

Build more water impounding systems to address CL flooding

MALOLOS CITY -- President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Saturday ordered the construction of more water impounding systems in Central Luzon to mitigate flooding in the region.

"Ganun din 'yung obserbasyon ko dun sa — habang lumilipad kami, iniikot, tinitingnan — 'yung tubig walang pupuntahan e. Wala talagang pupuntahan. Mataas yung tubig ng dagat. Mataas yung tubig ng ilog, may baha pa dun sa mga farmlands," the president said in a situation briefing at the Bulacan Provincial Capitol with the

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**AERIAL INSPECTION.** President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. conducts an aerial inspection in Bataan, Pampanga, and Bulacan to find out the extent of the damage of Typhoon Carina. **PHOTO: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE**

Bataan, Bulacan, Pampanga placed under state of calamity



**SITUATIONAL BRIEFING.** Governors Daniel Fernando, Dennis "Delta" Pineda, and Jose Enrique "Joet" Garcia III attend situational briefing on the impact of Typhoon Carina presided by President Marcos Jr. in Bulacan. **PHOTO: RTVM**

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO –** To better respond to the needs of their citizens in the wake of the destruction wrought by Typhoon Carina, the provinces of Bataan, Bulacan, and Pampanga have been placed under state of calamity by their respective local government units over the weekend.

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MCG achievements delivered in 2024 SOCA

MABALACAT CITY – “We emerge victorious at the Times Higher Education Awards Asia 2024, clinching the prestigious Technological or Digital Innovation of the Year award among top contenders like Chiang Mai University, James Cook University, and National University of Singapore. Kaya naman mismong si President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos, Jr. ay binanggit niya ang Mabalacat City College sa kanyang 2024 SONA.”

The city’s outstanding accomplishment in the field of education made the foremost achievement cited by Mayor Crisostomo Garbo in his own State of the City Address delivered at the Tabnuan Cultural and Heritage Center here on July 26.

Themed “Pananatili ng Pag-unlad, Pagpapalakas ng Ciudad” (Sustaining Progress, Strengthening the City), Garbo emphasized the theme of unity and progress throughout his SOCA held in a special session by the 4th Sangguniang Panlungsod presided by Vice Mayor Gerald Guttrie Aquino, whom the mayor thanked, along with the barangay captains, department and unit heads of the LGU for their continuous support and collaboration in various

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Leaders of transport organizations pose with signed Mission Road Safety pledge. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

## 10-M in CL registered under PhilSys

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — A total of 10,155,144 individuals in Central Luzon have been registered under the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) as of June 30 this year.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) said the number represented 87.8% of the target population for the region.

“The PhilSys registration has been a crucial addition to our responsibilities, and we are committed to ensuring that every Filipino is registered,” declared PSA-3 director Arlene Divino at the recent ninth episode of the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas of the Philippine Information Agency, noting the expanded role of the PSA beyond birth certificates and censuses, highlighting the inclusion of the PhilSys program in their mandate.

The registration for children aged 1 to 4 began in February this year. By June 30, the PSA had registered 83,020 children in this age group, equating to roughly 11% of the 771,636 total population of 1 to 4-year-olds based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing.

“We encourage all parents to register their children to the nearest PhilSys registration center in our provincial offices,” Divino urged.

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# BIYAHERO 2024

## NLEX secures commitment on road safety

MANILA -- NLEX Corp. continues to ramp up its road safety efforts with another BiyaHero Road Safety Caravan recently held at the SMX Convention Center.

As part of the company’s Mission Road Safety campaign, the caravan aims to foster a safer road environment and boost productivity within the transport sector. It brought together transport organization leaders, drivers, helpers, and mechanics for a comprehensive day of education and engagement.

“Today, we reaffirm our commitment to making roads safer for everyone,” said NLEX

Corp. president and GM J. Luigi L. Bautista. “Through the BiyaHero Caravan, we equip drivers with essential knowledge and skills to prevent road crashes, traffic violations, and vehicle damage.”

Beyond this vital road advocacy, the event’s highlight was the ceremonial signing of the Mission Road Safety pledge by key stakeholders and leaders from transport organizations that included the Confederation of Truckers Association of the Philippines (CTAP), Inland Haulers and Truckers Association, Haulers and Truckers Association in the Watersouth, Inc., Nagkakaisang Samahan

ng Nangangasiwa ng Panlalawigang Bus sa Pilipinas, Inc., Pangkalahatang Sanggunian Manila & Suburbs Drivers Association, Alliance of Transport Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines, Liga ng Transportasyon at Operators sa Pilipinas, Alliance of Concerned Transport Organizations, Stop and Go Transport Coalition, Bulacan Federation of Transport Cooperative, Pinagsama Transport Cooperative, and UV Express National Alliance of the Philippines.

This commitment marks the start of a nationwide campaign to gather one million pledges

by 2025 to significantly reduce traffic violations and fatal road crashes. The initiative aligns with the United Nations’ goal of halving road traffic deaths and injuries by 2030.

The pledge signifies their commitment to be responsible and disciplined on the road by driving within the speed limit, being alert and observing proper lane usage to save and protect lives.

“We are proud to stand alongside NLEX Corp. in this initiative,” noted Teddy Gervacio, president of Inland Haulers and Truckers Association. “It is a collective responsibility we all

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## Clark Water cited for solar power facility

CLARK FREEPORT — “This initiative demonstrates Clark Water’s dedication to sustainability, aligning with the CDC’s renewable energy advocacy while effectively reducing energy costs and minimizing its carbon footprint.”

Thus, Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera hailed Clark Water Corp. (CWC), a subsidiary of Manila Water Philippine Ventures, at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for the firm’s new solar power facility at Pump-

ing Station 1 in the freeport.

CWC general manager Lyn Zamora said the expansion of their water and wastewater services included the installation of two new solar facilities. These include a 19-kilowatt system at Yakal Warehouse and a larger 52-kilowatt installation at Pumping Station 1. She estimated that these upgrades will save approximately P200,000 annually.

In 2019, CWC ventured into sustainable energy by installing a 23-kilowatt solar

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CDC PCEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera (second from right) with CWC regional operations group director for Luzon Maily Lynne Quinto (rightmost) lead the ribbon cutting ceremony for Clark Water’s new solar power facility at Pumping Station 1. Also present are (L-R) VP for legal affairs group Atty. Gloria Victoria Taruc, VP for engineering services group Engr. Teresito Tiotuyco, VP for administration and finance Jose Miguel de la Rosa, constructions management d manager Engr. Rogelio Magat, all from CDC; and CWC GM Lyn Zamora. **PHOTO: CDC**

# SM malls in ‘Gapo support Brigada Eskwela 2024

OLONGAPO CITY – In a heartwarming display of community spirit and collaboration, SM City Olongapo Central and SM City Olongapo Downtown recently participated in the annual Brigada Eskwela at two elementary schools

here.

