



CRK rakes in 2.4-M passengers in 2024

CLARK FREEPORT – Serving 2.4 million passengers last year – a 20% growth compared to 2023 – the Clark International Airport has strengthened its position as one of the country's leading aviation hubs. **PAGE 9 PLEASE**

SMC completes cleanup of Pampanga River

MANILA -- San Miguel Corp. scored another win in its ambitious effort to help mitigate flooding throughout Luzon, as it recently completed its extensive Pampanga River cleanup effort with the removal of some 700,000 tons of silt and solid wastes.

From mid-August to December, SMC removed some 694,372 cubic meters of silt and solid waste from 26.3 kilometers of the PAGE 9 PLEASE





CDC shuts down Fontana

CLARK FREEPORT --The Clark Development Corp. implemented a cease-and-desist order (CDO) on Jan. 6, 2025, against Fontana Development Corp. (FDC) and Fontana Resort and Country Club, Inc. (FRCCI), effective immediately, for failing to meet their financial and contractual obligations to the state-owned

firm.

The order directs FDC and FRCCI to immediately stop all operations, indefinitely, within their leased area, including the 52-hectare property currently managed by Korea Country Club, Inc. (KCCI), pending compliance to their contractual obligations. CDC issued the **PAGE 9 PLEASE** P11-billion mark, 2024 has been a banner year for the Bases Conversion and Development Authority.

BCDA saw its gross revenues increase by 3% to P11.3 billion in 2024 from P10.9 billion in 2023. This steady growth and positive financial performance were mainly attributed to the execution of a joint venture agreement for the development of the 6.1-hectare mixed-use development in Bonifacio Capital District in Taguig, which yielded an initial payment of P3.5 billion to the BCDA.

Additionally, the BCDA's toll and airport concession revenues saw an increase of P925 million from P2.3 billion in 2023 to P3.2 billion in 2024. Dividends from BCDA's affiliates also grew by P325 million from P675 million



in 2023 to P1 billion in 2024.

"Through collaboration with partners that share our vision and efficient revenue generation efforts, the BCDA wrapped up 2024 as another banner year for the organization, sustaining good financial performance over the years. This is fueled by our mission to build world-class cities and PAGE 9 PLEASE

MCWMC urged to cease 'illegal operation' of landfill

CLARK FREEPORT - The Bases Conversion and Development Authority is calling on the Metro Clark Waste Management Corp. (MCWMC) "to uphold the rule of law, to stop trespassing on government property, and to cease its illegal operations" of the Kalangitan Sanitary Landfill in Capas, Tarlac.

In a statement dated Jan. 7, the BCDA denounced what it called the continuous illegal operations of the landfill by MCWMC in violation of the 60-day temporary restraining order (TRO) issued by the Court of Appeals.

According to the BCDA, the TRO essentially allows it, as the land owner, to recover the state-owned property, there being no effective injunction that will hinder it to do so. It added that there is no valid authority to operate (ATO) and business permit issued

over the Kalangitan Sanitary Landfill.

It was recently reported and documented, BCDA claims, that MCWMC has illegally set up a station along the road outside the landfill, encroaching on BCDA land outside of the facility. Aside from the barriers set up by MCWMC preventing recovery efforts, security on the ground reported a foul smell emanating from the Kalangitan Sanitary Landfill, raising health and safety concerns for the neighboring communities.

The BCDA said it immediately contacted representatives from the Philippine National Police, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, as well as sanitation inspectors and public health officials from the Provincial Government of Tarlac and Municipal Government of Capas to prevent further harm to neighboring

communities and to authorities on the ground during recovery efforts.

The BCDA renewed its call for local government units, businesses, and other clients to stop using

the sanitary landfill, reiterating that the landfill has neither ATO nor business permit. Continued use of the facility, it said, constitutes a violation of existing environmental laws such as

File photo of waste-laden trucks line up at the gate of the closed Kalangitan Landfill facility last October.

RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000).

The BCDA also assured the public that it is in coordination with the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau, the concerned LGUs, and other stakeholders to ensure non-disruption of waste management services in affected areas.

BCDA Public Affairs



4,144 A(employees get free anti-flu vax



ANGELES CITY - The Association of Government Employees for a New Dynamic Angeles City (AGENDA) thanked Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin Jr. for providing free flu vaccines to 4,744 city hall employees.

"Muli po, isa na naman pagpapatunay sa natatanging pagmamahal ni Mayor Lazatin sa ating mga kawani ang pagbibigay ng libreng flu vaccine. Ito po ay very timely dahil sa pagbabago ng klima at panahon ay marami ang nagkakasakit," enthused AGENDA president Flordeliza

21 barangay vehicles usable anew, Pineda-Cayabyab thanked

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -Twenty-one once inoperable service vehicles have been returned to their respective barangays in full-service condition through the personal initiatives of mayoralty aspirant Mylyn Pineda-Cayabyab.

Pineda-Cayabyab said the 21 barangay patrols were among the vehicle units donated by the provincial government of

Pampanga to barangay councils in 2014 to improve mobility in responding to various emergencies.

Due to budget limitations, many barangays could not afford the upkeep of their vehicles, which were left in dire conditions.

Aligned with her political platform of improved delivery of health services, Pineda-Cayabyab used her personal funds

for the reconditioning of the 21 vehicles. Some of the vehicles only required electrical reconfiguration while others needed major repairs and overhaul, which the barangays cannot afford to cover.

Reconditioning works also included reupholstering and repainting to improve both functionality and appearance

Aside from general itinerar-

ies, the vehicles are used as mobile service for the barangay peace-keeping force, and often as ambulance for health emergencies.

The barangay chairmen and their councils hailed Pineda-Cayabyab's initiative for its "immense contribution to the health and safety of their constituencies.'

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BCDA gains control of Camp John Hay

SC RULING 'A WIN FOR FILIPINOS'

CLARK FREEPORT - The Bases Conversion and Development Authority has gained control over Camp John Hay in Baguio City, particularly The Manor, The Forest Lodge, Camp John Hay Golf Course, CAP Convention Center, Commander's Cottage, open spaces, and other areas following a groundbreaking Supreme Court decision.

The High Court ruling mandating BCDA to recover the Camp John

Hay property from CJH Development Corp. (CJH DevCo), is hailed as "a victory for the Filipino people," as it is seen "to open doors for high-impact investments that will provide more job opportunities, drive inclusive economic growth, and initiate a ripple effect that will benefit more people in the years to come."

"This victory is a win for the Filipino people as it paves the path for exciting investments and projects PAGE 9 PLEASE



Santos. "Sa libreng flu vaccine, we can be assured that our employees are protected and healthy."

Lazatin said the initiative aimed to protect the city hall employees from potential diseases of the respiratory system. He deployed the Ronda Bakuna Bus, which was manned by members of the Angeles City Health Office, to fast track the antiflu vaccination.

"This is part of our promise that we will continue to put top priority on the health of our workers since they are vital in providing the services needed by our constituents," he said. "Sinusuklian lang natin ang dedikasyon at sipag ng ating mga kawani ng gobyerno kaya nararapat lamang na bigyang halaga ang kanilang kalusugan."

Reiterating her group's gratitude to the mayor, Santos said "Asahan po ninyo, bilang ganti, ang aming patuloy na pagbibigay ng dekalidad na serbisyo para sa mga Angeleños gaya po ng inyong pagpapahalaga PAGE 9 PLEASE

Travel + Leisure Co. releases 270 turtle hatchlings in Bataan

CLARK FREEPORT – In partnership with the Pagasa Pawikan Protection and Conservation Center (3P3C), Travel + Leisure Co. recently released some 270 baby olive ridley turtles into the sea in Bagac, Bataan.

