

P12.4-B solar project in Pampanga gets BOI green lane certificate

MANILA – The Board of Investments has granted a green lane certificate to a P12.4-billion solar power project in Pampanga to fast track its development.

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Fontana workers show personal records and documents to Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda to support their claims against the Clark-based companies. PHOTO: PAMPANGA PIO

Delta comes to the rescue of displaced Fontana workers

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda assured some 500 displaced workers of Fontana Development Corp. (FDC) and Fontana Resort and Country Club Inc. (FRCCI) in Clark Freeport of legal assistance

in their claims for unpaid wages and other benefits.

Nearly 200 of the workers trooped to the Capitol on Feb. 3 to seek the governor's help in what they called their "quest for labor rights and economic

justice."

FDC and FRCCI were shut down last Jan. 6, 2025 after the Clark Development Corp. (CDC) issued a cease-and-desist order against them "due to the

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HEARTS AGLOW IN THE CITY

ANGELES CITY – Ten full days to Valentine's Day, the city comes aglow with heart-shaped lanterns adorning its principal bridges – an initiative of Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr, not only to brighten up the streets but to uplift spirits and create a more enjoyable, if loveable, commute for everyone. Beyond aesthetics, this project also champions local artistry. Conceptualized by Lazatin chief adviser IC Calaguas and Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel, the lanterns are crafted by local artisans, showcasing the city's rich talent and creativity.

ANGELES CIO/PHOTO: KIM TAYAG

Capitol hands over P20-M farm machineries to coops

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Small farm machineries worth some P20 million were handed over by the Pampanga provincial government to 62 farmers cooperative and associations (FCAs) on Feb. 4 at

the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center here.

Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda led the distribution of the farm machineries and equipment comprising hand tractors, mini

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CSF'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST 2025

THE CITY GOVERNMENT of San Fernando fetes the crème de la crème of its citizens in The Outstanding Fernandino Awards for 2025 in ceremonies held Feb. 4 at the Heroes Hall. The awardees are former mayor and congressman Dr. Jesus Reynaldo Bondoc Aquino (Government Service), Fides Cuyugan Asensio (Arts), PLtCol John Lopez Clark (Law Enforcement), Engr. Emer Carreon Feliciano (Community Service), Leonard Vincent Monta Garcia (Business), Gerald Garcia Gloton (New Media), David Edward Garcia Jimenez (Youth Service), Joel Pabustan Mallari (Culture), Dr. Ronnie Sanga Mallari (Education in the field of Public Education), Riclina Pamintuan Ocampo (Entrepreneurship), Cpt. Krisjuper Andreo Jaro Punsalan (Military Service), and Edita Quizon Sagmit (Education in the field of Administration). Sharing the stage with them are Mayor Vilma Balle-Caluag, Vice-Mayor BJ "Tiger" Lagman, and TOFA 2025 chairperson Capt. Conrado Pacla. PHOTO: CSFP-CIO



3,000 CSF students get educ aid from Capitol

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Some 3,000 students from this city received financial assistance from the Provincial Government of Pampanga on Feb. 4. Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda led the distribution of assistance to the scholars held at the Bren Z.

Guiao Convention Center here. Through the help of the Educational Financial Assistance Program (EFAP), each scholar was given P 4,000 cash aid. Among the beneficiaries is 20-year-old Kyla Lagman, a second-year Bachelor of Secondary

Education (BSED) student at the City College of San Fernando. Articulating the sentiments of her fellow scholars, Lagman expressed her gratitude for the assistance given by the provincial government. "We are very grateful

for the opportunity to gain additional financial support. This will help us with our projects for the upcoming second semester and ease the financial burden on our parents," she said. Data from the provincial library show that 13,000 to 14,000 students

across the province benefit from the EFAP twice a year. Through programs like EFAP, the Pampanga Provincial Government reaffirms its dedication to empowering students and ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their academic aspirations.

The distribution event was also attended by former board member Mylyn Pineda-Cayabyab, special assistant to the governor Angelina Blanco, and provincial library representative Jasmine Cordero. **Pampanga PIO/Photos: Daniel Ombina**



SFELAPCO leads removal of 'spaghetti connections'

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – A citywide operation to remove hazardous dangling wires, commonly referred to as "spaghetti connections," has been launched here with the San Fernando Electric Light and Power Company (SFELAPCO) leading the initiative in collaboration with telephone and other utility providers. "By removing unserviceable and idle wires, we can prevent unnecessary strain on our electric posts while ensuring that all utility connections remain efficient and safe for public use," said SFELAPCO spokesperson Atty. Cathy Diaz, noting this will protect the integrity of power lines and improve the efficiency of essential services such as cable television, telephone, and internet connections. SFELAPCO linemen, assisted by telco crews, systematically identified and took out non-operational bundled wires. Many of these wires had been left hanging despite being disconnected from service, adding significant weight to the electric posts and creating potential safety hazards. Experts warn that excessive weight on power posts weakens their structural integrity, increasing the risk of collapse, particularly during strong winds or severe weather conditions. According to Diaz, the accumulation of these idle cables also creates higher resistance to wind, making power lines more susceptible to damage during storms. City residents have welcomed the initiative, citing concerns over

the aesthetic and safety issues posed by dangling tangled wires. Business owners and homeowners alike have expressed relief that long-standing wire congestion is finally being addressed. "This is a step in the right direction," said a local business owner. "For years, we've seen these unsightly and potentially dangerous wires hanging over streets and buildings. It's good to see action being taken." SFELAPCO assured the public that the initiative will continue until all unnecessary wires have been removed. The company is working closely with telecommunications firms and other utility providers to ensure the proper identification and disposal of inactive cables. The utility companies that participated in the cleanup drive included PLDT/Smart, Converge ICT, Dito, Globe, CV Access, Eastern, Infinivan, Radius, Robcom, RTDS, and Source Telecom. Authorities have also urged private establishments to regularly check and remove unused connections on their premises to prevent further accumulation of spaghetti wires. As the operation progresses, SFELAPCO encourages residents to report any areas with excessive or hazardous dangling wires to help speed up the cleanup process. "This is a community effort," Diaz said. "By working together, we can ensure a safer and more efficient electrical and telecommunications system for everyone." **Press release**

