



Delta shares b-day joy with kids battling cancer

BY PAMPANGA PIO

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Joy and laughter filled the air at a globally renowned fast-food chain here on Monday, May 6, as Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda celebrated his birthday with a treat for 31 children with leukemia and 11 with liver problems.

“Malapit sa puso ko ang mga batang ito, dahil sa kabila ng hirap na kanilang nararanasan sa kanilang murang edad, nagagawa pa rin nilang ngumiti at magbigay ng pag-asa sa mga may kapareho nila ng sitwasyon,” said the governor, adding that the time he spent with the kids was his gift to himself, something that imbues special day with deeper meaning and fulfillment.

He also urged parents and guardians to remain strong in the midst of challenges. “Alam ko po, mahirap. Pero importante na kayo pong mga magulang, ipakita ninyo na malakas ang loob niyo. Sa awa po ng Diyos, malalampasan din

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Garbage crisis looms in CL



CLARK FREEPORT – The imminent closure of the largest waste disposal facilities in Central and Northern Luzon before the end of this year has caused serious and widespread concerns as millions of its populace face grim prospects of a massive garbage crisis.



The Bases Conversion Development Agency and its subsidiary, Clark Development Corp., principal proponents of the 25-year contract with Metro Clark Waste Management Corp. (MCWMC), the engineered sanitary landfill builder and operator, have reportedly ruled out any extension or renewal of that contract expiring this October, hence MCWMC should immediately cease its operations of its facilities in Kalangitan, Capas, Tarlac.

Alarms have been

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BCDA welcomes Senate bill on charter amendment

CLARK FREEPORT -- The Bases Conversion and Development Authority welcomes the filing of Senate Bill No. 2647, a measure seen to give workers access to affordable housing, accelerate infrastructure development, further drive investments in the country, and support the pension fund of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Seeking to amend RA 7227 (Bases Conversion Act of 1992) the bill was filed on April 30 by Sen. Alan Peter S. Cayetano,

chairperson of the Senate committee on government corporations and public enterprises, together with the Senate committee on national defense and security, peace, unification and reconciliation, chaired by Sen. Jose “Jinggoy” P. Estrada and vice-chaired by Sen. Francis N. Tolentino.

“With our properties, such as Clark, John Hay, Poro Point, and Morong Discovery Park on the cusp of economic transfor-

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BCDA remits P1.1-B cash dividends to DOF

MANILA – Finance Secretary Ralph Recto receives, on behalf of the Bureau of Treasury, a cheque worth P1.1 billion from Bases Conversion and Development Authority president-CEO Joshua Bingcang, representing the BCDA’s dividends remittance for 2024 to elp beef up the national coffers. The amount is double than its total remittance of P527 million in 2023 and brought BCDA’s total dividend contribution to the national government to some P9.6 billion since its inception in 1992. Also present at the ceremonial turnover were BCDA chairman Delfin N. Lorenzana and DOF Undersecretary Maria Luwalhati C. Dorotan-Tiuseco. **BCDA PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Lapid breaks ground for 94-bed medical facility in Capas



Sen. Lito Lapid leads groundbreaking rites for expansion of Ospital Ning Capas.

PHOTOS: DENG PANGLINAN

CAPAS, TARLAC – Pursuant to the government objective to bring health services in every locality through its hospital expansion and equipping program, groundbreaking rites were held on April 30 for a 94-bed medical facility here.

Leading the ceremony held at the proposed site adjacent to the town hall was Sen. Lito Lapid, along with Mayor Roseller “Boots” Rodriguez, Vice Mayor Alexander Espinosa, sangguniang bayan members, TIEZA general manager Mark Lapid, and contractor Tony De Jesus of Arrowhead Construction.

Lapid said the P54-million medical facility will be constructed on an 800-square-meter in the existing Ospital Ning Capas chargeable to the funding grant from the Senate, with the initial P30 million already been downloaded by his office through the Department of Public Works and Highways.

“The people of Capas express their deep gratitude to Senator Lapid for selecting our town to benefit from his improved healthcare program, which directly benefits our constituents. Hopefully we can have this done by the end of 2024,” said the mayor.

Classified as a first-



Senator Lapid with (L-R) contractor Tony De Jesus, Mayor Boots Rodriguez and VM Alex Espinosa.

class municipality, Capas has 20 barangays.

Lapid noted that the hospital expansion is another priority project through legislative funding. “What we really need is services for healthcare... Nobody wants to get sick.”

He stressed that poor residents of Capas are the priority for the health care services to be provided in the new hospital that will be managed by the local government.

He explained the healthcare program in Capas and Tarlac province is in line with the Local Government Code’s

provision that mandates local government units to provide various services for the general welfare of their constituents.

The current Ospital Ning Capas has a capacity of 60 beds and operates at a tertiary level, featuring an LGU-run Lingap care center.

With an annual budget of P90 million, it allocates only 10% of its capacity to private patients, reserving 90% for indigent ones. The hospital is staffed by 180 medical frontliners.

Upon completion, new services including a blood bank and a dialysis center

will be introduced to cater to the 20 barangays of Capas. The hospital will operate at limited capacity once the construction is in full swing.

Lapid is among the seven senators up for re-election in the 2025 mid-term polls. He landed No. 1 in the 2019 senatorial elections in Tarlac.

Meanwhile, Barangay O’Donnel also received a multi-purpose truck from Lapid. The groundbreaking ceremony was also attended by congressional, provincial and barangay officials.

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Capitol, Lubao LGU dole assistance at Sampaguita Festival Farmers' Day

BY PAMPANGA PIO

LUBAO, Pampanga - A total of 3,437 farmers and fisherfolk from this town received various forms of assistance from both the provincial government and the local government unit during the celebration of Sampaguita Festival Farmers' Day on May 2.

The Farmers' Day event marked the commencement of the 10th Sampaguita Festival.

Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, Vice Gov. “Nanay” Pineda, former president and current 2nd District Rep. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Mayor Esmeralda Pineda, and Vice Mayor Jay Montemayor led the ceremony at the municipal hall.

Each beneficiary was granted P1,000 cash aid with 5-kg rice. Forty-eight farm associations also received fuel subsidies and financial assistance worth P30,000.

Governor Pineda emphasized that the provincial government acknowledges the sacrifices of the farmers particularly amidst challenges such as the El Niño.

“Bilang pasasalamat sa mga farmers natin dahil sila ang tumutulong sa ating pamilya, at sa mga kinakain po natin sa araw-araw. Sa mga ganitong okasyon, nire-recognize natin ang ating mga magsasaka,” he said.

The governor also mentioned the construction of a P320-million state-of-the-art rice complex and warehouses near the bamboo hub through joint efforts of the provincial government and Congresswoman Arroyo.

Apart from the distribution, fresh vegetables, fruits, seedlings, and other locally-produced goods were also sold in the agri trade fair.

“Sinimulan ito ni BM Mye. Importante po sa kin ang farmers day dahil nakakasama po namin kayo. Nakaka-proud kasi dati seedlings lang iyan na ipinamigay ng munisipyo, ngayon na-harvest na. Ang daming pumupunta kasi alam nila na mura ang mabibili nila,” said Mayor Pineda. **Photo: Daniel Ombina/Pampanga PIO**



Wellness workshop nurtures women in media

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The Women in Pampanga Media (WIPM) treated its members and collaborators to a wellness workshop over the weekend to enable them to nurture their body, mind and spirit as they advance the cause of women empowerment.

“The wellness workshop intended to strengthen women who are engaged in information and communication work, education and advocacy projects and community initiatives,” said Sonia Soto, WIPM convenor. “We took time out to learn meditation, mindfulness and dance therapy to hopefully rejuvenate us as we help our sisters.”

