

# CDC remits P1.8-B cash dividends to national gov't

**M**ANILA – A total of P1.8 billion in cash dividends has been remitted by the Clark Development Corp. to the national government, the highest since it started managing the freeport in 1993.

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Finance Secretary Ralph Recto receives from CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera P1.8-B cheque in presence of (L-R) BTr deputy treasurer Erwin Sta. Ana, DOF Privatization and Partnership Group Undersecretary Catherine Fong, BTr national treasurer Sharon Almanza, and CDC chairman Atty. Edgardo Pamintuan. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



LIPAD president-CEO Noel Manankil and UPS-Philippines and Thailand managing director Russell Reed hold signed agreement, with LIPAD chairperson Josephine Gotianun-Yap and UPS Philippines finance supervisor Rowena Hernando flanking them. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

## UPS expands operations at CRK

**CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** – Global logistics leader UPS (NYSE: UPS) is expanding its operations in this airport as part of its facility enhancement in the Asia-Pacific region.

In a press statement, CRK operator Luzon International Premiere Airport Development Corp. (LIPAD) said it has signed a strategic partnership agreement that will allow UPS to strengthen its portfolio of integrated express, supply chain and healthcare logistics services. This has taken the value of its investment commitments in Asia Pacific to over \$250

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## NLEX gears up for Holy Week surge

**MANILA** – The NLEX Corp. will be on full alert from March 22 to April 1 to manage the anticipated 10% increase in traffic volume during the Holy Week.

With 1,500 traffic, toll and system personnel in full force, NLEX will reactivate the “Safe Trip Mo, Sagot Ko” (SMK) motorist assistance program to ensure that motorists are given assistance as they head to the provinces during Holy Week. At the same time, motorists going north via NLEX, SCTEX and NLEX Connector are advised to avoid traveling during peak

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## AC to reinforce child protection policies

**ANGELES CITY** – The city government will convene Local Council for Protection of Children (LCPC) on Tuesday to revisit and strengthen the city’s policies on child protection.

This, in the wake of two recent tragic incidents concerning the welfare of children in the city: the abduction of a 5-year-old child known as “Ally”, and the unfortunate demise of two children in Barangay Malabanias.

“These incidents have highlighted the urgent need for reinforced child protection measures in the city,” Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin Jr. asserted. “We are deeply saddened by these events and our thoughts are with the affected families.”

Angeles City Social Welfare and Development Office chief Edna Duaso, through the supervision of Lazatin chief adviser IC Calaguas and Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel, is now arranging the plans of reviewing the existing policies and procedures concerning child welfare and protection in the city to prevent such incidents from happening in the future.

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Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin Jr. presides over LCPC meeting.

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# CDC chief pushes ‘people first’ at women’s empowerment confab



CDC president-CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera talks about her journey as a woman leader in public service. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PASAY CITY – Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera pushed to the forefront her advocacies of putting people first and reinvention in leadership at a recent women empowerment conference here.

Reflecting on her own upbringing, Devanadera underscored the importance of serving and uplifting others during the “Women at the Helm” session of the Gender and Development event organized by the Governance Commission for Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GCG) on March 20 at the Agoncillo Halls of the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).

“Our successes are only meaningful when our employees are happy and fulfilled. Their well-being is our priority,” the CDC chief said.

Devanadera’s commitment to prioritizing people is made evident through fair treatment and welfare enhancements for CDC employees under her leadership. She expressed gratitude to the GCG for approving the CDC’s appeal for an improved Compensation and Position Classification System.

“It’s about working together, regardless of our differences, to achieve our common goals,” she noted.

Devanadera highlighted the necessity of adapting and evolving to address the needs of both the organization and its people. “Reinventing oneself is

crucial in leadership. It’s about staying relevant and responsive to the evolving demands of our workforce and stakeholders.”

Devanadera vowed to cultivate a culture of dynamism and empathy within the CDC and its surrounding community. “Putting people first isn’t just a mantra; it’s the foundation of effective leadership. Together, we can create a workplace where everyone thrives.”

The CDC president’s co-panelists were Ma. Lynette Ortiz, president and CEO of Land Bank of the Philippines, and Maria Margarita Nograles, COO of the Tourism Promotions Board.

It can be recalled that in

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## 300 ektarya ng yellow corn nasira dahil sa El Niño



Ang magsasakang si Jerry Due habang tinitignan ang natuyong bunga ng kanyang maisan. KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS

**NI ROMMEL RAMOS**

MEXICO, PAMPANGA --- Lugi ang mga magsasaka sa Barangay Anao sa bayang ito matapos masira ang kanilang mga tanim na mais dahil sa El Niño.

Pebrero pa lang daw kasi ay natuyo na ang lupa sa maisan kayat natuyo ang mga bunga dahil sa epekto ng matinding init.

Ayon kay Jerry Due, pangulo ng Pinagpalang Anao Irrigators and Farmers Association, natuyo na ang lupa dahil hindi na nila nasustine ang tubig dahil wala nang masipsip na tubig sa balon.

Wala naman daw ng makuhang irigasyon dahil matagal na din silang walang patubig mula sa Abacan River.

Dahil dito ay lugi ang mga magsasaka dahil mabababa ang kalidad ng bunga ng mais dahil natuyuan na ng tubig. Dapat sana ay aanihin na nila ang

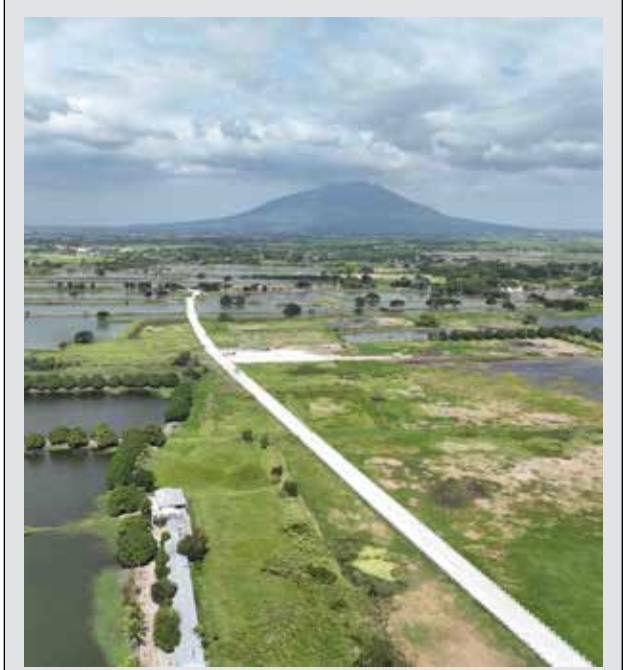
yellow corn sa susunod na buwan na ginagamit sana sa poultry.

Nasa pito hanggang walong tonelada sana ng mais ang aanihin nila sa kada ektarya kung naging maganda ang bunga ng mais na ngayon ay nasa lima hanggang anim na tonelada na lang na maliliit pa ang bunga.

Maibebenta na lang daw nila ito ngayon ng nasa P12 hanggang P13 kada kilo na dati ay nasa P18 kada kilo kung maayos ang bunga.

Dagdag din sa pagkalugi ang iniinda nila na dagdag gastos sa krudo para lang mapatubigan ang maisan ngunit dahil nga sa hirap sa pagkuha ng tubig ay hindi na rin talaga ito nasustenan.

Nananawagan si Due sa pamahalaan na sana ay magawa na ang kanilang irigasyon para may nakukuhang sila ng tubig kapag ganito na tumatama ang El Niño sa bansa.



Sta. Ana-Arayat Bypass Road passes through verdant lots and fishponds. PHOTO: DPWH

## Sta. Ana-Arayat bypass road 70% complete

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Motorists going through perennial traffic gridlocks at the stretch of the Jose Abad Santos Avenue in Sta. Ana town proper will soon be heaving a sigh of relief.

Now 70% complete is the 6.23-kilometer Sta Ana-Arayat Bypass Road project, a two-lane alternate route that connects the two eastern Pampanga municipalities off JASA.

Department of Public Works and Highways Region 3 director Roseller Tolentino said the P235-million multi-year project was started in 2021 under the implementation of the Pampanga 1st District Engineering Office (DEO).

“Since then, Pampanga 1st DEO has already completed the opening and concrete paving works along the bypass road,” he added.

Also constructed along the road were

stone masonry slope protections, sheet piling works, and wheel guards in specific locations to promote efficient and safe transportation for road users.

Farmers, fish-pen owners, and local residents are already benefiting from the open and passable road sections of the bypass road.

“An additional allocation of P30 million from the 2023 national budget has been released to the implementing office to finalize this vital road infrastructure,” Tolentino furthered.

When fully completed, the infrastructure will enable motorists to cut through the traffic-laden portions of JASA in Sta. Ana town proper, leading to faster travel to the nearest entry and exit points of the North Luzon Expressway in San Simon and the City of San Fernando to the west, and to the province of Nueva Ecija to the east. **PIA-3**

## PA cites strides under Bagong Pilipinas

CAPAS, TARLAC -- The Philippine Army has made significant strides in its training and education programs, reserve force management, and system under Bagong Pilipinas.

This was highlighted by Commanding General Lt. Gen. Roy Galido during the service branch’s 127th Founding Anniversary celebration held at Camp O’Donnell here.

He said such efforts aim to develop an agile and precise Army that is capable of defending the country and its people against any threat.

Among these include the recently concluded Combined Arms Training Exercise “Katihan”

(CATEX) which tests the capability of the Army to move, maneuver, and sustain large-scale forces during combat operations.

“We just concluded the conduct of CATEX— the first Army field exercise composed of more than 3,000 troops on the ground performing the territorial defense operation and capability domain we are developing aside from the internal security operation that we normally do,” he explained.

CATEX is in compliance with the Department of National Defense’s Comprehensive Archipelagic Defense Concept that ensures enhanced military capabilities to defend the land, air, and maritime domain.

Apart from training



Army troopers in formation. PA PHOTO

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# SHAPING FUTURE JOURNOS

PAYING IT forward. The collective and individual skills and experiences of members of the Central Luzon Media Association-Pampanga Chapter were shared with 82 students and 10 teacher-coaches of the University of the Assumption-Senior High School in a seminar-workshop conducted at the school on March 21.

