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BBM opens Candaba 3rd Viaduct



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. waves to the crowd as he leads inaugural drive through at the Candaba 3rd Viaduct. With him are MPTC chairman and CEO Manuel V. Pangilinan and Public Works and Highways Secretary Manuel Bonoan.

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PULILAN, Bulacan – “The Candaba 3rd Viaduct enhances the capacity of this expressway, reduces congestion, and ensures faster, more efficient travel.

Standing as a testament to this administration’s commitment to the ‘Build Better More’ program, this also shows that we are building the foundation to nurture the development of our countryside.”

Thus, enthused President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. during the inauguration of the P7.8-billion viaduct here on Dec. 10, expressing conviction that it would spur regional development

in Central Luzon through enhanced connectivity, business opportunities, and tourism activity.

“As we mark its completion, we show what can be achieved when we work together as one—fueled by our commitment to enriching connectivity, opportunity, and the brighter future that we continue to create together,” the president noted.

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Cancer center breaks ground at OFW Hospital



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. leads time capsule-laying for the Bagong Pilipinas Cancer Care Center at the OFW Hospital with (L-R) Pampanga 3rd District Rep. Aurelio “Dong” Gonzales Jr., DMW Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac, Vice Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, and House Speaker Martin Romualdez.

PHOTO: DANIEL OMBINA/PAMPANGA PIO

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- “Aggressive as this terrible disease is, we need to be as equally aggressive in providing treatment for our patients – to give them hope, to provide

them with care, make them feel right at home, at the time when they need it the most.”

Thus, said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. as he broke ground for the Bagong

Pilipinas Cancer Care Center of the OFW Hospital here on Dec. 10. day.

Marcos Jr. highlighted the data from the Philippine Statis-

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HABEMUS CARDINALEM.

Pope Francis places a red biretta on new Cardinal Pablo Virgilio David during a consistory in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican Dec. 7.

PHOTO GRABBED FROM REUTERS

Bishop Ambo gets red hat from Pope Francis

MANILA -- Pope Francis on Saturday, Dec. 7, formally elevated Bishop Pablo Virgilio David of Kalookan, popularly “Bishop Ambo,” to the rank of cardinal. David, also president of

the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines, received his red hat, along with 20 others, during a consistory at St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican. It was the pope’s 10th

consistory to create new cardinals from six continents during his 11-year pontificate.

During the ceremony, the new cardinals recited the Creed to make a profession

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PHOTO: MEGAWORLD

‘Lubenas ning Pascu’ peeks in Megaworld’s lantern parade

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Vestiges of a tradition long time gone came back recently at Megaworld Capital Town here with what is bruited as the “first ever Parade of Parols.”

With the city government, the Department of Education, and the Giant Lantern Festival, Megaworld staged the parade of “a stunning array of parols crafted by Kapampangan students,

each one a true testament to their love for the culture.”

“From intricate designs to innovative twists on the classic parol, the students beautifully embodied the

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AC earns back-to-back Seal of Good Local Governance



ANGELES CITY -- For the second consecutive year, the leadership of Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. received the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) from the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

It is the first time that the city achieved back-to-back SGLG awards.

Lazatin, and DILG-Angeles City director Yvette Cosio received the recognition at the Manila Hotel on Dec. 10.

The SGLG is an award, incentive, honor and recognition-based program for all LGUs and is a continuing commitment for LGUs to continually progress and improve their performance.

"Ang SGLG po ang

tinuturing na pinakaimportante sa lahat ng mga awards na binibigay ng DILG, kaya ang makuha ang award na ito ay patunay lamang po na ang lokal na gobyerno po natin ay nagbibigay ng dekalidad na serbisyo publiko para sa mga Angeleños," Lazatin said.

Lazatin thanked all the department heads, chiefs of offices, and city hall employees for their dedication to provide an effective and efficient public service for Angeleños.

"Lubos ko rin pinasasalamatan ang mga department heads at lahat ng mga kawani ng lokal na gobyerno sa pinapakita po nilang kasipagan upang mabigyan ng tapat at

mahusay na serbisyo ang ating mga kababayan," the mayor enthused.

"Ang seal po na ito ay para sa atin pong lahat na mga Angeleños," Lazatin furthered.

The criteria for the SGLG are Good Fiscal or Financial Administration or Financial Sustainability; Disaster Preparedness; Social Protection and Sensitivity Program; Health Compliance and Responsiveness; Programs for Sustainable Education; Business Friendliness and Competitiveness; Safety, Peace and Order; Environmental Management; Tourism, Heritage Development, Culture and Arts; and Youth Development.

Angeles CIO

AFAB, Ironman hold FAB recon, FAB run

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

MARIVELES, BATAAN -- The Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB) and the Ironman Group's Sunrise Events, Inc. held a test run here as a prelude to the 5150 Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB) triathlon next year.

The sports event started Dec. 7 with a media conference with AFAB administrator and CEO Hussein Pangandaman, AFAB deputy administrator Malou Herrera, and Ironman group president Princess Galura at the FAB administration building in Mariveles.

At dawn of Dec. 8, the triathletes headed to Camaya Coast in Mariveles where the recon officially started and ended at the FAB administration building.

AFAB information officer Hazel Keith Elloren said the activity is a reconnaissance event to test the course for next year's actual Ironman x FAB 5150 race.

Joining the recon were 31 triathletes from seven participating teams in the 1.5-kilometer swim, 40-km bike



and 10-km run. The participants are from Century Tuna Tri Hard, Sante Barley Triteam, Tri SND Barracuda, Fit PH, The Next Step Tri, Isabela Tri Club, and Go for Gold.

Simultaneously, the FAB Run, a five-kilometer fun run designed to celebrate fitness, community spirit, and the joy of running, was conducted as well in order to provide opportunity

for FAB employees and locators to get involved in the action, Elloren said.

Some 300 local participants from the FAB community joined the FAB run.

"With its ideal blend of scenic coastal roads, lush greenery, and top-tier amenities, the FAB is being poised to become a premier destination for triathletes," Elloren said.



Agri industry machinery complex to rise in NE

CABANATUAN CITY – A 20-hectare lot in this city is set to be developed by the Department of Agriculture and the Korea Agricultural Machinery Industry Cooperative as site of an agricultural machinery assembly center in the country.

The Korea Agricultural

Machinery Industry Complex (KAMIC) is expected to boost local machinery production, benefiting both current and future generations of farmers.

DA Special Concerns and Official Development Assistance – Foreign Aid/ Grants Undersecretary Jerome Oliveros enthused

about the project, highlighting its alignment with the vision of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for agriculture development.

"It's delightful because, finally, the dream of our beloved president will soon come true. In the next couple of years, many machines like the ones we

saw earlier will be produced and, one day, will be distributed across the entire archipelago of our country," Oliveros said.

For her part, Mayor Myca Elizabeth Vergara expressed the city government's full support for the project, particularly in

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Abacan Bridge along NLEX undergoing rehabilitation. PHOTO: PIA-3

Old NLEX bridges undergo rehabilitation

PULILAN, BULACAN

— The rehabilitation of old bridges along the North Luzon Expressway goes in full swing after the five-kilometer old southbound and northbound Candaba Viaduct was subjected to retrofitting.

Given priority for structural strengthening or retrofitting is the Pulilan Interchange bridge in Bulacan, and the Pau bridges in Sto. Tomas and Abacan in Angeles City in Pampanga.