Riza Shanti Lim, a holistic health specialist

and Dr. Alberto Dimaricut, a master in human kinetics and movement, conducted the workshop in Lim’s Orissa Garden of Wellness at the foothills of Mt. Arayat in Barangay Ayala, Magalang town.

Lim also served vegan food and organic drinks.

Atty. Virginia Lacasa-Suarez, chairwoman of Pagkakaisa ng Kababaihan para sa Kalayaan (KAISA KA), said freeing women from unjust conditions, violence and discrimination is “not easy” although laws have been crafted to address those. “The terms are still not fair to us women so we must strive to assert our rights and link with sectors so we can get access to education, rightful wages, land ownership, other

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AC honors Abad Santos

ANGELES CITY -- Mayor Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr., leads members of the city council headed by Vice Mayor Vicky Vega-Cabigting and chiefs of city offices in wreath-laying rites, as the city government celebrates the heroism of former Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos on May 7. Joining them are WB Ericson Montes, Darwin Reyes and members (District Deputy Grand Master and Worshipful Master, Jose Abad Santos Memorial Lodge No. 333). Republic Act No. 8815 declares May 7 as Jose Abad Santos Day, a special non-working holiday in Pampanga and Angeles City. **ANGELES CIO**



El Circulo Fernandino holds centennial ball

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The “queen of all social events” in Pampanga, the showcase of the local aristocracy, the living legacy of the Spanish influence on the Kapampangan race – the El Circulo Fernandino Ball in glorious splendour at turning 100 on May 4.

Evoking la dolce vita and belle epoque in grandness, the Laus Group Event Centre hosted the province’s ladies and gentlemen of prominence in their finest ternos and barongs, in what can be the social event of the century in the city, highlighted by the traditional stately dance rigodon de honor.

El Circulo Fernandino Foundation Inc. centennial presidents Renato Legaspi Sr. and Tess Laus also presented awards of recognition to the circulo’s past and present presidents.

“We recognize the vital role of El Circulo Fernandino as a beacon of social and civic engagement

within our community,” shared Legaspi, noting that the club has not only showcased elegance, artistry and beauty at every staging of the circulo grand ball, but has also remained steadfast in its mission to uphold the dignity and honor of the organization

Highlighting the presence of prominence at the ball were former president current 2nd District Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Senior Deputy Speaker and 3rd District Rep. Aurelio “Dong” Gonzales, Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, CSF Vice Mayor BJ Lagman and former board member Mylyn Pine-

da-Cayabyab.

Expressing their support to the advocacies of the El Circulo Fernandino were city Mayor Vilma Caluag, Minalin Mayor Philip Naguit and Magalang Mayor Malu Lacson.

Withstanding wars, conflicts, natural calamities, and even the global pandemic, El Circulo Fernandino stands as the oldest social civic club in Pampanga, a testament to enduring commitment to uplifting the lives of impoverished Fernandinos and serving cherished traditions.

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Pathetic desperation

“THIS CHARADE must stop.”

Thus, declared Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro in response to an unnamed spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in Manila recently claiming that Beijing and Manila, through the AFP Western Command, allegedly agreed on a supposed “new model” early this year to diffuse tensions in Ayungin Shoal “approved by all key officials in the Philippine chain of command, including the Secretary of National Defense and the National Security Advisor.”

A “devious machination of China,” Teodoro called the alleged “new model.”

“I reiterate that I have disallowed any contact between the DND and the Chinese Embassy since the courtesy call of Ambassador Huang Xilian, a few days after I assumed office in July of last year,” Teodoro said.

“During the said courtesy call, there was no discussion or briefing on any ‘gentleman’s agreement’ or ‘new model,’ which is contrary to the Chinese Embassy’s pronouncements,” he added.

“I am issuing this statement to generate awareness on this clear attempt by China to advance another falsehood in order to divide our people and distract us from their unlawful presence and actions in our EEZ (exclusive economic zone),” Teodoro said.

“We advise our citizens, the media, and the international community to beware of China’s methods of manipulation, interference, and malign influence in furthering its own interests,” he said.

“Absolutely absurd, ludicrous, and preposterous,” National Security Adviser Eduardo M. Año called the Chinese Embassy’s claims.

“No one in the Philippine government is, nor have been, empowered nor authorized to enter into or commit to any sort of agreement, understanding, or arrangement - more so informal ones, by our President,” Año said in a statement.

“The Chinese Embassy needs to be reminded that you can never deceive the Filipino people with your fabricated stories, bluffs, and fake exchanges of communication just to support your illegal claim of Philippine territory as well as to justify your illegal, coercive, aggressive and deceptive actions particularly the use of military-grade lasers, water cannons, dangerous blocking maneuvers, and ramming of our vessels which has caused wounded casualties on our side,” he added.

Año also questioned the timing of China’s statement, which came after it was revealed that the cays of the Pag-asa Island in the West Philippine Sea are now in “degraded states” due to apparent island-building activities.

“This is the bigger story that they want to dislodge from the headlines and deflect attention from. It has truly reached a new low of pathetic desperation,” said Año. **With media reports**



Shepherd’s Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

Sinasamba kita

KAGAGALING NAMIN sa Roma, sa International Synodal Consultation for Parish Priests. Ang huling araw ang pinakahinihintay ng mga pari—ang audience with the Holy Father. Habang nakapila kami, isa-isa kaming sinasabihan ng audience assistant sa Vatican na huwag kaming luluhod sa Santo Papa. Hindi niya kasi ito ikinatutuwa.

Kanina, ito ang bumalik sa isip ko matapos na marinig ko ang reaksyon ni San Pedro nang lumuhod si Cornelio sa harapan niya. Ganito raw ang sinabi niya, “Tumindig kayo. Ako’y tao ring tulad ninyo.” Bakit ganoon ang reaksyon ni San Pedro? Dahil sa tradisyon ng mga Hudyo—walang ibang sapat sambahin ang tao kundi ang Diyos. Totoo ba iyon? Oo naman. Hindi lang iyon sa Hudyo, sa Kristiyano rin. Diyos lang talaga ang dapat sambahin.

Kaya siguro ganoon din ang sinasabi ng isang kantang Tagalog na komposisyon nina George Canseco at Rey Valera na pinasikat ni Sharon Cuneta at ang pamagat ay SINASAMBA KITA. Ganito ang lyrics ng kanta:

Sinasamba kita
Higit sa iyong akalang iniibig lang kita
Paggalang ko sa iyo’y higit sa buhay kong taglay
Wala na yatang papantay, ang buhay ma’y ibibigay ko pa
Sinasamba kita
Sinasamba kita
Kung kasalanan man sa Diyos ang sambahin kita
Marahil ay mauunawaan Niya ang tulad ko
Na labis nagmahal sa ‘yo, masisisi Niya ba ako sinta
Sinasamba kita

Balik tayo sa Santo Papa. Sa kabila ng instructions na ibinigay ng audience assistant, ang dami pa ring pasaway na hindi sumunod. Noong nakakatayo pa ang Papa at matatag pa ang mga tuhod niya, hinahatak niya patayo ang mga lumuluhod sa kanya. Ngayon, dahil naka-wheelchair na siya, hindi na niya magawa iyon. Kaya hinahayaan na lang niya, pero kitang-kita mo sa mukha na nahihiya siya, o hindi niya ikinatutuwa.

Talagang may katigasan ang ulo nating mga tao, di ba? Bakit? Siguro dahil talagang ibig lang nating ipahayag ang pagsamba natin sa Diyos na hindi naman natin nakikita. Sa ating second reading, maiintindihan natin kung bakit napapaluhod tayo kung minsan sa mga taong mahal natin. Sabi ni San Juan, “Mag-ibigan tayo sapagkat mula sa Diyos ang pag-ibig. Ang bawat umiibig ay anak ng Diyos at kumikilala sa Diyos. Ang hindi umiibig ay hindi kumikilala sa Diyos, sapagkat ang Diyos ay Pag-ibig.” Saan natin natatagpuan ang Diyos na ibig nating sambahin? Sa karanasan ng tunay, wagas at lubos na pag-ibig. Sinasabi rin ito ni San Pablo: Sa tatlong dakilang kaloob daw ng Espiritu Santo—Faith, Hope and Love, ang pinaka-dakila ay LOVE, Pag-ibig. Ito lang ang puwedeng magpabago, magpaganda at magpabanal sa ating pagkatao.