Themed “Shaping the Future: The Power of Campus Journalism in Changing the World”, the one-day seminar covered the subjects, with their respective resource persons: News Writing and Copyreading – Arnel

San Pedro, editor of iOrbit News; Feature Writing and Science Tech Writing – Albert Lacanlale, operations manager of SunStar-Pampanga; Radio-TV Broadcasting – Jhodie Bhyjay Mercado – writer-producer-new-anchor of CLTV-36; Editorial Writing, Column Writing, and Sports Writing – Bong Lacson, editor of Punto! Central Luzon; Photo Journalism and Editorial Cartooning – Nelson Gonzales, lifestyle and corporate photographer and photojournalist and Gerald Gloton, glamour photographer and visual storyteller, reporter, photo journalist

of the Pampanga PIO; and Layout/Collaborative Desktop Publishing – John Paul Manalang, web editor and graphic/layout artist of various print and online publications and graphic artist at the Angeles CIO.

“Never have I imagined that I’ll be given a chance to meet people as great as our speakers today. And I know you feel the same way,” enthused Princess Viray-Parungao, adviser of the school paper The Magnificat, in her closing remarks. “As we draw the curtains on another chapter of campus journalism, let us remember that our voices are not merely ink

on paper or words on a screen, but echoes of truth and catalysts for change. Thank you, CLMA Pampanga for the beginning of our friendship and giving us this opportunity. We hope this is not the last but rather a beginning of our friendship.”

The seminar is part of the Campus Journalism Caravan program of the CLMA that provides skills development training to student journalists. Schools who wish to avail themselves of the program – given gratis et amore – may tap the CLMA Pampanga Chapter facebook page. **CLMA-PR**

# SFELAPCO shares summer power-saving, fire safety tips

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – As the country embraces the hot dry season, the San Fernando Electric Light and Power Company is taking proactive steps to help its clientele manage their power consumption and ensure fire safety.



With the potential increase in power rates looming, Atty. Catherine Diaz, spokesperson for SFELAPCO, shared valuable tips on how to cut down on electricity usage and prevent fires caused by electrical appliances.

One of the main factors contributing to the possible rise in power rates during the summer is the increased demand for electricity as the temperature rises in the Philippines.

SFELAPCO, which sources its power from the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM), is susceptible to sudden fluctuations in power rates driven by spikes in demand.

Atty. Diaz emphasized that SFELAPCO, like other distribution firms, has no control over the final rates on electric bills as it simply passes on prevailing market-driven generation charge in the WESM.

In order for consumers to manage their electricity consumption effectively, especially during the summer months, there are simple and practical steps that can be implemented at home or in the office.

When it comes to using air conditioning units, factors such as the size of the room, the number of occupants, and the presence of other heat-emitting appliances should be taken into account.

By considering these factors, individuals can optimize the efficiency of their air conditioning units and reduce energy consumption.

It is also advisable to avoid installing air conditioning units in areas exposed to direct sunlight, as this can impact the unit’s efficiency in cooling the room.

Regular maintenance of air conditioning units, such as cleaning the filters regularly, is crucial to ensuring optimal performance and energy efficiency.

Using an electric fan to circulate air in the room can also help cool the

space faster, reducing the workload on the air conditioning unit.

Taking advantage of natural light during the day can also help reduce the need for artificial lighting, saving on electricity costs.

Another tip shared by SFELAPCO is to store more water in containers inside the refrigerator, as this can help maintain the cold temperature in case of a power outage and reduce the unit’s workload.

Unplugging appliances when not in use is a simple yet effective way to save on power consumption, as appliances on standby mode still draw energy.

By being mindful of their energy usage and implementing these power-saving tips, consumers can reduce their electricity bills and contribute to energy conservation.

In addition to power-saving measures, SFELAPCO also highlighted the importance of fire safety when using electrical appliances, especially during the hot summer months.

With the potential for appliances to overheat due to extended use, regular maintenance and monitoring of appliances are essential to prevent fires caused by electrical faults.

To prevent fires in the home, refrain from using “octopus connections,” where several electrical appliances are plugged into one outlet, leading to power overload and potential electrical faults.

As of the current rate, SFELAPCO is charging P9.22 per kilowatt-hour (/kWh), with P4.098/kWh going towards the generation charge.

Last month, transmission charges, saw a rise due to an increase in ancillary services.

Atty. Diaz stressed the importance of practicing energy conservation now, given the possibility of rising power rates in the coming months as summer intensifies. **Press Release**

# Cebu Pacific accepts brand new A321neo

MANILA – The Philippines’ leading carrier Cebu Pacific (PSE: CEB) welcomed on March 21 its third aircraft delivery for the year, a brand new A321neo, underscoring the airline’s commitment to advance sustainability and strengthen its operational resiliency amid the rising demand in air travel.

The aircraft is the first A321neo that CEB received this year. It used sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) on its delivery flight from Hamburg, Germany

to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

“We take pride in adding more SAF-powered aircraft into our growing fleet. This aircraft delivery represents the strides we are taking towards minimizing our carbon footprint and promoting sustainability in the aviation sector,” said Alex Reyes, CEB chief strategy officer.

SAF is a drop-in fuel, with similar characteristics as conventional jet fuels. It does not require any adaptations to the air-

craft or engines and does not have any negative impact on performance. The use of SAF results in up to 80% reduction in carbon emissions across the fuel’s lifecycle.

CEB currently operates one of the youngest fleets in the world, with its diversified commercial fleet mix of eight Airbus 330s, 36 Airbus 320s, 20 Airbus 321, and 14 ATR turboprop aircraft enabling the widest network coverage in the Philippines.

The airline aims to transition to an all-NEO fleet by 2028. Airbus NEOs are the latest-generation aircraft that burn 15 percent less fuel per flight compared to the previous generation. The reduction in fuel consumption leads to a corresponding reduction in aircraft carbon emissions.

CEB currently flies to 35 domestic and 24 international destinations spread across Asia, Australia, and the Middle East. **Press Release**



# ‘CONG’ IN MAGALANG

MAGALANG, Pampanga -- On behalf of Cong Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr., his chief adviser and political tactician IC Calaguas and the team of Cong Pogi personally delivered a copy of the book “CONG Tarzan Lazatin: A Public Life” for Magalang Mayor Malu Lacson which was received by coun-

cilor Norman Lacson with former councilor Rodolfo Gonzalez and long-time Lazatin aides Michael Lising and Jane Calimquim.

“CONG” is the biography of Cong Pogi’s father, former Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Tarzan” Lazatin authored by veteran journalist Bong Lacson. The honorific

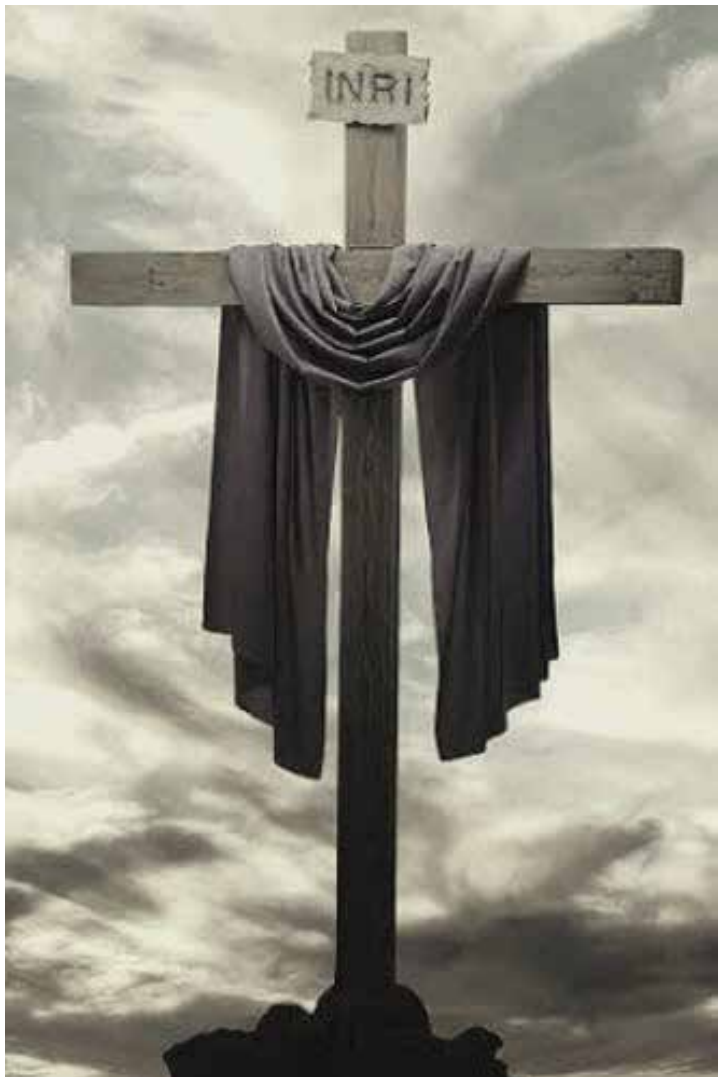
“Cong” – a contraction of the Kapampangan “coyang” meaning elder brother and used as a title of respect for an older male – as well as an abbreviation of “congressman” was so appended to the elder Lazatin that even when he was Angeles City mayor, he was referred to a Cong Tarzan.

**Photo Release**





# To the Point



***For our sake he was crucified...  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.***



## Opinion

### Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

## Landas ng buhay at pagkabuhay

EWAN KUNG napansin na ninyo na karamihan sa ating mga imahen o larawan ng mga santong martir ay may hawak na palaspas—katulad ng ating dalawang martir na Pilipino, na sina San Pedro Calungsod at San Lorenzo Ruiz. Ganyan din sina Santa Maria Goretti at Santa Lucia.

Ang palaspas ay importanteng simbolo para sa pananampalatayang Kristiyano; hindi ito dekorasyon lamang. Ito'y isang statement; isang pangungusap. May ipinahahayag, may ibig sabihin ang tao kapag humahawak ng simbolong iyan. Ibig sabihin, handa siyang magdusa at mamatay. Simbolo iyan ng paninindigan ng isang martir. Ang literal na kahulugan ng “martir” na galing sa salitang Griyegong “marturia” ay PATOTOO—sa Ingles, WITNESSING. Katulad ng ginagawa ng mga witness kapag pinasusumpa sa korte—“Ikaw ba’y nangangakong magsabi ng katotohanan, buong katotohanan at pawang katotohanan lamang?” Ang witness ay sasagot na nakataas ang kanang palad at magsasabing OPO. Ang nakataas na palaspas ay higit pa sa nakataas na palad; hindi lang “Opo, nangangako po ako,” ang ibig sabihin nito, kundi “Opo, kahit ipagdusa ko pa o ikamatay ito.”