NLEX Corp. president Luigi Bautista advised motorists to slow down when passing through the said bridges to allow for the ongoing rehabilitation.

The rehabilitation of the said bridges is similar to that undertaken on the reinforced old southbound and northbound Candaba Viaduct. This started with adjusting the joints of the girders or the concrete slab on which the slab rests.

Asphalt is laid on top of the slab, which is used by vehicles.

This is to reduce excessive structural vibration whenever vehicles pass over the bridge joints, which has an impact on the overall integrity of the structure.

New concrete will also replace the deteriorating cement in the girders, parapets of concrete walls or fences of the bridge and even the posts if necessary.

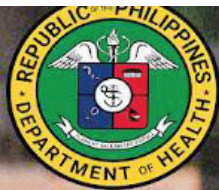
Part of the expenditure here comes from the P10-billion loan contracted by NLEX Corp. with China Bank for various renovations on the said expressway as part of the concession approved by the Toll Regulatory Board.

The initial target for project completion is set before the upcoming holiday season, to safely accommodate the expected high number of motorists.

It is expected that the renovation of the bridges will continue until the beginning of 2025. **Shane F. Velasco/PIA-3**



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To the Point

Human rights are about building the future – right now

ON HUMAN RIGHTS Day, we face a harsh truth.

Human rights are under assault. Tens of millions of people are mired in poverty, hunger, poor health and education systems that have not yet fully recovered from the COVID19 pandemic.

Global inequalities are running rampant. Conflicts are intensifying. International law is willfully ignored. Authoritarianism is on the march while civic space is shrinking. Hateful rhetoric is fueling discrimination, division and outright violence.

And women's rights continue to be rolled back in law and practice.

This year's theme reminds us that human rights are about building the future — right now.

All human rights are indivisible. Whether economic, social, civic, cultural or political, when one right is undermined, all rights are undermined.

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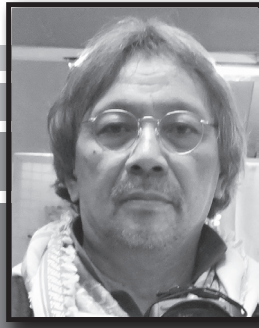
Promoting the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

And defending human rights defenders as they carry out their vital work.

The recently adopted Pact for the Future reinforced the world's commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

On this important day, let's protect, defend and uphold all human rights for all people.

(UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message for Human Rights Day, observed on 10 December 2024)



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Opinion

The Capampangan

THERE IS much ado about the Capampangan.

More than a tribe, the old Capampangan prides himself as a separate race. Perhaps in bitter rebellion against the diminution of his once vast kingdom that was said to have stretched from the mouth of the Pasig River in Tondo to the upper reaches of the Chico River in Cagayan Valley.

Mayhaps, in a vicious reaction to the consequent waning of the primacy of his lingua franca which is now limited to just the province and the southern half of Tarlac, plus a single town in each of Pampanga's contiguous provinces of Bataan, Bulacan, and Nueva Ecija.

He may not be the distinct species that he likes to make of himself, but the Capampangan unarguably stands out when ranged against his Filipino fellows. You will know the Capampangan, easily.

Food is his passion. A gourmet and a gourmand is the Capampangan as he turns snails and frogs, dogs and field mice, pythons and cobras, locusts and mole crickets into exotic dishes rivaling ambrosia itself. And no meal for him without the attendant condiments of *patis*, *toyo*, and *aslam*.

And who could love the pungent buro more, other than the Capampangan?

How the Capampangan loves to party! Just about every occasion is a cause for celebration. A Capampangan fiesta is unrivalled in the excesses of bacchanalia. The fattened calf or pig, even good old Bantay, get served on the Capampangan table. Beer goes by the truckful. No money is no excuse to feast. *E ca macapagtawó? Ala cang marine tau. Nananu ya itang mag-five-six qng cantu?* Feast for the day, all the year to the usurer.

Fashion is an everyday statement. In colleges and universities, the ubiquitous Capampangan student is the one dressed to the nines but with barely a dime. Just about everywhere he is toggled as though ever-ready to a party.

Dance is a religion. Even before the fad of disco and ballroom dancing, the Capampangan has had – dating to the turn of the century, the 19th to the 20th pa – Circulo Fernandino in the capital town, Bachelor's Club, later Thomasian in Sto. Tomas, Old Legs in Bacolor, Batubalani in Guagua, Maharajah in Macabebe, Now and Then in Minalin, and a host of other annual formal dances where the local crème de la crème shine in their best fineries.

Porma is his way of life. When a Kapampangan earns – even barely enough – the first thing he buys is a car, never a house. Why? *Ninanu ca, malyari meng apidala-dalang pamorma ing bale?*

Now you know the reason behind the labeling of the Capampangan as *mayabang*. Part of this also is his "sugar mentality" raised, no doubt, in the province's once fertile sugarlands. More than a sweet tooth and a diabetic constitution, the Capampangan possesses a saccharine tongue.

Just you listen when he woos the object of his affection. Or eavesdrop to his whispers to the subject of his seduction. And wonder no more why the Capampangan is a *dawayan*, a *lahing*

sibuburian, if not a *lahing pipicutan*.

The Capampangan's mastery with words is manifested too in the number of cabalens in literature and in the media. Just about every newspaper in Manila has a Capampangan for an editor, columnist, deskman, or reporter.

Of course, there are the laughables about the Capampangan.

When the deadly H-fever epidemic was wreaking havoc in Metro Manila and elsewhere, it was joked about that Pampanga would be spared. Why? The Capampangan has no H in his language, silly.

Which brings to mind that tongue-twister that landed me a grade of 70 in high-school Pilipino after I read it thus: *Hako hay naiipan ng anging hamian hat hako'y napa-alak-ak, a-a-a-a-a*.

Having not the letter H in the language is nothing to be ashamed of though. This is part of the Kapampangan's Spanish heritage. Remember in lengua Español, the letter H is silent. *O, nanu pang asabi mu?*

Positivizing the negative is a Kapampangan attribute. Finding opportunity in adversity is imbued in the Kapampangan character. Yes, there was more than sloganeering or rhetorics in the late Governor Bren Z. Guiao's *E co magmalun, mibangun ya ing Pampanga* or in then Angeles City acting Mayor Ed Pamintuan's *Agyu tamu!* immediately after the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. It was a call to the resiliency innate in the Capampangan. Proven in time by the leaps and bounds the province and the city have taken rising, then soaring from Pinatubo's ashes of devastation and despair.

There too was Governor Lito Lapid's novel and noble meaning to the derogatory dugong aso imprinted in the Capampangan psyche. This, when the uncolleged Lapid extolled it as the virtue of *katapatan*, of canine loyalty to an elder, to a superior, to a friend – before then President Fidel V. Ramos, credited for much of the salvation of Pampanga from obliteration and its subsequent rehabilitation and renewal.

