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A Fernandina's quest of crafting 'parul' overseas

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SM Foundation renovates Basa Air Base Hospital



Leading the turnover rites are SM Foundation executive director Connie Angeles, 540th Air Base Group commander Col. Villamor Costales Jr., and SM Clark mall manager Jerwin Jalandoni. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

FLORIDABLANCA, PAMPANGA – The SM Foundation has completed renovation work on the Basa Air Base Hospital, marking the second phase of improvements to the facility, following initial renovations in February 2015 that enabled Department of Health and PhilHealth accreditations.

The 17-bed hospital serves military personnel, their dependents, and authorized civilians. Services include general medicine, surgery, internal medicine, EENT, ECG, X-ray, laboratory work, ambulatory care, preventive medicine, and aeromedical services.

The most recent renovations streamlined the facility layout by connecting the emergency room, reception area, and out-patient department. New upgrades, such as LED lighting, energy-efficient inverter appliances, and air-purifying paint, enhance the facility's functionality and sustainability.

In addition, the SM DigiKonsulta was introduced.

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7.7-M voters in CL listed for 2025 polls

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Central Luzon has a total of 7,733,454 registered voters eligible to participate in the 2025 midterm elections.

Thus, reported Commission on Elections regional election attorney Numer Lobo at the 23rd episode of the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas of the Philippine Information Agency on Nov. 5.

Bulacan tops all Central Luzon provinces with the highest number of registered voters at 2,183,281, following the nationwide voter registration for the 2025 elections, which concluded on Sept. 30.

Pampanga ranks second with 1,682,684 registered voters, followed by Nueva Ecija with

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ANGELES CITY – On orders of Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin Jr., signages have been put up on vacant lots in the Sapangbato Watershed Reserve Protection Area to warn the public that it is a designated "No-Build Zone." Recently, the mayor asked the assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in clearing all illegal structures in the 150-hectare watershed. **ANGELES CIO**



EPMC recognized at the Forum on Innovative Interventions for LGUs. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Porac facility stands as able alternative to Capas landfill

CLARK FREEPORT – A waste management facility in nearby Porac, Pampanga expressed its commitment to addressing the challenges posed by the closed Kalangitan landfill in Capas, Tarlac.

With its strategically located engineered Category 4 landfill, the Eco Protect Management Corp. (EPMC) has emerged as the leading alternative for effective waste management

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SBMA named PHL's 'Most Sustainable Investment Hub'



SBMA chairman and administrator Eduardo Jose L. Aliño (right), along with director Teodoro Del Rosario (left), receive the award from Artur Dmochowski, Ambassador of Poland to the Kingdom of Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar.

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BY MALOU DUNGOG

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority was awarded the "Most Sustainable Investment Hub in the Philippines 2024" during the World Business Outlook Awards 2024 held Nov. 2 at the Marriott Marquis Queens Park in Bangkok, Thailand.

Organized by the World Business Outlook magazine, the award-giving body fetes global brand companies that excel in global banking, finance, real estate, healthcare, education, technology, mining, and other business sectors worldwide.

SBMA chairman and administrator

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Power plants plant 2K mangrove propagules

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

MARIVELES, BATAAN -- GNPowder Mariveles Energy Center Ltd. Co. (GMEC) and GNPowder Dingin Ltd. Co. (GNPD), both AboitizPower subsidiaries, have completed planting 2,000 mangrove seedlings through their annual reforestation initiative, OKTREEberfest, this October.

The two plants located in Barangay Alas-Asin here partnered with the local government units of Orani and Samal in conducting tree planting activities in adopted mangrove sites in Bataan as their contribution to environmental sustainability by strengthening the coastal areas.

GMEC's mangrove reforestation initiative has

reached new levels after it signed in June 2023 a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the provincial government of Bataan, the Orani local government and the Tubo-Tubo Fisherfolks Association.

The MOA called for the adoption and rehabilitation of five hectares of mangrove site in Barangay Kabalutan in Orani for a period of five years.

GMEC this year decided to adopt another five hectares for a larger mangrove area in Bataan and transformed it into an eco-park to provide additional livelihood for members of the fisherfolk group.

GMEC shifted to planting mangroves instead of its usual mountain reha-

bilitation in the past years for its OKTREEberfest leg, planting 1,000 mangrove propagules by volunteer employees and Tubo-Tubo fisherfolk.

Noting the successful mangrove planting activity, Joseph Chavez, CSR Program Manager of GMEC – RSM, thanked all the volunteers. "Maraming salamat sa palaging pagsama at patuloy na pagsuporta sa mga programa natin para sa ating mga partners sa Tubo-Tubo."

Kristian San Diego, environment programs supervisor of GMEC–RSM, also took note of the importance of OKTREEberfest. "Sana sa susunod ay makita namin kayo ulit. Hintayin lang natin ang patuloy na development program natin sa area, mas

dadami pa at mas gaganda ang ating mangrove area."

For its part, GNPD began this year its mangrove adoption and rehabilitation project in Samal, signaling the start of GNPD's partnership with the Samal LGU for the revival of the town's mangrove areas.

GNPD workers, Samal representatives, and scholars of GNPD's college scholarship program planted 1,000 mangrove seedlings, turning the total planted mangroves to 2,000 along with GMEC's 1,000.

GMEC and GNPD consider the important role mangroves play in safeguarding biodiversity, preventing soil erosion and providing natural protection against storm surges.

Chosen for adaptability

and substantial ecological benefits were mangrove species *Avicennia* and *Sonneratia*.

"Ang mga karaniwang puno ay may kakayahang mag-absorb ng carbon dioxide, pero ang mga mangroves ay may special powers kung tawagin," said Mistylyn Isidro, officer of the provincial government environment and natural resources office, on the importance of mangroves.

"Kung ang ibang puno ay kaya mag-absorb ng 1-2 times ng carbon dioxide, ang mangroves ay kaya ng mas doble. Kung iisipin natin kung gaano karaming carbon dioxide ang kaya nilang i-absorb, ganun din kalaki ang ating maitutulong para makabawas sa climate change," she furthered.

GMEC and GNPD

said OKTREEberfest has now become a tradition for them that serve as an annual display of the organization's drive to uphold environmental sustainability and strengthen community engagement by introducing employee volunteers to its partner communities.

Power plants officials said that this initiative satisfies the letter P and R of GMEC and GNPD's CSR DNA, P.R.O.G.R.E.S.S., which stands for Protect Marine Life and Reforest Land.

"With each seedling that our volunteers plant, we help revitalize the ecological landscape of the province, ensuring that future generations will have a greener, more sustainable planet to live in," they said. **Photos: GMEC/GNPD**

CDC chief leads effort to streamline aviation sector processes

CLARK FREEPORT – Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera recently led a hybrid meeting with nine government agencies to streamline aviation sector processes.

As the approving authority for the movement of goods into and out of the Clark Freeport Zone through its trade facilitation division, CDC initiated the focused group discussion aimed to enhance and improve the import and export turnaround time for aircraft parts, tools, equipment, petroleum, and chemicals used in maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services.

Clark hosts 39 aviation locators, generating \$622 million in investments and nearly 2,000 jobs as of June this year. The numbers are expected to grow

significantly in the next two to three years, attracting more investments from expanding airlines, MROs, and aviation manufacturing and allied services.

CDC urged the agencies to adopt measures to expedite tax assessment, approval, and green lane cargo release, while maintaining regulatory standards and compliance with existing laws and regulations.

Under Philippine regulations, the entry of specific goods and chemicals is assessed for taxation and subjected to law enforcement regulations to prevent illegal use. The Philippines supports the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 and RA 10697 (An Act Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons

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CDC PCEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera presides over hybrid meeting on streamlining aviation sector processes. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



Happy students with provincial officials during the Tulong-Dunong assistance distributions.

PHOTO: DANIEL OMBINA/PAMPANGA PIO

Tulong-Dunong aids 1,123 students

GUAGUA, PAMPANGA – In collaboration with the Provincial Government of Pampanga, the Commission on Higher Education on Nov. 5 distributed educational financial assistance to 1,123 college student-beneficiaries from here and Sta Rita town.

Pampanga 2nd District board members Fritzie David-Dizon, Sajid Khan Eusoff, Claire Lim, and JC Cruz led the distribution and awarding of P7,500 each to students from Guagua National Col-

leges, Mary the Queen College, and Sta. Rita College under the CHED's Tulong Dunong Program (TDP).

Earlier, Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda also distributed P7,500 each to 428 students from the Holy Cross College in Sta. Ana town.

Jasmin Meneses, a third-year criminology student at Holy Cross College, expressed her gratitude for the support given by the provincial and national governments.

"Ining scholarship ayini, gawan mi ya pung

inspirasyon aldo-aldo. At pangaku ku pu, ikami pu na atsu pu keng arapan yu, gamitan mi ya pu ini para mayari keng pamagaral, at mangaku ke pu a pagmaragul yu kami pu king datang a aldo."

Meneses also shared that her family depends on her parents' income from selling "balut," which sometimes falls short of covering her and her two siblings' educational expenses.

"Maragul ya pung saup kekaming estudyanti ini. At maragul ke pu kapas-

alaman bilang anak at bilang estudyanting mangarap mayari na asaupan mila pu reng pengari mi. Pekaimportanti na pu niting maging propesyunal ke pu bang makasaup kami pu kareng kekatamung cabalen keng mabilug a prubinsya," she added.