Ito rin lang ang pinakamalinaw na tanda ng pagsasaatin ng Diyos. Ang pagiging maka-Diyos ng tao ay hindi naman nakikita sa pagiging madasalin, mapagsimba, o relihiyoso. Ang mga walang Diyos sa mundo ay hindi naman ang mga walang relihiyon kundi ang walang pag-ibig, ang mga hindi marunong magmahal sa kapwa, ang hindi marunong magmalasakit, magparaya, maglaan ng buhay. Ito rin ang sinasabi ni Hesus, ayon kay San Juan sa ating ebanghelyo. Ang tunay na tumutupad sa utos ng Ama ay ang nananatili sa pag-ibig ng anak. Karugtong ito ng binasa natin noong nakaraang Linggo: ang puno ng ubas at

ang sanga. Matutuyo daw at hindi magbubunga ang alinmang sanga kapag nahihalay ito mula sa puno. Bakit? Hindi dadaloy ang grasya na sa puno lamang pwedeng magmula.

Sa Araw na ito, ipinagdiriwang din ng ating Parokya at Dambana ang Pista ng ating Mahal na Ina sa title na Our Lady of Grace, Mahal na Ina ng Biyaya. Saan galing ang title na ito? Sa sinabi ng anghel kay Maria nang balitaan siya na lulukuban siya ng Espiritu Santo: “Napupuno ka ng Grasya, ang Panginoon ay sumasaiyo.” Tayo rin ay napupuno ng grasya, kapag ang Panginoon ay sumasaatin. Ang Grasyang tinanggap at dinala ni Maria sa sinapupunan ay walang iba kundi ang Anak ng Diyos na sugo ng Ama upang maging Tagapaghatid ng Grasya ng Espiritu Santo sa buhay ng lahat ng kanyang mga alagad at kaibigan.

Ito rin ang pinaghahandaan natin sa magkasunod na dalawang Linggo na magiging conclusion ng Pagkabuhay: ang pag-akyat ni Kristo sa Langit at ang Pagbaba ng Espiritu Santo sa mga alagad, upang tayo’y isilang na muli bilang mga anak ng Diyos na pinagmumulan ng lahat ng grasya, upang lahat tayo’y maging daluyan din ng biyaya para sa buong daigdig.

Minsan, may lumapit sa akin. May luha pa sa mga mata niya. Sabi niya, nakita ko po si Jesus sa inyo habang nangangaral kayo, at noong itaas ninyo ang ostia. Saka siya lumuhod sa akin. Siyempre, tulad ni Pope Francis, pareho din ang reaksyon ko; pinatayo ko siya. “Nay, sa kanya ka lang lumuhod at sumamba.” Iyon ang tamang reaksyon ng tao kapag sumasaatin ang Diyos—ang panliliit, ang pagpapakumbaba. Dahil alam natin kung sino tayo—na tao rin tayo, makasalanan, ngunit dinadapuan din ng biyaya, hindi dahil mahal natin siya kundi dahil siya ang unang nagmahal sa atin.

Ganoon din ang reaksyon ni Maria nang dakilain siya ni Elisabeth at tawagin siyang Ina ng Manunubos. Ang reaksyon niya ay ang kanyang *Magnificat*. Para bang gusto niyang sabihin: “Ate Beth, kung naramdaman mo sa akin ang biyaya; ito ay dahil biniyayaan niya ako, ako na kanyang abang alipin.”

Tama ang sabi ng kanta tungkol sa pagsamba ng taong nagmamahal nang tunay. Masisisi mo ba ang tao kapag natuto siyang magmahal nang labis at wagas? Iyon kasi ang sandali ng pagsasaatin ng Diyos, na siya ring naranasan ni Maria, ang ating Mahal na Ina: ang Pagsasakanya ng pinagmumulan mismo ng lahat ng grasya. Nangyari iyon nang buksan niya, hindi lang ang puso at kaluluwa, kundi pati sinapupunan upang maging tahanan ng Diyos. Tabernakulo ang tawag sa pinaglalagyan natin ng Kabanal-banalang Sakramento ng Eukaristiya, ng Kristong sumasaatin bilang Pagkain ng Buhay. Sinasamba natin siya di ba? At mamaya, pagkatanggap natin sa kanya, lahat tayo ay nagiging tabernakulo. Kailangan din nating matutuhang sambahin siya sa bawat kapwa na dapat nating matutunang mahal in kung paano niya tayo minahal.

(Homiliya para sa Ika-6 na Linggo ng Pagkabuhay, Ika-5 ng Mayo 2024, Juan 15:9-17/Pista ng Mahal na Ina ng Grasya)

On friendship

Since childhood, we learn how beautiful this experience is: We offer friends our toys and the most beautiful gifts; then, growing up, as teenagers, we confide our first secrets to them; as young people we offer loyalty; as adults, we share satisfactions and worries; as seniors, the memories, considerations, and silences of long days.

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The Public Space

Jun Sula

A biblical paradigm

When President Bongbong Marcos proposed recently a new paradigm to address the continued belligerence of China in the West Philippine Sea, many were left guessing?

What would the novel idea be? Would it be political, military, diplomatic? It is something out of the blue or box?

In the wake of the latest water-cannon incident on two Philippine ships that shocked the Filipinos anew, no less than Filipino senators called for a tit-for-tat response. If Chinese vessels can fire at us at will with water cannon, so can we, or should be as a proper response.

But nobody can predict exactly how the Chinese will respond in return. It could get worse. Not a few fear this could happen.

PBBB has come out with a better answer. Why not apply a biblical principle most every Christian Filipino knows by heart, if seldom practiced? Do not use? something wrong against a tactic that is inherently wrong and objectionable like an unjurious water cannon against an enemy. Just don't, period. The wisdom in the answer is obvious. You don't answer evil for evil.

It may work. In her book the "Good earth" about China by Pearl Buck a Chinese businessman ran away from poster being given away by Christian missionaries. The poster had the picture of a man crucified on the cross and it horrified him after knowing what it was all about. Has China been running away from cross ever since and buck has making her point subtle and nuanced? Buck knew whereof she wrote: she was a missionary's daughter raised in the Ancient Kingdom

Does the way of peace had the same effect on belligerent mind?

In a way, it was part obviously of the strategy of PBBB's predecessor, Made sense. There is no use fighting a war you cannot win,. Only it it was too subservient a tactic it was perceived as

a virtual surrender, encouraging more aggressiveness and belligerence,

In his book, 1984. George Orwell predicted the use of lies by authoritarian governments to impose their will in what was called "newspeak" where the meaning of the a word is exactly its opposite.

All this ongoing belligerence by China in the WPS revolves around this fictional theme. Her nine-dash-line theory for instance, has been found to be without basis. Other previous statements since then by Chinese authorities have been disproven by Philippine authorities a merely lying on their teeth. The latest is the so-called "secret" arrangement with the Philippine government every one denies. Duterte, of course, in a fairness to the Chinese, has been mum about it. Could it be a fool's errand?

The Chinese have announced publicly they are the Filipinos kind friends in this part of the world. They have sent help in the part, especially during the pandemic with Chinese vaccines that saved many from COVID. But it apparently, such a friendly gesture had a cost: sovereignty,

And PBBB has made it clear that it will not surrender an inch of the country's territory for the sake of friendship. No way he will.