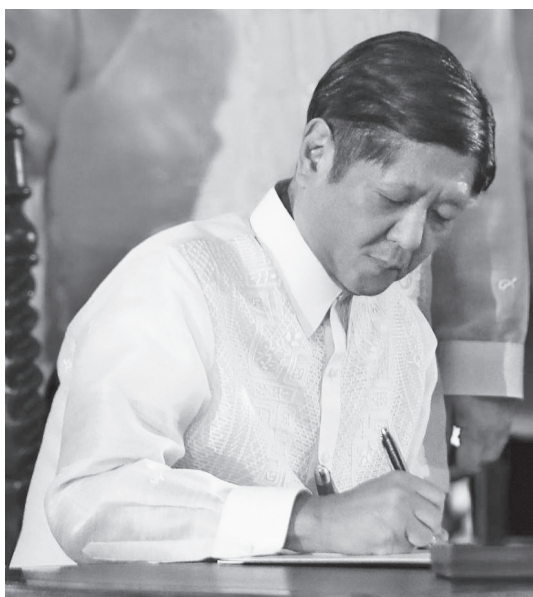
Of course, there will be some debate on loyalty here, given the historical aberration of the Macabebes betraying Emilio Aguinaldo to the Americans in the second phase of the War of Philippine Independence. That, though, is another story.

For now, let us just be. Celebrate Capampangan pride. And passion too.

Luid ya ing Capampangan.

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Opinion

The Public Space

Jun Sula

Defiance

How much is the vice president worth? Not much, or not at all, according to the lord of the rings in the present dispensation.

The old school looked to the second highest post as merely a spare tire. The civics and the Constitution agree as much. Politics have changed and so is the perspective on what other roles the second best could be.

Not too long ago, the veep was designated as the chief educator in the land of the forgetful and naif. That was before when there was the so-called unity that proved to be short-lived owing to a permanent slogan: there are no permanent allies but permanent interest in politics.

Now, the top honcho of the political realm in the land of the trolls and vloggers, suggest, not commands in line with political politesse and correctness, to lawmakers not to impeach the second highest regardless of the reasons.

He, the president, thinks it /she—choose your pronoun—is not that important in the scheme of things. “It’s a waste of time”, he said, and — more importantly — it will not benefit the life of a single “Filipino.”

Sticks and stones can break your bones, but words can’t kill you,

The leadership conversation among the best politicians—or worst- in the world has come down to what is silly, immature and unedifying in a nation which claims to be the first Christian community in Asia and boasts of having the longest Christmas season in the world.

The lawmakers, which some observers believe their intelligence can be measured by their grammar and syntax, are not convinced or persuaded by the president’s suggestion. Long ago, the British philosopher John Stuart Mills warned of the likely deficit in a representative government.

The shenanigans of the vice president and her office are plenty and serious as empathically conveyed

during the wrap-up hearing of the famous Quadcom of the House of Representatives.

How can you pass up plunder, a heinous crime, when graft and corruption in government seems to be the order of the day? How can you ignore blatant perjury, broad daylight bribery and plain betrayal of public trust of a prominent public official who swore under oath against these?

How can the president easily forget that he just recently vowed of the rule of law, which means that no one should be above it, and acts as if someone can willfully break it like nobody’s business and laugh all the way to the bank with millions in confidential moolah? It’s time to show the nation—and the world—that he meant what he said and said what he meant. There can be no two ways about it. It’s called credibility.

“The bold defiance of a woman is a certain sign of shame, Charles Maurice de Talleyrand said. “When she has ceased to blush, it is because she has much to blush for.”

The vice president or her staff must be blushing, let alone getting sick, at the lawmakers repeated confusion and consternation of alleged beneficiaries of public funds that are nowhere to be verified or certified as homo sapiens by the Philippine Statistics Authority. They might as well be the favorite street chichirias.

The vice president dares the House to bring the impeachment charges on. Two have been filed, another one is one the pipeline. No worry says her camp, there are enough skittish senators in waiting to scuttle it. Besides, there is a religious group ready and able to frustrated the candidacy of wistful congressmen and senators. So what the heck?

The vice president defiance grows by the day. At this point, she has made known her decision to make herself scarce in the second probe by the National

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Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Problema sa basura ng San Simon kung saan itatapon

1. Bakit ba tila mainit ang mata ng taga MENRO? sa masaya at payapa na barangay STO. NINO ang MRF ay balak na naman na itayo rito gayong ito’y TINUTULAN na noon ng mga tao dati ay sa PULONG IPIL nila nais na ipwesto ngayo’y sa GOVERNMENT CENTER naman nila pinaplano

2. Taong 2021 pa nagsimula ang usapin na basura’y itatambak sana sa may PULONG IPIL residente’y nagkaisa upang ito ay pigilin kung kaya’t hindi natuloy ang proyekto ay nabinbin ang KAPITAN ng barangay dati ay tumututol din kaisa ng MAMAMAYAN na ito ay sansalain

3. Ngunit ang ihip ng hangin diumano ay naiba ngayon si ex KAPITAN DONG sa isyu ay tahimik na di katulad noong araw na siya pa ang NANGUNGUNA upang ang nasabing pook di tapunan ng BASURA pananaw niya ay nagbago simula ng mapasama sa grupo ni mayor JP ang kanyang kandidatura

4. kaya’t ang mga barangay kagawad na ang UMAKSIYON sa paanyaya ng MENRO lahat sila ay TUMUGON noong nakaraang buwan napag-usapan sa SESYON ang problema sa basura sa may bayan ng SAN SIMON hiling ni MARVIN MIRANDA sa Sto. Nino itapon ngunit ang BARANGAY COUNCIL sa kanya’y di sumangayon

5. Pwede namang magtayo ng MRF sa ibang lugar halimbawa’y sa SABANA na wala pang kabahayan o sa mga BUKID kaya na hindi na natatamnan na di MAKAKA-APEKTO sa sino mang mamamayan sapagkat ang mabaho at maruming KAPALIGIRAN ay pangunahing banta sa aspeto ng KALUSUGAN

6. Ang MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITIES ay maganda lalo kung ang mga tao ay mayroong DISIPLINA kung susundin proseso sa pagtatapon ng BASURA ay gagaan ang trabaho ng mga KUMOKOLEKTA dahil pag ang nabubulok at ang hindi’y pinagsama mga BASURERO naman ang labis na magdurusa

7. Huwag din naman hahayaang MAGDUSA ang mga tao lalo na ang residente ng barangay STO. NINO wala namang tumututol sa magagandang PROYEKTO na pinangangasiwaan nitong LOKAL NA GOBYERNO ang pinakamahalaga’y hindi maka-ka-APEKTO at para sa KAPAKANAN ng maraming PILIPINO



Opinion

Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Disparity in numbers and trust

DURING THE last two weeks of November of this year, the schools under the Archdiocese of San Fernando Educational System (ASFES) were under the scrutiny of external auditors for the third quarter of the year.

Started in 2018 after the establishment of the ASFES in 2017, this regular practice reflects the collective commitment of the archdiocesan schools to foster a culture of accountability, transparency, and financial responsibility.

It was also about this time in November when the ongoing congressional probe into the confidential funds of the Office of the Vice President and the Department of Education under VP Sarah Duterte has opened not just a can, but a barrel of worms which attracted so much national and global attention for all the wrong reasons.

While we are referring to the same procedure that is grounded on generally accepted accounting principles and aimed to attain common objectives, the stark contrast is simply too obvious.

As far as the amount of money involved, we are talking about an annual operating budget of less than P3 million for the smallest school, to less than P100 million for the biggest school in terms of student population. Compared to the annual budget of both government offices, or even to the confidential funds in question, ours is a pittance.