As part of the company's "Save the Turtles" campaign, over 50 employees based in this freeport, participated in 3P3C's orientation on turtle conservation and the safe release of hatchlings.

The company also adopted 33 turtle nests,

each containing between 40 and 120 eggs. This initiative involves employees donating funds to support the procurement of essential supplies for shore patrols to keep the nests safe.

"We are incredibly proud of our team members who actively volunteer and donate to meaningful causes like turtle conservation. This marks our fifth release, and we see increased participation from our associates year after year and, now, we are witnessing the tangible impact of our partnership with 3P3C," enthused Liam Crawley, president of Travel + Leisure Co. Philippines.

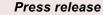
"Our colleagues in other countries, including Australia and the USA, have also joined this effort by adopting nests and naming them after their loved ones," Crawley added.

The Philippines is home to five of the world's seven sea turtle species. Among them, olive ridley, green, and hawksbill turtles make nesting sites on the shores of Bagac. Hawksbill turtles, listed as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Natur, face numerous threats, including poaching, marine pollution, and natural predators, resulting in alarmingly low survival rates.

The 3P3C, a community-based volunteer organization, plays a vital role in turtle conservation by patrolling Bagac's shores to protect turtle eggs from poachers, rescuing injured turtles, and raising environmental awareness within the local community.

Travel + Leisure Co. has partnered with 3P3C since 2022 to support its turtle conservation efforts. Last year alone, the company released over 140 hatchlings to the sea.

Learn more about the company's commitment to sustainability through its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives: travelandleisureco. com/esg-commitment.







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To the Point

CSC URGED Suspend new dress codes for teachers

"WHILE WE recognize the intent to promote cultural identity and professionalism, we respectfully assert that this specific mandate poses significant challenges, particularly for publi c school teachers."

Thus, the Teachers' Dignity Coalition (TDC) premised its call to the Civil Service Commission to suspend the implementation of CSC Memorandum Circular No. 16, s. 2024, or the Revised Dress Code for Government Officials and Employees, released on Nov. 29, 2024.

The circular requires government employees to wear ASEAN-inspired attire every first Monday of the month and Filipiniana-inspired attire on the second to fourth Mondays.

"The realities of our work environment make the imposition of such attire impractical and counterproductive to our primary objective of delivering quality education," read the statement signed by TDC national chair Benjo Basas. "Our public schools, as everyone knows, lack proper ventilation; learners and teachers endure extreme heat, especially during the hottest months."

"Furthermore, teachers are not stationary; most of us are constantly moving from one classroom to another or even from one building to another. Unlike many office personnel who perform their tasks in air-conditioned offices and stay there all day, teachers are also expected to carry out various additional tasks tied to our teaching responsibilities, making fashion considerations the least of our concerns," it added.

The TDC also noted that the Department of Education had already prescribed specific uniforms for teachers that align with their professional identity, which the new dress rules "would render... obsolete and force teachers to shoulder additional financial burdens to comply."

"In light of these considerations, we respectfully appeal for the suspension of this policy's implementation or, at the very least, the adoption of practical modifications. Specifically, we request that public school teachers be exempted from the requirement to wear ASEAN or Filipiniana-inspired attire every Monday," the TDC said.

This, even as it expressed willingness to engage in further discussions with the CSC to address the issue. It added that it was also coordinating with the DepEd on how to respond to the policy.



Tatlong regalo

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

MAY NABASA akong isang feministang cartoon strip tungkol sa pagdalaw ng tatlong Pantas na lalaki: "Ano daw kaya ang nangyari kung imbes na mga lalaki ay mga babae ang tatlong Pantas na bumisita sa Sagrada Pamilya sa Belen?"

Ganito ang mga sagot: Una, "Baka nakarating sila nang mas maaga at nakatulong pa sa pagpapaaanak kay Mama Mary." Pangalawa, "Baka nilinis muna nilang mabuti ang isang sulok ng kuwadra, at nagsabit siya ng duyan na kumot at iyon ang pinaghigaan sa bata imbes na sabsaban." Pangatlo, "Baka daw nagdala sila ng mas praktikal na regalo tulad ng lampin, alcohol at sabon, at nagluto ng lugaw." Bakit nga ba ginto, insenso at mira ang regalo nila? Ano ang kinalaman ng mga ito sa bata?

Alam n'yo ba na merong isang pelikula ang batikang director na si Martin Scorsese na hindi nagkaroon ng commercial release dahil hinarangan daw ng Chinese government. May kinalaman daw kasi ito sa Tibet na inokupahan ng China noong 1950 at sa sumunod na exile ng 14th Tibetan leader na tinatawag na "Dalai Lama."

Bahagi pala ng tradisyon nila kapag namatay ang Dalai Lama ang paghahanap ng kanyang magiging successor na itinuturing nilang reincarnation ng pumanaw nilang lider. (Bahagi ng paniniwala ng mga Buddhists ang reincarnation, na hindi bahagi ng doktrinang Kristiyano.)

Sa pelikulang ang title ay "KUNDUN", pinagmamasdan din daw ng mga Tibetan monks ang galaw ng mga bituin sa langit bilang gabay sa paghahanap nila ng magiging bagong Dalai Lama. Ayon sa kuwento, humantong sila sa bayan ng Taktser sa Amdo region ng Northeastern Tibet kung saan isinilang si Tenzin Gyatso, na ang palayaw ay KUNDUN.

Buhay pa siya; kasalukuyang nabubuhay in exile sa India, sa Dharamsala. Nang makarating daw sa bahay ng nasabing bata, binigyan daw ng Tibetan monks ng pagsubok o pagsusulit ang bata. Inilantad sa harapan ng bata ang iba't ibang mga bagay na mamahalin, nakahalo doon ang mga gamit ng namatay na Dalai Lama para papiliin siya ng tatlong regalong magugustuhan niya. At ang pinili daw na tatlong regalo ng batalahat ay mga personal na gamit ng dating Dalai Lama. Iyun daw ang naging palatandaan na siya na nga ang hinahanap nilang reincarnation ng namatay na Dalai Lama at ngayon ay magiging pinuno ng bayan nila.

Mukhang ang mga alamat tungkol sa paghahanap ng bagong lider ay isang pamilyar na uri ng panitikan sa oryental na tradisyon. May kwento ring ganyan tungkol sa paghahanap ni propetang Samuel sa hihiranging bagong hari ng Israel pagkatapos ni Saul. Nahanap daw niya ito sa bahay ni Jesse, hindi sa mga mas matatandang anak na lalaki kundi sa batang si David na nagpapastol sa parang at may gatas pa sa labi. Mukhang ginamit ni San Mateo ang pamilyar na mga tradisyong pampanitikan na ito sa ginawa niyang introduction ng kanyang ebanghelyo. Naroon ang lahat ng sangkap ng alamat: mga pantas na nagmamasid sa langit, naglakbay mula sa malayong silangan, naghandog ng mga regalong magpapakilala kung sino talaga ang batang ito at kung ano ang magiging misyon niya.

pinion

Matagal nang naghihintay ang Israel ng Mesiyas o Lider na magliligtas sa kanilang bayan. May hula na ito ay isang bagong haring magmumula sa lahi ni David. May hula naman na ito ay isang bagong Pari na mamumuno sa templo. At may hula rin na ito ay bagong propeta na ka-kalibre ni Elias. Ang ginto ay simbolo ng hari. Ang insenso ay simbolo ng pari. Ang mira (na ginagamit pang-embalsamo sa patay) ay simbolo ng propeta. Pinapatay kasi ang karamihan sa mga propeta dahil sa paninindigan nila sa tama at totoo. Kaya may ibig sabihin pala itong si San Mateo nang ihandog ang lahat ng tatlong regalong ito kay Hesus. "Three in One", kumbaga, ang magiging misyon ng batang ito: sabay na hari, pari, at propeta sa iisang persona.