At Nellie E. Brown Elementary School, SM City Olongapo Central joined forces with dedicated volunteers to undertake a comprehensive transformation of the learning environment.

Classroom walls and window grills were repainted and cleaned the surroundings to create a vibrant and conducive atmosphere for students.

Meanwhile, SM City Olongapo Downtown adopted Balic Balic Ele-

mentary School, where they donated cleaning and painting materials.

Part of the activity of both malls was the turnover of books to support the educational needs of students, enriching their learning experience and

expanding their access to knowledge.

This act of kindness and generosity from SM will undoubtedly have a profound impact on the school community, promoting a positive and hygienic learning environment.

The annual program of SM partnered with DepEd has been the traditional activity where SM employees devote their time to help clean, repaint and repair classrooms for the improvement of school facilities. **SM-PR**





# Chahya Tayba!

**CLARK FREEPORT** – Koobideh. Kabsa. Kaftaji. Mouloukhiya. Salata Machwiya. Kebab – beef, chicken and lamb. To the more familiar shawarma, hummus, and falafel. Med food cravings, satisfied – first ever in Clark, with the opening of Couscousi Mediterranean Grill at Barnhouse 2079, right across the verdant sprawl of the Clark Parade Grounds. It can't get any more authentic than here – with Chef Oussama Trabelsi. Open 11am to 9pm, Monday to Thursday; 7am to 10pm, Friday until Sunday. And mesmerizing belly dancing on weekends too. *Punto Lifestyle Team*



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# To the Point



## Leave no child behind

HUMAN TRAFFICKING is a horrific crime that targets the most vulnerable in our societies.

On this World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, we focus on the most vulnerable among us – children.

Children account for one-third of trafficking victims, suffering unspeakable abuse – whether they are forced into labour, sold off as brides, recruited as soldiers, or coerced into criminal activities.

Rising inequalities and globalization have fuelled complex trafficking networks that challenge traditional legal frameworks, creating new forms of slavery.

Online platforms further expose children to sexual exploitation and gender-based violence and allow traffickers to exploit victims across borders.

The physical and psychological scars of these crimes persist long into adulthood, robbing them of their innocence, futures and fundamental rights.

We must strengthen protection responses – including child-sensitive justice mechanisms, raise awareness, support unaccompanied children on the move, provide care for survivors, and tackle the root causes of exploitation by helping vulnerable families.

I call upon governments, civil society, and the private sector, including tech companies, to intensify their efforts and collaboration so that no child is victimized and no trafficker goes unpunished.

On this day, let us renew our commitment for a future where every child is safe and free.

**(UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres message for the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, 30 July 2024)**

# Punto!

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## Central Luzon

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# Opinion

## Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

## Ang peregrino

PYESTA NGAYON sa aking hometown sa Betis, Guagua Pampanga, dahil patron ng aming parokya doon si Santiago Mayor. Dalawa ang larawan ni Santiago Apostol ang ipinuprusisyon doon sa amin sa Betis: ang Santiagong sundalo, may dalang espada, nakasakay sa kabayong puti at tinatawag na Santiago El Matamoro; at ang Santiago El Peregrino, nakasumbrero, may hawak na tungkod at naka-balabal na may nakasabit na kabibeng simbolo ng peregrino.

Nong bagong pari pa ako, at batang-bata pa, may nasabi ako sa aking homily sa araw ng pista ni Santiago na hindi ikinatuwa ng mga nakatatanda sa aming baryo. Nasabi ko na, kung kasaysayan ang pagbabatayan, imposibleng sumakay si Santiago ng kabayong pandigma, nagsuot sundalo at nakipaglaban sa mga Morong Muslim noong 9th century. Bakit? Ang orihinal na Santiago ay nabuhay noong first century at wala pang mga Muslim noon. Halos 6th century na nang magsimula ang Islam. At ang tinatawag na giyerang "reconquista" o digmaan ng mga Kastila laban sa mga Morong sumakop sa kanila ay naganap sa loob ng walong siglo mula 8th century. Nasabi ko na isang alamat ang kuwento tungkol sa Santiagong Matamoro. Sa gitna ng giyera, nakita daw ang isang mahiwagang sundalong nakakabayong puti na tumutulung sa kanila para mapalaya ang Espanya sa mga Morong sumakop sa kanila at sumupil sa kanilang pananampalataya.

Palagay ko, kaya pinasikat ang Camino de Santiago, ay para ibalik sa alaala ng mga Espanyol lalo na ng mga taga-Compostela, na bahagi ng rehiyon ng Galicia, na hindi mandirigma kundi peregrino ang orihinal na apostol. Na ang buong buhay niya ay may kinalaman hindi sa pakikidigma kundi sa pagsunod sa Camino o Landas ni Kristo. Sa ating ebanghelyo, parang mga mapusok na kabataan ang dating ng magkapatid na anak ni Zebedeo—si Santiago at Juan. Ambisioso, agresibo, walang hangad kundi ang maging dakila. Sa version ni San Mateo, ang nanay ang humiling na mapwesto ang dalawang anak niya sa kaliwa at kanan ni Hesus. Pero sa orihinal na kwento ni San Markos, sila mismo ang humiling nito. Ganyan man sila noong una, nagbago naman ang direksyon ng buhay nila sa kalaunan mula nang makatagpo nila si Hesus ng Nazareth. Ang daan ng tunay na kadakilaan na itinuro sa kanila ni Kristo ay hindi kapangyarihan, kundi kababaang-loob at pagiging handang maglingkod sa nga maliliit at mga ineetsapwera sa lipunan.

Sa araw na ito ng kapistahan ng apostol na natuto munang maging disipulo o sumunod sa Landas ni Kristo bago maging apostol o sugo ni Kristo, magnilay tayo ngayon tungkol sa buhay bilang paglalakbay at paghahanap ng daan. Isa sa mga paborito kong panoorin noong bata pa ako, lalo na pag Holy Week, ay iyong lumang pelikula ni Cecil B. De Mille, The Ten Commandments. At siyempre, iyung pinakahihintay kong eksena ay noong tumakas na ang bayang Israel mula sa pagkaalipin sa Ehipto at na-corner sila sa may baybay ng dagat na pula. Nag-iyakan ang mga tao dahil alam nilang hinahabol sila ng mga Egyptians. Ito ang binabanggit sa ating first reading: "Ang tubig ay nahawi at lumitaw ang tuyong lupa, isang malinis na landas sa gitna ng dagat na pula."

Palagay ko, ito ang naging inspirasyon ng sumikat

na Charismatic song "GOD WILL MAKE A WAY." Maraming beses kasi sa buhay natin na parang di na natin alam ang gagawin. Nalalagay tayo sa mga sitwasyon ng kapalpakan, kabiguan katulad ng mga alagad sa ebanghelyo na nangisda at umuwing walang laman ang bangka, walang nahuli. Sabi ng kanta, "God will make a way where there seems to be no way, He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me."