In terms of accountability and the systems in place to ensure transparency, the difference couldn’t be as glaring as night and day, or summer and winter.

During the first two years of our regular external audit, we all found ourselves delving into the financial side of school operations, ensuring that safety nets and controls were in place to prevent any form of loss whether material, monetary, or even the trust and confidence of both our internal and external

stakeholders.

The ASFES schools, like most private schools in the country, operate on funds generated primarily from tuition and other school fees, bookstore and canteen sales and in some cases, private donations. We continue to adhere to strict financial auditing procedures and ensure that every centavo received or disbursed is accounted for with meticulous care. At the same time, the funds are allocated specifically to what they are intended for and in a manner that is anchored on the ASFES core values of faith, service, and excellence.

That is why it puzzles me to say the least when some people could not or would not care to see the wisdom behind the ongoing investigation on the OVP and DepEd’s confidential funds, and dismiss it simply as another well-orchestrated political attack on the Vice President. Don’t they care at all how public funds are spent by the second highest official in the executive branch?

We are talking about public funds here, collected from hard-earned taxpayers’ money. As clearly explained by Antipolo Rep. Romeo Acop, the offenses reportedly committed by several officials of the Office of the Vice President (OVP) and DepEd related to the confidential funds would constitute to graft and corruption if the public funds were misused or misappropriated or worse, if they were diverted to personal use or benefit. Considering the mount involved, it would also constitute plunder.

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ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. BENEDICT JASPER SIMON R. LAGMAN Presiding Officer

ABSENT:

Hon. AURELIO BRENZ P. GONZALES Member

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003
(SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 3 SERIES OF 2024)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR PESOS (PHP 92,207,644.00) FOR GENERAL FUND AND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE PESOS AND FIVE CENTAVOS (PHP 573,861.05) FOR ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As mandated under Administrative Order No. 47, Series of 1993, changes in the annual budget of a Local Government Unit (LGU) may be effected through Supplemental Budgets. This proposed Supplemental Budget will be sourced from cash surplus and reversion/savings of appropriation. The immediate action on and approval of this request would enable the City Government to address its expenditure concerns.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, the Honorable City Mayor Vilma B. Caluag communicated a certified urgent letter request for the approval of Supplemental Budget No. 3 for Calendar Year 2024 in the amount of **One Hundred Eighty-One Million Six Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four Pesos (PhP 181,642,644.00) for General Fund and Five Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One Pesos and Five Centavos (PhP573,861.05) for Economic Enterprises;**

WHEREAS, after consultations, and careful deliberations during committee hearings conducted for the purpose, the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the Committee on Appropriations considered it necessary to make the adjustments to the submitted Supplemental Budget No. 3, Series of 2024 and deemed fit to appropriate the amount of **Ninety Two Million Two Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four Pesos (PHP 92,207,644.00) for General Fund and Five Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One Pesos and Five Centavos (PhP573,861.05) for Economic Enterprises;**

WHEREAS, upon motion of Hon. Rosemary G. Calimlim, duly seconded by Hon. Cristina D. Lagman and Hon. Ayzel Mari Grace N. Macalino;

BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, that the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga hereby approves the Supplemental Budget No. 3, Series of 2024 to cover the city's expenditure concerns as follows:

“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY FOUR PESOS (PHP 92,207,644.00) FOR GENERAL FUND AND

FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE PESOS AND FIVE CENTAVOS (PHP573,861.05) FOR ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES.

Supplemental Budget No. 3
Series of 2024
(GENERAL FUND)

STATEMENT OF FUNDING SOURCES

| Particulars | Account Classification | Amounts |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.0 New Revenue Sources | | |
| 2.0 Actual Collection in Excess of the Estimated income | | |
| 3.0 Savings | | |
| Cash Surplus | | P4,910,000.00 |
| Personal Services | | |
| Savings from Vacant Plantilla Positions for the month of June to August 2024 | PS | 30,453,520.42 |
| Mid-Year Bonus | PS | 7,752,236.00 |
| Uniform / Clothing Allowance | PS | 364,000.00 |
| CMO-Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits | PS | 44,720,359.62 |
| CVMO-Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits | PS | 444,849.59 |
| OSP-Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits | PS | 3,568,506.29 |
| 4.0 Realignment | | |
| Total Estimated Income | | P 92,213,471.92 |

Supplemental Budget No. 3
Series of 2024
STATEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

| Implementing Office | Object of Expenditure Personal Services | Amount |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| City Mayor's Office | Other Bonuses and Allowances Performance-Based Bonus | 750,003.15 |
| City College | Personal Services Other Bonuses and Allowances Performance-Based Bonus MOOE | 724,777.95 |
| | Electricity Expenses Consultancy Services | 500,000.00 4,100,000.00 |
| Office of the City Vice-Mayor | Personal Services Other Bonuses and Allowances Performance-Based Bonus | 227,505.85 |
| Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod | Personal Services Other Bonuses and Allowances Performance-Based Bonus | 1,689,397.45 |
| City Administrator's Office | Personal Services Other Bonuses and Allowances Performance-Based Bonus Special Purpose Appropriation MOOE GAD Advocacy Program | 726,961.30 1,000,000.00 |
| City Planning and Dev't Office | Personal Services Other Bonuses and Allowances Performance-Based Bonus | 495,737.45 |
| City Budget Office | Personal Services Other Bonuses and Allowances Performance-Based Bonus | 161,071.30 |
| City Accountant's Office | Personal Services Other Bonuses and Allowances Performance-Based Bonus | 636,085.45 |
| City Legal Office | Personal Services Other Bonuses and Allowances | |

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|---|--|---------------|
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 233,459.20 |
| City Human Resource Management Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 553,135.70 |
| City Treasurer Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 1,021,965.10 |
| City Assessor's Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 415,519.65 |
| City Engineer's Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 814,048.30 |
| | MOOE | |
| | Water Expenses | 492,000.00 |
| | Electricity Expenses | 7,600,000.00 |
| | Capital Outlay | |
| | Road Networks | 5,000,000.00 |
| | Flood Control Systems | 1,500,000.00 |
| | Office Equipment | 1,500,000.00 |
| Office of the City Building Official | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 599,199.90 |
| City General Services Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 1,692,419.95 |
| | MOOE | |
| | Fuel, Oil and Lubricants Expenses | 10,000,000.00 |
| | Repairs and Maintenance - Transportation Equipment | 4,000,000.00 |
| | Capital Outlay | |
| | Motor Vehicles | 15,000,000.00 |
| City Civil Registry Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 398,414.90 |
| City Health Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 2,961,737.35 |
| | Capital Outlay | |
| | Other Property, Plant and Equipment | 16,000,000.00 |
| | Special Purpose Appropriation | |
| | MOOE | |
| | Health Education and Promotions Programs and Campaigns | 250,000.00 |
| Birthing Station | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 307,225.10 |
| City Social Welfare and Development Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 1,473,607.20 |
| City Agriculture and Veterinary Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 488,995.65 |
| City Environment and Natural Resources Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Personnel Benefits | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 530,809.50 |
| City Information Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Personnel Benefits | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 97,273.80 |
| City Tourism and Investment Promotion Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Personnel Benefits | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 511,470.70 |
| | Special Purpose Appropriation | |
| | MOOE | |
| | Giant Lantern | 1,500,000.00 |
| | Lantern & Lights Decoration Project | 4,000,000.00 |