Sa kanya lalapit ang lahat ng mga bansa, bayan at lahi sa daigdig upang magkaisa. Siya ang magiging larawan ng tunay at mataas na uri ng pagkatao. Tataglayin niya ang KADAKILAAN (simbolo ng ginto), ang KABANALAN (simbolo ng insenso), at PANININDIGAN SA TOTOO (simbolo ng propeta). Lahat ng maganda, mabuti at marangal tungkol sa ating pagkatao-ito ang ipapakita niya sa buong mundo. Aakitin niya ang lahat ng bansa sa buong mundo upang matuklasan ng tao ang tunay na saysay at kahulugan ng pagiging tao. Upang makilala ng tao kung sino sila sa mata ng Maykapal-mga anak ng Diyos. At dahil iisang magulang ang pinanggalingan, mga magkakapatid, mga miyembro ng iisang pamilya. Ito ang diwa ng kapistahang ipinagdiriwang natin sa araw na ito ng Epifania.

(Homiliya para sa Kapistahan ng Epifania o Pagpapakita ng Panginoon sa mga Bansa. Enero 4, 2025, Mt 2:1-12)

COMMENTARY **Showing Up Matters**

"His face lit up when he saw With our current situation and of our children. Being present me!

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This is the common and happy reaction of parents whenever they witness how their presence affects the total performance of their children in school, especially during important events and celebrations.

Gone were the days when only the head of the household works to provide the basic needs of the family he builds.

the challenging demands of society, even mothers are striving to seek better jobs to help their partners in addressing all the family needs. As a result, less time is spent on their children, especially when their attendance in school is needed.

As parents, showing up means not only being present physically but more so being emotionally available, engaged, and actively involved in the lives

for the big moments has a great impact, but also on their small and daily experiences. Being there for them means they feel seen, heard, safe, and secure.

Quantity and quality time matters. Therefore, show up whenever we can.

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The Challenge

With a new year to brace and embrace as a political animal, the vice president faces a new challenge as a spare tire: how to be relevant and stay so, or the alternative is not an option.

Once there were two brothers, so the story goes., One ran away to the seawhile the other became a vice president. Nothing was ever heard from either of them.

Vice President Sara Duterte strongly felt that she potentially had the presidentcy within her grasp in 2022 but let it slip away from her fingers. One historically significant person took it away, with her permission, in exchange for something she has yet to write about in her memoirs. She gave up the chance when her reach could have exceeded her grasp.

That person is now the president who has lately discovered that she is not exactly a relevant person in his government where security is a matter of concern.

That is the raison d'etre for her being excluded, formally and officially, from the government's national security council headed by the highest official in the land.

It's not just being technical or legal about it; it's abou authentically being political about `it vis'a-vis at least two definitions that 1) politics is the art of the possible and 2) politics is mainly about addition, even multiplication.

How she addresses the latest hot issue in Philippine politics is pivotal to how she will look forward to the future, especially in 2028 when the current president will step down from office and a new president will be elected. "Shall" deserves another column item.

Many Filipinos, especially those in her political camp, look at this in this light, on the edge of their seat, given the recent challenge. Her allies have

already questioned the issue of fairness of ruling her out from the council because of relevance, or the lack of it. She was tripped, as it were, not blindsided to be sure, and must pick herself up back on two feet, quickly and smartly, or oblivion will not be far behind.

In the first place, her being bounced off the council may be the necessary step in that direction.

Her Christmas message about forgiveness and love, among others, are strong motivational points in soul -searching against the backdrop of an ungracious falling out from a formidable partnership with the President that has unmistakably led to this.

The blame game is seldom one-directional, with four fingers usually directed at oneself.

When the issue of relevance is raised, the question of whose interest it is must be honestly answered.

It is beyond doubt that keeping the vice president out of the security loop ,whether internal or external, is in the President's interest. That interest has been unmistakably compromised by the vice president's series of public behavior, from unbecoming to unacceptable, as a public official, let alone as the next in line in Constitutional succession.

From the imaginary decapitation shown in public to revenge -from= death= assassination= plot against the President, the First Lady and the Speaker of the House, publicly bannered, there could only be one unmistakable and human reaction: anger. The vice president's behavior PAGE 9 PLEASE



Betrayal of the Future

IF WE are to believe many of our lawmakers' pronouncements about their supposedly genuine concern for the country's future generation, we would think they would move heaven and earth so that the education sector continues to receive the highest allocation in the national budget, right?

But that is the farthest from the truth. At a time when the country is addressing the learning crisis that has haunted us even before the the very basic education facility of providing Covid-19 pandemic, here comes Congress with the perfect solution to improve the sorry state of education in the country - slashing the Department of Education's 2025 budget by around P12 billion, including P10 billion for its computerization program.

new classrooms to meet the demands of a growing student population. This simply tells us that even classrooms that are conducive for learning has not been resolved over the years. Meanwhile, the average teacher-to-student ratio in public schools exceeded 1:35, far above the ideal ratio of 1:20. In its 2023 report, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization highlighted that the Philippines faces one of the highest dropout rates in Southeast Asia, with many students forced to leave school due to the lack of proper facilities, resources, and support systems. The latest results from the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) showed that Filipino students ranked 79th out of 79 countries in reading comprehension, 78th in mathematics, and 75th in science. According to the World Bank, the Philippines ranks below its Southeast Asian neighbors in terms of educational outcomes. The learning poverty rates affect more than 80% of children aged 10. This means they are unable to read and understand a simple text. In contrast, Congress has allocated billions to agencies with questionable reputations for transparency. For instance, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) which has consistently been one of the top recipients of PAGE 9 PLEASE



San Simon, Pampanga **1st Class municipality na**

1ST CLASS municipality na ang bayan ng San Simon pagkaraan ng matagal at mahaba ring panahon ito'y dahil sa MAHUSAY na pamamalakad noon ng mga naging alkalde tulad ni BONDOC at SITCHON lalo na nang maging mayor ang yumaong LEONORA WONG

nagsulputan ang marami at mayayamang INVESTOR 2.

Ang pag-unlad ng San Simon ay unti-unting umusod nang ang maging alkalde ay si tatang Maning S. Bondoc sa kanyang pamamahala nagsimulang MA-DEVELOP ang noon ay matalahib at madilim na QUEZON ROAD naitayo ang SKK kalaunan ay sumunod

ang ilan pang mga planta na ngayo'y magkakanugnog 3.

Ang San Simon noong araw ay di gaanong kilala ng dahil kay TATANG MANING kalauna'y nakilala ang dating Sto. Domingo exit ngayo'y San Simon na kaya't itong aming bayan SUMIKAT dahil sa kanya simpling bagay kung wariin ngunit napakahalaga sa aspetong pamumuhay pati na sa pulitika

Naging alkalde si SITCHON, DIGOS CANLAS, LEONORA WONG

ekonomiya ng bayan nagsimula sa pag-usbong naitayo ang Global 1 global 2 at NAYONG CHINOY pati ang GOVERNMENT CENTER na nahinto ang konstruksiyon

ang kanilang PAGSISIKHAY sa matagal na panahon namunga ng masaganang tinatamasa na ngayon 5.