Ang palaspas ay simbolo ng taong handang magpatotoo nang buong lakas ng loob. Magpatotoo sa ano? Magpatotoo na ang daan ng krus at kamatayan ay daan ng buhay at muling pagkabuhay. Na hindi tayo hahantong sa pagkabuhay kasama si Kristo kung hindi tayo handang humarap sa pagdurusa at kamatayan na kasama din niya. VIA CRUCIS ang tawag sa Latin para sa LANDAS NG KRUS. Hindi kaya dapat VIA RESURRECTIONIS? Hindi naman krus ang destinasyon kundi pagkabuhay.

Huwag nating i-romanticize ang pagdurusa. Sino ba ang gustong masaktan o mamatay? “Masochist” ang tawag sa mga nasasarapan pag sila’y sinasaktan—at “sadista” naman ang tawag sa nasasarapan pag sila’y nanakit. Sakit ang mga iyan; mga palatandaan ng mental illness. Lahat ng normal na tao siyempre mas gusto ang mabuhay na maginhawa at walang sakit. Pero pwede bang mabuhay ang tao na hindi dumaranas ng sakit? Imposible. Bahagi ng buhay ang masaktan. Pwede bang isilang ang tao na hindi nakakaramdam ng sakit ang nanay at ang sanggol mismo?

Hangga’t kaya natin, iniwasan natin ang masak-tan. Iyun ngang mga pediatrician, kung ano-anong style ang ginagawa para hindi gaanong maram-daman ng bata ang sakit pag iniiniksyon sila. Ganoon din ang dahilan kung bakit gumagamit ng anesthesia ang mga surgeons kapag nag-opera, at nagbibigay pa ng pain-killers, pagkatapos.

Para lang maibsan ang sakit. Pero importante ang sakit di ba? Paano malalaman ng duktor na may diperensya ka sa tiyan o sa puso o sa tuhod kung di mo naramdaman ang sakit? Kawawa ang batang puro pasarap ang naranasan, hindi dumanas ng sakit at hirap. Hindi magiging madali para sa kanya ang humarap sa mga pagsubok; madali siyang masisiraan ng loob at sumuko sa mga hamon.

Kahit ayaw nating masaktan, alam din natin na nakakatulong din ito para sa ating pag-unlad bilang tao. Minsan kasi ang pagdurusa ay bunga rin ng ating katangahan, pagkakamali, o pagpapa-baya. Kaya parang disiplina rin ang paghihirap. Sa Tagalog, ang punishment ay PARUSA, galing pa rin sa salitang dusa—kapag kusang pinagdurusa ang tao para matuto siya, para magtanda, para umayos, para sabihin niya, “Sori po, hindi po ako uulit.” Delikado kasi pag hindi pinagdusa ang tao kapag may ginawa siyang hindi tama o pandaraya o pagmamalupit sa kapwa. Uulit-ulitin niya. Kaya nakakabuti rin ang sakit, nagpapalakas, nagtutu-wid, nagpapatatag sa ating pagkatao.

Kaya siguro nasabi minsan ni San Pablo sa 2 Cor 4:8-11, “Kabi-kabilaan ang pagpapahirap sa amin, ngunit hindi kami nalulupig. Binabagabag kami pero hindi kami nawawalan ng pag-asa. Inu-usig kami, ngunit hindi pinababayaan. Natutumba kami, ngunit hindi lubusang nalulugmok. Lagi naming taglay sa aming katawan ang kamatayan ni Jesus, upang sa pamamagitan ng aming katawan ay mahayag ang kanyang buhay.”

Ang Daan ng Krus ay daan ng buhay at pagkabuhay dahil ito ay DAAN NG PAG-IBIG. Lahat ng taong nagmamahal ay naghahanda rin na magbuwis ng maraming dugo, luha at pawis para sa minamahal. Hindi nila tinitingnan ang pagdurusa bilang pagkatalo o pagkalugi kundi bilang puhunan at pakinabang. Pinaghuhugutan ng matinding lakas na hindi kayang wasakin o sirain ng anupaman. Ang taong wagas kung magmahal, ay sumusunod lamang sa halimbawa ng Anak ng Diyos na yumakap sa pagdurusa at kamatayan bilang Anak ng Tao. Sa krus matutuklasan natin ang sakit na nagpapagaling, ang pagdurusanag nagdudulot ng paghilom, at ang kamatayang nagbibigay-buhay.

***(Linggo ng Palaspas, 24 Marso 2024, And Pasyon ayon kay San Markos 14-15)***



#### VIA CRUCIS AT CLARK

Clark Development Corp. employees pray the Stations of the Cross at the Clark Parade Grounds on Holy Monday as part of their solemn observance of the Holy Week.

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**Ad Lib**  
Rey Yumang

## Opinion

### The Maleldo of my youth

I HAVE to admit. Lent is one of the few times of the year when I couldn't help but feel a different sense of nostalgia. Call it a soon-to-be retiree's longing for the good old days when there were no high-tech gadgets and toxic social media platforms.

True, times have indeed changed and the many advancements in technology have given way to a modern style of living. But is this enough reason to let go of the beautiful traditions that have been part and parcel of our fabric as a people?

From hand-made palaspas to commercially-produced palm fronds complete with a scanned image of your favorite saint printed on a glossy photo paper, from a cappella singing of the pasyon in traditional tunes to videoke-style rendition complete with live accompaniment and synthesizer, and from an orderly Good Friday procession highlighted by communal praying or recitation of the rosary to what is now simply a walk around the poblacion area with the partakers wearing the coolest summer outfits and taking selfies at every sight of the life-size santos on top of the ornate carrozzas.

What else are we modernizing all for the sake of outgrowing our beautiful traditions?

My brother Noel and I were in our elementary years when we would unusually wake up early the next day after Palm Sunday. Aside from helping and doing our share in setting up the make-shift altar in our Pabasa or puni, we would eagerly await the arrival of the invited barrio manangs or mangatwa who chanted the pasyon in now bygone and seemingly forgotten melodies. They were not the best singers in town who received any formal vocal training. But their voices were so distinct that they were a league of their own. Magparalumpu, managulele as the old folks would call it, as they retell the life, passion and death of the Lord in a melody that spoke volumes of the people's collective desire to be forgiven of whatever sins they have committed in the past.

In the afternoon, we would then wait for the magdarama or the magsalibatbat. It was only later in our teens when we have correctly called these people as flagellants. Some of our playmates would even cowl in fear, but my brother and I would be in awe and overwhelmed by the sight of men trying to reenact that poignant scene when Jesus carried the cross to Mt. Calvary. The

young maritess in me would then try very hard to possibly identify at least one of the flagellants, which was next to impossible. A black cloth covered their entire heads, and their backs dripping with blood could not even provide a clue or any distinguishing mark to help me identify at least one of the flagellants. Back then I did not know the meaning or the significance of that act, but I was so moved by such gesture, even feeling so sorry for these people who wanted their sins to be washed away.

The Good Friday procession was a sight to behold for the onlookers lined along the streets, and a different spiritual experience for those who took part in it. Right after the police mobile was the late Tatang Crising Silva giving instructions to everyone who immediately followed as if in a trance. It was a slow-moving and quiet procession as the members of the different lay organizations led the townsfolk in reciting the rosary.

How can I forget the pakawasa or the karambola which officially marked the end of the Pabasa? With no meat the whole of Friday, everyone looked forward to that very moment when the clock struck 12; it was already Saturday and everyone took part in the grand salapo or boodle fight. If the club had solicited more than enough funds or had very generous donors, there would be lechon and all sort of food you only see in a grand fiesta celebration. This was our humble idea of community spirit.

For years, the Catholic Church has also reminded the faithful to let go of the many trappings of Lent so that the focus is on the liturgical celebrations that provide the true essence of the season. But I would like to believe that these practices will not make us any less of a Catholic or slow down our spiritual maturity, provided we never lose sight of the true and lasting message of the risen Lord.

Admittedly, it is in the simplicity of how we spend the Lenten season that we can find the meaning and purpose of the celebration, and enable us to walk through our faith and deepen our spirituality.



**Napag-uusapan Lang**  
Marvel V. Garcia

### Re: SSS ng Malolos at ng San Fernando

Kung paghahambingin natin itong magkaparehong ahensya sa pamantayan ng serbisyo publiko, may pagkakaiba; Ang mga kawani o empleyado riyang sa SSS Pampanga, May mangilan-ilan na matataray at may pagkasuplada.

Marami sa ating mga kababayan ang nagreklamo sa sangay r'yan nitong SSS sa Maimpis, Siyudad San Fernando; Lalo na kay Tapia, na nasa 'Window 1' ay walang respeto, kahit na matanda, o 'senior citizen' ang kausap nito.

At mayron pang isa, inuuna pa ang pag- 'retouch' ng 'make up' habang naghihintay ang nakapila na siya'y makausap; Ito'y sa 'Window 2,' ang huling pantig ng 'family name' ay "nag", na ubod ng sungit, katulad ni Tapia sa nakakaharap.

At maging ako nga, ay naging biktima rin ng pagsusungit nitong ating 'subject', nang mag- 'file' ako ng 'retirement benefits'; Hindi lamang tatlong beses na ako ay nagpabalik-balik, ganoon di naman, ang naranasan ng isa kong kapatid.

Pero sa Malolos: Sa 'E – Center' palang ang dokumento ko agarang in- 'upload' nang araw ding iyon, ng walang maraming mga 'requisitos; Ang aplikasyon ko, gaya ng marapat asahan natapos. At si binibining Camua ang sa aki'y tumulong ng lubos.

Diyan sa Malolos, mga empleyado'y magiliw, magalang magmula sa guwardiya, na sa mga tao ay uma-alalay; Makakadama ka, ng pagka-aliw at kasiyang tunay dahil ang serbisyo, ng mga kawani'y di matatawaran.

Pinupuri ko ang mga kawani ng SSS Malolos dahil sa kanilang serbisyo na maka-masa at maka-Diyos; Hindi katulad ng nasa sa San Fernando, mayrong ilang bulok ang pag-uugali, kaya sa gobyerno di dapat maglingkod.

KUDOS sa SSS, Malolos, Bulacan, sila ang 'Number One' sa pagsisilbi ng matapat sa ating mga kababayan; Ang mga 'front liner', saka 'department head' ng naturang sangay sila ang tunay na 'public servants' nitong ating Inangbayan!

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE **79<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION** OF THE **8<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD** OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA HELD AT THE HIBACHI BY LAZA, LAZATIN BOULEVARD, DOLORES CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024.