Pogi hailed for disinfecting daycare centers vs. HFMD

ANGELES CITY -- Daycare teachers throughout the city have expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin Jr. for the immediate disinfection of daycare centers to prevent the spread of hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD). "Malaking tulong po sa aming mga daycare workers ang initiatibong ito upang mapanatiling ligtas ang aming mga estudyante," said Marina G. Pintero of EPZA 1. Josephine T. Razon of Mag-saysay CDC also emphasized the importance of disinfection, saying, "Makakatulong po ito upang maiwasan ang mga sakit na nakakahawa sa mga bata." Mitchell Guinto of Pulung Maragul CDC shared the same sentiment, "Maraming salamat po, Mayor Pogi Lazatin, sa patuloy na pagsuporta sa aming mga daycare workers at sa pag-disinfect ng aming daycare center. Malaking tulong po ito sa amin, lalo na sa mga bata, para hindi mahawa sa kumakalat na HFMD. God bless po, Mayor." Alma G. Sinamban of Abacan Day Care Center expressed her appreciation as well, "Maraming salamat po, Mayor Pogi Lazatin, sa inyong walang sawang suporta at malasakit sa kapakanan ng mga bata, lalo na po ngayon na kumakalat ang HFMD. Malaking tulong po itong ginawa ninyo upang maiwasan ang pagkalat ng virus. Salamat po sa inyong concern sa pag-disinfect ng aming daycare centers. God bless!" Dolores A. Guarino of EPZA 2 CDC highlighted Mayor Lazatin's swift response, saying, "Kami po ay nagpapasalamat kay Mayor Carmelo 'Pogi' Lazatin sa kanyang agarang aksyon sa pag-disinfect ng daycare centers upang maprotektahan ang mga bata mula sa foot and mouth disease. Maraming



salamat, Mayor! Salute po!" Sta. Trinidad DCC also expressed gratitude, "Napakalaking tulong po ang isinagawang disinfection sa bawat daycare upang maiwasan ang paglaganap ng mga virus at bacteria na pwedeng maging sanhi ng sakit ng mga bata, tulad ng HFMD. Thank you so much and God bless you always, Mayor Pogi Lazatin!" The same appreciation was shared by Sitio Pader CDC, "Dakal pong salamat, Mayor Carmelo 'Pogi' Lazatin! Salute po sa bilis ng aksyon ninyo. Dahil sa pag-disinfect ninyo sa mga daycare centers namin, panatag na ang mga parents na papasukin ang kanilang mga anak. Maraming salamat po! God bless you." Myrna G. Reyes of Baby Huey DCC in Agapito Del

Rosario emphasized that this is not the first time Mayor Lazatin has prioritized health measures, "Protocols of Mayor Pogi for disinfection of our daycare centers help reduce the risk of disease transmission. Hindi lang naman ngayon ginawa po ni Mayor Pogi ang pag-disinfect ng daycare centers namin—kahit noong pandemya pa, ginawa na po niya ito. Maraming salamat po, Mayor Pogi, sa concern ninyo sa health and well-being ng mga daycare children namin!" Lerma Zabala Sagun of Little Star Daycare Center also extended her gratitude, "Maraming salamat po sa agarang pagresponde sa mga dumarating na protocol, lalo na po ngayon sa pag-disinfect na makakatulong para maiwasan ang pagkalat ng virus. Maraming



Festive Flair

Ning V. Cordero

Mediterranean mornings in Clark: Discover the flavors of Couscousi



EAGER TO shake up your morning meal?

Experience a burst of Mediterranean freshness at Couscousi Mediterranean Grill. Located in the heart of Clark Freeport Zone, this gastronomic gem, helmed by talented Tunisian chef Oussama Trabelsi, offers an authentic Mediterranean and North African dining experience.

Imagine the aroma of freshly baked bread, the sizzle of succulent meats, and the vibrant colors of fresh vegetables, all coming together to create a feast that is as visually stunning as it is delicious.

Couscousi Mediterranean Grill hosts a lavish buffet every weekend. With bold, authentic flavors, the weekend buffet is a celebration of Mediterranean cuisine. Crafted with care and passion, each dish – from savory tagines to fresh salads and beef salpicão – ensures a delightful culinary journey for every guest.

For those who prefer a more personalized dining experience, the à la carte menu is available all day, every day.

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May saysay po ang kaso, Mayor Garbo

“NAIS KONG ipahayag ang aking taos-pusong pasasalamat sa Diyos at sa inyong patuloy na suporta. Ang inyong pagtitiwala ay nagsilbing lakas sa akin habang ako’y humaharap sa mga hamon ng pamamahala.”

Maramdamin at punung-puno ng pasasalamat ang pahayag ni Mayor Crisostomo Garbo nitong Lunes sa flag-raising ceremony sa Mabalacat City Hall ukol sa umano’y pagbasura ng Ombudsman sa kasong paglabag sa RA 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt practices Act) na iniharap sa kanya ng, aniya, ay mga katunggali sa pulitika.

Kahit na walang iniladlad si Garbo na anumang kopya ng desisyon ng Ombudsman, mayroon na ring mga naglitawan sa social media tungkol dito na nagpapatunay na na-dismissed na nga ang (mga) naturang kaso na may talang OMB-LC-SEP-23-0160 at OMB-L-A-SEP-25-0156 noon pang ika 28 ng Agosto 2024.

