 203 A & P Building, Lazatin Blvd.,
Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Punto Central Luzon: January 22, 2024

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

This is to inform all the consumers of San Fernando Electric Light and Power Co., Inc. (SFELAPCO) that on November 9, 2023, SFELAPCO and ASPI filed a joint application before the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), entitled “*In the matter of the application for the approval of the Power Supply Agreement between Aboitiz Solar Power Inc. (ASPI) and San Fernando Electric Light and Power Co., Inc(SFELAPCO), with motion for confidential treatment of information* ” which was docketed as ERC case no. 2023-122 RC.

The Energy Regulatory Commission set the hearings of the said Application hereof:

Date	Platform	Activity
06 February 2024 (Tuesday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M)	Microsoft Teams	Determination of compliance with jurisdictional requirements and expository presentation
13 February 2024 (Tuesday) at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M)		Pre-Trial Conference and Presentation of Evidence

SFELAPCO and ASPI seek, among others, of ERC’s approval of their Power Supply Agreement which is a result of a Competitive Selection Process for the procurement of power for the Captive Market of SFELAPCO. This covers the supply and delivery of Baseload (55MW-90MW) power requirement of SFELAPCO that will come from a combination conventional and renewable plants for a period of twenty years.

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disease and dialysis units, according to Laxamana,


private sectors and local government units are encouraged to put up their

own dialysis centers with the guidance and standards of DOH and PhilHealth.

“Based on statistics, chronic kidney disease has a significant impact in the healthcare landscape of the Philippines. This is one of the emerging primary causes of hospitalization, and now, it is the 10th leading cause of mortality in the country,” she explained.

According to her, establishing a specialized dialysis center at a strategic location is crucial in enhancing service delivery in response to the escalating number of chronic kidney disease patients.

“Dialysis is one of the life saving measures. A renal center will really improve and sustain a longer life for patients. It will increase access to timely renal care, and will expand the capacity to meet the growing demand for dialysis services,” Laxamana added. **PIA-3**



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DA and Bataan officials during the distribution of the farm machinery. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

P35-M farm machinery distributed in Bataan

By **ERNIE ESCONDE**

ABUCAY, BATAAN -- The Department of Agriculture through its Philippine Center for Postharvest and Mechanization (PhilMech) distributed P35-million worth of farm machinery to 23 farmer cooperatives and associations (FCAs) and local government units in Bataan during the weekend.

The provincial office of the Philippine information Agency said the distribution was part of the DA's

transition to mechanization which is one of the components of the Rice Competitive Enhancement Fund under the Rice Tariffication Law.

Distributed were seven four-wheel tractors, 12 hand tractors, two riding-type transplanters, eight rice combine harvesters and one single-pass rice mill.

Rick Quiambao of the PIA said that so far Bataan has acquired a total of 289 agricultural machines and post-harvest facilities valued at over P241 million, benefiting 129

FCAs and LGUs.

PhilMech director Dionisio Alvindia led in the distribution of the machineries.

Joining the event were Gov Jose Enrique Garcia 3rd, Vice-Gov. Cristina Garcia, 3rd District Rep. Maria Angela Garcia, Abucay Mayor Robin Tagle, other LGU officials and personnel of the agriculture department and PhilMech.

The turn-over of the machinery was held at the Sibul Nature Spring Resort in Abucay.

PHILRICE TO FARMERS

Ensure enough nutrients in rice crops

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ -- To attain greater yield and higher income, farmers are encouraged by the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) to ensure sufficient nutrients get into their rice crops.

PhilRice nutrients specialist Wilfredo Collado said that among the nutrients that the plant needs are nitrogen which helps the rice grow quickly and potassium which improves root development.

Collado noted that it is important to ensure the element, amount, and timing of providing nutrients to the crop to properly implement

the intervention in the farm and avoid duplication of costs.

Providing nutrients in the field also depends on the weather. During the dry cropping season, the rice plant needs more nutrients because of the sunlight it gets. In addition, there are also nutrients coming from the soil, irrigation water, and microorganisms.

"Nutrients are sufficient if crop growth and panicle development are uniform leading to the attainment of the crop yield potential," Collado explained.

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PhilRice technician checks status of rice plants using a four-color ruler for leaves color comparison or a mobile app that captures digital images of leaves. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



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