His declaration was unmistakable about his determination. He has since makes his alliances with other countries to drive home his message. He has signed a stronger pact with the United States and sought new and better alliance with countries like Japan, Australia and France and others.

There no is doubt the Philippines now stands stronger and, in a way, braver, to face the future

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Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Where have all the Santacruzans gone?

COMING INTO the second week of May, I couldn't help but look back at the many colourful and unforgettable *Santacruzans* of my hometown that continue to bring back wonderful memories of what I consider a now distant era. It was a time when religion and culture intertwined perfectly; a period when the true spirit of bayanihan enabled a barangay to mount a mini-festival that featured the 'fairest of them all.'

Choosing the date of the *Santacruzans* was far by the most critical decision to make. Aside from the availability of the invited *sagalas* especially the Reyna Elena, the hermana had to hire the best *mosikus* in town and reserve the arku from a handful of owners whose rental business thrived only in May. On top of all these concerns, the hermana along with the other organizing committee members had to consider the proverbial rains of May.

After the date had been set, each household in the barangay would then decide whether to participate by fielding a *sagala* or to donate a pre-determined amount to help defray the total expenses. The days that ensued were the busiest, and everyone was tight-lipped trying not to reveal the names of their respective *sagalas*. This added to the mystery and anticipation, with the grand reveal happening right before the very eyes of excited neighbors and onlookers on the actual night. This also meant scouting for new beautiful faces from other barangays or even nearby towns so that the people watching the *Santacruzans* would not see the same old faces every year.

For the town's young ladies and their parents,

it was a source of pride to be invited as a *sagala*. Some parents would never turn down any invitation as it meant refusing to be part of a festival in honor of the Virgin Mary. Never mind the costs for gown rental or hair and make-up, the family's pride and honor were on the line.

When the invited *sagala* stepped out of the house to the pompous music of the *mosikus* and the sparkling lights of the hand-held *lucis*, one could hear the collective oohs and aahs from the very eager crowd, as if showing their stamp of approval and admiration for the invited *sagala*.

The *sagalas* wore gowns that were most appropriate for the occasion. They looked very regal and queenly in either the traditional Filipiniana gowns, or princess-cut gowns. There were no revealing, see-through or nude gowns, and neither were there high-slits. Neither were there voluminous skirts and long trains that occupied not just the whole four-leg arc but the entire barangay road.

The wooden white arcs were simply adorned with hand-made flowers from crepe paper, nothing really fancy. Looking back, I think it was this plainness of the wooden arcs that highlighted the real

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Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Resolusyong huwad, dagliang nabunyag

Dahil sa hearing in aid of legislation Ay biglang nabunyag pekeng resolusyon Lumitaw huwad ang re-classification Na diumano ay dumaaan sa sesyon

Dati ang posisyon ay magkakaiba May mga sang-ayon at may kumontra Bandang huli halos nagkakatugma na Ng mga salaysay ng tanungin sila

SB secretary nanindigan pa rin Nagbase sa kanyang minutes of the meeting Salaysay niya kung pakalilimin May katotohanan din kung tutuusin

Sapagkat kung ano ang pinag-usapan Ang naisusulat sa kanyang talaan Subalit madali ring pabulaanan Lalo na kung mayro'ng mga tatamaan

Maari ding kaya iginigiit niya Na ang resolution daw ay magkaiba Sapagkat dalawa lang ang nakapirma Siya at ang meyor sa unang pahina

Dati ang posisyon nila ay matatag Re-classification ay hindi raw huwad May resolution bang numero'y parehas? Kahit magkaiba ang mga pamagat?

Ibig bang sabihin mayrong pandaraya? Na noon pa man ay batid na ng madla Mga mamamayan wala lang magawa Kahit alam nilang yun ay hindi tama

Dito nagsimulang magka fourteen heroes Na sumalungat sa gawaing baluktot Magpahanggang ngayo'y nakikipagtuos Laban sa talamak na pangungurakot

Salamat at may House of Representative Na sa nireklamo ang siyang dumidinig Sa ganyang uri ng mga paglilitis Ay nasasaksihan ng buong daigdig

Ang katotohanan ay biglang nalantad Isa sa dalawang resolusyo'y huwad May nangumpisal at dagliang ibinunyag Mga anomalya sa conversion of land

Tila baga ito ang kanyang paraan Para sa sarili nitong kaligtasan Samantalang noong mga nakaran Ay naglingkod na ring konsehal ng bayan

Bakit hindi siya sumalungat noon? Sa mga serye ng re-classification? Bakit nag-iba ang pananaw niya ngayon Kung kelan ubos na lupa ng San Simon

Re-classification ay hindi na bago Kahit noon pa man umiral na ito Ang lupa sa bayang kinalakihan ko Halos pag-aari na ng mga dayo

Sana ang lahat ng may pagkakasala Sa aming bayan ay maparusahan na Dapat sa kulungan sila ay magdusa Ng sa gayo'y hindi na pamarisan pa

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

BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by
EILEEN MAY E. DOMINGO AND
JUVY ANN U. PETILLA,
Mortgagee,

**EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT NO. 3135 AS AMENDED**

F.C CASE NO. 2024-0017

- versus -

**SUZETTE R. ZAMORA doing business
under the name and style "S and A
Heavy Truck Rental"**

Mortgagor-Debtor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by EILEEN MAY E. DOMINGO and JUVY ANN U. PETILLA with office address at 11th Floor, BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, Metro Manila,** against the Mortgagor-Debtor, **SUZETTE R. ZAMORA doing business under the name and style "S and A Heavy Truck Rental", with postal address at Block 10, Lot 27, Granada Street, Buenavista Subdivision, Sta. Maria, Malabacat City, Pampanga.** In order to satisfy the mortgage debts which as of January 31, 2024 amounting to **THIRTY-TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SIX PESOS AND SEVENTY-THREE CENTAVOS (32,100,646.73),** Philippine Currency, principal balance including interest and penalty and other legal charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **June 26, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Malabacat City, Pampanga** will sell all public auction for **CASH** and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of lands with all the existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2016003568

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 10 BLK. 27 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-03- 110588 BEING A PORTION OF LOT 194-C, PSD-035409-055272 L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF STA. MARIA, MUN. OF MABT., PROV. OF PAMP. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY RD. LOT 29; ON THE SE. ALONG LINE 2-3-4 BY RD. LOT 31; ON THE SW, ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 9; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 11 BOTH BLK. 27 ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINE (299) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. xxx"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2016003751

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 53, BLK. 9 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-03- 110588, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 194-C, PSD-035409-055272, L.R.C. REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF STA. MARIA, MUN. OF MABT., PROV. OF PAMP. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 52, BLK. 9; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY RD. LOT 19; ON THE SE. ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 54, ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 49, ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 50, ALL OF BLK. 9, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE (195) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. xxx"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2018011998

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 54 BLK. 9 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-03- 110588, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 194-C, PSD-035409-055272, L.R.C. REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF STA. MARIA, MUN. OF MABT., PROV. OF PAMPANGA. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 49; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 53, BOTH OF BLK. 9; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY RD. LOT 19; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 55, BLK. 9, ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE (195) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. xxx"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2016003567

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 11 BLK. 27 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-03- 110588 BEING A PORTION OF LOT 194-C, PSD-035409-055272 L.R.C. REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF STA. MARIA, MUN. OF MABT., PROV. OF PAMP. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 12 BLK. 27; ON THE NW., & NE., ALONG LINE 2 TO 5 BY RD. LOT 29; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-6 BY LOT 10; ALONG LINE 6-1 BY LOT 9 BOTH BLK. 27 ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. xxx CONTAINING AN AREA OF THREE HUNDRED FOUR (304) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. xxx"

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

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 **July 24, 2024** at the same place without further notice.