The TDP aims to help eligible college students pursue their education in the Philippines. Scholars under the TDP will receive a scholarship grant of P7,500 per semester.

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TAN

SM Supermalls president wins top real estate award in China

THE LEADING supplier of industry information and data in China, GuanDian, has bestowed SM Supermalls president Steven Tan with the “Award for Most Prominent Commercial Real Estate Contributor of the Year” at the 2024 GuanDian Commercial Annual Meeting’s “Performance Index: 2024 Commercial Real Estate Performance” in Shanghai, China on Oct. 31.

The recognition highlighted Tan’s exceptional leadership and significant contributions to the commercial real estate industry with SM Supermalls adapting to evolving customer needs and gaining competitive edges through localized operations.

“SM malls are hubs where communities thrive, where people come together, connect, and experience a shared sense of belonging. We are creating real, lasting impact that helps build stronger, more inclusive communities where everyone belongs,” enthused Tan.

Tan has been instrumental in the growth and innovation of the mall chain, both in the Philippines and China. Under his leadership, SM successfully navigated the challenges of the pandemic and emerged stronger than ever. His innovative strategies, such as adapting the tenancy mix, creating new experiences, and embracing omnichannel services, have resonated with modern shoppers. As a result, SM surpassed pre-pandemic performance and continues to expand its footprint with new malls in both countries.

Tan’s exceptional leadership has been recognized internationally, earning him prestigious awards such as the 2021 Asia’s Most Influential by Tatler Asia and the 2022 Global Filipino Executive of the Year. **SM-PR**

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Shepherd's Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

Mission to bring truth to light, hold the powerful to account

ON THIS International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, we reaffirm our commitment to press freedom and the safety of journalists worldwide.

A free press is fundamental to human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. Yet journalists around the world are prevented from doing their job and often face threats, violence, and even death in their mission to bring truth to light and hold the powerful to account.

Recent years have seen an alarming rate of fatalities in conflict zones – in particular in Gaza, which has seen the highest number of killings of journalists and media workers in any war in decades.

Worldwide, an estimated 9 out of 10 of journalist murders go unpunished. Impunity breeds further violence. This must change.

The Pact for the Future adopted last month calls for respecting and protecting journalists, media professionals and associated personnel working in situations of armed conflict.

I call on governments to bring these commitments to life by taking urgent steps to protect journalists, investigate crimes against them, and prosecute perpetrators – everywhere.

Together, let's end the cycle of violence, uphold freedom of expression, and ensure that journalists can carry out their essential work safely and without fear – everywhere.

(UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' message on International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, 2 Nov. 2024)

Ang tugon

SALAMAT PO sa mga panalangin ninyo para sa matagumpay na nakaraang Sinodo sa Roma. Habang pinagninilayan ko ang Gospel reading natin ngayon, bumalik sa alaala ko si Pope Benedict XVI sa kauna-unahang Sinodo na dinaluhan ko sa Roma noong 2008: ang Synod on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."

Sa isang spontaneous intervention niya sa Sinodong iyon, parang ang lakas ng dating sa akin ng ibinigay niyang depinisyon sa pananampalataya: ito daw ang "human response to the God who speaks to us." Sagot ng tao sa Diyos na kumakausap sa kanya.

Mas lalo akong namangha nang in-explain pa niya: "What kind of response? It is the human response of love to the God who loved us first." Ibig sabihin, ang pag-ibig ng tao sa Diyos ay tugon lang sa Diyos na unang umibig sa kanya. Kaya naisip ko, pwede ba nating mahal in ang Diyos kung hindi muna tayo mamulat na mahal tayo ng Diyos? Sagot: HINDI. Kaya pala ang susi ng pananampalataya para kay Hesus ay EBANGHELYO. Ibig sabihin: Mabuting Balita. At ang mabuting balita ay walang iba kundi ang: MAHAL TAYO NG DIYOS: Jn 3:16-17. Kaya naparito sa mundo ang Anak niya ay para tubusin tayo, hindi husgahan. Ang ang pantubos, sariling buhay niya.

Ito ang naging gabay sa akin para maintindihan ang sagot ni Hesus sa tanong ng eskriba sa kanya sa ating Gospel reading ngayon. Napansin ba ninyo na parang hindi sinagot ni Hesus ang tanong ng eskriba? Sa simpleng salita, ang tanong ay, "Kung sampu ang utos at ire-rate ninyo ng 1-10 according to their order of importance ang sampu, alin ang magiging number 1? Ang sagot niya parang wala sa sampu. Kinuha niya sa ibang pagbasa: ang dakilang kautusan ayon sa Deut 6 ang tinawag niya una, at ang pag-ibig sa kapwa sa Lev 19 ang tinawag niyang pangalawa. At itong nagtanong na eskriba dapat sana humirit pa at sinabing, "E hindi nyo naman sinagot ang tanong ko." Pero sa reaksyon niya sa sagot, hindi lang siya sumang-ayon, pinuri pa niya ang natanggap na sagot at inelaborate pa at dinugtong ang Salmo 40:7: "na ang pag-ibig sa kapwa gaya ng sarili ay higit pa sa mga susunuging handog na

hindi naman hinihingi ng Diyos."

Hindi nga ba sa aklat ng propeta Micah 6:8, tinatanong daw sa propeta ng bayang Israel kung ano bang klaseng sakripisyo ang hinihingi o ikaliligaya ng Diyos na ialay ng kanyang bayan? Ikalulugod daw ba niya ang inihaw na biserong baka, o mga nilitson na tupa, o bari-bariles ng langis ng olibo, o ang ialay ang panganay na anak? At ang sagot ng propeta, "none of the above." Sabi niya, "Sinabi na sa iyo, o Tao kung ano ang mabuti, at kung ano ang alay na ikalulugod ng Diyos: ang gumawa ng katarungan, pumanig sa kabutihan at sumunod sa landas ng Panginoon nang buong kababaan ng loob."

Kung babalikan natin ang sagot ni Hesus, na hiniram niya mula sa Deuteronomio 6, dahil nakatutok tayo sa tinawag na pinakadakilang kautusan ng mga Hudyo: "Na mahal in ang Diyos nang higit sa lahat..." Nakakalimutang basahin ang dahilan kung bakit. Nasa naunang linya: "Makinig ka, Israel, ang Panginoon lamang ang iyong Diyos..." Parang elaboration ito ng first commandment: "Ako ang Panginoong inyong Diyos na tumubos sa inyo mula sa inyong pagkaalipin sa Egipto." Sa madaling salita: Ako ang Diyos na nagmahal at nagmalasakit sa inyo.... Kung gayon nga ang turing ninyo sa akin...libigin ninyo ako nang buong puso, at iibigin ang inyong kapwa gaya ng sarili.

Maraming beses ko na nasabi sa inyo: kung nagpakilala ang Diyos sa tao bilang Pag-ibig, ibig sabihin, ang tunay na tanda ng kawalan ng Diyos dito sa mundo ay hindi kawalan ng relihiyon kundi kawalan ng pag-ibig. At sabi pa ni San Juan—sinungaling ang taong magsabing mahal niya ang Diyos na hindi niya nakikita kung hindi niya matutuhang mahal in ang taong kalarawan ng Diyos na kanyang nakikita.

(Homiliya para sa ika-31 Linggo ng Karaniwang Panahon, 3 Nobyembre 2024, Mk 12:28b-34)

COMMENTARY

A New Era for Philippine Defense

What would it mean for the Philippines to have a self-sustained defense strategy? How transformative could it be if the nation's military power was built on homegrown technology and capabilities, tailored precisely to its needs? The recent passage of Republic Act 12024, also known as the Self-Reliant Defense Posture Revitalization (SRDP) Act, signals a momentous shift in the defense strategy of the Philippines. This law paves the way for enhanced local production of defense technologies and the modernization of the country's military defense capability.

For years, the AFP has faced over the years its reliance on foreign suppliers for its defense needs. Whether it's fighter jets, radar systems, or missile defense, the dependence on other nations has often left the country vulnerable to geopolitical dynamics beyond its control. The SRDP Act directly addresses this by fostering an environment conducive to the development of indigenous defense technologies, encouraging local production, and ensuring that the country's defense systems are aligned with its strategic interests.

One of the most critical advantages of the SRDP is that it gives the AFP, particularly the Air Defense Command, far greater control over

its defense strategy. The traditional reliance on foreign nations for military assets often came with political strings attached. By shifting the focus to local production and self-reliance, the Air Defense Command can operate with greater autonomy, enabling swift and decisive responses to external threats.

For the strategic independence, the SRDP enables the Philippines to respond to regional conflicts with greater flexibility. Whether enforcing territorial claims or responding to aggression, the ADC's defense posture is less constrained by international supply chain issues and more adaptable to national security needs.

The geopolitical tensions in the West Philippine Sea and the growing need for robust territorial defense make this a critical time for the Air Defense Command, demanding that the Philippine Air Force operate with heightened agility, independence, and technological superiority. The SRDP empowers the Air Defense Command to acquire locally produced aircraft, radar systems, and missile defense technologies; ensure assets align with unique territorial defense needs; streamline procurement cycles and maintenance processes; and boost operational readiness.