“Bagamat ako’y natutuwa sa desisyong ibasura ang walang saysay na alegasyon, hindi na po ako nagulat dito. Alam natin ang ating layunin at ang mga prinsipyo na ating pinapahalagahan,” punung-puno ng kumpiyansa pang dagdag ng alkalde.

Subali’t wala nga bang saysay na alegasyon lamang ang mga kaso kaya nga’t ibinasura ito ng Ombudsman?

Pasintabi lang po, Mayor Garbo. Sa dispositive portion po ng Ombudsman decision to dismiss, may mariin pong colatilla na nakapaloob dito:

“Respondent Mayor Garbo is, however, **ADMONISHED** to be more circumspect in discharging his duties and functions and further warned that a repetition of similar act shall be severely dealt with by this office.”

Una, kayo po ay tuwirang pinapaalalahanan na maging higit na maingat at maayos sa pagtupad ng inyong tungkulin at mga gawain bilang punonglungsod.

Ikalawa, kayo ay binabalaan na anumang pagkaulit ng mga katulad na mga pangyayari o gawa na nagbunsod sa mga naturang kaso, ay bibigyan ng mahigpit at kaukulang aksyon ng Ombudsman.

Bagama’t ibinasura ang kaso, kayo pa rin ay pinaalalahanan at binalaan ng Ombudsman. Hindi niyo maaaring ipagwalang-bahala lamang ito.

May saysay po ang kaso, Mayor Garbo.



Shepherd’s Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

Power

THE GOSPEL tells us Jesus felt power come out of him as soon as the woman with hemorrhage touched him and got healed. Let’s reflect today on POWER and what Mark is telling us about it in this double narrative with three main characters: Jairus, the woman with hemorrhage, and Jairus’ daughter.

Maybe because we are familiar with sayings like “Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely,” our common notion of power tends to be negative. We tend to equate being powerful with being abusive or lording it over. And yet, today’s reading portrays Jesus to us as a man of power. Mark also calls him a man who not only “spoke with authority,” but also exercised authority over unclean spirits, and that people sought power from him.

It was a reflection of one of our guests at our last CBCP plenary assembly, Archbishop Giovanni Caesare Pagazzi of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Culture and Education, that brought me to a better understanding of power. You see, we often don’t realize how much power we possess just by being alive, healthy, functional and productive, until we actually experience getting sick or disabled by age, accident, or disease. Some people cannot even feed, wash, or clothe themselves. Some are prevented from speaking, hearing, walking, working or even relating with others because of physical or mental disabilities that render them powerless or helpless. And those of us who are well often don’t realize how much we can do for others by just being there for them, until we get to hear profuse expressions of gratitude, such as from a former student to a teacher, or from a patient to a doctor who treated him or a nurse who cared for him, or a priest who had counselled him.

Of course, we are familiar with people who seek power for the wrong reasons. Remember how Jesus had reprimanded James and John,

when the two brothers sought to be positioned, one at his left and the other at his right? Jesus taught them, rather, where and how to seek true power and greatness: not by lording it over but by being of service and by giving one’s life for the ransom of many.

The devil thought he could tempt Jesus with the wrong notion of power, not once but three times. But Jesus saw through the emptiness of Satan’s offer of power—the power to make short cuts, to turn stones into bread, the power to be reckless and carefree, the power to indulge and to call attention to oneself. By refusing to submit to power in Satan’s terms, he became more truly powerful. St. Paul speaks of it paradoxically as “power in weakness.” He tells us he begged God three times to remove his weakness, but three times he also got the reply, “My grace is enough for you; for in weakness power reaches perfection. It is when I am weak that I am strong.”

It was love and compassion that truly empowered Jesus and enabled him also to empower others, such as by bringing healing to the sick, forgiveness to sinners, cleansing to lepers and new life to the dead. It was love and compassion that enabled him to rejoice with those who rejoiced and weep with those who wept. It enabled him to share God’s power, even if it could bring about his own weakening, his emptying of self, his passion and death.

(Homily for Tuesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time, 4 Feb 2025, Mk 5:21-43)



Holistic Living

Riza Shanti Lim

Lose to gain in 2025

INSTEAD OF planning all the things you want to acquire and creating circumstances you want to achieve this promising year 2025 - the year of our “wood snake” friend – why not think of what to lose to smoothly gain your wants.

Lose those extra pounds you’ve been trying to shed. Aside from counting your calorie intake, check the quality of foods and drinks you are ingesting. You might be losing weight but also losing your health. Depending on your daily activities, 1,200 calories a day is a good start to slim down.

Lose your laziness. Being in bed or chair staring at your gadgets for hours, exercise instead. Exercise doesn’t only promote toned muscles, strong heart, boosts energy, enhances mood. It detoxifies the body, smoothens blood circulation in the body and a great anti-aging regimen.

Lose tardiness. Do not delay working on your goals. Organize your schedule properly, but more than that, organize your mind. Commit to your tasks deeply until goals are realized and repeat to maintain.

Lose your mind. Avoid thinking too much. Allot a quiet time where your mind could rest and just be. A walk in nature or simply staring at the sky can heighten mind peace. Make it a habit. A well-rested mind sees more, hears more, can do more, functions a lot better and catches the whispers of the higher consciousness.

Lose your destructive habits. Love and protect yourself – from yourself. Make a list of things you feel are harmful to you and yet you are still continuing them. Write the pros and cons, if you do not stop doing them. Afterwards, jot down the reasons why it is difficult to stop. What is your trigger? How can you mend it to prevent yourself from further harmful consequences of your actions? Reflect. Understand without judgement. Bring in a motivation to make it easier for you to lose unhealthy habits. It could be a loved one, a dream, or you.