Angeles City, March 22, 2024.

DANICA C. DIONICIO
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

EILEEN MAY E. DOMINGO and
JUVY ANN U. PETILLA
BDO UNIBANK, INC.
Mortgagee
11th Floor, BDO Towers Valero
(formerly Citibank Tower),
8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, Metro Manila

SUZETTE R. ZAMORA (Mortgagor-Debtor),
Blk. 10, Lot 27, Granada Street
Buenavista Subdivision, Sta. Maria,
Malabacat City, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GREGORIO R. LAJOM** who died on June 06, 2006 in Tenejero, Candaba, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 5663 (DAR CLOA NO. 72494)

LOT : R, Psd-035405-052588(AR)
PORTION OF : Lot 53, Block 7, Psd-39093
LOCATION : Tenejero, Candaba, Pampanga
AREA : Three Hundred Fifty Five (355) Sq. m.

TCT NO. 5662 (DAR CLOA NO. 72495)

LOT : U, Psd-035405-052589(AR)
PORTION OF : Lot 53, Block 7, Psd-39093
LOCATION : Tenejero, Candaba, Pampanga
AREA : One Hundred Ninety Six (196) Sq. m.

before Notary Public Carlota Dela Cruz-Manalo, as per Doc. No. 488, Page No. 99, Book No. 88, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PEDRO S. GUNDAYAO and ROSA D. GUNDAYAO** who died on May 01, 2018 and September 25, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada and in Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 3-B of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-295322, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 3 (LRC) Pcs-11445, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the barrio of Pampang, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred Forty One (141) square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 57128; before Notary Public Alejandro S. Garcia, as per Doc. No. 310, Page No. 62, Book No. XII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LAVERNE DE OCERA** who died on December 22, 2014 at Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital, Dolores San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; That during the lifetime of decedent is the registered owners of a parcel of land located at Floridablanca, Pampanga containing an area of 5,503 square meters covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 16995; before Notary Public Mary Grace P. Laxa, as per Doc. No. 0147, Page No. XXXI, Book No. V, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARCELA SAGUM YU** who died on March 22, 2022 at 17D Prinsesa Urduja Street, Doña Rosario Subdivision, Novaliches Proper, Quezon City, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 11 of the consolidation-subdivision plan. Pcs-03-011075, being a consolidated of Lots 648-A-4, Psd-03-194770, Lot 648-B-4, Psd-03-111071, Lot 648-C-4, Psd-03-111070, Lot 648-D-4, Psd-03-111067, Lot 648-E-4, Psd-03-111068, Lot 648-G-4, Psd-03-111066, Lot 648-H-4, Psd-03-111386, Lot 648-I-4, Psd-03-111383, Lot 648-J-4, Psd-03-111385, Lot 648-K-4, Psd-03-111526, Lot 648-L-4, Psd-03-111384 and Lot 641-B, Psd-193770, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the barrio of Amsic, City of Angeles; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2019006807; Containing an area of One Hundred Thirty Two (132) Square Meters; before Notary Public Carlota Dela Cruz-Manalo, as per Doc. No. 423, Page No. 86, Book No. 92, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MYRNA R. LUZUNG-DATU** who died on July 22, 2023 in the Sacred Heart Medical Center, McArthur Highway, Sto. Domingo, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; Whereas, the decedent had left her rights and interest over a certain property with improvements thereon identified as Block 21 Lot 06 (P-2B), Phase II of the Sta. Lucia Resettlement Project in Magalang, Pampanga and awarded by the National Housing Authority (NHA) through legalization process covered by MPC Title No. 471604-R which consist of Seventy Three (73) Square Meters; before Notary Public Alejandro S. Garcia, as per Doc. No. 30, Page No. 6, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JUANITO M. DAVID** who died on April 18, 2011 and **BLANCA S. DAVID** who died on February 26, 2021 both his/her residence at 9-29 Concepcion Drive, Villa Teresa, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 29, Block 9 of the consolidated-subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-4873, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 21A Angeles Cadastre and Lot 12-B-2-C, (LRC) Psd-5001A, LRC Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrios Sto. Rosario and Cutcut, City of Angeles; Containing an area of Five Hundred (500) Square Meters; before Notary Public Augustin L. Angeles, as per Doc No. 26, Page No. 62, Book No. LXXXV, Series of 2024.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PEDRO GUEVARRA BALAGTAS** who died on April 14, 2016 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Donation on his estate; That during the lifetime of said deceased, he was a co-owner of a certain parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 322733-R situated in Bo. of Sto. Rosario, Municipality of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga with a house built thereof as his personal property; before Notary Public Romeo B. Torno, as per Doc No. 475, Page No. 96, Book No. 118, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SPS. **FERNANDO AND BONIFACIA PASION** who died on September 02, 1969 and July 11, 2021 in Guagua Pampanga and California, USA; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described a parcel land (Lot No. 1, Block No. 4 of the subdivision plan, Psd-25971, being a portion of Lot. No. 1700 of the Cadastral Survey of San Fernando, G.L.R.O. cad. Record No. 145), with the improvements thereon; situated in the Barrio of San Matias, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Hundred Five (305) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 5944; before Notary Public William V. Alonte Jr., as per Doc. No. 206, Page No. 40, Book No. XCV, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 29, May 6 & 13, 2024

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

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE

IN RE: PETITION FOR
COMMISSION AS NOTARY
PUBLIC,

Notarial Application No. 24-53

**ATTY. BETTINA ALYSSANDRA T.
DE LEON-TANHUECO,**
Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of the above-named petitioner shall be held on May 22, 2024 at 11 o'clock in the morning. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto before the date of the summary hearing.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, April 30, 2024

ROBERT ALEXANDER R. MALIG
Executive Judge

Copy furnished:

Atty. Bettina Alyssandra T. De Leon-Tanhueco
Block 7, Lot 10, 6th Street, The Hauslands Pampanga
Brgy. Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Punto Central Luzon: May 6, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO J. GUZMAN** who died on March 21, 2020 at Clark Freeport Zone, Malabacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 95662

A parcel of land (lot 14, Block 12 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-5331, being a portion of the consolidation of lots 3 and 8, Pcs-4920, and lot 4-B-2, (LRC) Psd-52216, L.R.C. Rec. No. 8715), situated in the Barrios of San Jose and Sto. Domingo, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon, Containing an area of Five Hundred Fifty-Two (552) Square Meters, more or less;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 72377

A parcel of land (lot 4-B-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-62216, being a portion of lot 4-B (LRC) Psd-41179, LRC. (GLRO) Record No. 8715), situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, Angeles City, Island of Luzon, Containing an area of Six Hundred Ninety-Two (692) Square Meters, more or less;

before Notary Public Orlando R. Pangilinan as per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 44, Book No. LXIV, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOLITA G. SANTOS** who died on February 13, 2014 resident of 204 Mamatitang, Malabacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 045-2023007062

Lot No.: 2-C, **Plan No:** Psd-03-262503
Portion of: Lot 2, Pcs-03-013454
Location: Barangay of Atlu Bola, City of Malabacat, Island of Luzon
Area: Eight Hundred Forty Eight (848) Square Meters More or Less

TCT NO. 045-2023007064

Lot No.: 2-E, **Plan No:** Psd-03-262503
Portion of: Lot 2, Pcs-03-013454
Location: Barangay of Atlu Bola, City of Malabacat, Island of Luzon
Area: Eight Hundred Forty Nine (849) Square Meters More or Less

TCT NO. 045-2023007065

Lot No.: 2-F, **Plan No:** Psd-03-262503
Portion of: Lot 2, Pcs-03-013454
Location: Barangay of Atlu Bola, City of Malabacat, Island of Luzon
Area: One Thousand Forty-Eight (1,048) Square Meters More or Less