At ngayong ang SAN SIMON ay 1st class municipality nararapat lamang namang ito ay ipagmalaki kahit ito'y naganap sa panahon ni mayor JP katungkulan nating lahat na ito ay IPAGBUNYI sobrang pamumulitika dapat munang isantabi MAGKAISA't ipagdiwang ang ganitong pangyayari 6.

Kahit sino pa ang mayor ang karangalang natamo ng SAN SIMON sa SIMONIANS pa rin naman ang kredito dumating man ang araw at mayrong mahalal na bago ay hindi na mapipigil ang bayan sa PAG-ASENSO ang PAG-UNLAD ay di lamang ng dahil sa pulitiko kung hindi sa mamamayang naninirahan din dito 7.

Hindi naman basta-basta magiging 1ST CLASS ang bayan

kung hindi rin NAGPUNYAGI mga dating nanungkulan ang ambag ng bawat malaki o katiting man huwag nating lilimutin at dapat PASALAMATAN palaging alalahanin at itanim sa isipan na sila ay bahagi ng minimithing KAUNLARAN

This latest move from Congress is not only unconstitutional but also anti-poor.

As stipulated in Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall "protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels.'

On the other hand, Section 5 (5), Article XIV also declares that the State shall "assign the highest budgetary priority to education ...

Congress, in its latest act of slashing the education budget, is definitely neglecting this constitutional mandate. Quite unfortunately but not surprisingly at all, our lawmakers have not learned anything after seeing for themselves the lingering effects of underfunding education.

Consider these.

Based on the 2022 Global Competitiveness Report, the country is ranked 64th out of 141 economies in terms of human capital. This indicates the persistent stagnation in the country's educational progress.

That same year, the DepEd needed 60,000



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of ARCADIO DAVID who died on June 1, 2004 in Sto. Domingo, Mexico, Pampanga and HILARIA B. DAVID who died on July 24, 1994 in Sto. Domingo, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2, Bsd-03-001743 (OLT) portion of Lot 1011-B-5-B-6, Psd-03-0033590), located at Sto. Domingo, Mexico, Pampanga, containing an area of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven (10,477) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 21441, Emancipation Patent No. 681118 Registry of eeds of Pampanga; before Notary Public Miguelito S. Pama, as per Doc. No. 259, Page No. 53. Book No. 19. Series of 2024

Punto! Central Luzon: January 6, 13 & 20, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of AVELINO ABELLERA who died on July 7. 2011 in 1835 Angelito St., Mt. View, Brgy. Balibago, Angeles; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with deed of Absolute Sale on his estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 4-0 of the subdivison plan (LRC) Psd-10700, being a portion of lot 4, described on plan (LRC) Pcs-1029, LRC (GIRO) Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters; and cover d by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 62237 Issued by the Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Israel C. Forto, as per Doc. No. 761, Page No. 53, Book No. XIV, Series of 2024

Punto! Central Luzon: December 30, 2024, January 6 & 13, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of MARINO M. TANAEL who died on November 21, 2022 in Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 68499

A parcel of land (Lot 12, Block 3 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-1824, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 710-A, 710-B, 710-C, 710-D, (LRC) Psd-5601 and Lots 711-B-2-A, 7-11-B2-B, 7-11-B2-C, 7-11-B2-E, (LRC) Psd-5323, LRC (GLRC) Cad. Rec. No. 124) with improvement thereon, situated in the barrio of Santol, Municipality of Angeles Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Hundred Tibu (GRC) Carlos and the provement thereon situated in the barrio of Santol, Municipality of Angeles Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Hundred Fifty (350) square meters.

TCT NO. 045-2021003348

A parcel of land (Lot 8-A, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-229616, being a portion of Lot 8, Block 3, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) with improvement thereon, situated in the barrio of Santol, City of Angeles; Containing an area of One Thousand (1,000) square meters.

TCT NO. 274208-R

A parcel of land (Lot 4146-A-12, of the subd. plan Psd-03-014639, being a portion of Lot 4146-A, (LRC) Psd-14013, LRC Rec. No.) with improvement thereon, situated in the Bo of Lara, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of Two Thousand (2,000)

before Notary Public Raenan B. Malig, as per Doc. No. 1105, Page No. 22, Book No. 22, Series of 2024

Punto! Central Luzon: December 30, 2024, January 6 & 13, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SPS. DANILO G. DIZON and AUREA A. DIZON who died on September 23, 2010 and April 8, 2005 both died in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and during their lifetime, they acquired a residential lot with improvements built thereon which is situated at #30 Aster St., Pillar Village, Phase 3, Brgy. San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) square meters; and covered by TCT No. 186801-R; before Notary Public Reydon P. Canlas, as per Doc. No. 601, Page No. 60, Book No. 89, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 30, 2024, January 6 & 13, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTOLINOS TULIO** who died on August 17, 2024 at the Medical City, Clarkfield, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Donation on his estate; and more Particularly described as a parcel of land, situated in the Barrio of San Francisco, Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 166312-R; Containing an area of Three Hundred Sixty Seven (367) Square Meters; before Notary Public Mary Grace E. Laxa, as per Doc No. 0220, Page No. 45, Book No. III, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 23, 30, 2024 & January 6, 2025

NOTICE OF AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that JEAN MARLENE V. SILANG, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of 1713 Doha Nicolasa St., Villa Dolores, Angeles City, Pampanga; a registered owner of the following Stocks Certificate and all issued by Accurate Medical Diagnostic Center (ACCUMED) Inc., and are described as follows;

Stocks Certificate No.: 030 Issued to: JEAN SILANG, MD No. of Shares: 10,000 Par Value: <u>1.00</u>

Stocks Certificate No.: 116 Issued to: JEAN SILANG, MD No. of Shares: 7,391 Par Value: 1.00

before Notary Public Chester Clark G. Dula, as per Doc. No. 1580, Page No. 22, Book No. VII. Series of 2024

REPUBLIC OF THI	E PHILIPPINES
SUPREME	COURT
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT	
THIRD JUDICI	AL REGION
City of San Fernan	ndo, Pampanga
Office of the Clerk of Cou	irt & Ex-Omicio Sherim
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,	
Petitioner/Mortgagee,	
	E.J.F. No. 306-24
-versus-	Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of

FRANCIS XAVIER T. AMBROCIO.

NOTICE OF EXTRA—JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, Mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Megaplaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City and with branch office at Suburbia Commercial Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, against FRANCIS XAVIER T. AMBROCIO, Mortgagor, of legal age, with residence and postal address at 1) 1-8 lfugao Road Villa-Gloria Subd., Angeles City 2) Lot 21 Blk, 7 Fortune Ville Subdivision III. Malino Panipuan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 31, 2024 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR PESOS & 75/100 (P780,524.75) excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on January 23, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements, to wit

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 677892-R "xxx A parcel of land (Lot 21, blk. 7 of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-03-011855, being a portion of the cons. cots 1, Pcs-03-010506, lot 1, Pcs-03-011271, lot 132, Pcs-03-000027, lot 133-B-1 and lot 133-B-3 and lot 133-B-5, all of Psd-03-123813, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Ho. of Malino, Panipuan, Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pampanga x x x Containing an area of FIFTY (50) Square Meters x x x"

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 30, 2025, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, December 12, 2024

RONALDO K. NANA Sheriff IV RTC Br., 46, CSF(P)

CC: 1. HOME DEVT. MUTUAL FUND - The Petron Megaplaza Building, 358 Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati Citv

2. FRANCES XAVIER T. AMBROCIO - 1-9 Ifugao Road villa Gloria Subd., Angeles City Lot 21, Blk. 7, Fortune Ville Subdivision III, Malino Panipuan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

3. ENGR. DANILO P. CATALOS - Room 202 Bldg., I, Suburbia Commercial Center, McArthur H-way, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

4. ATTY. JULIUS VOLTAIRE ROMMEL C. CUBELO: 24 K. ACCOUNTS CONSULTANT INC., RM. 202, Tagle Bldg., McArthur Hi-way San Agustin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

5. Punto C.L

Punto! Central Luzon December 30, 2024, January 6 & 13, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SUPREME COURT REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION City of San Fernando, Pampanga Email: rtc1sfpocc@judiciary.gov.ph

Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,

Petitioner-Mortgagee.