Lose people. The kind of people you surround yourself with regularly, you slowly become like them. Energy is infectious just like a virus. Select the cheery, honest, kind, successful and goal-oriented ones and intentionally get infected tremendously by them.

You are the creator of your story. Make it your best creation of all. Lose everything that bothers your rhythm and disrupts your harmony to make a space for the things you have been aspiring for. By vigilantly doing these simple acts, effortless fortune this 2025 and beyond you shall surely gain.

Namaste.



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The Public Space

Jun Sula

Political serendipity

Size is decisive. The bigger it is, the better.

In other words, based on the new gospel, which is actually old and discarded, espoused with an old but worn-out passion by a former presidential ally of a former president, might makes right.

In the continuing battle or street protest on whether the impeachment process should proceed against the still reigning but not ruling as the second highest official of the land, the more, not the less, should weigh in the democratic process.

Once upon a time Henrik Ibsen found about it that the number, i.e. the majority was not always right. So, the Norwegian author wrote as to who is the real enemy of the people.

Apparently, the world or much of it still has to heed a literary great's warning. No less than the most powerful nation in history has shown its vulnerability to that political theory. What's truer, as a hegemon sneezes so the rest of the world is in danger of catching cold. Tarriff is the new order of the day, not covid.

Ergo, the 1.8 million times two mustered or marshalled by a religious group as a public agenda to stop the constitutional mandate not only should move the needle but to halt the earth's spin on its orbit.

In another front, a still reigning legislator in the House of the Elders, where the cerebral not the visceral should rule, there is a challenge to patriotism to those who have been itching that the International Criminal Court should rule, not justice and fairness.

If the reader goes by the senator's simple, yes simplistic advise, those who want the ICC to rule over the crime against humanity case against a former tyrant should be made to sing the national anthem a thousand times. That should settle the patriotic issue. On the surface, the requirement is, in fact, more humane rather to ask the pro-ICC advocates to sing until they are blue in the face.

Doctors say that the color would indicate where their heart, not their mouth, is.

It's sovereignty, stupid, say the anti-ICC proponent argue. Well, the newly minted secretary of state of the United States has just given a short lecture on the subject: you give up a part of it – guess, how big or small -- as part of the deal in a treaty.

End of argument.

When the dust is settled, it's easy to see what the argument is really all about: politics or the partisan side of it – not justice or fairness or the welfare of the poor who are not only with the rich and making ends meet notwithstanding the law of supply and demand, but rise in number.

The 1.8 million protesters mean votes, not only in the middle term polls but in 2028 when the number means much more in the hustings. They say it's really about peace, maybe political peace or ceasefire and its moral equivalence in the period in between,

This week, so the mouthpiece of lawmakers in the lower House say, where the reps of what the John Stuart Mills allude to as suspect in intellectual deficit—no doubt unfair, given who inhabit the lower House now-want to give it a go, regardless of the time constraint.

The incumbent government is gradually shifting its view on whether the ICC can have its jurisdiction on the issue of whether 30,000 or 6,000 people were victimized by the previous regime's war on drugs.

NO, the ICC can't make arrest of the suspects. But it, the ICC, can allow the Interpol to make arrest.

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Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Campaign costs: growing threat to democracy

THE PRICE of running for public office in the Philippines has spiralled out of control and transformed what should be a fair contest of ideas, issues, advocacies and policy reforms into a high-stakes battle of campaign war chest.

The astronomical amounts spent on political advertisements have turned the election process into a game of money. Undoubtedly, this trend leaves behind a troubling reality: qualified candidates who lack the financial resources are systematically pushed aside in favor of those with ultra-deep pockets. As a result, the very essence of democracy is weakened and the most qualified and capable individuals are prevented from being elected into public offices to serve the people.

A case in point is this year's mid-term senatorial elections. Even before filing their certificates of candidacy, Sen. Imee Marcos and Las Piñas Rep. Camille Villar had already spent P1 billion each for their campaign ads on television and

radio according to a report by the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism. Their ad spending on traditional media accounted for half of the total P4.1 billion. In terms of radio ads, Villar and Marcos had spent P183 million and P80 million, respectively. As for Facebook advertising, Villar is the top spender with P18 million from July to December 2024. On the other hand, Marcos had paid P925,000 via her FB Page, Imee for the PH. To think that the campaign is yet to start officially.

These numbers are staggering, especially when compared to the average Filipino's yearly income. According to the 2023 report from the Philippine Statistics Authority, the average Filipino household makes an annual income of P353,230; this only means that the amount these candidates had

spent on ads could easily surpass the yearly earnings of an entire household. This financial arms race creates an insurmountable barrier for qualified candidates without financial backing, such as grassroots activists, labor leaders, human rights lawyers, educators, or other professionals who truly understand the needs of the people.

Equating these numbers with the salary grade and annual salary of senators based on the Salary Standardization Law is even more scandalous and puzzling. Senators and members of the House of Representatives enjoy salary grade 31 and receive an annual income of approximately P2.8 million. One cannot help but ask: What on earth would make someone spend hundreds of millions, or even more than a billion pesos,



Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Tulay sa San Simon, nakatengga pa rin hanggang ngayon

I. Maraming nag-uusisa at ang mga nagtatanong kung ang tulay ng SAN MIGUEL sa may bayan ng San Simon

ay sisimulan na ulit ang NAUDLOT na konstruksiyon at kung ito'y MATATAPOS na nga raw ba ngayong taon pagkat batid ng marami ito'y may PONDO na noon ng halagang diumano'y higit TATLONG DAANG MILYON II.