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The Public Space

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The owl of Minerva

"Time doesn't cancel sin," the British writer, scholar and theologian C. S. Lewis wrote. Lewis debunked an emergent idea in the 16th and 17th centuries that time heals --still does--all wounds, like sin.

The morning after the country's notorious villain unabashedly, shamelessly uttered his mea culpa in the now infamous Senate hearing, it's easy to agree with another of his proud quotes that "of all tyrannies, the one that is sincerely exercised for the good of its victims can be the most oppressive.

It came from the horse's mouth himself. He did it, a bizarre, strange version of 9/11 in the Philippines in the war on drugs in that it claimed the lives of from 6,000 to 20,000 people. For the good of the people and the country, except that the known terrorist is the highest official of the land.

From a coterie of comedic genius, softballs throwers and those that bit their tongues—never mind those who made themselves scarce—, their malignant suggestion is like-minded. There's such a legal thing as prescription period when a criminal can no longer be made culpable for the crime.

There is jurisprudence, and there are precedents to invoke. A decade-long case of unexplained wealth of the former dictator and/or his family was dismissed because there are no more witness around after such a long time.

A former defense, who once cried wolf and later on denied there was an ambush, walked away free from a pork barrel legal case because of old age. A former first lady was sentenced to jail by the Highest Court but later on gave in, if not up, to age. Age isn't just a number; it's also a legal defense.

Besides, it's been a long time, most, if not, all the victims of what is now known as the template of the death squad are six feet below the ground. So what's the fuzz? Shit happened and leaving the tragedy to time may be the best or most practical solution.

Except that there are the survivors and families of thousands of extrajudicial killing *(EJK) victims who can't look back at the past with nostalgia but with fear and trembling. There is a continuing threat that hangs like the sword of

Damocles, or aptly, Duterte. Now is the best opportunity for justice.

Unfortunately, their best source of hope in getting justice the victims deserved, even belatedly, is compromised or encumbered. In short, his hands are tied. First off, there was the unspoken agreement to allow the burial of the former dictator in the hallowed ground for heroes,

Second off, there was the shotgun political marriage. It is now known why it happened. The senator sister of the current president begged the vice president to join them because the brother was still an endangered political specie. The only way to beat the opponent, a woman and a certified political yellow, is to be united with the only son of former dictator.

After all has been said and done, not all has been said and done, after all. The latest word, or political blackmail, from the vice president, was conveyed to the sister-senator. If this administration, she warned, will not stop badmouthing her family, she will do the unthinkable or unimaginable: she would exhume the body of the late dictator from the heroes' cemetery and dump it in the West Philippine Sea.

It was the most ambitious burial plan ever disclosed by a politician for another politician, more historical in just one sense. How she plans to execute it beggars the imagination. Once upon a time, her father, who turned up to be another tyrant, vowed to ride a jet ski and confront an invasive hegemon in the WPS but gave up the idea. The daughter may not be as fickle-minded to drop her idea. She once dropped a sheriff to his knees with a wicked hook.

The sister senator has yet to recover from the vice president's political hook of some kind. She used to be as protective and defensive of her like a caregiver. When the president was recently asked by media about the vice president's sinister plan, the president requested that they talk about it in the future.

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Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Portrait of the showbiz fan as a voter

"Time doesn't cancel sin," the British writer, scholar and theologian C. S. Lewis wrote. Lewis debunked an emergent idea in the 16th and 17th centuries that time heals --still does--all wounds, like sin.

WHY DO many movie and television personalities continue to be elected in power even if practically everyone agrees that they are not qualified at all?

Every now and then, I get to ask myself this question. Just last weekend, I was in a post-Undas on-the-spot reunion with former classmates when this question popped out over dinner. After the perfunctory reminiscence of the good old days, things turned a little serious when a USA-based classmate commented that at the rate things are going, the

country might just witness the complete domination of the country's executive and legislative branches by actors, actresses, comedians, and other entertainment personalities who are deemed "winnable" by party leaders.

By "winnable" we mean their ability to connect with people by using their undeniable charm, made even more lethal by their onscreen persona.

Think about Robin Padilla singing "Wonderful Tonight" albeit off-key 90 percent of the

time to shrieking female fans, projecting that bad-boy-with-a-heart-of-gold image and then you realize and accept with utter frustration that the number one slot in the senatorial elections is already in the bag. It was therefore not surprising to see Padilla top the 2022 Senate elections with 26.6 million votes, as he also led in 13 out of 17 regions and garnered the most number of votes from the overseas Filipino workers.

What about Lito Lapid, the "Supremo" himself who has aided Tanggol in his crusade

to help and make things right for the lowly folks of Quiapo? I remember how during his gubernatorial re-election bid in 2001, pictures and video clips of him hanging from a chopper trying to rescue his cabalens stranded on the roof of their house were the barometer of an effective political ad. This larger-than-life image of Leon Guerreo was more than enough to mesmerize the Kapampangans who catapulted him to the provincial Capitol, first as vice governor from 1992 to 1995, and then as governor from 1995

to 2004.

Or have you even thought about the possibility of Willie Revillame topping the 2025 midterm Senate election? The TV host and game show icon is banking on his "Bigyan ng jacket yan!" popularity to win the hearts and votes of the Filipino masses, assuring them that the generosity he has consistently proven in his show will now find a bigger platform in the once august hall of the Senate.

I was about to continue with my litany of inexperienced,

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Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Pangakong P20 kada kilo ng bigas, may pag-asa pa bang matupad?

1. Kung magiging beinte pesos ang kada kilo ng bigas sa'ting mga kababayan ay magdudulot ng galak hindi lamang sa hanay ng mamamayang mahihirap kundi pati mayayamang ang kabuhayan ay sapat subalit kung iisipin ay imposibleng matupad katulad sa panaginip ni ka Edong mapangarap
2. Kung ang bigas ay gagawing beinte pesos kada kilo Ang bentahan ng palay ay tiyak bababa ang presyo dahil ang tanging paraan na maisagawa ito dapat ang kilo ng palay ay halagang limang piso sino namang magsasaka ang papayag sa ganito kung meron man, siguradong may sayad ang mga ulo
3. At ang mga magsasakang may matinong pag-iisip malamang ay magtatanim na lang ng pakwan at mais o kaya'y gulay tulad ng talong, sitaw at kamatis at ng iba pang pananim sa kanilang mga bukid kapag ito ang nangyari ay lalo lamang lilit ang produksiyon ng palay na magdudulot ng ligalig
4. Ang balita na ang bigas ay gagawing beinte pesos ay dati ng pinangako ni pangulong Bongbong Marcos kapag ito ay natupad ay tiyak na malulubos ligaya ng mamamayan na sa buhay ay hikakos kumakalam na sikmurang sa gutom ay nagpupuyos giginhawa rin sa wakas at sa tuwina'y mabubusog
5. Matutupad pa rin naman ang pangako ng pangulo na magiging beinte pesos rin ang bigas kada kilo kung ang binhi, fertilizera at pamatay ng insekto na gamit sa pagsasaka'y sasagutin ng gobyerno ang gagawin na lamang ng magsasaka'y magtrabaho nang sa gayon ang palay ay mapababa pa ang presyo
6. Kapag ito ang nangyari ay hindi na magbebenta ng lupa ang anak-pawis na kanilang sinasaka lahat sila'y mabibigyan ng panibagong pag-asa na mapaunlad ang buhay na nais na matamasa ang pangako ng pangulo harinawa'y tuparin niya sapagkat ang sambayanang Pilipino'y umaasa
7. Ngunit kapag di natupad itong kanyang pinangakô marami ang magdaramdam sa labis na pagkabigô lalo na ang nagtiwala na sa kanya ay nag-upô bilang pinakamataas na sa bansa'y namumunô lisipin marahil ng ibang sila ay nautô sa pangakong bandang huli'y tila isang panggogoyô

BCDA, NDC partner for NCC development



NDC GM Antonilo DC Mauricio and BCDA CEO Joshua M. Bingcang sign a memorandum of understanding that establishes a collaborative framework for the urban development of New Clark City. BCDA chair Hilario B. Paredes and NDC assistant GM Leopoldo Acot serve as witnesses.

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GALING! BATAAN

Outstanding coops, MSME's in Bataan cited

By ERNIE ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY -- The provincial government of Bataan has recognized and awarded outstanding cooperatives and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as it unveiled and launched the new Galing! Bataan seal at the Bataan People's Center here Tuesday.

Nominees and outstanding cooperatives and MSMEs received trophies and financial rewards from the provincial cooperative and enterprise development office headed by Ludivina Banzon.

Director Marieta Hwang of the Cooperative Development Authority-Region 3 was the guest of honor and speaker.

Products and services of accredited MSMEs must carry the seal to show that they have passed the desired quality and other required standards.

Gov. Jose Enrique Garcia 3rd recalled that it took almost 20 years

to conceptualize the seal of excellence for Bataan products and services.

"Maraming iba't ibang ahensya tulad ng DOST, DTI ang tumulong para mabuo ang seal na ito na ilalagay sa mga produkto, sa mga serbisyo ng siyempre masasarap, magaganda, high quality, at ito ang gusto natin ipagmalaki at ipakita sa mga mamimili lalong lalo na sa mga turista na maaaring tumangkilik ng ating mga produkto," the governor said.