-versus-

E.J.F. No. 287-24 Real Estate Mortgage Under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118

RUFINO JAN MICHAEL T. AMBROCIO III.

Respondent-Mortgagor. x-----

NOTICE OF EXTRA—JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-iudicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Megaplaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City and with branch office at Suburbia Commercial Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, against RUFINO JAN MICHAEL T. AMBROCIO III, mortgagor, with residence and postal address at 1) 1-8 Ifugao Road Villa Gloria Subd., Angeles City, Pampanga; and 2) Lot 19 Blk 7 Malino/Panipuan, San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 30, 2024 amounts to SIX HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY FOUR PESOS and 45/100 (Php662,084.45) excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on February 20, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements. to with

OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT
PURSUANT TO PAR. 2, ART. 26 OF
THE FAMILY CODE (FOREIGN
DIVORCE),
MIA CABALLA (JUNG),
Petitioner,
- versus -
JIN YOUNG JUNG, CIVIL
REGISTRAR GENERAL (NATIONAL
STATISTICIAN) and MUNICIPAL
CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BACOLOR,
PAMPANGA, & OFFICE OF THE
SOLICITOR GENERAL,
OULION OLIVEINE,

Respondents

ORDER

SPEC, PROC, CASE NO, 6340

Petitioner Mia Caballa Jung filed an amended petition for the recognition of foreign judgment pursuant to paragraph 2, Article 26 of the Family Code to capacitate her to use her maiden name as well as to remarry should she choose to do so in the future.

Petitioner alleged, in sum, that she and respondent Jin Young Jung married on 18 October 2008 and lived together for eight (8) years. No child was born into their marriage. Their relationship turned sour which led to the filing of cases for Violation of Republic Act No. 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004 and issuance of a temporary protection order.

She later learned that respondent Jung filed a Petition for Divorce in Seoul, South Korea. Upon receipt of Divorce Judgment in May 2019, she flew to South Korea and secured an original certified true copy of Divorce Judgment and its English translation as well as a notarial certificate containing the Korean text of the Korean Divorce Judgment and its English translation, duly notarized and apostilled.

Thereafter, she filed a Petition for Recognition of Foreign Judgment in Pasay City Regional Trial Court (RTC) docketed as Spec. Proc. No. R-PSY-19-04279 raffled to RTC Pasay City, Branch 112. Said petition was, however, later withdrawn. On 6 March 2024, she refiled the same petition in City of San Fernando (CSFP) Regional Trial Court but was dismissed by RTC Branch 44, CSFP for insufficiency in form and substance particularly, petitioner's non-compliance with the Judicial Affidavit Rule. Petitioner once again refiled a similar petition before the RTC CSFP on 1 July 2024 but was again dismissed by RTC Branch 43, CSFP for insufficiency in form and substance particularly petitioner's failure to attach a copy of the Korea Law on Divorce officially translated in English language.

Petitioner's counsel then flew to South Korea and obtained a duly notarized Declaration dated 4 September 2023 from Baik Young Bong certifying that the "Divorce laws of the Civil Code of the Republic of Korea as attached are true and correct and are true translations for the texts originally written in the Korean language.

With the addition of aforesaid Declaration, petitioner now re-filed the same petition pursuant to paragraph 2, Article 26 of the Family Code.

Attached to the instant petition are photocopies of the following documents, viz: Barangay Clearance (Exhibit A); Certificate of Marriage (Exhibit B); Temporary Protection Order Civil Case No. R-ANG-16- 02041-CV (Exhibit C); Resolution/Recommendation NPS Doc. No. 111-01- 1NV-16L-00573 (Exhibit D); Divorce Judgment in Korean Text (Exhibit E); Divorce Judgment in English Text (Exhibit F); Notarial Certificate (Exhibit G); Apostille Certification (Exhibit H); Certified True Copy of Divorce Judgment in English Text (Exhibit I); Certified True Copy of Divorce Judgment in Korean Text (Exhibit J); Notarial Certificate (Exhibit K); Apostille Certification (Exhibit L); RTC Branch 44 Order dated 15 March 2024 in Sp. Proc. Case No. 6305 (Exhibit M); RTC Branch 43 Order dated 16 July 2024 in Sp. Proc. Case No. 6329 (Exhibit N); Declaration of Baik, Youngbong in English text (Exhibit 0); Declaration of Baik, Youngbong in Korean text (Exhibit P); Notarial Certificate (Exhibit Q); and Apostille Certification (Exhibit R) together with the Supplemental Judicial Affidavit of petitioner Mia Caballa Jung and Judicial Affidavits of Hwang Eunsuk and Benjamin P. Lozada III.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, finding the instant petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is scheduled for hearing on 9 June 2025 and 16 June 2025, both at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at the Session Hall of this Court, at which date, place and time, all and any interested person may appear to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Publish this Order for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga prior to the stated hearing dates at petitioner's expense. Also, furnish the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), Office of the Provincial Prosecutor Province of Pampanga, the Local Civil Registrar of Municipality of Bacolor, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, and respondent Jin Young Jung, copies of this Order and Petition, including the annexes attached hereto.

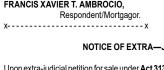
Petitioner, through counsel, is directed to coordinate with OSG to ensure receipt of its deputization letter by the Court prior to the scheduled hearing hereof on 9 June 2025. In the meantime, the petitioner, through counsel, is also directed to submit PDF copies of the instant petition, together with its annexes, to the indicated official e-mail address of this Court.

SO ORDERED.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, 12 December 2024.

ROWENA H RAMA-CHAVEZ Presiding Judge

RHRC/rmmms



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION BRANCH 47 CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

Email: rtc1sfp047judiciary.gov.ph Contact No. 0926 985 3376

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION

Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

Punto! Central Luzon: December 23, 30, 2024 & January 6, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that GLORIA CANLAS DIZON, of legal age, Filipino, widow, and a resident of 1744 Mactan St., Claro M. Recto, Angeles City; and heirs of EDUARDO DIZON DIZON JR., who died on September 11, 2024 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, McArthur Highway, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Donation on his estate, and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2022010266

A parcel of land (Lot No. 13, Block 7 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-015498, being a portion of Lot 6, Psd-03-006831, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Barrios of Pandan & Tabon, City of Angeles;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 125756 A parcel of land (Lot 16, Block 11 of the cons-t., plan Psd-035401-003862, being a portion of consolidated lots 1 and 6, (LRC) Psd-289688, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Sto. Cristo, City of Angeles;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 66650

A parcel of land (Lot No. 34, Block No. 14 of the subdivision plan Psd-3066, being a portion of Lot No. 590 GLRO Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the barrio of Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga;

before Notary Public Paolo M. Benitez, as per Doc No. 772, Page No. 48, Book No. XIII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 23, 30, 2024 & January 6, 2025

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 677891-R

x x x A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 19, BLK. 7 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN PCS-03-011855 BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. LOTS 1, PCS-03-010506, LOT 1, PCS-03-011271 LOT 132, PCS-03-000027, LOT 133-B-1, LOT 133-B-3, AND LOT 133-B-5, ALL OF PCS-03-123813, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF MALINO, PANIPUAN, MUN. OF SAN FDO., PROM. OF PAMP. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS. x x x "

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 February 27, 2025 without further notice

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, December 2, 2024.