**PRESENT:**

Hon. BENEDICT JASPER SIMON R. LAGMAN..... Presiding Officer  
Hon. AURELIO BRENZ P. GONZALES ..... Member  
Hon. ROSALIE S. MENDOZA..... Member  
Hon. ENRICO MARIA O. HIZON..... Member  
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Hon. RENATO G. AGUSTIN ..... Member  
Hon. AYZEL MARI GRACE N. MACALINO..... Member  
Hon. ANGEL M. WIJANGCO..... Member  
Hon. REDENTOR S. HALILI ..... Member  
Hon. ROSEMARY G. CALIMLIM ..... Member  
Hon. BENJAMIN F. ANGELES ..... Ex-Officio Member (LnB Pres.)  
Hon. ISEN ROI D. HENSON ..... SK Fed. President (Ex-Officio Member)

**ABSENT: NONE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-005**

**Author: Hon. Ayzel Mari Grace N. Macalino**  
**Sponsors: Hon. Reginaldo B. David**  
**Hon. Redentor S. Halili**  
**Hon. Enrico Maria O. Hizon**

**AN ORDINANCE ENCOURAGING ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA TO ADOPT *QR PH DIGITAL PAYMENTS* IN LINE WITH THE PALENG-QR PH PROGRAM.**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**WHEREAS**, financial inclusion is defined as having effective access to a wide range of financial products and services by all Filipinos. Financial services, such as savings account, payment, credit, and remittances are tools that can help Filipinos improve their welfare and achieve their goals for their household and enterprises;

**WHEREAS**, account ownership is considered the gateway to financial inclusion, through a formal account with a banking/financial institution, one cannot only safely save money, but also conveniently send and receive cash assistance, collect payment from customers, and pay taxes, purchases, and bills;

**WHEREAS**, payments are basic transactions, as demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic, the digitalization of payments proved to be effective in facilitating the continuation of business and government transactions amid mobility restrictions. This has enabled the government and private institutions to provide lifelines of support for the vulnerable sectors. To be able to transact digital payments, one needs to have an account;

**WHEREAS**, over the years, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has established the regulatory foundation to promote account ownership and digital payments in the country. This includes the introduction of the basic deposit account (BDA) and e-money as a no-frills and affordable account designed for the low-income unbanked clients; the cash agent regulation which allows banks to tap third-party retail outlets, such as pawnshops and convenience stores to serve as cash-in and cash-out (CICO) points for bank clients’ the launch of InstaPay to facilitate real-time electronic fund transfers between accounts held in different participating financial institutions, and the launch QR Ph to promote use of quick response (QR) technology as an expedient and cost-efficient means for digital payment;

**WHEREAS**, launched in November 2019, QR Ph is the national QR code standard which serves as an instrument for cost-efficient digital payments, whether for person-to- person (P2P) or person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions. With QR Ph, small entrepreneurs need not invest in costly equipment, such as point of sale (POS) terminals to accept digital payments from their customers. Instead, merchants only need to print and display the QR Code tied to their transaction account, which their customers can scan to pay digitally;

**WHEREAS**, on 28 January 2022, the Financial Inclusion Steering Committee (FISC) launched the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2022-2028 as a six- year blueprint to achieve the vision of driving financial inclusion toward broad-based growth and financial resilience. The NSFI aims to harness a coordinated whole- of- government approach to accelerate financial inclusion in support of the country's broader inclusive and sustainable development agenda. The FISC, chaired by the BSP and with 20 agencies as members including the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), oversees and drives the implementation of the NSFI;

**WHEREAS**, one of the priority initiatives in the NSFI is the promotion of digital payments in markets and local transport by utilizing QR Ph. Payment for local transportation and purchases from the public market are part of the daily payment pattern of a typical Filipino. By being able to pay market purchases and local transport fares digitally through their accounts, the public will realize the convenience and benefits of using a transaction account and other digital financial services (DFS). Promoting digital payments among market vendors and tricycle drivers is thereby crucial in expanding the country's digital payments ecosystem toward greater financial inclusion;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the above, the DILG and BSP jointly developed the Paleng-QR Ph Program to promote digital payment in public markets and local transportation in support of the NSFI;

**WHEREAS**, the Paleng-QR Ph Program builds on the QR Ph initiative by promoting financial inclusion and cashless transactions at public markets, community stores, and local transportation hubs around the country. It aspires to build a digital ecosystem based on basic payment behaviors among Filipinos, raise the utility of transaction accounts, and aid in the promotion and adoption of these accounts;

**WHEREAS**, on 22 June 2022. The DILG and the BSP released Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 01, Series of 2022 on the Paleng-QR Ph program, which established guidelines enjoining Local Government Units' (LGUS) participation in the Paleng-QR Program. The JMC provided the guidelines for the country-wide adoption and implementation of Paleng-QR Ph Program by the LGUS to promote digital payments among market vendors, sari-sari store owners, tricycle drivers, consumers, and commuters;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the public will adopt to Paleng-QR Ph Program within the Local Government Unit of San Fernando, Pampanga;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, that:

**SECTION 1.** Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the “**Digital QR Payment Ordinance of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.**”

**SECTION 2. *Definition of Terms.***

1. **Digital payment**-refers to a monetary payment transaction between two (2) parties through a digital payment instrument in which both the payer and the payee use an electronic channel.

- 2. **Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)**- refers to transfer of funds between two (2) transaction accounts in the same or in different financial institutions supervised by the BSP, which are initiated and received using electronic devices and channels to transmit payment transactions.
- 3. **InstaPay** - an electronic fund transfer facility offered by a participating bank or electronic money issuers (EMI) to its clients to allow them to instantly transfer funds from their account to another held in other participating banks or EMI in the Philippines.
- 4. **Public transportation** - a motorized vehicle granted a franchise by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to operate and transport passengers within LGU-San Fernando.
- 5. **Public Motorized Tricycle** - is a tricycle-for-hire rendering transport services on regular trips and rates to the general public.
- 6. **QR code** - short for "Quick Response code", is a two-dimensional image-based bar code capable of holding large amounts of information. QR codes store information using patterns of black dots and white spaces, arranged in a square grid. It can be read by a smartphone camera that is equipped with a barcode reader. When personal and financial information are stored in it, a QR code can be used to send and receive money such as payment transactions. A recipient of funds shows his/ her QR code to the payer or sender who will scan the code to initiate the payment transaction.
- 7. **QR Ph** -QR Ph is the national QR Code standard that allows a quick, low-cost. and safe method to pay, transfer to and receive funds from other bank and e- money accounts in the Philippines. This is aligned with the Europay- Mastercard VISA Co (EMVCo) standard, the global standard for secure payments, which unifies the various domestic cashless payment schemes that make use of the QR code as a form factor.
- 8. **Seller** - shall refer to a person who sells goods, commodities, or foodstuffs other than inside a public market.
- 9. **Buyer** - shall refer to a person who purchases goods, commodities or foodstuffs to a vendor or seller.
- 10. **Vendor** - shall mean a person who sells goods, commodities, or foodstuffs, within the public market.
- 11. **Ambulant Vendor** - also known as "Mobile Trader" or "Peddler is a person who, either for himself or commission, travels from place to place and sells his goods or sells and offers to deliver the same, using a vehicle.
- 12. **Hawkers** -refer to ambulant vendors who set their wares on a daily basis.
- 13. **Transaction Account** - refers to a bank or e-money account held with a BSP. regulated financial service provider (FSP) that can be used to store, send, and receive funds. Examples of transaction accounts are as follows:
  - 13.1. **Basic Deposit Account (BDA)** - refers to interest or non-interest-bearing bank account with an initial minimum deposit of no more than one hundred pesos (P100.00), no minimum maintaining balance, no dormancy charges, maximum balance of fifty thousand pesos (P50, 000.00) and with simplified know-your-customer or KYC requirements.
  - 13.2. **Electronic Money (E-money)** - a monetary value as represented by a claim on its issuer, that is:
    - 13.2.1. electronically stored in an instrument or device;
    - 13.2.2. issued against receipt of funds of an amount not lesser in value than the monetary value issued;
    - 13.2.3. accepted as a means of payment by persons or entities other than issuer;
    - 13.2.4. withdrawable in cash or cash equivalent; and
    - 13.2.5. issued in accordance with Section 702 of the BSP's Manual of Regulations for Banks.

SECTION 3. Scope of Application. - This Ordinance shall cover the following:

- 1. All public market vendors;
- 2. All public transportation in the City of San Fernando;
- 3. All stores and business establishments, including but not limited to, sari- sari stores, ambulant vendors and hawkers.



**SECTION 4. *QR PH Enabled Payments*** - All public market vendors, sari-sari store owners, Tricycle Operators and Drivers Associations (TODAs)/local transportation and other local merchants in the City of San Fernando are hereby enjoined to make QR Ph payments available for their customers, in line with the Paleng-QR Ph program.

Public transportation, public market, and business establishments, at their discretion, may select as their alternative mode of payment from any OR Ph-ready financial service providers (FSP) participating in the Paleng-QR Ph program of the City.

Provided, however, that nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit payment in cash when otherwise chosen by the patrons, consumers, buyers, passengers, or clients.

**SECTION 5. Roles and Responsibilities**

**1. The LGU undertakes to:**

- 1.1. Authorize the City Mayor to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), on behalf of the City Government of San Fernando with the chosen qualified FSPs for the Program implementation if warranted;
- 1.2. Coordinate with key local stakeholders, such as the vendor associations, TODA, and the market superintendents, to ensure effective implementation of the Program;
- 1.3. Invite FSPs to participate in the program and negotiate deals/special offers to encourage target participants to open a transaction account and use QR code digital payment. The LGU can partner with as many participating FSPs as deemed appropriate;
- 1.4. Assist target participants (e.g., vendors and tricycle operators) in the opening of accounts by, among others, providing additional relevant documents, such as LGU certification to support the know-your-customer (KYC) requirements of the FSP;
- 1.5. Organize a special "account opening day(s)," in coordination with participating FSPs, to ensure ease and convenience of account opening by covered users and their clients, including the provision of QR code printouts that can be readily displayed in their stores, terminals, and vehicles;
- 1.6. Coordinate with the Department of Information Communications Technology (DICT) in line with the latter's programs such as the Free Wi-Fi for All (FW4A);
- 1.7. Provide banners, standees and other Paleng-QR Ph markers in public markets, TODA terminals, and tricycles using the template provided (Annex "B"); incorporate the standard branding of the Paleng-QR Ph (Annex "C") in the promotional and information materials used for the program's IECC;
- 1.8. The LGU shall develop its information, education, and communication campaign (IECC) to promote and sustain the objective of the Paleng-QR Ph program. This will cover, among others, a financial literacy program using appropriate channels on key topics such as effective use of digital payments in business; financial services for micro and small enterprises; and financial consumer protection;
- 1.9. Disseminate through appropriate channels/methods (e.g., LGU's official social media pages) Paleng-QR Ph, financial inclusion and financial literacy materials developed by the BSP and other stakeholders;
- 1.10. Maintain a record on participating merchants under the Paleng-QR.