Oo higit tatlong daang milyon na ang IPINONDO upang ang nasabing tulay MAGAWA na diumano taong 2022 pa ng PASINAYAAN ito ng ating CONGRESSWOMAN sa ika-apat na distrito at sa INAGURASYON ay kasama pa nito mismo ang alkalde at vice mayor na dating MAGKAALYADO III.

Saan napunta ang pondo para sa nasabing TULAY? na sa barangay San Miguel at San Jose'y nag-uugnay hanggang kailan magtitis hanggang kailan maghihintay mga pobrang RESIDENTE ng apektadong barangay pondong NAKALAAN dito saan kaya inilagay at kung ito ay wala na sino kaya ang LUMUSTAY? IV.

Yan ang katanungan ngayong dapat mabigyan ng sagot ng lahat ng personaheng sa proyekto ay kasangkot ang DPWH nga ba ang siyang dapat na managot o ang lokal na gobyerno sa proyekto na naudlot sa isip ng mamamayan ngayo'y tila bumabalot ang mga sapantaha na ang pondo ay nakurakot V.

Sa pagkawala ng tulay marami ang apektado hindi lamang ESTUDYANTE kundi pati na BIYAHERO sa panahon ng tag-ulan ay napaka DELIKADO lalo na sa mga taong sumasakay sa BADEO tila ba kay kamataya'y nakikipag PATINTERO ang ilan sa di marunong lumangoy na PASAHERO VI.

Kung kailan yan matatapos ay hindi pa natin batid baka ito'y abutin pa ng taong 2026 pansamantala siguro'y magtayo muna ng FOOT BRIDGE na kung saan ang TRICYCLE ay pwede ring makatawid upang ang PAGLALAKBAY ng mga tao'y mapabilis lalo na sa pagbibiyahe ng mga taong MAYSAKIT VII.

Ang tanong ng mamamayan ng SAN SIMON ay ganito sa mga KONGRESISTA ng ika-apat na distrito ang tulay ba ng San Miguel ay may NAKALAANG pondo? sa taong 2025 upang masimulan ito? ilang taon pa ang dapat hintayin ng mga tao upang bigyang katuparan ang naudlot na PROYEKTO

on campaign ads for a job that pays P17 million for one full term of six years?

What is even worse is that the money spent on expensive ads doesn't necessarily equate to good governance. Political ads often focus on superficial narratives or personalities rather than substantive discussions of policies. Take the case of Villar's "Bagong Boses" slogan which to me, is a direct insult to many Filipinos who oppose political dynasty. What is so new about another Villar moving from the House of Representatives to the Senate? What about Imee's penchant to regale many gullible voters with historical revisionism complete with a promise of the Tallano gold to be shared with her family's loyal supporters? What is pro-Filipino about another Marcos who continues

to whitewash the horrors of her late father's dictatorial regime and refuses to pay estate tax to the country?

Let's face it, when voters are overwhelmed by the barrage of ads, they are more likely to vote for familiar faces rather than those with proven competence or expertise. Consequently, the electorate becomes more influenced by marketing campaigns than by the actual qualifications and platforms of candidates. This is one sad reality that our politicians continue to exploit. Why would they even try to fix this if it benefits them to the fullest?

This current set-up is both unfair and harmful. Candidates who may be more qualified, with substantial experience and deeper knowledge of public

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CASE NO. 24-0430(M)**

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QUILENDIRENO AND ARJEL
C. QUILENDIRENO,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act. No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, and Act No. 1508, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by KRISTALYN C. GARCIA**, with principal office address at 33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, # 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against **SPOUSES MA. CAREY C. QUILENDIRENO AND ARJEL C. QUILENDIRENO**, registered owners of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2021010565 and with postal address/es at: (1) Lot 17 Block 5 Phase 2, Camella Fiorenza, Paligui, Apalit, Pampanga, 2016; and (2) Block 16 Lot 73 Phase 2 Highview Hills Subd., Sampaloc, Apalit, Pampanga, 2016 to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 27, 2024 amounts to **TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR PESOS AND THIRTY FOUR CENTAVOS (PhP2,188,934.34)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalty and other charges, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **February 24, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2021010565

LOT NO: 17 BLOCK NO: 5 PLAN NO: PCS-03-020561
PORTION OF: LOTS 767 & 768 (LRC) PSD-193001; 1 & 2 PSD-03-043461 (AR)
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PALIGUI, MUNICIPALITY OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	ROAD LOT 4, PCS-03-020561
2-3	SE	LOT 18, BLOCK 5, PCS-03-020561
3-4	SW	LOT 25, BLOCK 5, PCS-03-020561
4-5	SW	LOT 26, BLOCK 5, PCS-03-020561
5-1	NW	LOT 16, BLOCK 5, PCS-03-020561

TIE POINT: BBM-25, CAD. 260, SAN SIMON CADASTRE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 33° 06' E	1936.69 M.
1-2	S. 07° 21' E	6.00 M.
2-3	S. 82° 39' W	9.00 M.
3-4	N. 07° 21' W	2.64 M.
4-5	N. 07° 21' W	3.36 M.
5-1	N. 82° 39' E	9.00 M.

AREA: FIFTY FOUR SQUARE METERS (54), MORE OR LESS

DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CM.

BEARINGS: TRUE

DECLINATION:

DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JAN. 1919-MARCH 1920 & SEPT. 18, 1936

DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: SEPT. 15-20, 2014

DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: JANUARY 13, 2015

GEODETC ENGINEER: CARLOS P. DIZON

NOTES:

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

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 **March 10, 2025** at the said time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, December 20, 2024.