ARVIN RYAN V. BASILIO Sheriff IV RTC-OCC, CSF(P)

1.HOME DECVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND • Petron Megaplaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City & Suburbia Commercial Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

2.Rufino Jan Michael T. Ambrocio III - 1-8 lfugao Road Villa Gloria Subd., Angeles City 2009 / Lot 19, 111k 7, Fortune Ville Subd. III, Malino/Panipuan, CSFP 2000

3. Atty. Julius Voltaire Rommel C. Cubelo - 24K Accounts Consultant, Inc., RM 202, Tagle Bldg., Mc Arthur Hi-Way, San Agustin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga 2000

4. Punto Central Luzon

Punto! Central Luzon December 30,2024, January 6 & 13, 2025

Copy furnished Atty. Benjamin P. Lozada III 4619 Casino St., Palanan, Makati City benhur lozada@yahoo.com

Mia Caballa Jung San Vicente, Bacolor, Pampanga

Jing Young Jung Town Home A., El Ranch! St., Carmenville Subdivision, Angeles City, Pampanga

Civil Registrar General (National Statistician) Philippine Statistics Authority PSA Complex, 174 Diliman, Quezon City

Municipal Civil Registrar of Bacolor, Pampanga Bacolor Municipal Hall Bacolor, Pampanga

Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo st., Legaspi Village, Makati City efile@osg.gov.ph

Pros. Kenneth J. Jusay OPP- Province of Pampanga Dojopp.kennethjusay@gmail.com

Regional Trial Court Office of the Clerk of Court City of San Fernando Pampanga Rtc1sfpocc@judiciary.gov.ph

Punto! Central Luzon December 30, 2024, January 6 & 13, 2025

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, Petitioner-Mortgagee

-Versus-

Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage No. 358-24

BERNADETH PALO EMPLEO married to DENNIS PELAYO EMPLEO, Respondents-Mortgagors

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, Mortgagee, with postal address at the Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against BERNADETH PALO EMPLEO MARRIED TO DENNIS PELAYO EMPLEO, Mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Lot 1, Block 12, Dela Paz Village II, Dela Paz Sur, City of San Fernando, Pampanga to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 31, 2024 amounts to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR PESOS & 76/100 (Php 1,163,764.76) excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized sheriff will sell at public auction on February 20, 2025 at 10:00 AM or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to the highest bidder for CASH or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2012007353

"A parcel of land (lot 3, BLOCK 12 OF THE consolidation -SUBDivision PLAN Pcs-03-012064 BEING A PORTION OF consolidated lots 4090 san fernando cadastre and lot 4091-c psd-03-0101914, Irc. rec. no.) situated in the barrio of dela paz sur, municipality OF SAN FERNANDO, province of pampanga XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX (136) SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS.

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 February 27, 2025, without further notice

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, January 6, 2025

(Original Signed) GILBERT G. AQUINO Sheriff I\ RTC-Branch 42, CSFP

Cc: 1. Home Development Mutual Fund., - The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

2. Bernadeth Palo Empleo & Dennis Pelayo Empleo - Lot 1, Blk. 12, Delapaz Village II, Brgy. Dela Paz Sur, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

- Lot 3, Blk. 12, Dela Paz Village II., Brgy. Dela Paz Sur, Sn Fdo., Pampanga

3. Engr. Danilo P. Catolos - Room 202, Suburbia Comml. Center, Mc Arthur H-way Maimpis, City of Sn Fernando, Pampanga

4. Atty. Julius Voltaire Rommel C. Cubelo, - 24K Accounts Consultant,, Inc., Rm. 202, Tagle Bldg., Mc-Arthur Hi-way, San Agustin, City of San Fernando

5. Punto Central Luzon

Punto Central Luzon: January 6, 13 & 20, 2025

AC ramps up stray animal control

ANGELES CITY – Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. has directed the city veterinary office to intensify spaying and neutering stray ani-mals in government facilities from January to June 2025.

The mayor's memorandum named the spaying/neutering sites as the Angeles City Hall Compound, Pampang and San Nicolas Public Markets, Rafael Lazatin Memorial Medical Center, all 57 public schools, rural health centers including new sites, Kanlungan ng Kabataan, 33 barangay halls, the city library, public cemeteries, the social hygiene clinic, and evacuation and transfer stations.

'It has always been a priority program of this administration to put premium on animal welfare," Lazatin said.

Lazatin's chief adviser IC Calaguas, who is supervising the program with Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel, said this initiative not only protects animals but also ensures public health and safety for every Angeleño.

City veterinary OIC Dr. Christian Xyric Arcilla said the office is preparing the schedule to ensure the program's smooth and effective implementation.

Since Lazatin launched the free neutering and spaying pro-gram in 2020, a total of 5,973 pets—1,854 dogs and 4,119 cats have received free spaying and neutering.

In 2024, the city's free spay and neuter program has successfully concluded, exceeding the year's target of 1,744 pets spayed or neutered without any untoward incidents.

Additionally, 130,520 pets-93,075 dogs and 37,445 cats—in the 33 barangays have received free anti-rabies vaccinations. Angeles CIO



SM Supermalls shoppers donate 50K Bears of Joy to children

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY -- SM mallgoers nationwide during the Christmas season donated 50,000 Bears of Joy, an initiative of SM Cares aimed at spreading happiness to needy children in underserved communities.

SM City Bataan information officer Paula Gayeta said the record-breaking campaign was in partnership with Toy Kingdom where 100,000

generosity of SM Supermalls shoppers.

The SM Bears of Joy campaign is an annual initiative of SM Cares that empowers shoppers to spread holiday cheers by purchasing a pair of specially-designed plush bears with one to keep and another to share.

Gayeta said "Hug-a-Mood" as this year's theme introduced four charming bears: Mikah, the curious explorer; Ash, the gentle and shy friend; Bree,

dreamer.

She described each bear as having its own personality, symbolizing the warmth and joy of the season.

SM City Bataan for its part this holiday season brought special joy to children in the pediatric ward of the Bataan General Hospital.

Each donated bear represents the kindness and generosity of a community united in its commitment to giving back. These simple acts

that small gestures can create meaningful change across communities, Gayeta said.