Ang gusto ko sa kantang ito, hindi niya sinasabing "God will find a way for us...". Kundi HE WILL MAKE A WAY. Ang landas hindi hinahanap kundi ginagawa. Mas gusto natin kasing dumaan doon sa mga landas na gawa na, malinis, patag. Pero kung minsan, sa ayaw natin at sa gusto, humahantong tayo sa mga hangganan o dulo ng landas. Ang papel ni Kristo sa buhay natin ay ang samahan tayo sa paglalakbay. Abutin man natin ang dulo ng landas hangga't kalakbay natin siya, matututo tayong gumawa ng mga bagong daan. Dahil siya mismo ang daan, katotohanan, at buhay.

Ito ang itinuro ni Hesus sa mga unang mga alagad na pawang mga kabataan: Si Simon at kapatid niyang si Andres, si Santiago at kapatid niyang si Juan. Matagal-tagal rin bago nila matutunang sundin ang landas ni Kristo. Urong-sulong sila nang maglakbay na siya patungo sa Jerusalem kung saan siya ipinako. Hinaharang pa nga siya ni Pedro noon. Pero napagsabihan siya, "Maliban lang kung matutunan ninyong itatwa ang sarili, pasanin ang aking krus at sumunod sa aking landas, hindi kayo maaaring maging mga alagad ko."

ANG LANDAS NI HESUS AY LANDAS NG KAWALAN. Kaya nga maraming tumiwalag sa kanya habang daan.

Sanay kasi ang tao kapag sumali sa anumang gawain, na itanong, "Ano ang makukuha ko dito? Ano ang mapapala ko? Ano ang pakinabang sa akin?" Ginawang positibo ni Hesus ang landas ng kawalan. Tinawag itong KENOSIS ni San Pablo. PABUBUHOS NG SARILI UPANG MABIGYANG PUWANG ANG DIYOS SA BUHAY NATIN. Ang tawag dito ni San Juan de la Cruz ay CAMINO DE LA NADA: wala daw ibang daan patungo sa kaganapan kundi ang landas ng kawalan.

Di ba ito rin ang sinasabi ng kantang PANANAGUTAN? "Walang sinuman ang nabubuhay para sa sarili lamang." TOTOO BA YON? Hindi lagi. Maraming taong nabubuhay para sa sarili. Pero, buhay na walang laman, walang saysay, walang direksyon. Ang landas ni Kristo ay daan ng PANANAGUTAN sa kapwa, daan ng pag'ibig na hindi takot maghirap o mamatay para sa minamahal. Ito ang daan ni Kristo.

**(Homiliya para sa Kapistahan ni Santiago Mayor, 25 Hulyo 2024, Mt. 20:20-28)**

## Do not cast me off in my old age (Psalm 71:9)

**GOD NEVER** abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5)...

On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path.

**(From the message of Pope Francis for the 4th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, July 28, 2024)**





## Opinion

### The Public Space

Jun Sula

## The audacity of the Veep

There is no iota or ounce of doubt that the second highest official of the land has an independent mind. She has a man-sized temper, and she showed the nation on TV news sometime ago when she gave a local sheriff a straight fistful anger for crossing her.

She doesn't only speak her mind about something. She walks the talk. She quit her Cabinet post as education czar under the so-called unity team and gave now reason for it. Whatever it was, it was enough that she gave the post up that quickly, period. That says a lot.

Her decision also said something about what the unity is all about. It's no longer there, even if President Bongbong Marcos keeps on insisting it still exists. In meantime, only PBBM believes the unity that he forged with the Dutertes is still intact notwithstanding his running mate's surprise moves.

As if to raise the ante, the vice president declared that she wouldn't be around for the State-of-the-Nation-Address of PBBM. She also said she would not watch it on TV or listen to it. She would be both physically and mentally absent from a very important event for the nation.

Besides, she has a little fear or premonition in mind. She has self-declared herself the designated survivor in case something bad happens to PBBM and his Constitutionally-appointed survivors all vanished into thin air. She must be thankful to the president sister-senator for giving her the flimsy idea of a very remote possibility. Better be safe and survive than be sorry. It's a poor joke or a bad dream, if it's not an unkind wish.

As if to make the national conversation even thick and fast with intrigues, she has taken an abrupt decision for a vacation abroad with her family in the midst of a storm that devastated

the country. So sorry, apologized the president's sister-senator, the Veep had no prior information.

Obviously, PBBM needed a big help in sorting out and fixing the nation's problems as a result of the storm. And there was no VP around to lend a hand. Her presence would have made a big difference just her absence was felt in a big way. The VP, after all, is not just a spare tire. She is really part of the working structure in politics.

It's about time the Philippine Constitution is amended vis-à-vis the Vice President. There is an obvious need now to consider making the running mate of the president automatically elected if the president is elected. We can borrow from the American practice of doing the same thing and giving the vice president the headship of the Senate.

By acting as the Senate president, the vice president will not just be a symbol of a non-working office but truly a vital part of a democratic system.

There is logic and pragmatism in the idea. It will create a more harmonious working relationship between the President and the Vice President, thereby promoting a strong executive tandem to lead the nation in a cooperative, not opposing, endeavor.

Right now, the vice president is virtually cast on the opposing side of the fence. For instance, rightly or wrongly, the VP is questioned by many for her silence on the dispute between China and the Philippines in the West Philippine Sea.

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## Opinion

### Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

## What's in a title, Sir?

IF THE "misgendering" incident that transpired in a mall in Cebu City on July 21 were treated even with just a pinch of genuine kindness, it would not have escalated into another viral issue that has spawned a litany of banter, opinions, comments, and yes, even memes.

On one side, you see the plight of the LGBTQIA+ community that continues to fight against discrimination and work for a more gender-sensitive and inclusive society. Despite what has been said against Jude Bacalso and the way she handled the situation, let us not invalidate the plight of this community that has been marginalized for so long.

Then on the other side, you can sense the steadily growing call for all people to be kinder, more considerate and respectful of other people's inability or even unpreparedness to comprehend and embrace everything that the LGBTQIA+ community stands and fights for. One social media post sums it all up – that simple incident could have been one perfect "educating" moment for the clueless waiter.

Unfortunately, it generated attention for all the wrong reasons simply because Bacalso felt the desire to assert her rights, berate the waiter for what was clearly an honest "mistake" and demand respect by being addressed "Ma'am." She could have opted to be the bigger person in this episode by simply and calmly correcting the waiter, and in the process, earn the respect not just for herself but for the entire LGBTQIA+ community.