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|---|---|------------------------|
| City Information and Communications Technology Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Personnel Benefits | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 365,504.75 |
| City Public Order and Safety Coordinating Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Personnel Benefits | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 397,724.60 |
| | MOOE | |
| | Other Supplies and Materials Expense | 500,000.00 |
| City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Personnel Benefits | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 465,634.00 |
| City Public Employment Services Office | Personal Services | |
| | Other Personnel Benefits | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 260,958.75 |
| | MOOE | |
| | Representation Expense | 125,000.00 |
| | Other Professional Services | 40,000.00 |
| | Other Maintenance and Operating Expense | 100,000.00 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | | P 92,207,644.00 |

**Supplemental Budget No. 3
Series of 2024
(ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES)
STATEMENT OF FUNDING SOURCES**

| Particular | Account Classification | Amounts |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.0 New Revenue Sources | | |
| 2.0 Actual Collection in Excess of the Estimated income | | |
| 3.0 Savings | | |
| Personal Services | | |
| CMOD-Miscellaneous | | |
| Personnel Benefits | PS | 574,724.34 |
| 4.0 Realignment | | |
| Total Estimated Income | | P 574,724.34 |

**Supplemental Budget No. 3
Series of 2024
(ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES)
STATEMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

| Implementing Office | Object of Expenditure | Amount |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| City Market | Personal Services | |
| Operations Office | Other Bonuses and Allowances | |
| | Performance-Based Bonus | 239,861.05 |
| | MOOE | |
| | Other Supplies and Materials Expense | 334,000.00 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | | P 573,861.05 |

ORDAINED UNANIMOUSLY this 4th day of November 2024.
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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance adopted by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga during its 113th Regular Session held on November 4, 2024.

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

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) ROSALIE S. MENDOZA
Acting City Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

(SGD.) VILMA B. CALUAG
City Mayor

November 14, 2024
Date



Mabalacat City lass crowned Mutya Ning Kapampangan 2024

IN A DAZZLING display of beauty, intelligence, and Kapampangan pride, Natalya Margaret Lindsay of Mabalacat City has been crowned Mutya Ning Kapampangan 2024.

The grand coronation night, held at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center, was a celebration of elegance and empowerment, featuring 22 candidates from across Pampanga.

The evening began with a glistening opening number led by the reigning Mutya Ning Kapampangan, Salma Emam, who dazzled the audience as she welcomed the candidates to the stage.

The show quickly ramped up with the candidates showcasing their poise and confidence in a dazzling swimwear competition, followed by the copper-themed evening gown segment that reflected the elegance and sophistication of Kapampangan artistry.

Adding to the grandeur of the event was the unveiling of the new Mutya Ning Kapampangan crown, a breathtaking masterpiece designed by internationally acclaimed Kapampangan designer Mak Tumang.

The crown, inspired by the province's patroness, Virgen Delos Remedios, featured intricate details symbolizing faith, resilience, and cultural heritage.

Lindsay captivated the judges and audience with her grace, wit, and brilliance, embodying the essence of a modern, empowered Kapampangan woman.

Her commanding presence and thoughtful answers during the Q&A portion earned her the prestigious title, solidifying her as a symbol of pride for her hometown and the entire province.

The runners-up also delivered stellar performances, showcasing their own unique strengths and charm. Rose Marie Jamandre

from the City of San Fernando claimed the 1st Runner-Up title, while Gwen Tuazon of Guagua was named 2nd Runner-Up. Czarina Guiao of Sto. Tomas earned 3rd Runner-Up, and Glennice Turla from Sasmuan rounded off the top five as 4th Runner-Up. Each finalist demonstrated exceptional poise, talent, and a deep connection to Kapampangan culture, making the judges' decisions all the more challenging.

The coronation night was more than a competition—it was a tribute to the rich heritage and enduring spirit of Pampanga. The event highlighted not only the candidates' external beauty but also their advocacy for community development, cultural preservation, and women's empowerment.

Natalya Margaret Lindsay's triumph as Mutya Ning Kapam-

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St. Scholastica's Academy celebrates centennial with festive lantern making contest

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – St. Scholastica's Academy Pampanga (SSA) marked its centennial year with a vibrant celebration in honor of Pampanga Day through a Lantern Making Contest themed "Centennial Stars: Shining a Legacy of Excellence." The event, held at St. Cecilia's Covered Court, showcased the creativity, artistry, and cultural heritage of the SSA community.

The contest, which took place on December 10, 2024, gathered students, faculty, and alumni in a festive display of talent and tradition. Participants crafted stunning lanterns that illuminated the venue, reflecting the enduring legacy of SSA and the rich cultural spirit of Pampanga.

CSF City Tourism Officer, Ching Pangliinan, Certified Professional Marketer, Punto Lifestyle Columnist and Marketing Director, Joanna Cordero, and Kapampangan artist, Julius Gonzales along with other distinguished guests, graced the event.

Araling Panlipunan Coordinator Marlon Cuevas and the SSA Student Council Organization extend their heartfelt gratitude to all partici-

pants and supporters who made this event a resounding success. SSA emphasized the importance of such cultural activities in fostering community spirit and honoring the school's century-long commitment to excellence. The school looks forward to

continuing its legacy of excellence and community engagement in the years to come.

For more information and to view photos from the event, please visit St. Scholastica's Academy Pampanga official FB page.



Retire without worries: How InLife's Retire Assure can help you enjoy the life you deserve

WHEN IT COMES to retirement planning, we often hear the same advice: save and invest. But how do you ensure that the money you've worked hard to save will provide a steady income in your retirement years? InLife offers an answer to this question through InLife Retire Assure.

Designed as the first true retirement insurance product in the Philippines, InLife Retire Assure takes the guesswork out of retirement planning as it goes beyond the traditional lump-sum benefits offered by other companies. Instead, it offers a stable monthly income that can last from age 60 until 100. It's like receiving a paycheck even after you have stopped working, ensuring that you can

maintain your lifestyle and freedom without worrying about your future expenses.

Addressing a Real Need for Filipino Retirees

Data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas show that 80% of Filipinos over the age of 60 are not financially equipped to meet their basic needs in retirement. While government programs like the Social Security System (SSS) and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) provide support, the average monthly pensions, P5,123 for SSS and P18,525 for GSIS, may not be enough to sustain a retiree's desired lifestyle.

InLife Retire Assure offers a disciplined way to prepare for the future. By allowing you to set aside a portion of your income over a period of five or ten

maintain your lifestyle and freedom without worrying about your future expenses.

Monthly Income Matters in Retirement

One key to financial security in retirement is to have a regular income stream. It's not just about how much you have saved; it's also about ensuring that your savings can provide for you in a manageable, consistent way. The goal is to replace your lost income once you retire, so you don't have to worry about running out of money during the most crucial times.

InLife Retire Assure's guaranteed monthly income helps protect retirees from the risks of overspending or outliving their savings. This type of steady cash flow, combined with potential dividends to keep up with the cost of living, allows for a true sense of finan-

years, or through regular payments until the age of 59 or 64, it ensures that your money grows with you. The best part? You don't have to go through stringent medical evaluations to qualify for an InLife Retire Assure policy. This means every Filipino can secure a stable financial future especially after retirement.