She said that SM Cares is the corporate social responsibility arm of SM Supermalls that supports initiatives focused on communities and the environment. Its advocacies include programs for the environment, Persons with Disabilities, breastfeeding mothers; youth, senior citizens, and the SM Bike-friendly initiative.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JEMMABETH BABAC SIMBILLO who died on March 29, 2021 at The Medical City Clark, 100 Gatwick Gateway, Sabah Al Ahmad, GGLC Industrial Estate 5, Clark Freeport Zone, Mabalacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate and more particularly described as follows;

MAKE	: TOYOTA
TYPE OF BODY	: SUV
ENGINE NO.	2GDC621570
CHASIS NO.	MHFJBGS7K1574861
COLOR	GARDEN BRONZE METALLIC
PLATE NO	CAT2288

before Notary Public Milani Irisari Reyes, as per Doc. No. 3132, Page No. 2, Book No. 44, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 6 & 13, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SPOUSES FELIPE R. DANTES and HILARIA P. DANTES who died on April 28, 1989 and August 21, 2012 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate and more particularly described as Un terrano (Lote No. 21, Block No. 24 del plano de subdivision Psd-3066, parte del Lote No. 590 de la medicion catastral de Angeles, Provincia de la Pampanga x-x-x midiendo una extension supercial de Ciento Cincuenta Metros Cuadrados (150), mas o menos; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 48276. Registry of Deeds of Angeles City; before Notary Public Conrado T. Danan, as per Doc. No. 316, Page No. 64, Book No. 49, Series of 2013.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 6, 13 & 20, 2025

bears were sold made the spirited adventurer of giving spread not only possible by the collective and Ronnie, the creative joy but also hope, showing

Photo: SM City Bataan



Section I. Invitation to Bid



Republic of the Philippines

Province of Pampanga

MUNICIPALITY OF CANDABA

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The LGU Candaba. Pampanga, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project

NAME OF PROJECT/LOCATION: CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF FARM TO MARKET ROAD BRGY. GULAP- STO. ROSARIO

APPROVED BUDGET	
FOR THE CONTRACT	: Php 98,250,000.00
CONTRACT DURATION	: 310 C.D.
DELIVERY PERIOD	: February 13, 2025 to December 19, 2025

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	(Deadline of Submission and	
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3.	Bid Evaluation	February 3, 2025
4	Post-Qualification	February 4, 2025
5.	Notice of Award	February 5, 2025
6.	Notice to Proceed	February 10, 2025

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders starting on **January 9, 2025** from the given address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents amounting to Php 50,000.00

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government

Section I. Invitation to Bid



Republic of the Philippines

Province of Pampanga

MUNICIPALITY OF CANDABA

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The LGU Candaba, Pampanga, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project.

NAME OF PROJECT/LOCATION: UPGRADING CONCRETING OF PARALAYA-MAGUMBALI FMR ROAD CANDABA, PAMPANGA

APPROVED BUDGET	
FOR THE CONTRACT	: Php 19,650,000.00
CONTRACT DURATION	: 210 C.D.
DELIVERY PERIOD	: February 13, 2025 to September 10, 2025

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Approved by;

EDGAR B. ANICETE

General Services Officer

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CRK rakes...

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of Luzon International Premiere Airport Development Corp. (LIPAD), the operator of CRK.

"Our commitment to providing exceptional service to our passengers remains a

BCDA grosses...

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implement game-changing projects for the benefit of the Filipino people." BCDA president and CEO Joshua M. Bingcang said.

Bingcang expressed optimism that the BCDA will continue to sustain its revenue levels, with earnings projected to remain above P10 billion in 2025. He said this forecast reflected the BCDA's continued efforts to foster strong partnerships and implement projects that fuel economic growth and

named International Airport

primary focus while main-

taining a close partnership

with government stake-

holders to ensure regional

growth and global connec-

Last year, CRK was

tivity," he added.

infrastructure development in the country.

"We are committed to continue generating strong revenues, as this will allow us to boost our support for our beneficiary agencies and stakeholders, especially our military forces," Bingcang said.

Pursuant to its mandate under RA 7227 (Bases Conversion and Development Act), the BCDA transforms former military camps into centers of economic growth, generating income through disposition proceeds from

SMC completes...

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Pampanga River, as part of its long-running "Better Rivers Ph" initiative.

The project, led by SMC chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang and undertaken at no cost to government and taxpayers, also effectively deepened the river's channels and improved water flow out to Manila Bay.

"Flooding is a major issue for our cities and provinces, with many contributing factors. For our part, we're committed to do what we can to clean up our river systems and help government and our communities," said Ang.

He noted the importance of cleaning up the Pampanga River: "The Pampanga River is a major waterway in Central Luzon. Waters from here go to many other provinces, including Bulacan, which is downstream."

"Since the river was already quite shallow due to siltation and pollution, during heavy rain, water would easily overflow in many areas, affecting farmlands and communities and even contributing to flooding in other areas. So, it was imperative for us to come here and help clean up the river," said Ang.

In Macabebe, a riverside fishing town in Pampanga, Vice Mayor Vince Flores

says the dredging of the Pampanga River represents more than just a cleanup.

"It's a lifeline for a town burdened by its role as a natural catch basin," Flores said in an interview last November. "Floodwaters from Nueva Ecija and San Fernando end up here. Before this (river cleanup), it took days, even weeks, for water to recede. Now, with deeper channels, the flood subsides faster."

The effort, he said, is crucial not only for mitigating floods but also for reviving the local economy, citing how silt extracted from the river has been used to fortify their dikes and coastal roads.

Flores said some of the silt is used as paving materials to elevate critical public infrastructure in Macabebe, like schools.

The Pampanga River cleanup adds to SMC's list of completed river initiatives, following its massive cleanup of Bulacan River systems last year, where it extracted over 4.31 million metric tons (M/T) of silt and waste from 74.5 km of rivers

These include major waterways such as the Taliptip-Maycapiz-Bambang, Meycauayan, Marilao, Mailad-Sta. Maria, Guiguinto, Balagtas, Pamarawan, Kalero, and

Labangan-Angat Rivers.

of the Year - Philippines at the

prestigious 2024 TDM Travel

Trade Excellence Awards

Asia for its exceptional

passenger services and its

transformative contributions

sale, lease, and joint ven-

ture, as well as concession

ceeds are remitted to the

Bureau of the Treasury

through dividends and

contributions to the Armed

Forces of the Philippines

and other beneficiary agen-

cies. A share of the earnings

is also used to fund the

BCDA's infrastructure proj-

ects to help strengthen and

boost the competitiveness

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of its economic zones.

Portions of these pro-

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The airport's innovative

to the aviation industry.

Overall, Better Rivers PH, launched in 2020, has already covered a total of 156.42 km of waterways, extracting a total of 8,348,440 M/T of silt and solid wastes as of January 2. 2025.

This includes 1.12 M/T removed from 10.9 km of Tullahan River; 1.18 M/T from 26 km of Pasig River: 322,739 M/T from 7.61 km of San Juan River; and 417.044 M/T from 5.3 km of San Pedro River — on top of its Bulacan and Pampanga cleanups and other ongoing efforts in Metro Manila and south Luzon.

Ang underscored how SMC's commitment to cleaning up major rivers bears the company's time-honored value of "malasakit," recognizing how Filipinos living in coastal communities would be protected in terms of economic and safety risks.

"As an added benefit, our Better Rivers PH cleanup enables safer operations of water ferries like along Pasig River, and even improves water quality — and people say it reduces foul odors, and, of course, it restores marine ecosystems," Ang said. "So, it really makes us happy to continue providing this service to the Filipino people."

Press release

initiatives, including the implementation of Minimum Performance Specifications and Standards (MPSS), have set benchmarks for quality and operational efficiency. Regular audits conducted by the Airports

BCDA gains...

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that will drive socioeconomic opportunities and protects the interests of all," said BCDA president and CEO Joshua M. Bingcang. "As we open new doors of opportunity, more businesses may reinvest their capital in Camp John Hay and build upon the workforce; all while ensuring that the environmental and cultural integrity of the area are preserved and protected."