On a side note, this incident is no different from the propensity of a few doctorate degree holders in the academic community who relish being addressed "Doctor" whenever introduced in a program, or called on stage to deliver a message, or whenever they are addressed by their subordinates and guests in the

confines of their offices. There was this gathering that I attended when the host acknowledged the presence of the VIPs in the audience. Someone must have called the attention of the host because later in the program, the host had to apologize profusely to one VIP who was "wrongly" introduced as "Ma'am VIP" instead of "Dr. VIP." While I understand that these are titles that were earned after years of academic studies, I also believe that one who is very assured of her worth as a professional will never make a mountain out of a molehill of an oversight.

I remember a similar incident during my first semester of teaching Economics at the University of the Philippines in San Fernando. One day, our dean called me into her office and asked me if I did not feel insulted whenever my students would call me "Mama." I knew and felt that our dear dean was only concerned about me and did not, even for an instance, doubt my ability to handle my classes. Well, I simply said no, and assured her that my familiarity with my students would never get in the way of my teaching profession. The lines and boundaries were distinctly clear – I was their teacher inside the classroom, and I was everybody's Mama outside.

I have been called and addressed differently since then – Boss, Manager, Sir, Teacher, Coach, Principal and now, School Director. While I am thankful that these titles speak of my journey as a professional and they carry with them both a sense of honor

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## Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

## Ing sistema ning pulitika king bansa

Kening bansa tamu nung kecatang surian ding botantis caras na nitang alalan king pamagbotu ra atin lang batayan nung ninu ring taung carelang pilinan lacuas king pusisyung matas a tungculan manibat canita't ngening salucuyan

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king nasyunal naman menasa ring tau magbasi la mu rin caring apilidu ustung ing darala ning cacandidatu sicut yang lagyu ring matwang puliticu ila ring menasang buri rang bubotu a pagtiwalan da king ban mangubyernu

Antimo ring Marcos, Romualdez, Aquino Roxas, Macapagal, Magsaysay, Quirino Natividad, Quezon, Bagatsing at Recto Tatad, de Venecia, Legarda, Cojuangco Osmeña, Pimentel, Lopez, Tolentino Romulo, Concepcion, at Nepomuceno

Ople, Mangiliman, Santiago, Virata Abad Santos, Singson, Rocco, Alinea Joson, Bernardino, Rodriguez, Angara Arroyo, Ocampo, Saguisag, Remulla Cayetano, Binay, Belmonte, Atienza Diokno, Pangilinan, Leviste, Padilla

Mapilan la mu ren caring alimbawâ apilidung bantug king kecatang bansâ king casalesayan ning pamanibalâ canita at ngeni e la mawawalâ micasalat la man e no man aliwâ calipi da la rin at metung mu dayâ

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Pelalung ding tau a sadiang militar mekisoso na rin mekisamal-samal pati buksingerung ngeni mayacayan cayabe na naman caring manungculan sicut ca mu sa at atin cang gastusan king pamanagal mu e ca mikelangan

at keraclan caring manungculan ngeni' e no menaliwa ila na parati' mengari king ari mate la man deti' anac do o apu retang manalili' e ra ne ibili gawan deng "dynasty" ing sistema na ning pulitica keti.....

# St. Scholastica’s...

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initiatives focused on the values of “Love and Service.”

Some high-lights include the Gawad HuSSAy at SSay-sayAward, which will honor 100 alumni in their fields, the Centennial Lecture series featuring Christian Esguerra, former Senator Leila de Lima, and Senator Risa Hontiveros (Esguerra and de Lima are San Beda College alumni, while Hontiveros is a proud St. Scholastica’s College alumna), and the Grand Alumni Home-coming in February 2025.

SSAndaan will also feature special commemorative services, cultural performances, and interactive events that engage students, alumni, lay partners, and the broader community. The celebration highlights the school’s dedication to its core values and looks forward to future educational achievements and

contributions.

“The centennial events are open to all who have been part of our journey, not just graduates. We welcome anyone who has studied here to join the celebra-tion,” the OSB directress said.

She also praised the artistic contributions, noting, “The new songs and artistic efforts for our centennial are truly inspiring. They embody our theme, ‘100 Years of Love and Service,’ and reflect our community’s dedication.”

Reflecting on SSA-SF’s values, S. Mananzan empha-sized that the celebration will focus on nurturing unity and love within the community, embodying the virtues of love and service central to Bene-dictine spirituality.

“Ang pangunah-ing layunin ng aming pag-diriwang ay ang mapalago ang pagkakaisa at pag-mamahalan sa aming

komunidad. Hindi mahalaga kung gaano ka-elegante ang aming mga proyekto, ang mahalaga ay ang pagbuo ng mas malalim na pagkakaisa at pag-mamahalan sa pagitan natin,” (The main pur-pose of our celebration is to foster unity and love within our community. It doesn’t matter how elegant our projects are; what’s important is build-ing deeper unity and love among us.), S. Manan-zan said.

“I extend my heartfelt thanks to our lay part-ners. Your dedication is crucial to the success of our school and this centennial milestone. Without your support, this celebration would not be possible,” Sister Alexis Lamarozza, OSB, HS principal concluded with gratitude.

Founded in June 1925 as the Assumption Academy of Pampanga and renamed St. Scho-lastica’s Academy in

1966, SSA-SF has continuously adapted to meet community needs while uphold-ing its commitment to quality education. For the centennial, SSA-SF introduced two logos: the traditional logo featuring the Chi-Rho symbol, Benedictine Cross, and “Ora et Labora” (Pray and Work), and the centennial logo with the number “100” integrated with Chi-Rho, olive branches, and dove wings, underscoring the theme “100 Years of Love and Service.”

The centennial cele-bration honors SSA-SF’s legacy and reaffirms its mission with renewed dedication. For more details of the SSSan-daan celebration, follow the official Facebook page of St. Scholastica’s Academy Pampanga.

Everyone is welcome to join all of the activities graduates and non-graduates of St. Scholastica’s Academy. ***Ning Vergara-Cordero***

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIE ANNE LOURDES N. GUANZON** who died single on August 11, 2023 at The Medical City Clark Freport Zone, Pampanga, City of San Fernando, Pampanga being her place of residence at the time of her death; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Deed of Absolute Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

### a. Transfer Certificate of Title No. 187640-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 3874 of Psd-311002), situated in Barangay Sindalan, Mun. of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Two Hundred (200), Square Meters."

### b. Condominium Certificate of Title No. 002-2013000486

"Unit 508 – residential located at the 5th Floor of University Tower II situated in Galicia Street, Sampaloc, Manila"

c. One (1) motorized vehicle, more particularly described as follows;

Make: Toyota	Chassis No.: PA1B19F32H402325082
Series: Vios 1.3E Gas A	Plate No.: NBV3589
Engine No.: 1NRX130516	Body Type: Sedan

d. Joint Dollar Savings account no. 8824-012548 with IVAN at Bank of the Philippine Islands (Sindalan Branch) amounting to USD 3,762.84 more or less.

e.Basa Air Base Savings and Loan under account no. 7657 amounting to Php 13,016.41 more or less.