Flexibility and Security Built into Your Plan

InLife understands that every person's financial journey is unique. With InLife Retire Assure, policyholders have flexible payment options to make contributions annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly, based on what suits their lifestyle. And when it's time to receive the benefits, payouts are easily accessible through a designated bank account.

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REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
LALAWIGAN NG PAMPANGA
LUNGSOD NG SAN FERNANDO

TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 115th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 8th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, HEROES HALL, MAGDALENA SUBDIVISION, BARANGAY SAN JUAN, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA ON THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Hon. AURELIO BREZ P. GONZALES Member

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-024
Sponsor: Hon. Rosemary G. Calimlim

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING LOCAL FRANCHISE TO KIDS PARADISE BY SEVEN BUS PLUS INC., LOCATED AT 2nd FLR. SM CITY PAMPANGA, BARANGAY SAN JOSE, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, the City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga has enacted Ordinance No. 2015-024, otherwise known as the Games and Amusement Code of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, and later amended by virtue of SP Ordinance No. 2019-008, to regulate and protect people going and employed in amusement centers, carnivals, fairs, resorts, amusement parks, cockpit arenas, internet cafes, e-bingo and the traditional bingo parlors, karaoke bars, among others;

WHEREAS, the Kids Paradise, an indoor playground, represented by Ms. Gine Abadinas, is an entity duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Philippine laws, and one among the many business establishments covered by this abovementioned Ordinance;

WHEREAS, Kids Paradise by Seven Bus Plus Inc., clothed with a Lease Contract Agreement with the SM City Pampanga with office address at Unit 3, 888 Lucky Mansion Alvarado Street, Barangay 292 Zone 28, Binondo, Manila has submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for a Local Franchise to operate at SM City Pampanga, Barangay San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, which was included in the Order of Business of the Sangguniang Panlungsod November 11, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Barangay of San Jose, this city, passed Barangay Resolution No. 25, series 2024, "interposing no objection to the operation of Kids Paradise by Seven Bus Plus Inc., in their respective areas of jurisdiction,

WHEREAS, the application was referred to the Committee on Games and Amusements which subsequently conducted a series of committee hearings and studies to determine the merit and purpose of the application to operate the above-mentioned amusement center;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod found the application meritorious and in order, thereby grants the applicant, Ms. Gine Abadinas, the authority to renew and the authority to operate the Kids Paradise by Seven Bus Plus Inc., at SM City Pampanga, Barangay San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga as mandated by R.A. 7160 for its operation; renewable every three (3) years pursuant to SP Ordinance No. 2019-008;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga, in session assembled, adopts as it hereby adopts the following Ordinance:

ARTICLE I
Title

Section 1. Title- This Ordinance shall be known as:

"AN ORDINANCE GRANTING LOCAL FRANCHISE TO KIDS PARADISE BY SEVEN BUS PLUS INC., LOCATED AT SM CITY PAMPANGA, BARANGAY SAN JOSE, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA."

Section 2. Definition of Terms – As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

2.1 Business – refers to the trade or commercial activity regularly engaged in as a means of livelihood or with a view of profit;

2.2 Charges – refers to a pecuniary liability, as rents or fees against persons or property;

2.3 Tax – refers to an enforced contribution usually monetary in form, leveled by the law-making body on person and property subject to its jurisdiction for the precise purpose of supporting governmental duties;

2.4 Fee – means a charge fixed by law or ordinance for the regulation or inspection of a business or activity; it shall also include charges fixed by law or agency for the services of a public officer in the discharge of his official duties;

2.5 Franchise – is a right or privilege affected with public interest which is conferred upon private persons or corporations, under such terms and conditions as the government and political subdivisions may impose in the interests of the public welfare

ARTICLE II
Authority to Operate

Section 1. Authority to Operate – There is hereby granted to Seven Bus Plus Inc., the authority to operate Kids Paradise at SM City Pampanga, Barangay San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga provided however, it has obtained duly approved license from the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) and any other government-controlled corporations and agencies vested with gaming power and authority.

Section 2. Duration of the Authority to Operate – The Authority to Operate herein granted to Seven Bus Plus Inc., to operate the Kids Paradise at SM City Pampanga, Barangay San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, shall be for three (3) years only, November 2024 up to November 2027, subject however to the option of Seven Bus Plus Inc., to renew thereafter.

ARTICLE III
Payment of Business Taxes

Section 1. Payment of Business, Fees and Charges – Business Taxes, Fees and other charges shall be imposed and made payable yearly by Seven Bus Plus Inc., to the City Treasurer's Office during the lifetime of this Ordinance and its subsequent renewal.

ARTICLE IV
Penalty Clause

Section 1. Penalty – Failure on the part of Seven Bus Plus Inc., to comply with any or all provisions of this Ordinance shall be meted the following fines and penalties, over and above the penalties imposed by the Office of the City Treasurer of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to wit:

a. For First Offense – Any person, natural or juridical, who violates this Ordinance for the first time shall be fined the amount of Three Thousand (PhP3,000.00) Pesos and a stern warning of revocation of the Business Permit to operate and or the imposition of the penalty of imprisonment for six (6) months;

b. For Second Offense - Any person, natural or juridical, who violates this Ordinance For the first time shall be fined the amount of Five Thousand (PhP5,000.00) Pesos and the cancellation of the Business Permit to operate with the penalty of imprisonment of one (1) year; without prejudice to the filing of other criminal cases in violation of other existing national laws.

The officers of the juridical person such as the manager, operator/administrator or any person in-charge of the management of the Kids Paradise by Seven Bus Plus Inc. at SM City Pampanga, Barangay San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, shall be directly responsible for its operation and shall be fined and penalized as that of a natural person.

ARTICLE V
Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 2. Repealing Clause – Local Ordinances, Resolutions, Orders, Rules and Regulations and other issuances of the City Government of San Fernando, Pampanga that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

Section 3. Separability Provision – If for any reasons, any section of this Ordinance, or any portion hereof, or the application of such section or provision, or portion hereof to any person, group or circumstance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall its full force and effect.

Section 4. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval, publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and the posting of the same in the city's Bulletin Board and conspicuous places.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY this 18th day of November 2024.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance adopted by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga during its 115th Regular Session held on November 18, 2024.