TCT NO. 045-2023007066

Lot No.: 2-F, **Plan No:** Psd-03-262503
Portion of: Lot 2, Pcs-03-013454
Location: Barangay of Atlu Bola, City of Malabacat, Island of Luzon
Area: Eight Hundred Forty-Eight (848) Square Meters More or Less

before Notary Public Virgilio D. Lansang as per Doc. No. 358, Page No. 169, Book No. 035, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIA SICAT TIGLAO** who died on December 13, 1992 at San Joaquin, Malabacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel land (Lot 6 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd 214903, being a portion of the land described on plan Psu-114, LRC (GLRO) Rec No. 5242), situated in the Sitios of Mabanglu and Manila, Mun. of Bamban, Prov. of Tarlac, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Three Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety One (374,791 Sq. M.) and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 243604; before Notary Public Rainier J. Casis as per Doc. No. 12338-12342, Page No. 134, O.R No. 1760, Series of 2016.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MYRNA R. LUZUNG-DATU** who died on July 22, 2023 in the Sacred Heart Medical Center, McArthur Highway, Sto. Domingo, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; WHEREAS, the decedent had left her rights and interest over a certain property with improvements thereon identified as Block 21 Lot 06 (P-2B), Phase II of the Sta. Lucia Resettlement Project in Magalang, Pampanga and awarded by the National Housing Authority (NHA) through legalization process covered by MPC Title No. 471604-R which consist of Seventy Three (73) Square Meters; before Notary Public Alejandro S. Garcia as per Doc. No. 30, Page No. 6, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

Wellness...

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resources and opportunities to better our lot," Suarez said.
The wellness workshop was made possible with the support of The Romac Group, Ms. Ma. Theresa

Laus, Ms. Yolanda Miranda-Pineda, City of San Fernando Water District, Pampanga Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and House of Amaris.
Press release

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. FERNANDO AND BONIFACIA PASION** who died on September 02, 1969 and July 11, 2021 in Guagua Pampanga and California, USA; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel land (Lot 1701-A of the subdivision plan, Psd-42093, being a portion of Lot. 1701 of the Cadastral Survey of San Fernando, G.L.R.O. Cad. Record No.), situated in the Barrio of San Matias, Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Hundred Thirty Six (336) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 11645-R; before Notary Public William V. Alonte Jr., as per Doc. No. 206, Page No. 40, Book No. XCV, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PEDRO DE JESUS** who died on April 9, 1984 at Mexico, Pampanga and heirs of **HILARIO NAVARRO DE JESUS** who died on August 2, 2004 at Concepcion, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel land (Lot 6, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-018929 (OLT), being a portion of Lot. 2456 & 2464, Mex. Cad.) situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five (19,635) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. CARP-2022000111; before Notary Public Alejandro S. Garcia as per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 21, Book No. XXX, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RENATO M. MALLARI** who died on March 02, 2012 in Mabalacat City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel land (Lot 581-D-1 of the Subd., Plan Psd-03-008562; being a portion of Lot 584-D, Psd-03-000771, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; Containing an area of Two Hundred (200) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 247631; before Notary Public Virgilio D. Abarillo as per Doc. No. 66, Page No. 08, Book No. 025, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PEDRO DE JESUS** who died on April 9, 1984 at Mexico, Pampanga and heirs of **HILARIO NAVARRO DE JESUS** who died on August 2, 2004 at Concepcion, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel land (Lot 6, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-018929 (OLT), being a portion of Lot. 2456 & 2464, Mex. Cad.) situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five (19,635) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. CARP-2022000111; before Notary Public Alejandro S. Garcia as per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 21, Book No. XXX, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **WILFREDO SAMSON PANGAN** who died on April 24, 2023 at San Juan, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel land (Lot 3, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-018929 (OLT), being a portion of Lot. 2456 & 2464, Mex. Cad.) situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Two (19,362) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. CARP-2022000044; before Notary Public Lamberto S. Gonzales as per Doc. No. 356, Page No. 72, Book No. XL, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: May 6, 13 & 20, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSE GONZALES BALITON** who died on October 10, 2018 were residing at Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 89332
LOT NO.: Lot 660-F
PLAN NO.: Psd-03-039783
PORTION OF: Lot 660
LOCATION: Brgy. Malabanas, Angeles City
AREA: One Hundred Thirty-Five (135) Square Meters, more or less

before Notary Public Arnel D. Berato, as per Doc. No. 1266, Page No. 07, Book No. XII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 22, 29 & May 6, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LYSAKER S. OCAMPO-ALVIZ** who died on April 10, 2020 in Oslo, Norway; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on her estate; That during her lifetime, she is the owner of a parcel of land covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. 13936 situated in Brgy. Becuran, Sta. Rita, Pampanga, Philippines and Lot 6508-C, Csd-03-017939, =lot 6587, Cad. 377-D, Sta. Rita Cad.; Containing an area of Two Thousand (2,000) square meters, more or less; before Notary Public Chastinne Mae M. Limson, as per Doc. No. 153, Page No. 32, Book No. 16, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 22, 29 & May 6, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HERMOGENES G. TEOPACO** who died on October 2, 2020, in Jose B. Lingad, Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH) Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and **AMELIA CRUZ TEOPACO** who died on January 19, 2005 in Dr. Amando L. Garcia Medical Center Inc. Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15, Block 15, of the subdivision plan Psd-25091, being a portion of Lot 632-A-1-A described on plan Psd-25090, G.L.R.O. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrios of Pampang and Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Sixteen (216) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 82501; before Notary Public Darwin S. Reyes, as per Doc. No. 310, Page No. 2, Book No. 28, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 22, 29 & May 6, 2024

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CLARK FREEPORT -- Quest Plus Conference Center Clark, Mimosa Plus Golf Course, Filinvest Mimosa, Inc. (FMI), Chroma

Hospitality, Inc. (CHI) and Clark Development Corp. have inked a partnership solidifying their support for the upcoming MICE-

CON 2024 here in July. Valued at P2.6 million, the contract signed May 8 in Quest Plus Clark signifies the stake-

holders' collective commitment to promote Clark as the premier destination for meetings, conventions, and exhibitions (MICE) in the Philippines.

that will signal the trend and the direction of what you all prepared for in the development of your city within the city," Devanadera said during the signing.

The signatories were CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera, Filinvest Mimosa Inc. First VP for township Don Ubaldo, Chroma Hospitality, Inc. VP for sales and marketing Carmela Bocanegra, and Quest Plus Clark & Mimosa Plus Golf Course general manager Michael Gapin. "[MICECON 2024] is something

After 10 years, the Philippine M.I.C.E. Conference (MICECON) - the country's premier gathering for professionals in the MICE industry - will finally return to Clark on July 10 to 12, 2024.

The event is the largest gathering of MICE professionals in the country, and Quest Plus Clark is beyond excited to welcome delegates very soon.
Press release



WE ARE HIRING!



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MCG: Honor, revisit inspiring story of Jose Abad Santos

MABALACAT CITY – "Let us not forget the sacrifices of our heroes like Jose Abad Santos who exemplified the highest ideals of service and sacrifice for the greater good. Their stories inspire us to uphold love for our country. Let us honor their memory by living our lives with the same dedication to our nation."



Mayor Crisostomo Garbo exhorted his fellow Kapampangans to reflect upon and honor the remarkable life and legacy of one of the nation's greatest heroes, Jose Abad Santos, as the province of Pampanga commemorates the patriotism and martyrdom of the San Fernando-born hero.

Abad Santos served as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and caretaker of the Philippine Commonwealth at a critical juncture in the occupation of the country by the Japanese Imperial Army in World War II.

Known for his bravery and integrity, Abad Santos made the ultimate sacrifice by choosing to stay true to his principles, adamantly refusing to collaborate with the enemy, even unto death by execution in Lanao in May 1942. Until this day, his grave has not been located; his remains unrecovered.