The bank accounts under items, d, e, and f are jointly referred to as “**BANK account**”.

before Notary Public Mariano Domingo T. Santiago, as per Doc. No. 366, Page No. 75, Book No. VII, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ADALIA P. SUPAN** who died single on January 10, 2019; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Deed of Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 24, Blk. 10 of the consolidation & subdivision plan. Pcs-03-000442, being a portion of the consolidated lots 74-F-2 & 74-F-3, (LRC) Psd-192797, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Barrio of Capaya City of Angeles; Containing an area of One Hundred (100), Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 81771; before Notary Public Norma U. Tobias-Pagaduan, as per Doc. No. 860, Page No. 25, Book No. XXIII, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2024**

## NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **JESUS M. MANLUTAC**, of legal age, single, Filipino, with residence and postal address at Pandan, Angeles City, Pampanga; and heirs of **DEMETIA M. MANLUTAC**, widow, who died on February 14, 1996 at Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; The said decedent has left her rights and interest over a certain property, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 53868; containing an area of 150 square meters, more or less particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 35, Block 4 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-29328, being a portion of lot 86-B-2-B6 of plan (LRC) Psd-21322, L.R.C. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Pandan, Angeles City; before Notary Public Ronaldo C. Pascual, as per Doc. No. 245, Page No. 49, Book No. 33, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 29, August 5 & 12, 2024**

## NOTICE OF SOLE-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **JULIET DAVID GANGCUANGCO**, of legal age, Annulled, Filipino and resident of Brgy. San Jose, Sta. Rita, Pampanga; and heirs of **ESTER DAVID GANGCUANGCO** who died on January 8, 2021 in Alameda, California, U.S.A; executed an Affidavit of Sole-Adjudication on her estate, and she is co depositor on a Savings Account under Account No. 0713-5540-49, with the Bank of the Philippine Islands, Guagua, Pampanga Branch; before Notary Public Chastinne Mae M. Limson, as per Doc No. 464, Page No. 94, Book No. 16, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NATIVIDAD S. LUGTU** who died on August 9, 2017 at Greenhills, San Juan City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Assignment on her estate; and she left behind ownership over the following;

- Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Six (61,206) shares of stock in NVTERA LENDING, INC., a domestic corporation.
- Eighty One Thousand (81,000) shares of stock in GRAYLINE REALTY AND DEV. CORP., a domestic corporation.

before Notary Public Paolo M. Benitez, as per Doc No. 522, Page No. 103, Book No. 13, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SEVELINA P. MALLARI** who died on June 27, 2019 in Tarlac City, Tarlac; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, Blk. 20F the subd. plan Psd-03-025349 being a portion of Lot 2, Blk. 24 Pcs-03-000719, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Manibaug-Pasig, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of Six Hundred Nineteen (619) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 265399-R Registry of Deeds of San Fernando Pampanga; before Notary Public Regina Gopez-Agustin, as per Doc No. 78, Page No. 36, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TOMAS DAVID NUNAG** who died on July 21, 2022 at 56 Sitio Calibutbut, Telabastagan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15-A-1-A-3 of the subd. plan Psd-03-103246, being a portion of Lot 15-A-1-A, Psd-03-084404, L.R.C. Rec. No. ) situated in the Bo. of Calibutbut, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of Five Hundred (500) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 481667-R Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Rochelle L. Canasa, CPA, as per Doc No. 17, Page No. 5, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARCELINO BARBERO VILORIA** who died on January 21, 2023 at Angeles Pampanga, and **GLORIA RULLODA VILORIA** who died on April 3, 2022 at Houston, Texas both were residents of Angeles, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and that during their lifetime, they only had a Metrobank Bank Savings Account as their property bearing the account number 374-3-37425253-5 under the Angeles Balibago Branch, said Account contains the amount of more or less One Million Seven Hundred Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five Pesos and Twenty Four Cents (Php 1,716,485.24); before Notary Public May Fydee D. Ricafort-Cosalan, as per Doc. No. 327, Page No. 66, Book No. XXIX, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 15, 22 & 29, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANNA MARIE CASTRO SANTOS** who died on August 31, 2020, at Sacred Heart Medical Center, Mcarthur Highway Sto. Domingo, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 6, Block 12 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, being a portion of the consolidation of lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles; Containing an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2016002009; before Notary Public Cyril Victor N. Bermudo, as per Doc No. 3067, Page No. 76, Book No. CXV, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOHN REYES MANLAPAZ** who died on December 25, 2001 in Sto. Niño Magalang Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Partition on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

### TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND

TCT NO.:	6404
LOT:	B, Psd-035402-060641 AR
PORTION OF:	Lot 4403, Arayat Cadastre
LOCATION:	La Paz Turu, Arayat Pampanga
AREA:	Thirty Thousand (30,000) Sq. m.

before Notary Public Paul Jerick O. Mallari, as per Doc No. 10, Page No. 3, Book No. 1, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RAMON L. LUGTU** who died on October 26, 2019 at Bgy. St. Ignatius, Quezon City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Assignment on his estate; and left behind ownership over Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred Eight (81,608) shares of stock in NVTERA LENDING, INC., a domestic corporation; before Notary Public Paolo M. Benitez, as per Doc No. 523, Page No. 103, Book No. 13, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **OMAR S. SARIP** who died on November 1, 2021 at Sto. Nino, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his estate; and that the deceased left the following Bank Account with Account Number SA# 005780432512 maintained with Angeles-Nepo-Mart, in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty One Thousand Ninety Four and 58/100 (Php 281,094.58) plus interest accruing; before Notary Public Cyril Victor N. Bermudo, as per Doc. No. 1100, Page No. 108, Book No. CXZ, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 15, 22 & 29, 2024**

## NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **EDWIN BORJA MANALANG**, of legal age, Widower, Filipino citizen, residence of 16 Bonifacio Street, Plaridel 1 Subdivision, Malabanias, Angeles City; and heirs of **JAYLYN FRANCISCO MANALANG**, who died on January 5, 2024 at B12 17 Angus St., Savannah Green Plains, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on her estate, and more particularly described as follows;

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2020002460

A parcel of land (Lot 4, Block 32 of the subdivision plan LRC Psd-31390, Sheet 3 being a portion of Lot 647, Angeles Cadastre, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the barrio of Malabanias, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Six Hundred Five (605) Square Meters;

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2020005904

A parcel of land (Lot 7, Block 12 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-019431, being a portion of Lot 698-B-1, Psd-03-006152, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the barrio of Sta. Catalina, City of Angeles; Containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc No. 34, Page No. 8, Book No. XCI, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 22, 29 & August 5, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. BENJAMIN URBANO MAGO & EULALIA CABILANGAN MAGO** who died on September 13, 1994 and July 1, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 3527-M