"Ganoon na katagal so the seal has stand up the test of time na hopefully na mas lalo pang makatulong sa mga produkto, sa mga serbisyo na nanggagaling dito sa ating lalawigan at itong bagong seal na ito hopefully ay magamit nga ng ating mga MSMEs, ng ating mga cooperatives para hindi lamang maipakita na high quality ang ating mga produkto at serbisyo," Garcia continued.

"Ito rin ay para mas lalo pang tumatak sa ating

mga kliyente lalo na sa mga turista na magagalang, magaganda ang ating mga produkto at magagalang, magaganda at gwapo ang mga taga Bataan. Ipinagmamalakinatin ang lahat ng ating mga produkto lalo na ang may seal ng Galing Bataan," he furthered.

Garcia said the competition not only calls for the quality of the product or service but also about the packaging. "Marami sa ating mga mamimili ay nadadala pagdating sa packaging pero hindi naman pwedeng maganda ang packaging eh hindi naman masarap o hindi quality ang laman."

"Lalo nang sayang na sayang kung quality ang laman pero hindi maganda ang packaging kasi minsan hindi na napapansin o nabibili ng ating mga buyers. Kailangan magkakasabay 'yan para hopefully mas tumaas pa ang kita, mas maraming tumangkilik ng ating mga produkto," the governor concluded.

CLARK FREEPORT -- The Bases Conversion and Development Authority has formalized a strategic partnership with the National Development Co., enabling the BCDA to tap NDC's expertise in financing and implementing high-impact projects in New Clark City.

BCDA president and CEO Joshua M. Bingcang and NDC general manager Antonilo DC Mauricio signed a memorandum of understanding creating a collaborative framework for the urban development of New Clark City. BCDA chairperson Hilario B. Paredes and NDC assistant general manager for corporate communications Leopoldo Acot served as witnesses.

"We thank the NDC for readily offering to share with BCDA its knowledge and expertise in financing and implementing projects, particularly in

urban expansion, industrial development, and energy, among others. With more than a hundred years of experience and track record, NDC will surely become instrumental in the transformation of New Clark City into the country's first smart, sustainable, and future-ready metropolis," Bingcang said.

Paredes, for his part, said: "With our shared vision to spur national development, we believe that this new partnership will enable us to implement transformative projects that will help New Clark City achieve its fullest potential."

Under the MOU, both parties intend to discuss and explore potential collaboration opportunities, leading to the preparation of a feasibility study report that may include technical and commercial assessments of developments within the BCDA's properties.

Mauricio said this partnership will allow NDC to leverage on the BCDA's experience in building great cities, like the Bonifacio Global City, paving the way for the implementation of innovative projects that will improve the lives of Filipinos.

"We want to leverage on our strategic areas with partners who understand city-building, especially the BCDA. Thank you very much to BCDA for this honor of signing an MOU with NDC," he said.

As the government's investment arm, the NDC pursues commercial, industrial, agricultural, and mining ventures to provide necessary impetus to national economic development. This is aligned with the BCDA's mission of transforming former military bases into centers of economic development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
Region III - Central Luzon



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the EXPANSION OF STOTSBERG LEISURE PARK AND HOTEL PROJECT of STOTSBERG LEISURE PARK AND HOTEL CORPORATION located at Gil Puyat Avenue Corner Andres Soriano St., Clark Special Economic Zone, Clark Field, Pampanga.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the Commercial Building Project. Please refer to the following details:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
November 21, 2024 (Thursday)	10:00 AM (Registration starts at 09:30 AM)	Barangay Basketball Court of Marcos Village, Mabalacat City, Pampanga

The Public Hearing is being conducted as part of the review of the EPRMP, which is being conducted by the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau (EMB).

The Project Information is provided below:

Project Name	Proposed Stotsenberg Leisure Park and Hotel Expansion Project	
Project Location	Gil Puyat Avenue Corner Andres Soriano Sr. Street, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga	
Project Type	Resorts and other tourism/leisure projects	
Project Area/ Capacity	49,251 square meters (total land area)	
Project Components	Component	Area/ Capacity
	Casino	24,884 sqm 4 level including basement
	4-Star Hotel	23,844 sqm 9 Floors 317 room keys
	5-Star Hotel	18,783 sqm 9 Floors including basement 248 room keys
	Gallery	2,853 sqm
	Amenity (Pool decks)	8,698 sqm
	Amenity (Spa & Gym, Pools)	3,007 sqm
	Indoor Parking	23,621 sqm
	Food and Beverages	24,838 sqm
	Back of House	24,838 sqm
	Roads & Sidewalks	13,590 sqm
	Landscape	2,144 sqm
	Roof deck	400 square meters (80 tons)
Motorpool	25,607 sqm	
Proponent	STOTSBERG LEISURE PARK AND HOTEL CORPORATION	

All interested and concerned parties who want to participate in the Public Hearing are encouraged to confirm their attendance by sending an e-mail to recordsr3@emb.gov.ph. Parties may also send their position paper or comments to recordsr3@emb.gov.ph at least three days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able register or submit written comments or position papers may be given opportunity to be heard during the Public Hearing.

The EIS is posted at the EMB Region 3 website (<https://r3.emb.gov.ph/>) and copies will be available at the Barangay Basketball Court of Marcos Village, Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

For further details, please call the Clearance and Permitting Division at (045) 963-3623 local 106 or 09077215572.



Punto Central Luzon: November 4 & 18, 2024

JCI World Congress 2026 set in Clark

CLARK FREEPORT -- The JCI World Congress 2026 will be held here, in yet another affirmation of this freeport's emergence as a premier international MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions) destination.

Clark hosting the prestigious event was announced at the JCI World Congress 2024 in Taoyuan, Taiwan. Delegates from over 100 countries are expected to attend, creating opportunities for young leaders to connect globally.

In a statement, the Clark Development Corp. expressed its appreciation for the support of JCI Manila and JCI Angeles City Culiati in this endeavor. "We look forward to wel-

coming everyone to Clark in 2026. Congratulations to the tourism and promotions

division on this development," CDC said.

Punto News Team/PR



LIGHTING UP THE SCOTTISH SKY

A Fernandina's quest of crafting 'parul' overseas

BY GERALD GLOTON

WHEN THE chilly air of the Scottish winter sets in and the skies darken early, a warm, radiant light shines from the home of Lizette David Aquino-Ventura.

In her cozy corner in Scotland, a unique Filipino Christmas lantern – parol – cast a vibrant glow, bridging thousands of miles to her hometown, the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines.

For Lizette, a proud Fernandina and an ERP planner working overseas, creating her own parol (the Kapampangan for the lantern) is more than a mere holiday decoration; it's a lifeline back to the culture and traditions she deeply cherishes.

"Being away from home isn't easy...the longing for the things I grew up with, especially during Christmas, when our homes in San Fernando would come alive with the magnificent creations of our kababayans, is powerful. I needed a way to bring that magic here to Scotland," said Ventura.

CRAFTING HOME FROM THE HEART

Lizette's journey in making her version of the parol is both an artistic and deeply personal act.

"My parol is made from my husband's old bicycle box," she explained, smiling as she recalls the resourceful process. Growing up in Purok 6, Sta. Lucia, where she was surrounded by the parol-making heritage of the Quiwa-David clan, Lizette knew her parol had to honor her roots.



With an artist's eye and limited materials, Lizette transformed the humble box, cutting and shaping it into a lantern and painting it with colors reminiscent of the parols that once illuminated her childhood.

"I couldn't find palara or colored plastic here, so I used paints, and my husband Florante helped me every step of the way. Together, we crafted what I call my 'heART PARUL,' because it's my heart that went into every detail," the artist shared.

A TRADITION ILLUMINATED BY FAMILY LEGACY

The parol isn't merely an ornament for Lizette. Its symbolism resonates deeply, tracing back to her grandfather, Rodolfo Estanislao



David, the ingenious inventor of the "rotor" that made the Giant Lantern Festival in San Fernando famous.

Her uncle, former councilor and board member Robert Ramos David, also contributed to this legacy, helping to shape the parol tradition in Pampanga.

"For us, the parol isn't just symbolic of Christmas," Lizette reflected.

should never be forgotten, no matter where you may be; cherish the pride in your origins.)

A MESSAGE TO FELLOW OFWS AND FILIPINO FAMILIES ABROAD

With the holiday season nearing, Lizette has a simple yet poignant message to her fellow overseas Filipinos and families separated by distance.



"It's a family legacy. It's our identity as part of the David clan of Sta. Lucia, CSFP, and it's a piece of home I bring wherever I go."

Her parol, carefully painted and pieced together with love, isn't just a representation of Filipino craftsmanship; it's a testament to the resilience and pride of the Filipino spirit. "I feel like I'm home away from home. I am proud to bring my heritage to Scotland, a reminder of my love for my hometown, San Fernando."

In her native Kapampangan, Lizette shares a message that captures her heart's sentiment: "Tune lugud keng kekang pibatan emu dapat kakalingwan nukarin ka man miparas pag maragul mu ing kekang keragulan." (True love for where you came from

"We remember the laughter, the food, the bibingka, and the vibrant parols that we'd share with family. It's painful to be far, but it's even more painful to forget where you came from. My advice to my fellow OFWs is this: Pass down the stories of our heritage to your children, so they, too, will understand and appreciate where they came from."