EMERSON S. LACAP
Sheriff IV

ATTY. DEXTER LEE C. GONZALES
Clerk of Court VI and Ex-officio Sheriff

Copy Furnished:
BDO UNIBANK INC., as represented
By Kristalyn C. Garcia
Consumer Remedial Management
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center
#12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

Spouses Ma. Carey C. Quilendireno
and Arjel C. Quilendireno
Lot 17 Block 5 Phase 2 Camella Fiorenza Paligui,
Apalit, Pampanga 2016

Spouses Ma. Carey C. Quilendireno and
Arjel C. Quilendireno
Block 16, Lot 73 Phase 2, Highview Hills Subd.,
Sampaloc, Apalit, Pampanga 2016

Punto! Central Luzon: January 20, 27 & February 3, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO (P)

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF**

**BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by MARY
JANE B. MATILLANO,**

Petitioner-Mortgagee,

EJF No. 363-24
Punto Central Luzon

versus

**SPOUSES ANGELA SUNKISH GOZUM EMBIEN
and ANGELITO SUPAN EMBIEN,**

Respondents-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by MARY JANE B. MATILLANO**, Mortgagee, with its office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against **SPOUSES ANGELA SUNKISH GOZUM EMBIEN and ANGELITO SUPAN EMBIEN**, Mortgagors, with residence and postal address at (1) 501 San Juan Nepo, Betis, Guagua, Pampanga; and (2) Lot 10, Block 21, Solana Casa Real, Jose Abad Santos Avenue, (Olongapo-Gapan Road), Brgy. Cabalantian, Bacolor, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 22, 2024 amounts to **TWO MILLION NINETY THOUSAND FIFTY FIVE & 07/100 (Php 2,090,055.07) PESOS** excluding penalties, 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 **MARCH 20, 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, 042-
2019007521**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY CABALANTIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 10, BLOCK NO: 21, PLAN NO: PCS-03-022169
PORTION OF: Lots 3138-A, Psd-03-039181, 3099-B-2-A, Psd-166927, Lot 3138-B-2, Psd-03-217385, 3177-B, 3177-C, Psd-03-004418, 3177-D, Bsd-03-004418, (OLT), Lots 3142, 3207, 3178, 3206, 3139, 3098 Bacolor Cadastre
LOCATION: Barangay Cabalantian, Municipality of Bacolor, Province Pampanga, Island of Luzon.
AREA: One Hundred Ten (110) 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 **MARCH 27, 2025** without further notice."

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

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, January 2, 2025.

REMIGIO L. DICHOSO
Sheriff IV

Cc:

BDO UNIBANK, INC.
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City
SPS. ANGELA SUNKISH GOZUM EMBIEN and ANGELITO SUPAN EMBIEN
501 San Juan Nepo, Betis, Guagua, Pampanga; and Lot 10, Blk. 21, Solana Casa Real, Jose Abad Santos Avenue, (Olongapo-Gapan Road), Brgy. Cabalantian, Bacolor, Pampanga
PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON

Punto! Central Luzon: January 20, 27 & February 3, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **TERESITA SAMSON FRANCISCO**, of legal age, widow, Filipino, and residing at Manibaug Libu'tad, Porac Pampanga and **IMELDA G. LACSINA** of legal age, Filipino citizen, single and resident in Block 3 Lot 3 Purok 3, Barangay Amsic, Angeles City; and heirs of **ARNEL FRANCISCO** who died on August 19, 2014 in Porac, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land, (Lot 6-C-1 of the subd., plan Psd-035415-050993, being a portion of Lot 6-C, Psd-03-004038, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the barrio of Manibaug-Pasig, Mun. of Porac, prov. of Pamp., Containing an area of One Hundred Twenty Three (123) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 342952-R of the Registry of Deeds for Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Anthonie K. Langit, as per Doc. No. 91, Page No. 27, Book No. LXII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 27, February 3 & 10, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ELLEN E. PAULI**, of legal age, Filipino, widowed and a resident of 1168-A Sampaloc Compound Brgy. Sta Rita Olongapo City 2200 Zambales; and heirs of **HEINZ ANDREAS REINL** who died on October 5, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate, and left his savings account deposit (PESO DOLLAR AND EURO ACCT) with the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company - Angeles Balibago Branch under Savings Account No. 374-3374402987 with account balance of PHP9,999.18, 3742374250900 with account balance of \$12,927.39 and 374-2374620015 with account balance of EURO675.64; before Notary Public Nestor A. Tagulao Jr., as per Doc No. 339, Page No. 69, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 27, February 3 & 10, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GUILLERMA C. CELESTINO** who died on June 14, 2013 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Angeles City, Pampanga, **ROMULO T. CELESTINO** who died on December 12, 1998 at 203 Quezon St., Dolores, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **JAIME C. CELESTINO** who died on December 18, 2023 at 024 Tagumpay St., San Joaquin, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Unilateral Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 13, Block 2, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-110295, being a portion of Blk. 40, Bsd-10196, LRC. Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Barrio of San Joaquin, (Mamatitang), Mun. of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Two Hundred and Twenty Two (222) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 191428-R; before Notary Public Karlo Joseph P. Supan, as per Doc. No. 44, Page No. 97, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 27, February 3 & 10, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SHERILL DE LEON DE GUZMAN** who died on February 19, 2024 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Mc Arthur Highway, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land with improvement (Lot 26, Block 310) situated in the Brgy. of Capaya, City of Angeles; Containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No.190999; before Notary Public Rowena S. Enriquez, as per Doc. No. 186, Page No. 39, Book No. 32, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 27, February 3 & 10, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MARY ANN O. OBIACORO**, of legal age, Filipino, married, and a resident of 5-B Road A, Diamond Subd., Angeles City; and heirs of **SPOUSES RUDY S. OBIACORO and JOAN O. OBIACORO** who died without any last will and testament as evidence by their Death Certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Office; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, Block B, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-44810 being a portion of Blocks 36 & 38 (LRC) Psd-18116, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago and Pandan, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Five Hundred (500) Square meters more or less; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 110772; before Notary Public Krizzy Gayle Martinez-Lacsamana, as per Doc No. 527, Page No. 71, Book No. X, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 20, 27 & February 3, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BENJAMIN S. GUTIERREZ** who died on October 16, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 7-B of the subdivision plan Psd-03-011521, being a portion of Lot 7, Block A, (LRC) Psd-44810, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Balibago & Pandan, City of Angeles, containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty (250) Square Meters; before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 500, Page No. 12, Book No. 120, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 20, 27 & February 3, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROWENA C. FIGUEROA** who died on December 24, 2024 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (174106) 045-2023001758
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