His parting words to his son have, in effect, been immortalized: "Do not cry, Pepito. Show to these people that you are brave. It is an honor to die for one's country. Not everybody has that chance."

Garbo believes that Jose Abad Santos' life serves as a shining example of selflessness and moral fortitude, qualities that every Kapampangan and Filipino should aspire to embody. **Mabalacat CIO**



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Edna's Cakeland opens 4th store in SM City Clark



Just in time for the Mother's Day celebration, Edna's Cakeland opened a kiosk in SM City Clark.

"We are glad to have our space to serve treats and welcome more Kapampangans here at

SM Clark," said Edna's Cakeland CEO Anna Margarita Gonzales.

Edna's Cakeland serves various cakes, pastries and pasalubong or even baon for summer outings and gatherings.



JDN Realty enters flexible workspaces market with Regus



Ribbon-cutting rites with (L-R) JDN Realty PCEO Rick Wilkerson, JDN Realty chairman emeritu Peter Nepomuceno, IWG head for Partnership Growth Rowena Natividad, JDN Realty chairman Arni Valdes, and JDN Realty chief facilities management officer Noel Valdes. **WITH PR/PHOTOS:JDN/KENJI KILALA**

BY NING V. CORDERO

ANGELES CITY – JDN Realty, owner and premier developer of Nepo Center, a mixed-use township at the heart of this city, has ventured into flexible workspaces market in partnership with Regus, a company under the

world's leading workspace provider International Workplace Group (IWG).

The partners opened Regus on May 6 at the 6th floor of eNtec 2 Building, Nepo Center here, introducing to Pampanga a world-class and unparalleled network of co-working space backed by

IWG's 30 years of experience in offering real estate solutions to over 4,000 locations across 120 countries.

Noted for providing a dynamic workspace environment to the modern workforce,

Regus brings to the fore the substantial value of flexi-work in this new era of budding

and young professionals. With Regus membership rates starting for as low as P4,450 per month, members can already gain access to any Regus business lounge along with its prime amenities, which includes business-grade internet and telephone service,

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Garbage crisis...

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raised during a meeting of the National Solid Waste Commission when the Environmental Management Bureau-Region 3 reported that it had been notified by CDC officials about the "planned immediate closure" of the Kalangitan waste disposal facilities as soon as the government's contract with MCWMC expires this coming October.

Fearing a widespread environmental and health crisis as a result of the imminent closure of the largest waste disposal facility in Central and Northern Luzon regions, front line officials of the environment offices of various concerned local government units in Central and Northern Luzon, and the Cordillera Administrative Region were prompted to write a petition letter to Environment Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga including the regional officers of the National Solid Waste Management Commission.

The petition cited the Kalangitan facility as "an integral part to our regional waste management system handling more than 4,000 tons of wastes daily and being the only sanitary

landfill of its size in the region that fully complies with the environmental standards mandated by Republic Act 9003."

"The closure of this facility threatens to precipitate literally overnight, a severe waste management crisis throughout 3 Regions in Luzon directly affecting millions of its populace," the petition warned.

Expressing similar sentiments over the closure of the Kalangitan facilities, no less than 20 companies engaged in waste management and disposal also wrote petitions to the DENR secretary arguing against the BCDA and CDC action, and warned of the "imminent garbage crisis" facing the people of Central Luzon.

No alternative

The environmental officers of local government units in the three regions at the same time expressed their concerns over the "absence of comparable alternatives, as other facilities are either not fully capacitated, non-compliant with RA9003, too small or financially unfeasible or not affordable for their respective local governments."

Plans of the BCDA and

CDC to convert the existing sanitary land fill into other use such as tourism-oriented development is generally considered as "irresponsible, disruptive and counter-productive."

To LGUs contiguous to the Clark Freeport, closing Kalangitan without any alternative plan to deal with the massive waste that needs to be disposed daily "is irresponsible of BCDA and CDC" and a "betrayal of their mandate under RA 7227 (Bases Conversion and Development Act) to institute economic progress and development within and around the former US military installations."

Currently, some 120 cities and municipalities in Central Luzon and a few key cities and provinces in Northern Luzon use the engineered sanitary landfill in Kalangitan.

Waste disposals of nearly all households, business establishments including malls, hospitals, industries operating in cities and provinces in Central Luzon are being serviced by the Kalangitan landfill.

The Clark and Subic freeports are also dependent on the presence of an efficient waste disposal

facility for their large quantity of households and industrial wastes.

Another landfill

According to a MCWMC official, the current 4,000-5,000 daily household, industrial and institutional wastes being hauled and disposed in the world-class Kalangitan sanitary landfill can easily be accommodated at a lesser cost to local governments and "far more efficient than the more expensive and less efficient landfill site" located in Floridablanca, Pampanga.

The official alleged that the supposed alternative land fill has yet to secure the necessary permits required by government regulatory agencies, and claimed "its capacity and operational capability remains doubtful as it can only accommodate far less than the Kalangitan landfill facilities."

Right of reply

The BCDA and CDC have not responded to calls for their side on the issue as of posting time. Punto! is open to publish any statement coming from them pursuant to their right of reply. **Punto News Team/With MCWMC reports**

Delta shares...

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natin ito basta palagi lang tayong magdarasal."

Jennifer Ramos, mother of a 9-year-old leukemia patient, fought back tears as she expressed gratitude to the governor.

"Since day one, palagi pong nandyan sa tabi namin si Gov. Delta. Hindi niya kami pinababayaan, sobrang laking tulong po na nandiyan po sa amin sila

ni Vice Gov. Nanay. Ang pagmamahal at pagkalinga nila sa mga anak namin ay walang katumbas," she said.

Aside from the food treat, the children also received ₱20,000 from Gov. Delta and another ₱5,000 financial assistance as part of the quarterly support they regularly receive from the provincial government through the provincial

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in light of the threat to her sovereignty. The Chinese warrior Sun Tzu said, it is better to win without fighting. PBBM's decisive" n to firing water cannon back with water cannon is the way to do it.

It seems a balanced approach the ongoing security problem of the country against China. There is deterrence and way forward to peace. So far, it is an open shut situation and PBBM is keeping an open mind to what can work in the direction.

In the meantime, there appears to be a need to secure the homeland against spying from China found to be carried out continuously and massively through the gambling operation called POGO. There is a

way to that and that is to eradicate it immediately. Local governments must be on the look out for such nefarious schemes. The secretary of the local government has a tough job do.

The whole world knows who is the culprit of the WPS problem, the Philippines is simply protecting its own territory and sovereignty against a new hegemon. There is no retaliation kind in the mind of our leadership. The way to peace, even turning the other cheek, so to speak, is shown to achieve that end.

But the country is at the ready if push come to shove. PBBM is making a calibrated move every step of the way. You cannot ask for more. Nor anybody can, Even China.

BCDA welcomes...

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mation, we urgently need to overcome legislative challenges that may hinder the optimum potential of these economic zones. More importantly, we seek to empower the workforce that drives the success of these business hubs by allocating a portion of our land for residential purposes," said BCDA president and CEO Joshua M. Bingcang.

"We are extremely grateful to Senator Cayetano, Senator Estrada, and Senator Tolentino for filing Senate Bill 2647, which will help us achieve these goals," he added.

In a statement, Senator Cayetano said his proposed amendments are "crucial to maintaining investor confidence and facilitating the implementation of long-term infrastructure projects within BCDA economic zones."

Under Senate Bill No. 2647, a certain percentage of the land area of each BCDA economic zone shall

be declared as alienable and disposable, authorizing its sale for residential use, mixed use, industrial, and institutional purposes.