Lizette's story is a beautiful reminder of how, even miles away, we can carry the light of our culture with us. In crafting her "heART PARUL," she celebrates not just the Christmas season but also the enduring power of love, family, and heritage that shines brightly, no matter how far from home we may be.



BOF inaugurates Floridablanca Poblacion branch

FLORIDABLANCA, PAMPANGA -- BOF inaugurated its newly renovated Floridablanca Poblacion branch, a significant milestone in its 60-year journey of empowering communities and businesses across Central Luzon. The event coincides with BOF's Diamond Anniversary, underscoring its legacy as a steadfast partner in regional development and economic empowerment.

With the inauguration of this newly renovated branch, BOF enters a new chapter, dedicated to supporting community growth, strengthening relationships, and building a bright future for all. This event, marking both a physical transformation and a symbolic commitment to BOF's mission, reaffirms the bank's core values of service, dedication, and regional impact.

As BOF looks ahead,

it remains committed to its vision of being the bank of choice for MSMEs in Central Luzon, continuing its mission of fostering financial inclusion and economic advancement. The renovated Floridablanca Poblacion Branch stands as a testament to BOF's enduring legacy, blending modern banking solutions with a grassroots approach to meet the evolving needs of its clients. **Press release**



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DONATO CAPULONG CRUZ** who died on April 27, 2023 in Jose B. Lingad Regional Memorial Hospital, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; That upon his death, he was a bank depositor in Landbank of the Philippines, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, 1st Floor, Landbank Building, Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga under Account No. 0086-0943-04 with current balance of P 163,741.70; before Notary Public Romeo B. Torno, as per Doc. No. 108, Page No. 23, Book No. 123, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **AARON TOLENTINO SASOCA**, Filipino Citizen, of legal age and of sound mind, married, with address at 2600 San Francisco St., Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines; and heirs of **SPS. SALVADOR BALILIA SASOCA and AMELIA TOLENTINO SASOCA** who died on October 08, 2023, and March 08, 2022 at their residence in 2070 P. Villanueva St., Lourdes Sur East Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 52, Block 6 of the subdivision plan (LRA) Psd-369247, approved as non-subdivision project, being a portion of Block 32-A (LRC) Pcs-1077, L.R.C. cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Ninoy Aquino, City of Angeles; Containing an area of Forty Five (45) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 136275 (Registry of Deeds for Angeles City); before Notary Public Bryan R. Canasa, CPA, as per Doc. No. 926, Page No. 38, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CORNELIO CUNANAN** who died on October 17, 2013 at Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot L of the subdivision plan Psd-03-175311 (AR) being a portion of Lot 2, Pcs-035411-004827 L.R.C. Rec. No.), Situated in the Barrio of Talimundoc & San Agustin Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven (7,657), Square Meters; before Notary Public Angeli Alyssa S. Andan, as per Doc. No. 681, Page No. 46, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 4, 11 & 18, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ISAIAS MALIWAT LACSON** who died on July 10, 1996 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No.	Lot No.	Area in sq.m. (more or less)
TCT No. 115963-R	Lot 215-B-2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-201935	279

before Notary Public Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 3377, Page No. 57, Book No. XII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JERRY C. VILLANUEVA** who died on June 7, 2024 in Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1275-D-2-C-1 of the subd. plan Psd-035415-051840, being a portion of Lot 1275-D-2-C, Psd-03-001737, L.R.C Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Twenty Five Thousand (25,000) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 336284-R; before Notary Public Michael C. Yabut, as per Doc. No. 127, Page No. 26, Book No. XLV, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SILVINO SISON CANLAPAN** who died on July 6, 2003, in Dr. Amando L. Garcia Medical Center Inc., and **SEGUNDINA DAYRIT CANLAPAN** who died on November 20, 2021 in San Martin, Concepcion, Tarlac; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10 of the subd. plan Psd-03-003309, being a portion of Blk. 7, (LRC) Psd-171670, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty Seven (257) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 178900-R; before Notary Public Ranulph L. Manabat, as per Doc. No. 566, Page No. 29, Book No. 2, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EMILIO F. EBALO** who died on June 29, 2017 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 17 Blk. 104 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-03-5416-005641, being a portion of consolidated lots 3840-B-3-A & B-3-C, Psd-035416-059306, 3840-B-4-A & B-4-C, Psd-035416-059307, 3840-B-5-B, Psd-035416-058186 and Lot 1, Pcs-035416-005132 L.R.C. Record Number), situated in the Bo. of Bulaon, Maimpis and Malpitic, Mun. of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Ninety One (91) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 581322-R; before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda, as per Doc. No. 174, Page No. 36, Book No. LXXI, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given to the public that the **PROVISIONAL RECEIPT No. 0091 - 0100** has been missing/lost since **October 4, 2024**.

Any transactions entered into bearing the aforementioned **PROVISIONAL RECEIPT** numbers will not be honored and will be treated null and void.

- ARCHITECTS METAL SYSTEMS, INC. - PAM PANGA

Punto! Central Luzon October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
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IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT

MARA JOYCE MANALANG TANAKA,
Petitioner,

-versus -

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS NO. 24-1052(M)

KENJI TANAKA, THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF APALIT, PAMPANGA, PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY, and ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE INTEREST,

Respondents.

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ORDER

On October 4, 2024, petitioner Mara Joyce Manalang Tanaka filed the verified "Amended Petition" dated October 1, 2024 praying (a) that the Local Civil Registrar of Apalit, Pampanga, and the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City, be ordered to (i) "recognize, enforce and give credence to the Divorce dated March 18, 2019 approved by the Mayor of the City Government of Nakatsugawa City Gifu Prefecture, Japan;" and (ii) "annotate the Divorce on March 18, 2019;" (b) to "declare petitioner Mara Joyce Manalang Tanaka capacitated to marry again by virtue of the subject divorce decree pursuant to Article 26 of the Family Code of the Philippines;" and (c) to "reverse the petitioner's surname, back to her maiden name 'Manalang.'"

This court finds the amended petition to be sufficient in form and substance.

WHEREFORE, this court hereby (a) sets this case for hearing on the amended petition on **November 27, 2024 at 9:00 in the morning at the Session Hall of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 55, Macabebe, Pampanga;** (b) orders the petitioner (i) to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in an accredited newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga at her own expense; (ii) to serve within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of this Order, copies of the amended petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General of the Philippines, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, the Local Civil Registrar of Apalit, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines and private respondent Kenji Tanaka; and (iii) to show proof of said service to this court on said (late and time of hearing); (c) orders said private respondent to file his comment on the amended petition within ten (10) days from receipt thereof; (d) orders all persons interested in the amended petition to appear before this court on said date and time of hearing and to show cause, if any, why the amended petition should not be granted; (e) orders this court's OIC — Branch Clerk of Court to furnish copies of this Order to the petitioner, her counsel, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, the Local Civil Registrar of Apalit, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines, said private respondent and the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga; and (f) awaits the entry of appearance of the Office of the Solicitor General in this case.

SO ORDERED.

Macabebe, Pampanga, October 4, 2024.

NOEL R. NERIZON
Acting Presiding Judge

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Punto Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE OFFICE
Field Office III

5th Floor, Primus Medicus Building, Mc Arthur High Way, San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga 2000
Email address: racc03@nacc.gov.ph
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IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF DOMESTIC ADMIN. ADOPTION CASE
KATE MARJOLAINE LAKI PANOTES NO: RACCOIII-DA-2024-0051-REL-033

TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS

KATE MARJOLAINE LAKI MANARANG
MR. DINKY SAGUN MANARANG AND
MRS. JELIZA JOAN LAKI MANARANG
Petitioners
DATE: October 09, 2024

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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Kate Marjolaine Laki Panotes filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office III (RACCO III) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the minor Kate Marjolaine Laki Panotes be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be change particularly to appear as Kate Marjolaine Laki Manarang.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on November 27, 2024 to be held at RACCO III – 5th Floor, Primus Medicus Building, Mc Arthur High Way, San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga 2000. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposite/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioners once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

SHEILA R. SICAT
RACC Officer-in-Charge

Copy furnished;
National Authority for Child Care
2 Chicago St. corner, Ermln Garcia St., Brgy. Pinagkaisahan, Cubao, Quezon City

Ms. Angela Janel Nicdao, RSW
Adoption Social Worker
RACCO III

Ms. Nenita T. Garcia
Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City

Petitioners:
Mr. Dinky Sagun & Mrs. Jeliza Joan Laki Manarang
Angeles City

Publication Company:
Date of Publication:

Punto Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EUSEBIO C. REGALA JR.** and **HERMINIA B. BINATA** who died on March 1, 2017 and August 25, 2021 at Sta Lucia Resettlement, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Share on his/her estate; That said deceased left a house and lot with TCT NO. 572645-R containing an area of Fifty One Point Ten (51.10) square meters located at Barrios San Isidro and Sta Lucia Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Pedro P. Hipolito Jr., as per Doc. No. 155, Page No. 55, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REYNALDO PADILLA ABESAMIS** who died on April 27, 2017 at HDA Bibiana, Brgy. E. Lopez, Silay City, Negros Occidental; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; That during his lifetime, said decedent left a parcel of land and more particularly described as a parcel of land with improvements thereon located at Block 50, Lot 15, Camichile Resettlement Project, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; before Notary Public Franco G. De Guzman, as per Doc. No. 2, Page No. 1, Book No. XLVIII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REYNANTE HIZON LOPEZ** who died on December 08, 2004 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 337, of the subd. plan Psd-78000 being a portion of Lot 1-C-311, Psd-17612, of Dinalupihan Estate Subdivision), situated in the Barangay San Simon, Municipality of Dinalupihan, Province of Bataan; containing an area of Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four (30,584) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. CLOA-1038 Certificate of Land Ownership Award No. 26965; before Notary Public Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 285, Page No. 58, Book No. XLIX, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RICARDO A. ZABALA** who died on October 11, 2018 at Mabalacat District Hospital, Camachiles, Mabalacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land Lot 32, Block 44 of the subd. plan Psd-03-090461, being a portion of Lot 1, Pcs-03-008263 L.R.C Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Pandacaqui, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Ninety Six (96) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 439252-R; before Notary Public Eduardo B. Yutuc, as per Doc. No. 057, Page No. 11, Book No. X, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

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IN RE: PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH WITH REGISTRY NO. 2020-1343 OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF MUNICIPALITY OF GUAGUA, PAMPANGA UNDER RULE 108 OF THE RULES OF COURT

ALLYN JOY MIRALLES ROSAS,
Petitioner,

-versus-

SPL. PROC. No. G-24-2843

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF GUAGUA, PAMPANGA, AND THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,
Respondents.

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ORDER

In the verified Petition dated 03 October 2024 and electronically filed on 14 October 2024 through counsel, M.C.P. Law Office by Atty. Marc Terry C. Perez, petitioner prays that after notice, publication, and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the respondent Municipal Civil Registrar of Guagua, Pampanga to cancel the Certificate of Live Birth of Cassandra Rosas Hartung with Registry No. 2020-1343.

It appearing to be sufficient in form and substance, the petition is set for hearing on **13 January 2025 at 8:30 in the morning** to be conducted at the Hall of Justice, San Matias, Guagua, Pampanga at which date, time and place, the petitioner shall appear and prove her petition. All persons interested in the petition are enjoined to appear and show cause why, if any they have, the petition should not be granted.

Let this Order be published before the scheduled hearing at the expense of the petitioner, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga.

Petitioner is directed to forthwith furnish the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) with a copy of the Petition and its annexes and thereafter, submit to the court proof of compliance herewith

Furnish copy hereof the office of Solicitor General (OSG), the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, the petitioner and counsel as well as the Municipal Civil Registrar of Guagua, Pampanga, (PSA) via electronic and/or registered mail.

SO ORDERED

Guagua, Pampanga, 15 October 2024

JESUSA MYLENE C. SUBA-ISIP
Presiding Judge

Punto! Central Luzon October 21,28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LUCIANO YU** who died on June 9, 2016 and **LEONARD YU** who died on July 4, 2015 both died in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 153-T of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-272646, being a portion of Lot 153 of the Cadastral Survey of Angeles, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 134) situated in the City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven (12,267), Square Meters; before Notary Public Mariline M. Lee, as per Doc. No. 400, Page No. 80, Book No. XC, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 4, 11 & 18, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PEDRO G. SANTOS JR.**, who died on December 27, 2007 in San Mateo, California, and **PURIFICACION C. SANTOS** who died on January 16, 2019 in San Francisco, California; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 50720

A parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 1, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-55782, being a portion of Lot 2, described on plan Psd-4920, L.R.C Rec. No. 8715), situated in the City of Angeles; Containing an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) Square Meters;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 40174

A parcel of land (Lot 923, Psd-76713, being a portion of Lot 19-B-1-A (LRC) Psd-13632) of the subdivision plan. L.R.C. Rec. No. situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Angeles City; Containing an area of Three Hundred Forty Two (342) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Paolo M. Benitez, as per Doc. No. 800, Page No. 54, Book No. 13, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 28, November 4 & 11, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOURDES GUTIERREZ SANTOS** who died on July 24, 2012 in Arayat, Pampanga and **RONILLO GUTIERREZ SANTOS** who died on April 15, 2016 at Bacolor, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (lot 8 sheet 1 of the cons-subd. plan (LRC) Pcs-9301 being a portion of the cons. of lot 7-D & 7-E, Psd-26192 & lot 2583 Arayat Cad, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1277), situated in the Bo. of Lacmit, Mun. of Arayat, Prov. of Pampanga; Containing an area of Five Hundred Ninety Six (596) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 680998-R; before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda, as per Doc. No. 519, Page No. 105, Book No. LXXI, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 28, November 4 & 11, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SUSANA PALACIOB MANALO** who died on September 6, 2020 at Sta. Cruz, Porac, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land which is conjugal and owned in common with her husband, situated in the Barangay of Sta. Cruz, Municipality of Porac Province of Pampanga, island of Luzon; Containing an area of Eleven Thousand (11,000) square meters; which is duly covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. CARP2014000090 CLOA No. 01112983; before Notary Public Kateleyn S. Leander, as per Doc. No. 81, Page No. 38, Book No. XXXII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 28, November 4 & 11, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

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

TCT No. 045-2024005212

LOT NO: 2-B-3,
PORTION OF: Lot 2-B
LOCATION: Barangay of Atlu Bola, City of Mabalacat, Island of Luzon
PLAN NO: Psd-03-27883 Psd-03-262503
AREA: Five Thousand (5,000) Square Meters more or less

before Notary Public Alfredo O. Abarrillo, as per Doc. No. 789, Page No. 351, Book No. XXV, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. JUAN S. LISING** who died on November 20, 2017 in Hayward Healthcare Wellness Center, Alameda, USA and **ANTONIA A. LISING** who died on October 3, 2015 in Kaiser Hospital, San Leandro, Alameda, USA; 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 32, 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; Containing an area of Two Hundred Ten (210) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 9115; before Notary Public Reydon P. Canlas, as per Doc. No. 833, Page No. 106, Book No. 89, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 28, November 4 & 11, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARCELA ANGELES DIZON** who died on January 12, 1997 at AUFMC, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 86-A-3-L-12-B-18-A-3 of the subd., plan, Psd-03-173450, being a portion of Lot 86-A-3-L-12-B-18-A, Psd-03-157990, L.R.C. Record No.), situated in the Barrio of Tabun, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Two (1,432) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 172258; before Notary Public Menandro P. Flores, as per Doc. No. 353, Page No. 78, Book No. XL, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROBERTO N. SIBUG** and **FRANCISCA L. NUNAG** who died on March 6, 2006 & May 1, 2006 at MRC, Mabalacat City Pampanga; 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 48, Blk. 175 of the cons. subd. plan Pcs-03-0007961 being a portion of cons. Lots 176-B-2-C, Psd-03-044960 and Lot 1, Blk. 123 Pcs-03-007486, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Madapdap, Mun. of Mabt., Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Ninety Six (96) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 577145-R; before Notary Public Paterno S. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 94, Page No. 20, Book No. 91, Series of 2020.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 21, 28 & November 4, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VIRGINIA LACSON PARAS** who died on December 20, 2011 at 274 Lacson St., San Pedro I, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate Of Title No.	Lot No.	Area in sq.m. (more or less)
TCT No. 115963-R	Lot 215-B-2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-201935	279

before Notary Public Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 3384, Page No. 58, Book No. XII, Series of 2024.

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Aeta community gets new road

BALANGA CITY – The Department of Public Works and Highways has completed a 423-lineal meter road project at Barangay Pag-Asa in Orani, Bataan. The P4.94-million infrastructure project is expected to provide the Aeta community with better transportation for agricultural products like coconuts, bananas, mangoes, and various root crops, allowing

them to transport goods more efficiently to nearby markets. DPWH Bataan 1st District Engineer Erlindo Flores, Jr. highlighted the anticipated impact of this project on the Aeta community, known for its agricultural skills, and underscored the importance of supporting their economic endeavors. “Previously, the Aeta

community faced challenges in transporting their goods to market due to rough and often impassable paths, limiting their ability to benefit fully from their hard work. This newly concreted section will provide a smoother, more reliable route, helping ease travel and improve access to nearby areas,” Flores said. He emphasized that these challenges highlight

the need for rural development, making this project a model for future initiatives that can positively impact the livelihoods of indigenous communities. The paved road is also expected to improve transportation and access to essential services for residents, reflecting the government’s commitment to supporting rural communities. **PIA-3**

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SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, Mortgagee, -versus- APPLICATION FOR FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

SPOUSES PRUDENCIO M. DIZON and ROSALINDA G. DIZON, Mortgagors F.C. Case No. 2024-0059

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial application for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, **SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM**, with principal office at 3/F SSS Tarlac Bldg., Macabulos Drive, San Vicente, Tarlac City against **SPOUSES PRUDENCIO M. DIZON and ROSALINDA G. DIZON** with residence and postal address at Lot 9, Blk. 69, 16 St., Mawaque Resettlement, Mawaque, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and #649 Roxas St., Dolores, Mabalacat, Pampanga and in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debts which as of **June 1, 2024** amounts to **ONE MILLION FORTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT PESOS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTAVOS (Php 1,040,128.25)** Philippine currency, total amount obligation inclusive of Interest, penalty and other charges thereto, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **December 10, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, at the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Branch I, Mabalacat City, Pampanga located at the Bldg. 2 Unit 33 Great Mall of Central Luzon (formerly Xevera Commercial Complex) Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga 2010** will sell at public auction for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land with all the improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 31283-M (186520-R)

A parcel of land (Lot 17, Block 37 of the subdivision plan Bsd-10196, sheet S, being a portion of lot 545 of the cadastral survey of Mabalacat, (LRC) Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Bo. of Mamatitang, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga. Bounded on the NE., by lot 18, Block 37 of the subdivision plan; on the SE., by lot 19, Block 37 of the subdivision plan; on the SW., by Road lot 22, of the subd., plan: and on the NW., by lot 15, Blk. 37 of the subdivision plan. x x x containing an area of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY (280) SQUARE METERS, more or less, x x x

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcel/s 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 January 7, 2025 at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, October 21, 2024.