**2. The Participating Financial Service Providers (FSPs) shall:**

- 2.1. Provide personnel, customer assistance booths, and other appropriate resources, including QR code printouts, deemed reasonable to ensure successful conduct of LGUS of Paleng-QR Ph program "account opening day(s)";
- 2.2. Provide target users with appropriate materials on opening a transaction account, using QR Code payments and other digital financial services;
- 2.3. Provide resource speakers and contents, as requested, for the LGU's financial literacy program;



- 2.4. Assign competent contact person(s) to the LGU for efficient and timely coordination on the program implementation; and
- 2.5. Provide special offers for accounts opened under the Paleng-QR Ph program such as free microinsurance coverage for a certain period (e.g, three months, t-shirts and other wearables, and special user rebates for a limited period).

Participation of FSPs in the program shall be non-exclusive.

**3. The Covered merchants and local transportation are encouraged to:**

- 3.1. Open and maintain a QR Ph-ready transaction account. In the event the covered entity does not have an account, entity commits to have an account six months after effectivity of the ordinance;
- 3.2. Explicitly display their QR Ph code in their store or vehicle where it is visible to customers and passengers;
- 3.3. Make QR PH payments available as a method of payment;
- 3.4. Participate in the information campaign, financial literacy program and other relevant activities that will be facilitated by the LGU and FSPs.

**SECTION 6. *Implementation Monitoring.*** -The Business Permit and Licensing Division (BPLD) with the assistance of the City Market Operations Division and the City Public Order and Safety Coordinating Office (CPOSCO) are hereby tasked to monitor the implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.*** If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Ordinance or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.*** All Ordinances, Executive Orders, Resolutions and Regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.*** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following its posting in at least three conspicuous public places in the City.

**ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.**

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*I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga during its 79<sup>th</sup> Regular Session held on March 4, 2024.*

**(SGD.) TEOFILO C. LAOINGCO, REA**  
 Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

**(SGD.) BENEDICT JASPER SIMON R. LAGMAN**  
 City Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

DEEMED APPROVED:

APPROVED:

**VILMA B. CALUAG**  
 City Mayor

**(SGD) TEOFILO C. LAOINGCO, REA**  
 Officer-in-Charge  
 Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
 Date: March 24, 2024





# DA turns over 2 onion cold storage facilities in Ecija

CUYAPO, Nueva Ecija -- The Department of Agriculture has turned over two onion cold storage facilities in the province of Nueva Ecija.

DA Regional Field Office III High Value Crops Development Program focal person AB David said these facilities will aid farmers who need to store onion crops to prevent immediate spoilage of their products. Each has a capacity of 20,000 bags or about 540,000 kilos of onions.

"With the help of these post-harvest facilities, farmers will surely have a venue to store their produce, which will also help

in ensuring a stable supply of onions even if it is not harvest season, especially since cropping season for onions happens only once a year," David furthered.

Onions stored in a regular facility can last from one to three months. In comparison, those placed in cold storage facilities can last six to eight months for red onions and four to six months for yellow onions.

It will also allow farmers to properly program and market their onion crops at good prices to avoid losses.

David added that the facilities, each worth P38.07 million, will serve about 122 members of the

San Vicente Alintutuan Irrigators Association from the municipality of Laur and 71 members of the Calancuasan Sur Farmers Association from the town of Cuyapo.

Also benefiting from the project are farmers from neighboring areas.

DA also provided each facility with a generator set, 100 pallets, and 1,710 plastic crates.

"Construction of these onion cold storage facilities is free and does not cost the recipient farmers anything. Their only counterpart is the land or site where the facility is built," David added.

Aside from this, it is also necessary for the cooperative or association to have sufficient funds set aside for the operational maintenance of the onion cold storage, particularly for expenses in electricity and diesel if it is necessary to use a generator set during power interruptions to ensure continued operations.

DA is set to build two more facilities for onion growers in the city of Palayan and municipality of Gabaldon. Construction is set to begin by either the end of March or the first week of April. **PIA-3/ Photos: DA-3**



Farmers use mechanized harvester. **PHOTO: ARMAND M. GALANG**

# NIA pushes for change in cropping calendar

**By ARMAND M. GALANG**

GUIMBA, NUEVA ECIJA - The National Irrigation Administration is pushing for a change in the cropping calendar, making two plantings in the dry season in a bid to upscale palay production in the country.

Farmers may still plant rice during the rainy season but if NIA administrator Eduardo Guillen would have his way, he would rather have farmers engage in ratooning during the period traditionally considered the main cropping.

Guillen led the Harvest Festival hosted by NIA Upper Pampanga River Integrated Irrigation System (UPRIIS) Division V headed by acting manager Engr. Roberto Matias under department manager Engr. Gertrudes Viado in Barangay Tampac 1 here Monday, March 25.

Guillen was particularly impressed that farmers here have yielded an average of 14 to 15 tons - with one who reportedly got as high as 19 tons - a hectare amid the El Nino phenomenon.

He said inbred seeds yield an average of six tons and hybrid 14 tons a hectare during summer. Inbred though proves better result than hybrid during wet season, he explained.

"Kaya nga ang gusto ng NIA mag-dalawang cropping tayo sa dry season." The first should start in October instead of December under the existing calendar.

"Sisimulan halimbawa namin ng October aani tayo ng February. Tanim ulit ng February-March ani ng June-July. Nakada-

lawang cropping na tayo ng dry season which is mas mataas ang yield," he said.

He suggested that farmers do the ratooning during rainy season. "Tag-ulan at tag-bagyo na yan kung ako naman si farmer at ayaw ko nang mag-capital, ratooning naman ako," he said, saying ratooning entails less expenses.

By ratooning, roots and growing apices of rice plants are left during harvest to let them fruit again.

To supply water to more areas, NIA bids to put up

## Bataan 5th among Top 10 provinces, cities with highest GDP

By ERNIE ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY -- The Philippine Statistics Authority in its latest report ranked Bataan 5th in the Top 10 provinces and highly urbanized cities outside the National Capital Region that registered the highest gross domestic product in the country.

The Top 10 provinces and cities recorded GDP higher than the national average of P178,751 for year 2022.

Topping the list is Baguio City with P420,016 GDP, followed by Cagayan de Oro City, Lapu-Lapu City, Iloilo City and then Bataan as No. 5 with GDP of P297,930 but the highest among provinces. No. 6 is City of Cebu, followed by Laguna, City of Mandaue, City of Davao, and Batanes.

Gov. Jose Enrique Garcia 3rd said on Friday that the No. 5 ranking of Bataan showed that if compared to other provinces and cities on the average per capita per person, Bataan has higher GDP on person basis.

"Siguro naging ganito ang kalagayan ng ating ekonomiya dahil may trabaho sa probinsiya ng Bataan. Ang ating mga economic zones nakapagbibigay ng maayos na trabaho sa ating mga kababayan. Nandiyan ang mga commercial centers, malalaking mall," the governor said.

Garcia said the farming and fishing sectors are doing good. "So, siguro sa dami ng iba't ibang klase ng trabaho, 'yan ang dahilan kaya maganda ang ating per capita GDP. Then, nadagdagan 'yan ng mga investments na pumapasok na nakakadagdag sa magandang takbo ng ating ekonomiya."

The governor said population plays a factor in the computation of GDP. "Maganda ang ating per capita GDP dahil hindi ganon kalaki ang ating population. Kung sa isang lugar maraming oportunidad, maraming investments, trabaho pero malaki population, ang per capita GDP liliit din."

Based on PSA report, Bataan has a population of 800,000.

"So, hopefully maipagpatuloy natin, masustain natin o lalo pang tumaas pa sa susunod na report. Malaking datos 'yan na nagpapakita na patuloy na lumalaki ang ating ekonomiya. Ibig sabihin gumaganda ang trabaho, lumalaki ang kita ng mamamayan," Garcia said.

**GARCIA**

### NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BRIGIDO B. DOLLENTE SR.**, who died on August 19, 2010 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation and Waiver on his estate; and more particularly described, situated in City of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, Phgils. (Lot 1, blk. 23, of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-176530, being a portion of lot 27-B, described on plan Psd-73718, L.R.C. Rec. No. 11732, situated in the Bo. of Dau. Mun. of Mabt., Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 364027-R; before Notary Public Glen Santiago K. Canlas Jr., as per Doc No. 24, Page No. 06, Book No. 01, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024



# Mitsubishi Motors...

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strength, reliability, and innovation in every aspect, making it the ultimate choice for drivers who demand excellence,” he said. “From its robust capabilities to its advanced technology features, the Triton is engineered to exceed expectations and enhance every aspect of your journey.”  
Hara also encouraged the spirit of adventure with

MMPC’s “Taralets Pinas” campaign which “encourages the spirit of adventure and exploration on the beautiful Philippine islands.”  
“Through this initiative, we invite Filipinos to embark on unforgettable journeys with Mitsubishi vehicles as their trusted companions. Whether it’s cruising along scenic coastal roads, conquering tough terrains, or navigating bustling city streets, Mitsubishi vehicles are engineered to enhance and elevate every travel experience,” enthused Hara. “Join us in discovering the diverse wonders of the Philippines and create cherished memories with your loved ones. Taralets with Mitsubishi Motors Philippines – where every journey is an adventure worth taking.”  
Among the destinations in “Taralets Pinas” campaign are the areas around Mount Pinatubo in Pampanga such as the Puning Hot Springs, Bacolod, Baguio, Siargao, Guimaras, Iloilo, Ilocos, Davao, et cetera.  
Meanwhile, Blue-