In an order dated 3 January 2025, Branch 6

The Public Space...

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as "hate speech", in one

not bleed," Shylock asked

in Shakespeare's

"If you prick us, do we

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government funds, received

Council International (ACI). alongside robust passenger feedback systems, ensure that CRK consistently meets global standards and enhances the travel experience. As a member of ACI, rep-

of the Baguio Regional

Trial Court upheld the

Supreme Court ruling

and junked CJH DevCo's

fresh attempt to prevent

the full return of the Camp

John Hay property. This

court order means all land

and improvements in the

property, whether directly

held by CJH DevCo, its

subsidiaries and/or affili-

ates or occupied/held by

other individuals or parties

claiming rights under them,

must be turned over to the

BCDA has assured the

BCDA immediately.

resenting over 2.100 airports worldwide, CRK upholds the highest standards in the aviation industry and strengthens its position as a vital gateway for both local and international travelers. Press release

public that businesses will continue to operate and thrive in Camp John Hay. It is calling on all stakeholders to step forward, reach out, and work together to facilitate a seamless transition toward a better Camp John Hay.

BCDA urges all stakeholders affected by the Supreme Court decision to reach out via email at cjhhelpdesk@bcda. gov.ph or phone via (+63) 962 534 9397 or (+63) 954 976 8295

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patriotic sentiment a national issue.

The vice president's relevance in both internal and external implications is undeniable and, therefore, a valid point. The vice president must choose her priorities straight. Her inclusion in the security body as a member get confidential information on national security is a

"Mene,mene tekel upharsin sin", warned the hnadwritting on the wall in the palace of the ancient king of Babylon. You have been weighed on the scale and wound wanting". Relevance, in other words. Then and

There are no ifs or buts about it. She has President who has not hidden his admiration for Michiavelli as a decisive -politician, and shrewd and presumably read his book titled the Prince. That's why she's suddenly out for the moment. Until he and all the president's and women changed their mind.

When one goes off the pathway, it takes a

be more chilling as this: corruption is allowed to thrive, while the future of the nation's children is left to suffer.

long and difficult route to go back to it. How do I love thee", asked the English poet Elisabeth Browning. " Let me count the ways." The vice president had said the partnership is kaput and regrettable, and the mistake will never happen again. The President, a real true blue politician, had cautioned, never say never.log

There's a clear distinction between one who's not acceptable in the group where confidential information about security and threats are regularly on the plate and one who may be considered to being a threat herself and is therefore not acceptable to be part of the group's game.

The vice president and her allies need to exercise deep discernment to know the difference. A long time ago, a strong leader said, " I am already in the saddle while my enemies are still in the stir-up." The leader was Ferdinand Marcos Sr who eventually became dictator and was not too friendly. to bis political enemies.

over education? It couldn't deprive the country's future of their right to a fair and quality education. When our lawmakers fail to uphold the Filipinos' right to education, they leave them with a curse - one that condemns them to a cycle of poverty and inequality.

- SATURDAY MONDAY

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"Merchant of Venice". " If you poison us, do we not die? Jf you do us wrong, do we not revenge?".

Obviously, the President could not simply shrug off the apparent threat to him and his family's safety or take them sitting down. A threat, bluff or not, deserves a counter measure to prevent it from achieving its end.

There is also the bigger issue of the continuing threat by China's aggression in the West Philippine Sea that persists and ramped up in many different ways and unsettle the country"s leaders, let alone the ecountry's allies, by the hegemon's unwieldiness.

The Duterte family, including the vice president and her father, the former president, have yet to state definitive, unequivocal public statements about the conflict. In the eyes of many, that makes their

Ad Lib...

now.

risk.

NLEX gives back...

FROM PAGE 10 baskets were also given to SCTEX community farm volunteers, the barangay councils of the NLEX, SCTEX, and NLEX Connector host communities, and the NLEX Tullahan River clean-up volunteers. To help the Tullahan volunteers in the monthly clean-up, the tollway company also donated heavy-duty life vests with whistles, paddles, a boat, and a fiberglass extension ladder.

NLEX Corp. also brought holiday cheer to the Aeta community in Barangay Dampe, Floridablanca, Pampanga with Christmas packs, meals, and toys. Exciting games and prizes

also added to the delight of the community.

A total of 100 bus drivers also received an early Christmas gift from NLEX Corp. on the 8th leg of its "See Clearly, Drive Safely" program. The drivers received free eye consultations, visual accuracy examinations, refraction tests, and eye disease screenings. Free reading and prescription eyeglasses were also provided to those in need, ensuring their vision remained optimal for safe driving.

'This is our simple way of expressing gratitude and support for our kababayans, especially those who have joined us on our journey. We believe that beyond physical gifts, what people truly need is a sense of support and appreciation. At NLEX, we aim to share the spirit of Christmas-conveying a message of love and hope," said Donna F. Marcelo, NLEX vice president for communication and stakeholder management.

This holiday season, over 3,500 individuals and 10 organizations received Christmas presents from NLEX. This initiative showcases the tollway company's commitment to caring for the communities it serves, expressing appreciation for its stakeholders, and uplifting the lives of Filipinos. NLEX CorpCom

a P289 billion budget increase, while the budget for rewards of Bureau of Customs employees rose to P3.6 billion.

So, what message does Congress send by prioritizing such agencies

CDC shuts down...

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CDO due to the numerous violations committed by FDC, including failure to meet financial obligations, non-fulfillment of

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Back in 2022, at Lazatin's initiative, city hall employees underwent annual physical examina-

Education is the cornerstone of any nation's growth. To defund or underfund it means to

commitments under the

lease agreement, and

non-compliance with the

Fire Code and National

Building Code, among

tion and medical history

checking including blood

pressure check-up, chest

X-ray, urinalysis, electro-

cardiogram test and blood

test. Angeles CIO

others. **ČDC-PR**



NLEX gives back to communities

MANILA -- NLEX Corp. held gift-giving initiatives for its host communities along NLEX, SCTEX, and NLEX Connector in the true spirit of the Christmas season.

NLEX employees and NLEX Road Warriors team members brought joy and entertainment to the elderly at the Little Sisters of the Abandoned Elderly in San Juan, Manila, and Emmaus House of Apostolate in Malolos, Bulacan. In addition to the sacks of rice, milk, pantry supplies and toiletries, serenades and dance performances added to the festive cheer.

Christmas baskets were distributed to senior citizens in Barangay 368, Sta Cruz, Manila, while boxes of maintenance medicines and fruits were given to senior citizens in Barangay 500, Sampaloc, Manila.

The tollway company also spread Christmas warmth to children during orphanage visits. Electric fans, toys, toiletries, assorted food items, school supplies, monobloc chairs, long tables, and undergarments were donated to Send the Light Foundation Orphanage in Mabalacat City, Pampanga; Navotas Bahay Pagasa; and Tahanang Mapagkalinga ni Madre Rita, Inc. in Barangay Sta. Cruz, Guiguinto. The latter was also the beneficiary of the NLEX Toys for Tots donation drive, a traditional gift-giving initiative of all NLEX employees.

"Maraming salamat po at isa po kami sa napili ninyong matulungan ngayong Pasko. Bukod sa kasiyahan, nagbigay po kayo ng inspirasyon sa mga batang nasa pangangalaga namin. Sana po ay hindi ito ang huli dahil napakalaking bagay po sa aming lahat ng mga ganitong activity," said Pastor Glen Balico of the Send the Light Foundation Orphanage.

In appreciation of the continued partnership, Christmas PAGE 9 PLEASE