MICHAEL ANGELO F. SEGISMAR
Sheriff IV

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SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
Macabulos Drive, San Vicente, Tarlac City

ENGR. MYLENE NONETTE M. ZAMORA
3rd Floor, SSS Tarlac Building, Macabulos Drive, San Vicente., Tarlac Crty

SPS. PRUDENCIO M. DIZON & ROSALINDA O. DIZON
Lot 9, Blk. 69, 16 St, Mawaque Resettlement, Mawaque, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and #649 Roxas St, Dolores, Mabalacat, Pampanga

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CDC chief leads...

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ons of Mass Destruction by Managing the Trade in Strategic Goods, the Provision of Related Services...). CDC and the cooperating agencies plan to formalize an agreement to institutionalize these reforms and partnerships for the aviation sector's benefit. The meeting included representatives from the Bureau of Customs-Port of Clark, Bureau of Internal Revenue-Excise Large Taxpayers Regu-

latory Division, Philippine National Police-Firearms and Explosives Office, Department of Trade and Industry Strategic Trade Management Office, and Export Marketing Bureau, Dangerous Drugs Board, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency,, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Bureau of Quarantine,, and Bureau of Animal Industry. Executives from the aviation sector participated as resource persons. **CDC-PR**

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANGEL T. MATAGA** and **LYDIA CELIS MATAGA** who died on September 19, 2011 and August 13, 2023 respectively both Sta. Ana, Pampanga, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Deed of Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 11 of the subdivision plan. Psd-03-029289 (OLT), being a portion of Lot 3, Psu-10402 L.R.C. Rec. No.), Situated in the Barrio of San Agustin, Municipality of Sta. Ana, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Twelve (13,312), Square Meters; before Notary Public Carlota Dela Cruz Manalo, as per Doc. No. 417, Page No. 85, Book No. 96, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 4, 11 & 18, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TOMAS C. SERRANO** who died on May 23, 1999 at 138 Cherry St., San Francisco, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **ROMANA DELA CRUZ** who died on September 8, 2020 138 Cherry St., San Francisco, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 10066
CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD NO. 00308561**

Lot No.: T, Psd-036911-061091 (AR)
Portion of Lot: 1, Pcs-036911-005080
Location: Buenavista, Pura, Tarlac
Area: Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Two (5,592) Square Meters
Bearing: True

before Notary Public Franco G. De Guzman, as per Doc. No. 321, Page No. 65, Book No. XXX, Series of 2024.

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SM Foundation...

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enabling virtual consultations and digital medical record management, in line with PhilHealth's digitalization efforts.

The hospital received laptops to support this initiative, making it the first military hospital to adopt SM DigiKonsulta.

"Healthcare is essential to human well-being. It is the foundation of strong and resilient communities, yet access to adequate healthcare remains a challenge for many," SM Foundation executive director for health and medical programs Connie Angeles said.

"Recognizing this critical

need, we are committed to refurbishing health facilities, ensuring that both military and civilian populations receive the quality care they deserve. By enhancing these healthcare services, we strengthen our communities and promote overall public health, which is vital for our nation's resilience

and prosperity," she added.

For his part, Col. Villamor Costales Jr., commander of the 540th Air Base Group, expressed "heartfelt appreciation to the SM Foundation for its unwavering support and dedication in building a healthier, and stronger future" for the Philippine Armed Forces.

The SM Foundation has renovated 41 military health facilities: 19 for the Philippine Army, 12 for the Philippine Air Force, nine for the Philippine Navy, and one for the Philippine Marines.

SM's corporate social responsibility arm uplifts the health and wellness of communities by conduct-

ing medical missions and renovating barangay health centers, rural health units, and government hospital wards, serving both civilian and military beneficiaries.

To date, the foundation has revitalized over 204 health centers and conducted over 1,625 medical missions. **SM-PR**

7.7-M voters...

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1,625,351. Tarlac is fourth with 940,701; Bataan, fifth with 588,197; and Zambales sixth with 554,981.

Aurora has the lowest number of registered voters at 158,259.

The region has a total of 3,564 aspirants for the positions at stake in 2025,

namely member of the House of Representatives, governor, vice governor, sangguniang panlalawigan member, city/municipal mayor and vice mayor, and sangguniang panlungsod or sangguniang bayan member.

"Remember, there is a difference between aspi-

rants and candidates. Everyone who files a certificate of candidacy, from governor down the line, is considered an aspirant at this time. They will officially become candidates once the campaign period begins. For national positions, this starts on Feb. 11, 2025, while the local

campaign period starts on March 28, 2025," he explained.

Nueva Ecija leads with the most aspirants at 832, followed by Bulacan with 731, Pampanga with 598, Tarlac with 565, Zambales with 392, Bataan with 243, and Aurora with 185. **Rick P. Quiambao/PIA-3**

SBMA named...

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tor Eduardo Jose L. Aliño received the prestigious award, along with director Teodoro Del Rosario, business and investment group for leisure manager Josephine Ivy Ferrer and general business and investment OIC Cleofe Espinelli from Artur Dmochowski, ambassador of Poland to the Kingdom of Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar.

"The World Business Outlook Awards is a prestigious event that recognizes industry excellence, exceptional leadership, outstanding success strategies, and global presence," organizers said.

They also noted that their expert jury panel was established to ensure that only the top performers from each sector will receive the top honours

of the year.

"This is why we have a very discrete and rigorous methodology for each of our award categories. The global recognition that our winners receive are a testament of our dedication towards promoting our champions," the award-giving media organization said.

Aliño expressed his gratitude to the World Business Outlook for recognizing the SBMA for its thrust in developing the Subic Bay Freeport Zone a sustainable investment hub in the world.

"It is with profound honor that we accept this distinct accolade from the World Business Outlook award-giving body for being the Most Sustainable Investment Hub in the Philippines for the Subic Bay Freeport Zone," he said.

"This is not only

a celebration of our achievements but also a testament to the unwavering commitment of our community, stakeholders, and partners who share our vision for a sustainable future," he added.

Aliño also urged the event attendees to, "engage in innovative practices, promote green technologies, and ensure that our commitment to sustainability remains at the forefront of everything we do."

"Together, we will continue to pave the way for responsible investment practices, ensuring that we leave a thriving planet for future generations," he said.

Ambassador Dmochowski and India-Thai Chamber of Commerce in Bangkok president Sushil Kumar Dhanuka were the guests of honor during

the ceremony. The event also served as a bridge to other companies, as some of the most innovative business minds and influential people were also present during the event.

The World Business Outlook cited that their main motive is to "Reward the Ultimate in Business Excellence" from across the world. "We hope you take complete benefit of this networking opportunity at World Business Outlook 2024 and turn this evening into a memorable event for your company and your team."

Other Philippine awardees were ABS-CBN Corp., Ayala Property Management Corp., Cebu Pacific Air, Centro Escolar University, Megaworld Corp., Nickel Asia Corp., and San Miguel Global Power Corp.

Porac facility...

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in the region.

In a statement, EPMC enthused over the influx of new clients, including private corporations and local government units from Pampanga and neighboring provinces such as Bulacan.

"These clients have found EPMC's facility to be a satisfactory final destination for their residual waste, reinforcing EPMC's role as a key player in regional waste management," it said.

EPMC said it has long been at the forefront of

environmental protection, with a vision that includes exploring waste-to-energy facilities and other renewable energy project, noting that "these initiatives aim to preserve the natural environment while providing innovative solutions for waste management."

Recently, the Department of the Interior and Local Government-Region 3 recognized EPMC's efforts by awarding the company a certificate of appreciation for its participation in the Forum on Innovative Interventions for Local Government

Units which was held in partnership with the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Region 3.

EPMC also announced its corporate social responsibility programs, which include the collection and upcycling of single-use plastic sachets into sturdy and useful armchairs to be donated to financially challenged schools of LGU partners.

With a proven capability to handle large volumes of non-hazardous waste, EPMC stands as a reliable

alternative to the closed Tarlac landfill. The facility also complements the newly opened Prime Waste Material Recovery Facility also in Porac, and the other existing landfill in Floridablanca town, creating a comprehensive waste management ecosystem for the region.