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

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

APPROVED BY:
(SGD.) VILMA B. CALUAG
City Mayor

Date: November 28, 2024

ERRATUM

In the Notice of Extra-Judicial Settlement of MARCELINO BARBERO VILORIA and GLORIA RULLODA VILORIA published on July 15, 22, & 29, 2024, should be Marcelino Barbero Viloria who died at San Fernando, Pampanga and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 9, 2024

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that CHARITO ROSARIO LECCIONES VICORY, Filipino, of legal age, widow, and with postal address at #Block 52 Lot 17 Gurierrez St., Sunset valley Homes, Cutcut, Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines; and heirs of DALE KEITH VICORY, American Citizen, who died on September 9, 2022 at the Medical City Clark, Clark Freeport Zone, Mabalacat City; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his estate, That the deceased left a real property with improvements and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 34, Block 6, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-175078, being a portion of Lot 3, (LRA) Pcs-35560, LRC Record No.), situated in the Barangay of Pampang, Municipality of Angeles City, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty Nine (159) square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2019003088 Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Romeo L. Yusi Jr., as per Doc No. 670, Page No. 70, Book No. 48, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of REYNALDO R. CAÑETE who died on June 11, 2017 at Adoces Beach Resort Magbalayong, Bataan; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2015000726

A parcel of land (Lot 685-C-40-0, of the subd. plan, Psd-035415-063751, being a portion of Lot 685-C-40, Psd-035415-052133, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Cangatba Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp. Containing an area of One Hundred Eighty Three (183) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2015000727

A parcel of land (Lot 16, Blk. 1, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-088138, being a portion of Lot 685-C-40-V, Psd-035415-063751, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Cangatba Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp. Containing an area of Two Hundred Sixteen (216) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Ma. Danela Q. Yalung, as per Doc. No. 179, Page No. 37, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SPOUSES JULIETA ARIOLA YABUT and JESUS LACSON YABUT who died on July 16, 2024 in Angeles City, Pampanga and on June 27, 2013 in Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 12640

"A parcel of land with improvements (Lot 32, Block 3 of the subdivision plan Psd-52147, Sheet 1, being a portion of Lot 591 of the cadastral survey of Angeles, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) square meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 110989

"A parcel of land with improvements (Lot 12-A of the subdivision plan Psd-03-097382, being a portion of Lot 12, Block 3, Psd-52147 L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) square meters;

before Notary Public Rochelle V. Lorenzo, as per Doc. No. 1889, Page No. 68, Book No. XVII, Series of 2024 & with Acknowledgement Doc. No. 1902, Page No. 72, Book No. XVII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 9, 16 & 23, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SPS. ANDRES H. GUECO JR. and MERLITA T. GUECO both who died on June 30, 1983 and November 10, 2021 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15, Block R-2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-78758, being a portion of Lot 12-E-2-F described on plan (LRC) Psd-50014, Rec. (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles; containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty (250) square meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 56174; before Notary Public Karl Alen Yu, as per Doc. No. 410, Page No. 103, Book No. I, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SPOUSES HIGINIO M. KABIGTING and OLEGARIA L. KABIGTING who died on January 23, 2012 and June 13, 2020; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 18, Block 10, of the subdivision plan, Psd-53202, being a portion of Lot 625-B, described on plan Psd-10209, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Malabañas, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Fifty (350) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 50275; before Notary Public Marie Eugene Lourdes B. Abeleda, as per Doc. No. 592, Page No. 17, Book No. IX, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of PRISCILA SALATAN MERCADO who died on April 13, 2024 at Sapang Biabas, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and leaving as her estate a parcel of land with improvements, located at Block 41, Lot 23, Phase I, Mauaque Resettlement Center, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and containing an area of Ninety Four (94) sq. meters; before Notary Public Franco G. De Guzman, as per Doc. No. 301, Page No. 61, Book No. XLVI, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that JEAN R. CALINAO, of legal age, Filipino citizen, married, and residing at Purok 1 Orchid St. Brgy. Margot Angeles City, Pampanga; and heirs of ROLANDO C. ROSARIO who died on June 10, 2013 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his estate, That the deceased left in the Philippines the Bank Account and more particularly described a BDO SSS Pensioners Account-Angeles Nepo Mart Branch with Account Number: 005780016144; before Notary Public Kathlene P. Pineda, as per Doc No. 170, Page No. 5, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that ROSE ANN T. GARCIA, of legal age, single, and a resident of 266 Arellano St., San Nicolas, Angeles City, Pampanga; and heirs of SPOUSES RAMSYS G. GARCIA and ERLINDA T. GARCIA; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Sales on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15-A at the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-259119, being a portion of Lot 15, Block 27 (LRC) Pcs-5403, LRC Card Rec. No. 124) situated in Barrio of San Nicolas, Angeles City; containing an area of Seventy One (71) square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 91627; before Notary Public Bryan Matthew O. Nepomuceno, as per Doc. No. 1310, Page No. 43, Book No. XI, Series of 2017.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 2, 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of ELSA KABIGTING YUMANG who died on December 22, 2015; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and that the decedent's estate consists of her share in the real property with improvements located in Malabañas, Angeles City Pampanga; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 50275 of the Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Marie Eugene Lourdes B. Abeleda, as per Doc. No. 590, Page No. 16, Book No. IX, Series of 2024.

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BBM opens...

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The president said the country can steer economic growth, expand opportunities for trade and tourism, and drive regional development by improving the movement of goods, services, and people.

Designed with the latest in engineering innovation, the structure attests to the government's dedication to safety, durability, and progress, Marcos Jr. added.

The viaduct is built to withstand the challenges of nature, the demands of time, and is poised to serve the people for decades, he furthered.

The President recognized the efforts of the NLEX Corp. and the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp., saying their work mirrors the kind of nation we aspire to become—consistent, synergistic, and forward-looking.

"Let us build infrastructure projects with future challenges in mind. Remain focused on pursuing initiatives that uplift

lives, build communities, and most importantly, meet the needs of future that we hope to build for our children and their children," he said.

The Candaba Viaduct was one of the landmark projects initiated by the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr. It remains a vital link between North Luzon and Metro Manila.

Since its opening in 1977, the five-kilometer bridge has been a critical link, connecting the towns of Pulilan, Bulacan and Apalit, Pampanga.

It has evolved to meet the needs of a growing population and economy. From a two-lane design, it expanded to three lanes in each direction by 2017, now accommodating over 80,000 motorists every day.

The NLEX Candaba 3rd Viaduct, which commenced construction last year, is a five-kilometer-long infrastructure built between the two existing bridges connecting Pulilan and Apalit. **PCO-PR**

Mabalacat City...

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pangan 2024 serves as a beacon of inspiration for young women across the region. As she begins her reign, Lindsay is set to champion initiatives that uplift Kapampangan communities, further proving that beauty and purpose go hand in hand.

The annual Mutya Ning Kapampangan

pageant continues to be a cornerstone of Pampanga's cultural calendar, celebrating the unique charm, talents, and resilience of its people.

As one of the key events in the 453rd Pampanga Day, this year's edition has once again showcased the province's finest, leaving an indelible mark on its rich history.

Bishop Ambo...

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of faith, then took an oath of fidelity and obedience to the pope and his successors.

Each cardinal approached the pope, kneeling before him to receive the red biretta, the cardinal's ring, and a document naming their titular church.

The pope, in his homily, encouraged them to "walk in the way of Jesus: together, with humility, wonder and joy."

"To walk in the path of Jesus means above all to return to him and to put him back at the centre of everything," Pope Francis

said. "To walk in the path of Jesus also means to cultivate a passion for encounter," the pope continued, noting that "Jesus never walked alone."

On his path, the pope said, he "encountered the faces of those who were suffering and those who had lost hope".

"To walk in the path of Jesus means, in the end, to be builders of communion and unity," he added.

After the consistory, the College of Cardinals has 256 members, including 141 electors and 115 non-electors. The cardinals will choose the next pope,

and it is almost certain the next pope will be one of them.

Of the 141 cardinals under 80 years old, 111 were appointed by Pope Francis since his election in 2013, 24 by Pope Benedict XVI, and six by Pope John Paul II.

David is the 10th Filipino cardinal in history and serves as one of the closest advisers to the 87-year-old pontiff. He is the second Kapampangan cardinal after Rufino Cardinal Santos, the first Filipino cardinal too. Both hail from Guagua, Pampanga.