If passed, this measure is seen to mobilize residential and affordable housing development in BCDA eco-zones, which is currently prevented by the leasehold status of the properties. This would benefit workers who usually need to live and commute outside the BCDA ecozones, providing them convenience and affording them the opportunity to own a property that they can pass down to their children or family members.

A portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the land shall be earmarked and remitted to beef up the pension fund of the AFP, according to the Senate bill. A chunk of the generated funds would also be allocated for the infrastructure projects of the BCDA and its subsidiaries.

The bill also seeks to extend the BCDA's corporate term by another 50 years from its current remaining corporate life of 18 years.

This ensures the continuity of BCDA's function as a key contributor to nation-building, enabling the organization to pursue more game-changing projects, continuously improve the infrastructure in its economic zones, and generate more job opportunities for Filipinos. It would likewise boost investor confidence in the BCDA's properties, providing assurance to businesses and locators planning to invest or expand their operations.

On August 22 last year, the House of Representatives approved on third and final reading its own version of the measure as contained in House Bill 8505, authored by Representatives Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Aurelio Gonzales, Faustino A. Dy V,

Ricardo S. Cruz Jr., Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, Maria Angela S. Garcia, Jefferson F. Khonghun, Mark O. Go, Noel N. Rivera, Juan Carlos C. Atayde, Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III, Reynolds Michael T. Tan, Wilbert T. Lee, Christian Tell A. Yap, Julienne Baronda, and Manuel Jose M. Dalipe.

The proposed amendments to the BCDA charter also met tremendous support from the BCDA's partners, including Ayala Corp., Megaworld Corp., Filinvest Land Inc., Hann Development Corp., Equinetsupport Inc., Clark Investors and Locators Association, Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc., Maharlika Investment Corp., Department of Science and Technology, and the University of the Philippines, and the city government of Angeles, Pampanga.

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stars of the evening. The simple white arcs provided the perfect background for the *sagalas* to stand out.

Young boys were just as excited to earn a quick buck for the evening as they were assigned as arc bearers. For the young men, it also meant a strategic move as they 'walked' very close to the *sagala* hoping they could catch her attention, strike a short conversation and hopefully lead to the start of a beautiful friendship.

The singers at the back of the *Reyna Elena's* arc were usually the *barangay manangs* who knew the *Dios Te Salve* lyrics by heart and who sang it with so much pomp that could give today's *biritera* singers a run for their own money.

Today's *Santacruzans* have slowly become more of a fashion spectacle than a religious and cultural

activity. We now see *sagalas* wearing heavy crowns and an assortment of fancy accessories, mammoth gowns made even bigger by voluminous petti coats and long trains. Even the escorts now wear fancy and stylized coats and barongs straight from a fantasy-themed prom or party.

Sometimes, I couldn't help but feel that the religious and cultural elements of this highly revered festival have been side-lined by what appears to be a growing competition among designers, hair and make-up artists, accessories makers, stylists and even florists. For once, let us learn when to say that enough is enough. It is high time we go back to the basics and the essentials. Let us remind ourselves that even for an event as grand as a *Santacruzans*, less is more.

JDN realty...

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ergonomic furniture, printers, and a kitchen.

Regus at Nepo Center offers workspaces to match personal work style, it houses 268 work stations serving 35 fully-equipped rooms that come in various level (private office, business lounge, co-working, meeting room). Regus addresses the need of diverse client portfolio through "Plug and Play" work concept. It offers excellent customer experience with 24-hour CCTV monitoring; generous car parking capacity; and convenient local and international transport links, as eNtec 2

Building is a mere eight-minute walk from the Manibaug terminal bus stop and 15 kilometers away from the Clark International Airport.

"Our partnership with IWG is indeed a match made in heaven because it embodies our shared values, drive, and commitment towards redefining the landscape of work. And as we gather here at the eNtec 2 Building, we embrace the dawn of a new era in workplace solutions, one that is adaptive, dynamic, and responsive to the evolving needs of the modern workforce," enthused JDN Realty president and CEO Rick

Wilkerson in his remarks at the opening ceremonies.

Rowena Natividad, head for Partnership Growth of IWG, affirmed Wilkerson's message on the partnership between JDN Realty and IWG: "We're actually very choosy when it comes to partners; we don't just agree to a partnership. We have to make sure that we share the same values and we share the same advocacy. In terms of advocacy, we're actually helping more in terms of community-building for Angeles [City], particularly Nepo Center."

"This complements JDN's mission to develop

communities where collaboration knows no bounds, where innovation thrives, and where possibilities are limitless," noted Wilkerson.

Known for providing solutions to the diverse needs of the community, Regus at Nepo Center has plenty of other product offerings, such as mail handling, virtual office, coworking spaces, offices, and meeting rooms. To know more about the flexible workspace packages, you may contact the Community Sales Manager via email Ian.Cubay@regus.com and via phone +63 917 872 3119 or +63 2 8231 2380.

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Freeport Zone.

Dr. Reghis Romero II presents graphics of model houses to rise at Arcoe Estates.

"As a frontrunner in innovative housing concepts, R Land caters to specific segments of the market spectrum, such as fusion homes and compact mansions for the open market, multi-family

for the mid-cost market, expandable homes for the economy market, and residential subdivisions for the multi-market – all going full blast to help boost and sustain the country's ongoing economic expansion," Romero-Tanbonliong furthered, citing construction as a leading contributor to employment, income and value generation.

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Groundbreaking rites with R Land executives, builders, and stakeholders (L-R) Ar. Patrick Dela Cuesta, Engr. Tremayne S Hao, Rev. Edgar Panlilio, Regina Romero-Lava, Cirstin Britnlian Romero Tanbonliong, Dr. Rhegis Romero II, Rey Malig, Sapalibutad chairperson Cristina Pineda, Aron Stephen Plan, and Engr Armil L Reyes. **PHOTOS: DENG PANGILINAN/CLMA-PAMPANGA**



Dr. Rhegis Romero II presents graphics of model houses to rise at Arcoe Estates.

Arcoe Estates: Prime township breaks ground in AC

ANGELES CITY – “A mix of residential, commercial and recreational spaces and facilities providing an innovative and timeless setting and where homeowners can live, work, and play well within its perimeters.”

Thus, the uniqueness of Arcoe Estates, an 11.5-hectare prime township project of property developer R Land Development Inc. in barangay Sapalibutad here that broke ground on May 7.

“Arcoe Estates has 45% of its total area allocated for parks, playgrounds, wide roads, and pathways for accessibility and convenience,” said R Land executive vice president for marketing Cirstin Britnlian Romero-Tanbonliong in a pre-groundbreaking

briefing. “Set against the picturesque Mt. Arayat as backdrop, Arcoe Estates looms as a model of a unique living experience and a sense of pride and achievement for all who will call it home.”

“Strategically located, Arcoe Estates is bounded by major roads such as NLEX, Angeles-Magalang Road, and the soon-to-be-developed East Circumferential Road, which will connect this subdivision project to MacArthur Highway, thus making it within just 10 to 20 minutes away from everything that matters,” she explained.

The project’s 11.5-hectare expanse includes some 6,838 square meters for future development and a total of 417 house-and-

lot units.

R Land has also begun developing a similar project named “Arcoe Residences” in Lipa City, Batangas spanning some 9.3 hectares and showcasing its innovative design concept of making work, rest and play possible within the four corners of the house.

“The Arcoe township and lifestyle brands in Angeles City and Lipa City essentially factor in peace, security and safety for the prospective residents,” noted Romero-Tanbonliong, also citing scenic locations in both projects.

R Land’s other project in Central Luzon, also in Angeles City, showcases a large estate within this regional financial center at the doorstep of the Clark

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Dr. Rhegis Romero II, flanked by Regina Romero-Lava and Cirstin Brinnian Romero Tanbionlong, shows Arcoe Estates development plan prior to capsule-laying.

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