MMPC president and CEO Takeshi Hara pitches for Mitsubishi XForce. Bluebird Motor Corp. EVP and COO Marco Hizon and MMPC president and CEO Takeshi Hara with the new Triton. MACCII officers gush at Mitsubishi’s top pick-up. **PHOTOS: DENG PANGILINAN/CLMA-PAMPANGA**

bird Motor Corp. EVP and COO Marco Hizon said automotive sales in Pampanga province had been picking up. Among the top selling vehicles include the Mirage G4, Xpander, Montero, and L300. Bluebird Motor Corporation is one of the distributors of MMPC in Pampanga province. It has its showroom along McArthur Highway, in the business district of Bali-bago, Angeles City. **Punto Lifestyle Team/PR**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DIEGO SANTOS FRANCISCO** who died on February 13, 2013 at Dr. Armando L. Garcia Medical Center Inc., Angeles City and **LOURDES ZANTUA FRANCISCO** who died on September 26, 2013 at MacArthur St., Sta Teresita, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and that said decedent left a certain parcel of land known as Lot 2, Blk. 11 situated at Barrio of Pampang and Lourdes, Angeles City, with an area of Two Hundred Seventy Eight (278) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 36900-R (6033) of the Registry of Deeds of Angeles City; before Notary Public Mikee Andrea Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 276, Page No. 57, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GONZALO DAVID GUMABON** who died on January 17, 2020 in Angeles City, Pampanga and **JOSEPHINE LAWINGCO GUMABON** who died on April 3, 2022 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate;and more particularly describe as a parcel of land (Lot 3 of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-03-009482, being a portion of consolidated lot 76-A & 76-B Psd-03-002709, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Capaya, Angeles City; containing an area of One Thousand (1,000) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 113924; before Notary Public De Paolo E. Pangan, as per Doc No. 35, Page No. 61, Book No. 1, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDMUNDO NARVAEZ MENDEZ** who died on July 30, 2017; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and that during the lifetime of the decedent, the deceased is the owner of a Asia United Bank- Pesos Savings Account, Quezon Avenue Branch with Account Number 014-11-000167-1 as of date August 2023; before Notary Public Apollo J. Umadhay, as per Doc. No. 394, Page No. 80, Book No. CCXII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RUFINO MARTINEZ CABATBAT** who died on September 16, 2005 at 5202 Kudyapi St., Bagong Bayan Subdivision, Brgy. Cutcut, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 14-B of the Subdivision plan Psd-03-006132, being a portion of Lot 14, Block 4 (LRC) Psd-48978, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles; containing an area of Two Hundred (200) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 122915; before Notary Public Carlo Eduardo D. Evangelista, as per Doc. No. 257, Page No. 57, Book No. XXII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

## NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ELMER EDUARDO GUARIN y VITAN**, Filipino, single, of legal age and resident of 12-32 V.Y. Orosa Street, Diamond Subdivison, Barangay Balibago, Angeles City; and heirs of **PAULINA V. GUARIN** who died on November 14, 2023 in her house at 12-32 V.Y. Orosa Street, Diamond Subdivison, Barangay Balibago, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Absolute sale on her estate, and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2022001698

LOT NO.: 32-A, PLAN NO. PSD-03-251593;  
PORTION OF: Lot 32, Block 12 (LRC) Psd-18116;  
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BALIBAGO AND PANDAN, CITY OF ANGELES, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA,  
AREA: Two Hundred Forty Three (243) Square Meters

before Notary Public De Paolo E. Pangan, as per Doc No. 50, Page No. 64, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO D. DE GUZMAN** who died on September 28, 1996 in Baguio City and **MAGDALENA QUIOC** who died on February 22, 2007 in Angeles City (Pampanga); executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Renunciation of Inheritance of their son in favor of their other five children on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 11, Block No. 11 of the Subdivision plan Psd-24269, being a portion of Lot No. 684-A of the Cadastral Survey of Angeles, G.L.R.O. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Municipality of Angeles Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 10670-R; before Notary Public Avelino C. Gorospe, as per Doc. No. 109, Page No. 23, Book No. 197, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

Republic of the Philippines  
City of Manila  
LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OFFICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of RA 9048/10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RENELY PANGILINAN TUNGOL** filed with this office a migrant petition for the correction of child's date of birth from **AUGUST 8, 1976 TO SEPTEMBER 20, 1976** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RENELY FELICIANO PANGILINAN** who was born on **AUGUST 8, 1976** at Balanga Bataan and whose parents are Reynaldo Pangilinan and Petronila Feliciano.

MARILYN C. CRUZ  
City Civil Registrar

Punto Central Luzon: March 25 & April 1, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIANO TUAZON SALUNGA** who died on September 14, 2006, at 3008 Purok 3, Mining, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; He left and he is a purchaser of the **SOCIAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION** under Account No. 05303690021; before Notary Public Cyril Victor N. Bermudo, as per Doc No. 1088, Page No. 100, Book No. CXI, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024

## NOTICE OF SELF-AJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **NENITA M. GUTIERREZ**, of legal age Filipino, widow, and resident of Agapito Del Rosario, Angeles City; and heirs of **JOEL ENRIQUEZ MASANGKAY** who died on April 10, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his estate, and more particularly described as follows;

MAKE ..... TOYOTA  
TYPE ..... WAGON  
Motor Number ..... 1GD0546171  
Model ..... 2019  
Plate Number ..... CAN8822

before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc No. 2039, Page No. 51, Book No. 110, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
ANGELES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),  
Mortgagee,

FC CASE NO. 2023-2422

-versus-

-for-

JASPER L. NABONG married to  
ROSEMARIE F. NABONG,  
Mortgagors,  
x-----x

Extra Judicial Foreclosure  
of Real Estate Mortgage

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 filed by Home Development Mutual Fund (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund) against **JASPER L. NABONG**, married to **ROSEMARIE F. NABONG** both of legal age, Filipino Citizen with postal addresses at (1) 4001 Araw Malansik St., Sta. Teresita, Angeles City, Pampanga and (2) L48 B13 Fiesta Porac Subdivision, Manibaug, Porac, Pampanga to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 31, 2023 amounts to **SEVEN HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SIX PESOS AND 68/100 (P 719, 656.68)**, Philippine Currency, principal plus whatever interest, penalties, the cost of sale and custody of the property foreclosed, and cost of suit on the filing of this foreclosure and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on December 4, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Municipal Trial Court of Porac, Pampanga at the 2nd Floor Municipal Hall Bldg. F. Ortigas St., Poblacion, Porac, 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. 042-2011011152

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 48 BLK. 13 OF THE CONS-SUBD. PLAN PCS-03-016464, BEING A PORTION OF CONS. OF LOTS 159-A-2-B-3 & 159-A-2-B-4, PSD-03-164481, LRC REC. NO. 372), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF MANIBAUG, MUN. OF PORAC, PROV. OF PAMPANGA. XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY TWO (72) SQUARE METERS.

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 **December 11, 2023** same time without further notice.

Angeles City, October 6, 2023.

RONALD A. ESPERAS  
SHERIFF IV

ENGR. **DANILO P. CATOLOS** for HDMF (Pag-IBIG)  
c/o Atty. JOHN LINCOLN F. LAURON  
The Law Firm of Lauron Delos Reyes and Partners  
3rd Floor. Dlvino Bldg., 967 Aurora Bldg., Proj. 3, Quezon City

JASPER L. NABONG  
4001 Araw Malansik St., Sta. Teresita, Angeles City &  
Lot 48 Blk 13 Fiesta Porac Subd., Manibaug, Porac, Pampanga

ROSEMARIE F. NABONG  
4001 Araw Malansik St., Sta. Teresita, Angeles City &  
Lot 48 Blk 13 Fiesta Porac Subd., Manibaug, Porac, Pampanga

Punto Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARITA OCAMPO DE JESUS** who died on January 8, 2000 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and left behind a Residential house and lot, more particularly, Lot No. 25 Block No 109 at the Madpdap Resettlement Site in Mabalacat, Pampanga awarded by then Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and covered by TCT No. 418377-R issued by the Register of Deeds of the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Aldous Francis P. Sison, as per Doc No. 269, Page No. 47, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSE T. CABRERA** who died on May 14, 2010 and **NICOLAS T. CABRERA** who died on September 09, 2004; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly describe as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 331746  
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

A parcel of land (Lot 4, Blk. 3, of the Subd. Plan Psd-25790 Sht. 1 being a portion of Lot 2, Blk. 9, Described on Plan, Psd-16067, GLRO Cad, Rec. No.) Situated in the Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, prov. of Pampanga Containing an area of Three Hundred Thirty (330) Square Meters;

A parcel of land (Lot 26, Blk. 3, of the Subd. Plan PSD-25790 Sht. 1 Being a portion of Lot 2, Blk. 9, described on plan, Psd-16067, GLRO Cad, Rec. No. ) Situated in the Bo. o Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga Containing an area of Two Hundred Twenty-Five (225) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Virgilio D. Lansang, as per Doc. No. 360, Page No. 169, Book No. 035, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ADELAIDA DELA CRUZ-HENSON** who died on March 26, 2001 at Angeles City and **GREGORIO SANCHEZ HENSON** who died on January 20, 2022 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly describe as a parcel of land (Lot No. 3, Block 6 of the subdivision plan Psd-40205, being a portion of Lot 5-D, Psd-2112, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the **POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF ANGELES, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA**; containing an area of Two Hundred and Fifty Five (255) Square Meters, and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (23988-R) 045-2861 Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Bryant R. Canasa, CPA., as per Doc. No. 1074, Page No. 91, Book No. XIII, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **YUKIHIRO NISHIMAKI** who died on May 10, 2022 at Tokyo, Japan; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly describe as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2019006077

LOT NO. 7 BLOCK NO. 12 PLAN NO. PCS 03-021581  
PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD. OF LOTS D & G (ROAD)  
PSD-03-074771 (AR), LOTS E & H (ROAD), PSD-03-074769  
(AR) LOT D, PSD-03-075103 & LOT E, PSD-03-074767 (AR)  
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SAPA LIBUTAD, CITY OF ANGELES,  
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON  
BOUNDARIES:  
AREA: ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO SsQUARE METERS (162), MORE  
OR LESS.

before Notary Public Mark Philip D. Lumboy, as per Doc No. 014, Page No. 68, Book No. XI, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CARMELITA L. PANGILINAN** who died on April 14, 2016 in Barangay Balibago, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly describe as a parcel of land (Lot 1-A of the subdivision plan Psd-03-008094, being a portion of Lot 1, Block 9, (LRC) Psd-97370, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, City of Angeles; Containing an area of Two Hundred Sixty Five (265) Square Meters; before Notary Public Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 1783, Page No. 33, Book No. 46, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RUFO HENSON TANGLAO** who died on October 24, 2010 at his house at 298G Valdez St. Lourdes Sur, Angeles City, Pampanga, **ELENA MANLAPAZ TANGLAO** who died on December 21, 2022 at her house at 298G Valdez St. Lourdes Sur, Angeles City, Pampanga, **MARITES TANGLAO JASMIN** who died on February 7, 2003 at her house at 298G Valdez St. Lourdes Sur, Angeles City, Pampanga and **LOURDES TANGLAO JIMENEZ** who died on December 11, 2022 at her house at 7072 Purok 7 Barangay Mining, Angeles City Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Share on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land lot 6, block 2, of the subdivision plan Psd-114219, being a portion of lot 845 of Angeles Cadastre, LRC Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred Thirty (130) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 31664; before Notary Public Jeda A. Daño, as per Doc. No. 284, Page No. 58, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EUGENE FRANCIS KOPECKY** who died on January 24, 2022; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Donation on his estate; During his lifetime, he and the Donor own a motor vehicle which is briefly described as follows;