LOT NO.:	Lot 8 Block 4
PORTION OF:	Lot 11-B,11-C,11-D,11-E and 11-F
PLAN NO.:	Pcs-4312
PLAN NO.:	Swo-7750
LOCATION:	Bario of Dau, Municipality of Mabalacat, Pampanga
LOT AREA:	Two Hundred Thirty-Five (235) squaremeters

before Notary Public Rodolfo T. Tobias, as per Doc. No. 89, Page No. 75, Book No. XLII, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 15, 22 & 29, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIO MALLARI ESGUERRA** who died on November 21, 2006 in Caloocan City, Metro Manila; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his estate; That the said deceased leaving as his estates his community share over the following real property with improvements thereon located at Block 22 Lot 43, NHA Pandacaqui, Mexico City, Pampanga; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 463247-R of the Registry for San Fernando, Pampanga; before Notary Public Anthonie K. Langit, as per Doc. No. 898, Page No. 49, Book No. LX, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 15, 22 & 29, 2024**

## NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MICHAEL J. DIANGSON** who died on June 9, 2016 at Sacred Heart Medical Center, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; Which is more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 38, Block 11, of the subdivision plan Psd-49971, sheet 1, being a portion of Block 16 described on plan Psd-46477, LRC Record No. 124), situated in the Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Hundred Thirty Two (332) Square Meters; before Notary Public Jan Rez D. Pineda, as per Doc. No. 759, Page No. 102, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

**Punto! Central Luzon: July 15, 22 & 29, 2024**



# SM Foundation donates textbooks to public school



**BY ERNIE ESCONDE**  
BALANGA CITY -- SM Foundation, Inc. through SM City Bataan donated 481 textbooks to a public elementary school in Barangay Tuyoy here, a few days before the scheduled open-

ing of classes. SM City Bataan public relations manager Paula Gayeta said the books given to the Tuyoy Integrated School were textbooks on Science, Math, Araling Panlipunan, among some others, intended for the ele-

mentary from Grades 1 – 6. She said that access to books remains a pivotal gateway to learning and personal growth and SM Foundation recognizes the deep impact of knowledge in today's world. "This initiative aims to

bridge the gap between available resources and those in need that fosters a culture of learning and giving. This SM Foundation book donation project is rooted in the belief that everyone deserves access to quality education,"

Gayeta explained. "By distributing books to public schools, this donation seeks to empower individuals, especially young learners with the tools they need to succeed. Books not only enhance literacy skills but also open doors

to new worlds, knowledge, and ideas," she stressed. School principal Dr. Roberto Gabriel thanked SM Foundation, Inc. and SM City Bataan for the donation that he said will be of great help to teachers and school children.



Storm surge destroys a portion of the coastal road at Sitio Tektek, an area identified as a dynamic zone where coastal accretion and erosion occur in cycles. PHOTO COURTESY OF PDRRMO-ZAMBALES

## Zambales to check developments in hazard zones

**BY MALOU DUNGO**  
IBA, ZAMBALES — The provincial government of Zambales will monitor and review ongoing developments located in coastal areas and identified hazard zones to ensure the safety of residents and local communities in disaster-prone locations. This was announced by Gov. Hermogenes E. Ebdane Jr. over the weekend following an assessment by the Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) of coastal hazards in the province, particularly incidents of coastal erosion during heavy monsoon rains induced by Typhoon Carina. "We have deemed it best not to allow further developments — whether for residential or recreational purposes — in areas that are hazard-prone. This is in consideration of public safety, which should be our paramount concern," Ebdane said. The governor cited as an example Sitio Tektek at Barangay Sindol in San


Felipe town, where a storm surge destroyed a large portion of the coastal road and protective dike at the height of Typhoon Carina. According to a report by the IAC-Technical Working Group (TWG), Sitio Tektek, as well as Sitio Laoag in nearby Barangay Maloma have "moderate vulnerability" to coastal hazards like flooding. The IAC-TWG recently made a coastal hazards vulnerability assessment in San Felipe with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, provincial disaster risk reduction and management office, provincial engineering office, and local barangay officials. Engr. Domingo L. Mariano, who heads the IAC-TWG, pointed out that Tektek and Laoag have experienced coastal accretion over the years from 2006 to 2020, with a maximum width ranging from 250 meters to 350 meters. He said that accretion was primarily observed south of Maloma River,

with a maximum increase of 114 meters at an average rate of 18.8 meters per year. On the other hand, erosion was more evident north of Maloma River, with a maximum rate of 16.5 meters per year and a 100-meter eroded width, Mariano added. Coastal accretion is the process of growth or increase, typically by the gradual accumulation of additional layers of materials. In the case of Tektek and Laoag, accretion consisted of Mt. Pinatubo debris that washed down the nearby Maloma River. "This coastal zone (along Tektek and Laoag) is dynamic, experiencing cycles of coastal erosion and accretion. Hence, MGB recommended that these areas be designated as a 'No Habitation Zone' in its monitoring report on shoreline shift in Maloma River in October 2021," Mariano said. In its July 26 report to Ebdane, the IAC-TWG recommended the following: (1) To discourage further development of residential and recreational

areas along the coast; (2) To designate potential evacuation sites that are situated on higher ground and safe from maximum storm surges and tsunamis; (3) To increase the level of awareness and preparedness of the residents; (4) To follow storm surge and tsunami alerts; and (5) To conduct continuous shoreline monitoring to detect and address signs of erosion, particularly in residential areas. Residents of Tektek and Laoag are mostly fisherfolk engaged in marginal fishing for their livelihood. While the erosion of the coastal road was among the major damages to infrastructures recorded in Zambales during Typhoon Carina, the PDRRMO reported only two families composed of eight individuals from Maloma as having evacuated at the height of the recent weather disturbance. In all, the evacuees throughout Zambales during Typhoon Carina consisted of 2,139 families composed of 6,128 individuals, the PDRRMO said.