A parcel of land (Lot 1-A of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-317761, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 1, Block 9, Psd-41259; LRC Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; containing an area of Two Hundred (200) Square Meters, more or less.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (174126) 045-2023001760
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

A parcel of land (Lot 1-C of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-317761, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of L.R.C Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Hundred Ten (110) Square Meters, more or less.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (174107) 045-2023001759
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

A parcel of land (Lot 1-B of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-317761, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 1, Block 9, Psd-41259; LRC Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Hundred Forty (140) Square Meters, more or less.

before Notary Public Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 517, Page No. 15, Book No. 120, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 20, 27 & February 3, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROBERT ISIP SICAT** who died on December 01, 2021 in 15 Everlasting St., San Nicolas, Floridablanca, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation and Waiver of Rights on his estate and more particularly described as follows;

MAKE : TOYOTA **MV FILE NO.:** 0380-0000094234
SERIES: AVANZA 1.5 G A/T **CHASIS NO.:** MHFM1CF3F8K003053
BODY TYPE: WAGON **DENOMINATION: UTILITY VEHICLE**
YEAR MODEL: 2009 **ENGINE NO.:** DBG2989
PLATE NO.: RJS228 **CERTIFICATE REGISTRTION NO.** 37783244-2

before Notary Public Kim Cyrille Mei R. Basco, as per Doc. No. 402, Page No. 106, Book No. II, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 13, 20 & 27, 2025

Lakeshore: Hello, Sunshine 2025!

LAKESHORE welcomes everyone back on Feb. 1 to a summer filled with excitement and joy. Visitors can enjoy thrilling rides at the larger fairground, explore beautiful bike paths, and indulge in delicious treats at the Flavor Cartel food park.

Guests can relax at the elegant Lakeside Hotel and unwind with a cup of coffee in cozy shops. Game booths promise fun and exciting prizes, while live music and shows ensure vibrant entertainment.

Architect Brian John Mangio, EVP-COO of Central Country Estate Inc., the developer of Lakeshore, sets an exciting tone for the summer at the media sneak peek of the summer park.

"This summer, we are starting off with Valentine activities, including a romantic dinner for couples by the lake. Then we will be unveiling new decor, introducing new rides, and continuing the food park for our summer event, themed 'Hello, Sunshine 2025!'" he shared.

Park hours are Monday to Friday from 4 PM to 9 PM, and Saturday and Sunday from 4 PM to 10 PM. With thrilling attractions, delicious food, and lively entertainment, Lakeshore Park promises a summer filled with joy and memorable moments.

See you at Lakeshore Park, where summer fun never ends! **Punto Lifestyle Team.**



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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP, OWN, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DEDICATED POINT-TO-POINT LIMITED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE 145,007 MWp/120,600 MW CAWAG SOLAR POWER PROJECT TO THE 230 KV SUBIC (HANJIN) SUBSTATION OF NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NGCP) WITH MOTION FOR PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY AND CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

ERC CASE NO. 2024-054 MC

NORTHERN PALAWAN POWER GENERATION CORPORATION,
Applicant.

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that on 13 December 2024, the Northern Palawan Power Generation Corporation (NPPGC) filed, through the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) portal, an *Application* dated 02 December 2024, seeking the Commission's approval for authority to develop, own, operate and maintain dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities to connect the 145,007 MWp/120,600 MW Cawag Solar Power Project to the 230 kV Subic (Hanjin) Substation of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines

(NGCP), with motion for provisional authority and confidential treatment of information.

The pertinent allegations in the said *Application* are hereunder quoted, as follows:

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THE APPLICANT

1. Applicant NPPGC is a generation company duly authorized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at 1003 East Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines.¹ It may be served orders and other legal processes through its undersigned counsel.

2. NPPGC's primary purpose is:

To invest in, build, construct, erect, equip, install, operate, maintain, develop, manage, sell and lease power generation plants, facilities, machineries, equipment and other related assets, and in general, to engage in the business of power generation as well as in the marketing, trading, selling and supplying of electricity, excluding retail customers and end-users, generated by its generating facilities, and to engage in all other businesses incidental to the foregoing, including but not limited to the sale of the by-products thereof, and to enter into all kinds of contracts for the accomplishment of the aforementioned purpose.²

3. NPPGC is a registered renewable energy ("RE") developer with the Department of Energy ("DOE")³ and has a service contract for the exploration, development and utilization of solar energy resource. In connection with this, the DOE approved and issued Solar Energy Operating Contract ("SEOC") No. 2023-10-715 dated 10 November 2023.⁴

STATEMENT OF FACTS

4. In the 2023-2050 Philippine Energy Plan, the DOE recognized the growing demand for power in the Philippines. With

¹ On 1 September 2023, the Corporation filed an application for the amendment of its Articles of Incorporation to reflect its new principal office in Cawag, Redondo Peninsula, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines. The application for amendment is pending approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

² Copies of NPPGC's Certificate of Incorporation, Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Amended Articles of Incorporation, and latest General Information Sheet are attached as Annex "B" and series respectively and made an integral part hereof.