MAKE : CHEVROLET

TYPE : SEDAN

MODEL : 2004

SERIES : OPTRA

ENGINE NO. : F16D3-012972K

CHASIS NO. : KLANA196E4H104016

PLATE NO. : CTG781

before Notary Public Reydon P. Canlas, as per Doc No. 264, Page No. 68, Book No. 88, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GERMAN GUINTU GARCIA** who died on December 30, 2018 at 28143 Tampa Avenue, Hayward, Alameda, California, United States of America; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

1. Transfer Certificate of Title No. 155396

"A parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 27 of the consolidation-Subdivision plan Pcs-035401-003862, being a portion of consolidated Lots 1 and 6 (LRC) Psd-289688, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Sto. Cristo, Angeles City; containing an area of One Hundred Twenty (120) Square Meters"

2. Transfer Certificate of Title No. 155397

"A parcel of land (Lot 7, Block 27 of the consolidation-Subdivision plan Pcs-035401-003862, being a portion of consolidated Lots 1 and 6 (LRC) Psd-289688, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Sto. Cristo, Angeles City; containing an area of One Hundred Twenty (120) Square Meters"

3. Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2011001781

"A parcel of land (Lot 8-B, of the Subdivision plan Psd-03-006482, being a portion of Lot 8 Block 7 (LRC) Psd-40445, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No.), situated in the City of Angeles; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Three (233) Square Meters"

4. Money deposited in Philippine National Bank with Peso Savings Account No. 202610069435 in the amount of Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy pesos and 81/100 (Php74,470.81), Philippine Currency;

5. Money deposited in Philippine National Bank with Dollar Account No. 0220266000003050 in the amount of Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars and 79/100 (USD24,313.79), US Dollars; and

6. Money deposited in LandBank as Benefits with Account No. 00001526070840 in the amount of Forty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Four Pesos and 12/100 (Php40,424.12), Philippine Currency;

before Notary Public Rochelle V. Lorenzo, as per Doc No. 533, Page No. 95, Book No. XIV, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 25, April 1 & 8, 2024



Lakbay Palay participants pose before rice field art celebrating record harvest. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

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PhilRice cites contribution to record harvest in 2023

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ -- The Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) cited its contribution to the country's record harvest of 20.06 million metric tons of rice in 2023.

This, through its distribution of certified inbred seeds through the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Seed Program and trained farmers, farm workers, and extension workers

through the RCEF Rice Extension Services Program.

PhilRice deputy executive director for development Karen Eloisa Barroga said they also identified farmer clusters for sustainable agro-enterprise development through the Rice Business Innovations System Program.

The agency also linked farmers to institutional markets such as Kiwanis

International, MayaniPH, CM & Sons Food Products, Inc. (Merzci), and Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction Network.

"We have proven that when farmers have access to high-quality rice seeds, information and technologies, their yield can increase even if there is a struggle in the environment," she said during the Bagong Pilipinas Town Hall Meeting and Lakbay Palay Dry Season 2024 which PhilRice organized in partnership with the Presidential Communications Office.

Meanwhile, PCO director Julius Leonen said the activity is not just a simple gathering but an opportunity to share knowledge and plans for the future of the

agriculture sector.

"In the [2023-2028] Philippine Development Plan, which contains our goals for a Bagong Pilipinas, we seek to have an adequate supply of food and proper nutrition for every Filipino family. This will be possible through the joint efforts of the government, private sector, and other partners of our public servants," Leonen emphasized.

Some 1,000 farmers and students from Central Luzon and neighboring regions participated in the two-day event held at the PhilRice Central Experiment Station in the Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija.

It featured innovative methods and technologies in farming. **PIA-3**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
MACABEBE, PAMPANGA  
(rtc1mbbocc@judiciary.gov.ph)

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

BDO UNIBANK, INC., as  
represented by Leine A. De  
Castro,  
  
Mortgagee,  
  
- versus -  
Spouses NELSON NUGUID USI  
and VERLYN RUFINO USI,  
  
Mortgagors.  
x-----x

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
CASE NO. 24-0416(M)

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, as represented by Leine A. De Castro, with office address at 11th Floor, BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, against and **Sps. Nelson Nuguid and Usi Verlyn Rufino Usi**, with postal address/es at (1) 248 Sitio Control, Sulipan, Apalit, Pampanga, and (2) Blk. 7A Lot 9, Phase 1, Camella Florenza, Paligui, Apalit, Pampanga, registered owners of **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2018001624**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 29, 2024 amounts to **Four Million Three Hundred Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 42/100 Pesos (Php4,345,660.42)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, and penalty, and cancellation fee, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **April 18, 2024 at 10:00 in the morning**, at the **Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Macabebé, 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. 042-2018001624

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF PALIGUI, MUN. OF APALIT, PROV. OF PAMPANGA, bounded and described as follows:  
**LOT NO: 9      PLAN NO: PCS-03-021012**

**PORTION OF:** LOTS 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, ALL OF BLOCK 7, PSD-03-189673

**LOCATION:** BARANGAY OF PALIGUI, MUN. OF APALIT, PROV. OF PAMPANGA

**BOUNDARIES:**

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2-3	SW	ROAD LOT 5 (8.00 M.W.), PSD- 03-189673
3-4	NW	LOT 10, PCS-03-021012
4-5	NE	LOT 7, BLOCK 7, PSD-03-189673
5-6-7	NE	LOT 8, BLOCK 7, PSD-03-189673
7-1	SE	LOT 8, PCS-03-021012

**TIE POINT:** BBM NO.25, CAD 260, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN SIMON, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 34° 01' E	1736.03 M.
1-2	N. 08° 04' W	1.68 M.
2-3	N. 08° 04' W	6.32 M.
3-4	N. 81° 56' E	11.00 M.
4-5	S. 08° 04' E	2.32 M.
5-6	S. 08° 04' E	4.00 M.
6-7	S. 08° 04' E	1.68 M.
7-1	S. 81° 56' W	11.00 M.

**AREA: EIGHTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (88), MORE OR LESS**  
**DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS:** PTS. 2, 5, 6 BY OLD P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 CMS IN DIA. AND THE REST BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 40 CMS.

**BEARINGS:** TRUE  
**DECLINATION:**  
**DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY:** JAN. 1919 - MARCH 1920  
**DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY:** MAY 12, 2015  
**DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY:** JULY 8, 2015  
**GEODETIC ENGINEER:** CARLOS P. DIZON  
**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 April 25, 2024 at the said time and place without further notice.  
  
MACABEBE, PAMPANGA, MARCH 1, 2024.

**EDGAR JOSEPH C. DAVID**  
Sheriff IV  
  
**ATTY. DEXTER C. GONZALES**  
Clerk of Court VI

Copy furnished:  
BDO Unibank, Inc.  
111h Floor, BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower)  
8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City  
  
BDO Unibank, Inc.  
Risk Management Group-Remedial Management Unit  
11 th Floor, BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower)  
8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City  
  
Sps. Nelson Nuguid Usi and Verlyn Rufino Usi  
248 Sitio Control, Sulipan, Apalit, Pampanga  
and  
Blk. 7A Lot 9, Phase 1, Camella Florenza  
Brgy. Paligui, Apalit, Pampanga

Punto Central Luzon: March 11, 18 & 25, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
ANGELES CITY

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL  
FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)  
  
- versus -  
  
ABEGAIL P. MACAPAGAL, single  
Mortgagor.  
x-----x

FC Case No. 2023-2428  
  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE  
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED  
BY ACT NO. 4118

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)**, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor, **ABEGAIL P. MACAPAGAL**, single, with postal address at 1309 **STA. MARIA SUBD., MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA**, in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debt which as of JULY 31, 2023 amounts to **FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY TWO PESOS & 31/100 (Php561,822.31)** Philippine Currency, principal, including interest thereon, penalties, and other charges, plus daily interest and expenses thereafter allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on May 6, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Branch 1, Mabalacat City, located at Bldg. 2 Unit 33, Great Mall of Central Luzon (formerly Xevera Commercial Complex), Brgy. Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

**TCT NO. 196153**

A parcel of land (lot 38 Block 5 of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-178720, being a portion of Block 18, Psd-03-173104 (LRC) Record No. ), situated in the Barangay of Mamatitang, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE, along line 1-2 by lot 37; on the SW, along line 2-3 by lot 36; on the NW, along line 3-4 by Road lot 10, and on the NE, along line 4-1 by lot 40 Block 5; all of the subdivision plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on the plan, x x x containing an area of FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS. x x x

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcel/s of land for their information and protection.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 13, 2024, at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, March 11, 2024.

**ARNEL C. PARE**  
Sheriff IV

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**ENGR. DANILO P. CATOLOS**  
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IOIG FUND)  
Department Manager III  
LMRD-SAN FERNANDO HOUSING HUB, Substbta Commercial Center  
Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

**ATTY. JOHN UNCOLN F. LAURON**  
The Law Firm at Leuron Delos Reyes and Partner,  
Unit 1003, Union Square Condominium  
No. 145 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cuba<sup>a</sup>, Quezon City

**ABEGAIL P. MACAPAGAL**  
1309 Sta. Maria Subd , Mabalacat City  
Pampanga

Punto Central Luzon: March 18, 25 & April 1, 2024



# Abot kaya ang coolness with Home Credit's hottest deals on appliances, gadgets this summer season

Conquer the hot weather with your dream air-conditioners, refrigerators, fans, chillers, and other home devices and enjoy the back-in-a-limited-time 0% interest promo!

AS THE SUMMER sun turns up the heat this dry season, Home Credit Philippines, one of the country's leading consumer finance companies, is here to help you conquer the hot weather with the coolest offer on a range of home appliances and gadgets so you can enjoy this time of the year with comfort and savings.

From March 15 to May 31,

2024, you can take advantage of the amazing 0% interest rate on summer essentials, such as inverter and window-type air conditioners, air coolers, and electric fans to help you beat the intense heat. The offer also extends to no-frost refrigerators and chillers to cool your refreshments.

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dispensers and juice blenders for a well-hydrated summer, and on top-load washing machines to keep your clothes fresh for all those summer adventures. Home Credit's offers also extend to the latest smartphones to help you capture your unforgettable moments.