## SSS calamity loan to Carina-affected members

MANILA — The Social Security System (SSS) is set to provide calamity loan assistance to members who have been affected by Typhoon Carina in the National Capital Region and in areas that may soon be declared under state of calamity. SSS president and CEO Rolando Ledesma Macasaet said that members in typhoon-stricken areas can borrow a loan equivalent to their one monthly salary credit or up to a maximum of P20,000. "SSS will always be ready to assist our members in typhoon-affected areas. We want to assure them that in times of calamities, they can rely on SSS to provide them the needed financial assistance as they recover from Typhoon Carina," Macasaet said. To qualify, typhoon-affected members must: Have at least 36 monthly contributions, six of which must be posted within the last 12 months before the month of filing of application; Be living or residing in the declared calamity area; Be below 65 years old at the time of loan application; Have no final benefit claim such as permanent total disability or retirement; Have no past due SSS

  
Short-Term Member Loans; Have no outstanding restructured loan or calamity loan. Macasaet said that interested members can apply for the calamity loan using their My.SSS account via [www.sss.gov.ph](http://www.sss.gov.ph). "Once approved, the loan proceeds will be credited to the member's registered Unified Multi-Purpose Identification (UMID)-ATM Card or their active accounts with a Philippine Electronic Fund Transfer System and Operations Network (PESONet) participating bank," Macasaet explained. He said members could pay the calamity loan in two years or 24 equal monthly installments with an annual interest rate of 10 percent. "We hope that through the calamity loan assistance, we may be able to help typhoon-affected members as they recover from the adverse effects of Typhoon Carina," Macasaet said. **SSS-PR**

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# St. Scholastica's Academy-San Fernando: 100 Years of Love and Service

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – St. Scholastica's Academy-San Fernando (SSA-SF) launched its year-long centennial celebration dubbed "SSAndaan" on July 27, marking 100 years of dedication to Benedictine and Catholic education.

Reflecting on this milestone, SSAndaan artfully intertwines St. Scholastica with "daan," the Filipino word for journey or path, symbolizing the school's century-long voyage in shaping minds and nurturing values. The design of this year-long centennial celebration

honors the academy's history while embracing modernity and community involvement.

The celebration commenced at St. Cecilia's Court, bringing together students, alumni, employees, Benedictine sisters, religious leaders, parents, and community members to honor the academy's storied legacy. The day featured a heartfelt Eucharistic service, the inauguration of the Centennial Prayer, and a ceremonial kick-off, which included an inaugural speech by SSA-SF directress Mary John Mananzan, OSB.

"We are excited to embrace new methods of outreach for our centennial celebration. The launch of our SSAndaan website and the engagement of digital marketing professionals reflect our commitment to connecting with a broader audience," S. Mananzan said.

Throughout the year, SSAndaan will hold events and activities that celebrate its history from 1925 to now as a leader in Benedictine and Catholic education. The events will include ceremonies, community activities, and new

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Fatima Celestial, OSB, serves as the canteen manager, while S. Mary John Mananzan, OSB, is the directress. S. Alexis Lamarroza, OSB, holds the position of high school principal. Alex Lising is the centennial events information and promotions coordinator. **PUNTO LIFESTYLE TEAM**





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# Bataan, Bulacan...

**FROM PAGE 1**  
Bulacan Gov. Daniel Fernando noted the facility with which the provincial government can help the typhoon victims as well as start the post-Carina rehabilitation needed after the province was placed under a state of calamity.

Bulacan sustained P789-million damages to public infrastructures and P25 million in agriculture, covering losses of P13.7 million in low-land vegetables, P5.2 million in rice crops, and P5.7 million in aquatic produce.

Fernando also said that with Bulacan under a state of calamity, the provincial government is allowed to use the Quick Response Fund (QRF) which is part of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM) Fund.

In a public disclosure, the provincial accounting office said Bulacan has still P408.3 million in its LDRRM Fund, according to a report of the Philippine Information Agency-3.

In Pampanga, Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda said the sangguniang panlalawigan declared a state of calamity on July 26 in order for the local governments “to better respond using their disaster response funds.”

Based on the report by the provincial risk reduction and management council, total agricultural damage in Pampanga has reached P308.18 million, broken down as follows: P185.6 million for fisheries; P121.6 million in ride crops; P667,300 in livestock; P212,875 in high-value crops; and P100,000 for corn.

PDRPMC also reported that by the weekend, 215 barangays in 14 towns and the City of San Fernando have remained flooded.

A total of 1,623 families,

# Build more...

**FROM PAGE 1**  
governors of Bataan, Bulacan, and Pampanga on Saturday.

“Ang laki ng bumaba na tubig, sabay-sabay, bigla. Hindi na nakayanan ng ating mga slope protection, ng ating flood control, ng ating mga dike, so we have to find another way to do it. Kaya palagay ko ‘yung impounding talaga, ‘yung ponds ang pinakamagiging solusyon d’yan eh,” noted Marcos Jr.

Many parts of Central Luzon were submerged in flood following the devastating effects of Typhoon Carina and the southwest monsoon (habagat).

Reporting on the damage caused by the typhoon and habagat in Bulacan, Gov.

# NLEX secures...

**FROM PAGE 2**  
share to protect lives and ensure smooth, efficient transport operations.”

Resource persons, including Jerome Ballarta of the National Center for Transportation Studies, UP Diliman, Road Safety Practitioner, Antonio Pagulayan Jr., and Relly Dave Bautista of NLEX Corp. also made the event more

comprising 6,744 individuals were sheltered in evacuation sites in their respective municipalities during Carina’s onslaught.

A total of 50,000 packs of relief goods have been distributed to affected barangays over the weekend. The relief operations spearheaded by Governor Pineda himself remained ongoing.

In Bataan, Gov. Jose Enrique Garcia 3rd approved on July 24 Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 305 declaring a state of calamity in the province’s 11 towns and one city.

“Dahil ito sa mga ulat ng pagbaha sa 10 munisipalidad/siyudad sa Bataan kung saan nasa 1,450 pamilya o 5,428 indibidwal ang ating inilikas mula sa kanilang mga tahanan at kasalukuyang nananatili sa mga evacuation centers,” the governor said.

Garcia also reported that 190,629 families or 669,514 individuals were also affected by flooding that left damages to property.

He said losses in agriculture have reached P35,730,413.

“Sa bisa ng naturang resolution ay mas mapabibilis ang rehabilitasyon ng mga nasalantang lugar at ari-arian at maging ang pagbibigay ng serbisyo-publiko sa lahat ng apektado. Ipanalagin po natin ang kaligtasan ng bawat pamilyang Bataño sa gitna ng kalamidad na ating dinaranas. Gabayan nawa tayo ng ating Panginoon,” noted the governor.

Meanwhile, the Department of Trade and Industry said that the declaration of a state of calamity carries a price freeze on basic necessities per RA 7581 (The Price Act). **Punto News Team/PIA-3**

Daniel Fernando expressed the willingness of the province to work with the national government for a permanent solution to flooding in the region.

Fernando informed the president about the programs of the Bulacan provincial government to mitigate flooding.

“At makalipas ang halos tatlong taon ng masusing pagsisiyasat at pagplano, naisip ko pong kunin ang pagkakataon upang ipagbigay-alam na tayo ay nakatakdang mag-implement ng dredging Bulacan offshore at lima pang mga prayoridad na ilog, katulad ng Angat River, Pamarawan River, Malolos River, Hagonoy River, at Region 2 River,” Fernando said. **PCO**

meaningful as they shared their insights on transport operation management, emergency preparedness, and journey management planning, respectively.