Ordained priest of the Archdiocese of San Fer-

nando in 1983, David was named auxiliary bishop there in 2006 at the age of 47. In 2015, Pope Francis appointed him bishop of Kalookan.

David has also served as president of the CBCP since 2021.

In February, he was elected vice president of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences or FABC.

He was also recently chosen for a 17-member council to oversee the implementation of the synodality process and prepare for the next meeting of the Synod of Bishops.

CBCP News

Cancer center...

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tics Authority showing that cancer ranked as the second leading cause of death in the country from January to May this year.

"This is why the hospital's second floor will be dedicated to the Bagong Pilipinas Cancer Care Center. While the vision is clear, we acknowledge that much work remains to be done to ensure that this facility would be equipped to serve those in need," he added.

The Bagong Pilipinas Cancer Care Center will address the increasing demand for cancer treatment and the limited capacity of the OFW Hospital. It will function as both an outpatient department and a cancer treatment facility.

Since the inaugura-

tion of the OFW Hospital in 2022, the president emphasized its daily outpatient capacity already exceeded 160 patients, with vital areas like the reception and admitting sections repurposed as triage zones.

The new cancer care center is expected to accommodate 64 patients and will provide various treatment modalities, including chemotherapy, diagnostic and staging services, and surgical oncology, among others.

Construction of the facility is set to begin in January 2025 and is expected to be completed by November 2025. It is projected to become operational in the first quarter of 2026, following the acquisition of necessary

permits and licenses from the Department of Health.

Marcos Jr. also paid tribute to the late Department of Migrant Workers Secretary Susan Ople, acknowledging her tireless dedication to the welfare of OFWs.

He said that her legacy continues to guide the Filipinos and reminds the public to approach every patient with compassion and care.

"Sa aming minamahal na OFWs, ang karagdagang pasilidad na ito ay para po sa inyo at sa inyong pamilya. Hindi naman natin hinahangad na magamit ninyo ito, ngunit mas makakahinga tayo nang maluwag kung alam natin na may matatakbuhan na ospital ang ating mga OFWs sa oras ng inyong pangan-

gailangan," the president said.

"Nawa'y ang Cancer Care [Center] na ito ay maging simbolo ng ating mas magandang kinabukasan—kung saan ang sakripisyo ng ating mga OFWs ay masuklian, ang kanilang pangarap ay mabigyang katuparan, at ang kanilang kalusugan ay pinapahalagahan," he added.

During his speech, Marcos Jr. expressed his gratitude to the DOH for making the project a reality through its Health Facility Enhancement Program. He also noted there are already two existing cancer centers in the Philippines: the UP-PGHI Cancer Center in Manila and the Philippine Cancer Center in Quezon City.

PCO-PR

'Lubenas ning Pascu'...

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essence of Filipino craftsmanship." So swooned a press release on the event.

The parade of lanterns is reminiscent of the traditional "Lubenas ning Pascu" processions once held in all parishes of Pampanga, nine days before Christmas. Hence, "lubenas," a corruption of the word "novenas."

At the head of the traditional lubenas processions is a big cross-shaped parol, symbolizing Jesus Christ, followed by led 12 star-shaped lanterns arranged in two rows symbolizing the 12 Apostles. The gaily lit lanterns followed thereafter with images of the parish patrons, St. Joseph, and the Virgin Mary thereaf-

ter. Religious songs and prayers are sung during the procession.

While still extant in a few areas in Pampanga, notably Magalang town and the cities of Angeles and Mabalacat, the lubenas have long disappeared from the capital city.

Old folks here think that the lubenas tradition

faded as the "Iligan parul" grew in popularity through the years. A matter of pop culture cancelling out religious tradition, in effect.

Thanks to Megaworld Capital Town, the lubenas, if only in snatches, made its reappearance in the Christmas capital. **Punto Lifestyle Team/Contributed photos**

Old NLEX bridges...

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improving public roads to ensure accessibility to the plant. "We feel immense pride in being part of the collaboration that reflects our shared commitment to harmonize innovation and tradition while supporting the livelihood of our farmers."

Vergara noted that the establishment of KAMIC in the city would improve access to agricultural

machinery such as tractors, harvesters, and other equipment that could help increase crop yields and enhance farmers' livelihoods.

"With the help of these machineries, the farming process will surely become easier and faster. Not only will this make our work more efficient, but it will also strengthen our production, leading to higher income for you, our farmers," she said.

In addition to improving

agricultural production, the project will also generate numerous job opportunities, benefiting not only the residents of the city but also those from surrounding areas.

The groundbreaking for the project is expected to take place in March 2025.

In line with this, the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization spearheaded the Machinery Roadshow 2024 held

at Plaza Lucero here with the theme "Gitnang Luzon: Sentro ng Mekanisasyon," featuring various types of agricultural machinery.

The event aims to promote, showcase, and demonstrate the latest agricultural machinery for rice, corn, and high-value commodities to farmers and other stakeholders in Central Luzon's agriculture industry. **Maria Asumpta Estefanie C. Reyes/PIA-3**

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-versus- EJF No. 246-24
Punto Central Luzon

DAISY D. SALAS, represented by herein
attorney-in-fact, REYNALDO R. SALAS,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **RURAL BANK OF MABALACAT, INC.**, Mortgagee, with its office address at 107 Mac-Arthur Highway, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga against **DAISY D. SALAS**, represented by herein attorney in-fact, **REYNALDO R. SALAS**, Mortgagor, with residence and postal address at 0435 San Roque, San Luis, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **September 18, 2024** amounts to **THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ONE & 58/100 (Php. 3,288,791.58) PESOS** excluding incidental expenses, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Ex-Officio Sheriff and/or her duly authorized Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **JANUARY 9, 2025 at 10:00am** or soon thereafter (from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), at the main entrance of the RTC Bldg., City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH/or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property/ies with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 688990-R

-A parcel of land (Lot 4-A-1 of the subd. plan, Pad-03.168605, being a portion of Lot 4-A, Pad-03-152530, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of San Roque, Mun. of San Luis., Prov. of Pamp., xxxx containing an area of **TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (2,200) SQ. M. xxx.**

"All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the-above stated tune and date

'In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JANUARY 16, 2025** without further notice.'

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the title herein above describe and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, November 13, 2024

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Sheriff IV

Cc:
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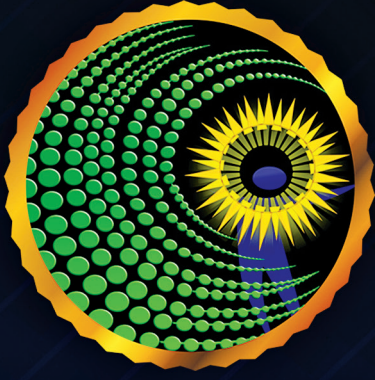
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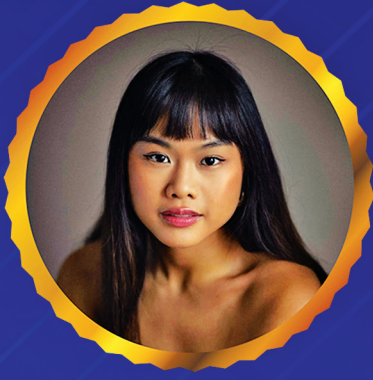
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