As EPMC continues to benchmark outstanding performance in the waste management industry, the company remains focused on sustainable solutions that protect the environment and support local communities.

Press release

Ad Lib

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unqualified and incompetent would-be senators, representatives and local government officials when another batchmate quipped, "O dyang ali tala bobotu ren, mas dakal nala man reng magbotu karela, anya masambut la pa murin reng balu tamung karapat-dapat manyambut at sumuyu."

Even for a few seconds, we all nodded and accepted this as the hard-

est of election truths. In a democracy, majority wins.

Is it then safe to assume that the common denominator of the showbiz personalities' success in politics is their fan base-turned-political support base? Of course, we cannot and should never invalidate what the Filipino masses consider the right choice for a leader, given their own context. Instead of calling them out as bobotantes whose choices affect

us and the others who never voted the same candidates, why don't we become the catalyst for their re-education as voters?

Let us remind the Filipinos voters that even their idols' sincerest of desires to serve the people must be backed up by solid qualifications for any position they aspire for. They should not stand in the way of those who are more prepared and qualified to do the job for them. Let us make these

voters realize that a person's goodness should never be equated with competence in government service, much more with a legislative position. There is a long list of good people who continue to show goodness even in the absence of an official title or position in government. Let us also teach these voters to evaluate the actual performance of their idols in Congress or in the local government units and see for themselves if they still

A new era...

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With the modernization and revitalization brought about by the SRDP, the Air Defense Command will be able to project power and assert the country's sovereignty with greater confidence. Surveillance capabilities will be bolstered, making it easier to detect, identify, intercept and neutralize unauthorized incursions into Philippine airspace. This renewed sense of security will not only bolster the morale of the AFP but also reassure the Filipino public that the nation's skies are well-guarded.

For the global Implications, a revitalized defense posture enhances the coun-

try's regional standing. The Philippines can emerge as a stronger player in Southeast Asian collective security while protecting national interests.

In conclusion, Republic Act 12024 offers the Armed Forces of the Philippines, particularly the Air Defense Command, a transformational opportunity to become a more self-sufficient and capable force. In a world where threats to national security are becoming increasingly complex, the ability to rely on local production and innovation will provide the PAF with the agility it needs to safeguard the Philippines' airspace and territorial integrity. **HADCC Project Tinta**

The Public Space

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May be. May be not. Maybe this is not the right time. Maybe the right time will come. The pain is still there, no doubt.

The fact that the vice president, who helped you win the president at one time, imagined to have your head dismembered from your body is more weird than fiction. That's why many across the board implied insanity. It also not a good political joke by any standard even ,if, or specially so, in the context of a father and former president known for making jokes and leaving thousands in mortal grief.

There's the rub.

A bad political story will find it hard to have a happy closure. The overthrow of a dictator in 1986 through a peaceful people revolution did not have one, even if the son came back and regained power, has since been thrown to the backburner by running it out of the list of national

holidays. It ,obviously, is not an endearing one to the victors, given the political exertions to rewrite the whole nine yards and relive their fables.

The vice president's unprecedented gall or nerve to publicly say what she wanted to do to a former president and, essentially, dishonor him is unthinkable. The siblings, the president and senator's restrained silence about it, let alone the rest of the family's but one, speak volumes about the difficulty of their story's closure.

Their vulnerability is palpable.

The German philosopher said the owl of Minerva spreads its wings only during the dusk, one , therefore, can only appreciate history as it happens or by hindsight. David Brooks, an American columnist, describes this as a perpetual tragedy.

This probably explains the Marcoses silence and restraint. For now,



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Experience the joy of Christmas at SM Supermalls in North Luzon

The magic of Christmas has arrived early at SM Supermalls across North Luzon. The malls lit up with aweSM Christmas centerpieces, officially ushering in the holiday season.



Celebrating joyful moments at SM City Pampanga with Santa's Musical Quartet! The kids are brimming with holiday cheer, surrounded by colorful confetti and festive decorations

But the holiday fun doesn't stop there. Shoppers and mall-goers enjoy a variety of festive activities at select SM malls, including photo opportunities with spectacular Christmas installations, Christmas parades, Santa meet-and-greets, live musical performances, and dazzling fireworks displays.



SM Megacentre Cabanatuan's holiday centerpiece Santa's Coming to town is a story about bringing joy and spreading warmth for everyone. Standing proudly amidst the scene is a magnificent 25-foot Christmas tree, complemented by a 13-foot Santa Claus gracefully riding a vintage pickup truck laden with presents.



Be dazzled by Santa's Wonder City, a Christmas setup inspired by the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas at SM City Olongapo Central. Adorned with a 27-foot-tall Christmas tree, decorated with warm white Christmas lights beside a neon marquee, setting the stage for a Vegas-inspired holiday spectacle. Surrounding the grand tree are whimsical, oversized Christmas gift boxes, all wrapped in shiny metallic papers with giant bows. In the middle stands a giant 15-foot Santa Claus adds a touch of festive cheer, making this the perfect backdrop for holiday photos.

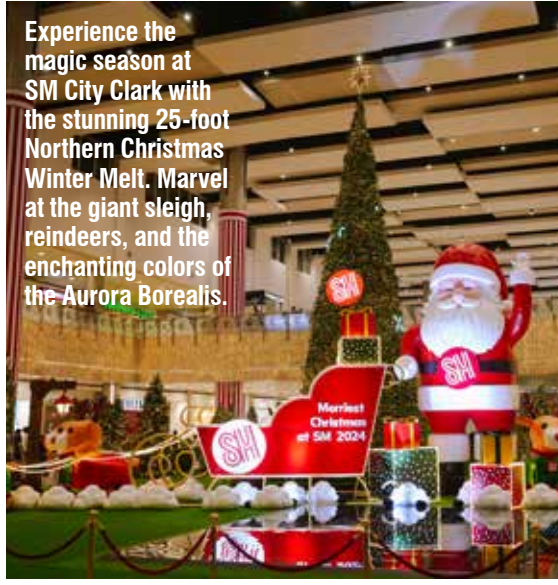


SM City Baliwag unveils Santa's Magical Dreamland. The centerpiece exudes whimsical wonders, highlighted by a classic 30-foot Christmas tree. A giant Santa catching stars while sitting on celestial clouds is an eye-catcher, while the radiant moon and gift boxes surrounding the attraction will melt everyone's heart this holiday season.

These events ignite the spirit of Christmas, bringing joy to all who visit. Visitors experience the magic of the holidays at SM Supermalls in North Luzon, where a season of warmth, celebration, and festive fun awaits.

SM City Marilao signals the start of the holidays with a dazzling Christmas centerpiece highlighted by a towering 30-foot Christmas tree beside a 15-foot Santa. The attraction is crafted with LED cubes and flooring, infused with hundreds of lights in a symphony of colors, while the classic gift boxes surrounding the attraction perfectly define the festive season.

For more details on upcoming Christmas activities, visit www.smsupermalls.com or follow SM Supermalls on Facebook.



Explore Santa's Bird Land Adventure, a Christmas display inspired by Balanga City's iconic migratory birds at SM City Bataan. Marvel at the gigantic 18-foot Santa, 25-foot Christmas tree beautifully adorned with warm white lights, surrounded by vibrant birds and lush trees.



Discover the magic of the CHRISTMAS ON STACKS Centerpiece at SM City San Fernando Downtown! Marvel at the 12-foot Santa Claus, the cheerful elves, and reindeer amidst the colorful display of Christmas boxes.

This year, SM Cares introduces the Hug-A-Mood collection—adorable plush toys that reflect a range of emotions children experience, making them the perfect gift for the season. For every bear purchased, a second bear will be donated to a child in need, sharing the warmth of Christmas.



The Christmas centerpiece lighting was accompanied by captivating performances from local singers, dancers, and entertainers, creating a truly enjoyable atmosphere. The vibrant energy of these events set the stage for a season of joy and wonder throughout SM Supermalls.



Step into SM City Tarlac's Enchanted Holiday centerpiece! A magnificent 33-foot Christmas tree twinkles with lights, surrounded by shimmering snowflakes, festive evergreens, and a delightful Santa-unicorn duo.



The fun continues at SM City Olongapo Downtown as they unveiled their highly anticipated Christmas centerpiece, themed "Gingerbread Fun." It featured 5 adorable dancing Santas, amid the backdrop of lush Christmas trees and charming gingerbread houses. Surrounded with giant candy cane paired with mistletoe, Christmas sweets in fun and exciting colors and candy arch.



Get ready to experience the CHRISTMAS FLIGHT around the world! Experience a magical odyssey at SM City Cabanatuan's Christmas Centerpiece, where a tapestry of diverse traditions awaits. The focal point is a towering 35-foot Christmas tree adorned with glistening lights, complemented by a 15-foot Santa Claus riding a plane, poised to embark on an exhilarating journey!



SM Center Pulilan unfolds a Royal Christmas Adventure that resonates with the grandiose celebration of the holiday festivities. Designed with pure elegance, the attraction is built with golden staircases and a regal platform where a magnificent 27-foot Christmas tree stands tall. Shoppers will be greeted by 5-foot Santa figures, alongside his classic sleigh and majestic reindeers.