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providing you with the flexibility to acquire or upgrade your home appliances and gadgets for an epic summer season.

You can seize this opportunity at over 15,000 Home Credit partner stores spread across more than 75 provinces nationwide or when you check your desired products online through Shoppingmall.ph. For pre-approval, be sure to download the

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CDC remits...

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CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera presented the cheque for the remittance to Finance Secretary Ralph Recto at the Executive Tower, Finance Building, Roxas Boulevard in Malate here on March 25.

The cash dividend for 2023 is the highest single remittance to date from the CDC. It surpassed the remittance of ₱1.207 billion covering the dividend year 2022 by 49%. CDC's dividend rate for 2023 was 56% of its net earnings and 65% of its net income for the said year, per DOF records.

Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation dividends are vital non-tax revenues that support the accelerated implementation of infrastructure and socio-economic development programs by the national

government.

Secretary Recto expressed his gratitude to the CDC leadership for personally delivering the cheque to the DOF, highlighting the state-run firm's continuous support for the national government.

He cited President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s legacy projects in Clark Freeport, including the Clark Multi-Specialty Medical Center and the National Museum for North and Central Luzon.

Present during the turnover event were CDC chairman of the board Atty. Edgardo Pamintuan, DOF Privatization and Partnership Group Undersecretary Catherine Fong, DOF Corporate Affairs and Strategic Infrastructure Group director Joanna Castillo, and Bureau of Treasury national treasurer Sharon Almanza and other senior officers.

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committed to doing everything in its power to ensure the safety of our children," Duaso said.

The LCPC is a local body dedicated to the protection of children's rights through the development and implementation of child-centric policies. The city government through

the CSWDO works closely with the LCPC to implement policies and initiatives aimed at protecting children and promoting their rights.

Meanwhile, Lazatin urged Angeleños to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the authorities.

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CDC chief pushes...

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her first State of the Clark Freeport Address in 2023, Devanadera expressed her desire to be a good public servant.

"I would like to express my gratitude for staying with me, for supporting me, and best of all, for

believing in me. Ang tang-ing bagay na nais kong ipakita sa inyo ay ang aking hangarin na maging isang mabuting lingkod bayan," said the 14th president of the CDC to the officials and employees of the state-run corporation.

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exercises, new training facilities across the country are underway to provide a conducive training environment for candidate soldiers and Army officers.

In terms of reserve force management, Galido emphasized firm leadership guidance for Army reserve forces. "This endeavor entails the development of our Army sustainment system in the manner on how we equip, train and support them while being purposive on how our regular and reserve force operate in a seamless manner, both in peace and in time of crisis."

On another note, Galido assured that the Army will employ the values of prudence, discipline and excellence in performing and delivering its mandate. "Prudence will be the keyword in the Army systems and procedures while discipline and excellence will continue to define our day-to-day operation."

He further added that the 127-year-old Army "is and will be committed to continuous learning and

development to adapt to new security challenges."

Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro graced the event and affirmed the readiness of the troops in the implementation of Comprehensive Archipelagic Defense Concept.

"The Philippine Army is ready for transformation in terms of its recruitment, equipment, skills, interoperability, and facilities," Teodoro noted.

With the theme, "Matatag na Hukbong Katihan Para sa Bagong Pilipinas", the anniversary celebration kicked-off with a simultaneous flag ceremony participated by Army units nationwide.

During the program, the Philippine Army also recognized individuals, stakeholders, and people's organizations for their contribution in the pursuit of lasting and sustainable peace.

It also showcased the expertise, prowess, and capabilities of the Army through arnis group demonstration, mass jump (airborne), and pass-in-review. PIA-3

NLEX gears up...

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hours for a more convenient expressway experience.

"We are encouraging our motorists to plan their trips well and travel during non-peak times to avoid possible delays caused by the influx of travelers," said NLEX Corp. president and GM J. Luigi L. Bautista.

The surge of travelers heading north is anticipated starting 10 a.m. of March 27 until 2 p.m. of March 28. For Manila-bound vehicles, high volume traffic is expected from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. of March 30 and from 2 p.m. of March 31 to 8 a.m. of April 1.

To manage traffic effectively, NLEX will deploy additional personnel in high volume areas of its expressways including the rest and refuel stations. Incident response teams, tow trucks, and fire trucks will also be strategically stationed for prompt deployment. Additional traffic signage will be installed to better guide its motorists.

For the duration of the SMSK, road works and lane closures along NLEX, SCTEX and NLEX Connector will be suspended except where safety repairs will be necessary. The safety repair of the Canumay Overpass was fast tracked to complete major works before Holy Week and to secure availability of all lanes under the bridge during this period.

Free towing service to the nearest exit will also be available for class 1 vehicles from 6 a.m. of March 22 until 6 a.m. of March 25, 6 a.m. of March 27 to 6 a.m. of March 29, and 6 a.m. of March 30 until 6 a.m. of April 1.

NLEX has implemented decongestion projects in Meycauayan Northbound designed to help ease the expected traffic surge. The new F. Raymundo Northbound Exit in Barangay Pandayan serves as an alternate route for class 1 vehicles going to the eastern portions of Meycauayan and Marilao. On the other hand, the additional lane at Meycauayan Northbound Exit ramp is now being used as the new dedicated lane for Malhacan-bound vehicles while the leftmost and middle lanes are assigned for those going to Iba/Camalig, providing additional space for the high volume of trucks going to the industrial areas.

Another decongestion effort is the expansion of the SCTEX ramp from Tarlac going to NLEX in Mabalacat City, Pampanga. An additional lane for incoming vehicles from SCTEX going NLEX is being constructed and major works will be completed before Holy Week. This will be opened to help improve the traffic flow in the area especially during peak hours and will



resume finishing works after Holy Week.

"We are hoping that these decongestion projects, alongside with other measures, will contribute to a more manageable traffic flow this Holy Week," said Bautista.

NLEX Corp. also shared that the Candaba 3rd Viaduct project is now in full swing of its construction. Expected to be completed by November 2024, the current Candaba Viaduct will be expanded to three lanes with inner and outer shoulders in each direction from three lanes without shoulders.

While NLEX continuously upgrades its roads and assets to cater the increasing traffic demand, NLEX appeals for the cooperation and patience of the motorist public that will travel to NLEX-SCTEX-NLEX Connector this Holy Week.

"As we expect a huge number of vehicles, we appeal to the public for

extra patience, cooperation, and discipline. For our part, NLEX will maximize its assets to ensure managed traffic flow, but for a hassle-free travel, make sure that you are in good fit before you drive, observe proper distancing and follow traffic regulations. Also, have your cars and RFID checked ahead of your trip," Bautista said.

The tollway company also advises its motorists to get their Easytrip RFID for faster toll transaction and reminds RFID users to ensure that they have sufficient load before travel to avoid inconvenience.

To complement the on-ground efforts, NLEX Corporation's social media accounts @NLEX-expressways and hotline (02) 1-35000 will remain accessible 24/7 for any concerns alongside with regular traffic updates and live traffic streaming of key areas on Facebook.

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UPS expands...

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million since the start of 2023.

"The collaboration between UPS and LIPAD marks a major achievement in positioning Clark as a premier logistics hub for international brands seeking to launch or grow their global presence," enthused Noel Manankil, LIPAD president and CEO.

For his part, UPS Asia Pacific president Wilfredo Ramos said: "We have been doing business in our Philippines hub for more than 25 years, helping to connect businesses to markets in Asia Pacific and beyond. The investments UPS continues to

make through this expansion will enhance time in transit across Asia Pacific and continue to deliver service reliability for our customers and position UPS for long term growth."

Manankil noted that "this expansion is part of the efforts of LIPAD in project land development, as stipulated in its concession agreement with the Bases Conversion and Development Authority."

Construction of the new Clark hub is set to begin in February 2025, and it is expected to be operational in late 2026.

LIPAD chairperson Josephine Gotianun-Yap said "UPS's expansion in

Clark will bring positive changes to Pampanga, providing job opportunities for the local community and serving as an economic stimulus in the region."

The agreement is the latest in a series of recent network and facility enhancements UPS has made across Asia Pacific including in Singapore, Japan, China, Vietnam, South Korea, Taiwan, and most recently Hong Kong, where UPS announced it will open a new state-of-the-art facility in 2028.

"Asia Pacific continues to be one of UPS's fastest growing regions. UPS has continued to invest in our network to maximize

speed and flexibility, build solutions addressing the shift of global trade lanes, and offer resilience for our customers," Ramos added.

Since 2022, UPS has also invested intensively in its healthcare business introducing UPS Premier – which provides priority handling for time- and temperature-sensitive, and patient-critical products – in nine markets across the Asia Pacific region.

In 2023, the company added over 22,000 square meters of cold chain enabled handling, storage and distribution space via new healthcare facilities in Singapore and Australia. An additional 12,000 square meters is planned for 2024. LIPAD-PR



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“Keep an eye out for the XForce which is poised to revolutionize the crossover segment with its captivating design, innovative features, and cutting-edge technology,” said Hara.

“As we look ahead, I am confident that MMPC will continue to inspire and innovate, setting new benchmarks for the industry and delivering unparalleled value to Filipino customers. We do our best to contribute to the enhancement of the quality of life of Filipinos through our services, business operations, and our products,” he noted.

Hara also pointed to

MMPC’s strong commitment to localization and partnerships with local suppliers. “One of the key strengths of MMPC lies in its localization ratio and strong relationships with local suppliers. By prioritizing local production and sourcing components from domestic suppliers, MMPC not only supports the local economy but also ensures a streamlined production process/ and high product quality. This commitment to localization is a testament to MMPC’s dedication to being a responsible corporate citizen.”

“MMPC has not only stood the test of time but has also consistently set new standards in the automotive industry,” Hara said. “Since its establishment in 1963, MMPC has been continuously committed to delivering top-quality vehicles that embody innovation, reliability, and performance. For 60 years, the company has achieved significant milestones, such as launching flagship models, achieving production milestones, entering new markets, etc. And I am proud to say that MMPC

is the longest staying automotive company in the Philippines.”

Hara cited Mitsubishi renowned models such as the L300, Mirage G4, Xpander, and Montero Sport, which according to him are “celebrated by Filipino drivers for their exceptional performance and features.”

The CEO also made a pitch for the All-New Triton which was launched in January 2024. The Triton pickup truck segment is “setting a new standard in rugged performance and versatility to cater to the diverse needs of pickup users.”

“Its meticulous design and purposeful construction embody

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