By empowering drivers and promoting a culture of road safety, the BiyaHero Road Safety Caravan is a significant step towards creating safer Philippine roads. **NLEX CorpCom**

# MCG achievements...

**FROM PAGE 1**  
ious endeavors aimed at improving the city’s quality of life.,

Under his leadership, Garbo said Mabalacat City has made significant strides in healthcare, with tangible and comprehensive programs focusing on immunization, maternal and child health, disease prevention, and specialized care for conditions such as TB and HIV/AIDS. Proof of these achievements are recognitions and awards the city government received from various organizations and government agencies for its excellence in public health programs and services.

Garbo likewise emphasized the city’s commitment to social welfare and development, with initiatives such as financial assistance programs, livelihood

# 10-M in CL...

**FROM PAGE 2**  
To ensure the inclusion of marginalized sectors, PSA has partnered with the Department of Social Welfare and Development to register Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries during their family development sessions.

This initiative is part of a nationwide effort to ensure that all DSWD beneficiaries are included in the PhilSys database.

“This partnership helps us maximize the attendance of our 4Ps beneficiaries, who often

support for vulnerable groups, and services for women and children in need of protection. The LGU’s efforts have been acknowledged through various awards and certifications, showcasing its dedication to upholding the welfare of all Mabalaqueños.

He also noted the city’s initiatives to promote learning and skills development, particularly through programs tailored for out-of-school youth, returning students, and academic achievers.

“Naging matagumpay rin ang implementation ng 20% development fund mula 2023 hanggang sa kasalukuyan dahil nagawa natin ang 21 road rehabilitation and construction in vital areas; 19 drainage rehabilitation and construction; flood control

lack identification (ID) cards,” Divino explained.

Initially launched in 2021, the National ID program targeted these underserved sectors to provide them with IDs.

Now, PSA conducts house-to-house registrations to reach more individuals, eliminating the need for registration centers in municipal halls.

“If you know anyone without a national ID, inform us, and our PhilSys team will visit their homes to assist them,” she advised.

In Central Luzon,

requirements, resulting in monthly savings of P40,000-P50,000, Zamora added.

Manila Water Co. Inc. prioritizes energy efficiency throughout its operations, adhering to ISO 50001 standards and the Energy Efficiency and

construction near rivers; two citywide illumination projects; and procurement needed for the expansion of services in the city including four ambulances, one rescue vehicle and two garbage trucks,” Garbo furthered.

Mabalacat City has seen growth in its local revenues, infrastructure projects, digitalization of public services, and successful hosting of major events and conferences, reflecting its thrust towards holistic development.

“I am happy to report to you that with the full implementation of LRC, our local revenues surge by 23% growth from 2022 to 2023. These improvements are set to directly benefit more constituents by bolstering community services and support,” said the mayor.

Garbo had a good

approximately 61% of registered individuals have received their physical IDs.

For those still awaiting their IDs, Divino recommended visiting the Philippine Postal Corporation’s website at www.national-id.gov.ph to track the status using their PhilSys Number or ePhilID.

Alternatively, individuals can approach any PSA provincial office or PhilSys registration center for assistance.

For those looking to apply for a national ID without any government-issued ID, the PSA accepts sup-

Conservation Act. Their renewable energy efforts in 2023 reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 4,126 tons equivalent (CO2e), as reported by Zamora.

Next month, CDC will resume its Power of Choice Forum Series, focusing on energy, power manage-

word for his critics too, citing thus: “Walang perpektong local government unit. Mayroon laging babatikos sa bawat liderato. But I embrace criticisms with sincerity. I use them as my motivation to serve my constituents even better. Huwag po tayong maging balat sibuyas sa batikos, kundi gawin nating pamalakas ng loob.”

As is his wont in every public activity, the mayor closed his SOCA with a biblical verse, in this instance Philippians 4:6-7: “Do not worry about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

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porting documents such as birth certificates, police clearances, barangay clearances, and other certificates to establish identity.

“Our goal is to ensure that every Filipino is registered and has access to the benefits of having a national ID,” Divino said.

PSA continues to encourage all residents to participate in the PhilSys program, emphasizing the benefits of a unified national identification system for improving access to services and fostering social inclusion.

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# Clark Water...

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panel at its waste water treatment facility, resulting in cost savings of approximately P500,000 right from the outset, Zamora said.

Currently, CWC’s solar facilities contribute approximately 5% of Pumping Station 1’s power

# The Public Space

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Her recent announcement that three Dutertes—the former president and two brothers will join the senatorial fray in 2025 to bolster the opposition against the Marcos Administration.

It doesn’t help her that negative statements are coming every now and then from the Duterte camp, especially from the former president, further exacerbating the apparent break in the much-ballyhoed, but now much maligned political unity.

Between now and the possible constitutional amendment and the presidential derby in 2028 is a

# Ad Lib

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and responsibility, nothing compares to being called Tito, Apu, Ms. Y., Ms. Lea, and Mama by people who know and appreciate me personally but at the same time, respect me, celebrate my little triumphs and acknowl-

long time. She may have the patience to wait for her turn or not, given her age. But definitely there’s more that is expected from her as she plays out the role of a VP or a spare tire, as the case maybe..

Like former US Vice President Al Gore, she has reached this far in the Philippine politics and she wouldn’t be content with just saying that she used to be the next president of the Philippines.

There’s, at least, another constitutional successor on the line to PBBM, House Speaker Martin Romualdez, standing in her path who is known to

edge the many struggles I continue to go through just to be where I am today.

During the first faculty meeting of the school year where we get to meet the new members of our community many of whom are fresh college graduates, I

publicly cast a moist eye on the presidency. He seems to be getting the favor of his president cousin in this direction.

On the other hand, former President Gloria Arroyo and Sen. Imee Marcos are the wind beneath her wings. The political battles in 2025 will somehow give shape to that political agenda. But right now, PBBM is already in saddle while the VP and her supporters, to quote late PBBM’s father, are still in the saddle.

There’s also the ever-present threat of the International Criminal Court (ICC) probe on the crime

always remind them of one important thing. The titles, and even those letters that come before and after the names of people do not define a person at all. At the same time, the absence of those titles and letters does not in any way limit what they

ment, sustainability, and policy within the freeport. These forums are designed to educate stakeholders, facilitate dialogue, and foster collaboration on energy efficiency and renewable energy, in line with national government initiatives. **CDC-PR**

against humanity committed during the war on drugs under the previous administration. The fallout could affect the VPs political fortune, one way or the other.

Recent polls show that the VP’s political numbers are falling as a result of the designated-survivor declaration and the continuing issue in the WPS, among others. How she’s going to change the political calculus will depend on how audacious she is willing to show herself as a political leader. So far, she’s shown she’s far from being a bore, and is moving the political needles, one way or the other.

can do and accomplish in the lives of their learners. It’s true, we should always aspire for personal and professional advancement. But let us never forget that in this world where we can always be anyone and anything, let us all be kind.



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