³ A copy of NPPGC's DOE Certificate of Registration dated 10 November 2023 is attached as Annex "C" and made an integral part hereof.

⁴ A copy of SEOC No. 2023-10-715 is attached as Annex "D" and made an integral part hereof.

the uptrend in electricity sales, total peak demand increases more than three times its 2022 level of 16.6 GW to 68.5 GW by 2050, which corresponds to an annual average growth rate of 5.2 percent.⁵ Specifically, for the Luzon Grid, the DOE projected the energy peak demand to increase from 12,113 MW in 2022 to 48,014 MW in 2050.⁶ To meet the projected peak demand, the country requires an additional capacity of 122.7 GW by 2050 constituting committed and new build power generation, which brings the country's total installed generating capacity to 151.0GW and translates to a 6.2 percent annual rate of increase from the 2022 installed generating capacity level of 28.3 GW.⁷ The RE capacities constitute 70.7 percent or 106.7 GW of the installed generating capacity by the end of the planning horizon, wherein solar has significant shares of 37.4 percent or 56.5 GW.⁸

5. To help the need for additional RE capacity, NPPGC will develop, own, operate and maintain the Cawag Solar Power Project with a capacity 145,007 MWp/120,600 MW located in Barrio Cawag, Redondo Peninsula, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Subic, Zambales (the "Project"). The Project is planned to be constructed in two (2) phases.

5.1 The initial phase of 70,011 MWp is targeted to be completed by June 2025 ("Phase 1"), while the second phase of 74,996 MWp is to be completed by October 2025 ("Phase 2").⁹

5.2 The target date for the testing and commissioning ("T&C") of Phase 1 is from July to August 2025, and the target date for T&C for Phase 2 of Project is from October to November 2025, respectively.¹⁰

5.3 The target Commercial Operations Date ("COD") of Phase 1 of the Project is on November 2025, and the target COD of Phase 2 of the Project is on February 2026.¹¹ Power for export generated by the Project shall be delivered to the Luzon Grid.

6. The National Transmission Corporation ("TRANSCO") or its concessionaire, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines ("NGCP"), assumed the authority and responsibility of planning, construction, and centralized operation and maintenance of high voltage transmission facilities in the Philippines. Section 9(f) of Republic Act No. 9136, or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act

⁵ DOE's Power Development Plan (2023-2050), pp. 75-76. A copy of DOE's Power Development Plan (2023-2050) and the Power and Demand Supply Outlook as reported in the Power Development Plan (2023-2050) are attached as Annexes "E" and series and made an integral part hereof.

⁶ *Id.*, p. 76.

⁷ *Id.*, p. 77.

⁸ *Id.*, pp. 77-78.

⁹ A copy of the relevant dates in the prescribed form of the ERC is attached as Annex "F" and made an integral part hereof.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

("EPIRA"), however, allows generation companies to develop and own or operate certain transmission facilities:

A generation company may develop and own or operate dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities that are consistent with the TDP. Provided, that such facilities are required only for the purpose of connecting to the transmission system, and are used solely by the generating facility, subject to prior authorization by the Energy Regulatory Commission ("ERC").¹²

7. To help address the need for additional capacity in the Luzon Grid, NPPGC will develop and own a dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facility pursuant to Section 9(f) of EPIRA.¹³

8. To test, commission, and dispatch the Project, soon after completion, NPPGC proposes to transmit the Project's generated power to the Luzon Grid via its direct connection to NGCP's 230 kV Subic (Hanjin) Substation, through a dedicated point-to-point limited interconnection facility (the "Transmission Facility")¹⁴ to be constructed by TBEA Subic, Inc.¹⁵ The entry of the Project will also require the expansion of the 230 kV Subic (Hanjin) Substation that is currently connected to the 230 kV Olongapo Substation. Eventually, the expanded 230 kV Subic (Hanjin) Substation shall be diverted by NGCP to the new 230 kV Castillejos Substation once completed to accommodate the Project, as indicated in the NGCP-approved System Impact Study ("SIS").¹⁶

9. NPPGC intends to connect the Project to the Luzon Grid via a 1 kilometer, 230 kV line using a double circuit, 1 x 795 MCM ACSR conductor.¹⁷

10. The proposed connection of the Project is the most viable and reasonable interconnection scheme considered, recommended,

¹² EPIRA, Section 9(f), Part II, Rule 5, Section 5(a) of the Rules and Regulations to Implement Republic Act No. 9136, entitled "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001" reiterate Section 9(f) of the EPIRA:

SECTION 5. Dedicated Point-to-Point Limited Transmission Facility of a Generation Company.

(a) Subject to prior authorization from ERC, TRANSCO or its Buyer or Concessionaire may allow a Generation Company to develop, own and/or operate dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities. Provided, That:

(i) Such dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities are required only for the purpose of connecting to the Grid which will be used solely by the Generation Facility, and are not used to serve End-users or Suppliers directly;

(ii) The facilities are included and consistent with the TDP as certified by TRANSCO or its Buyer or Concessionaire; and

(iii) Any other documents that may be required by the ERC.

¹³ A copy of the Project Rationale is attached as Annex "G" and made an integral part hereof.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ A copy of the contractor's company profile is attached as Annex "H" and made an integral part hereof.

¹⁶ NPPGC's System Impact Study, p. 3. A copy of the SIS and the DOE letter on clearance to undertake SIS are attached as Annex "I" and "I-1", respectively, and made an integral part hereof.

¹⁷ NPPGC's Facilities Study, p. 9. A copy of the Facilities Study is attached as Annex "J" and made an integral part hereof. A copy of the Conceptual Engineering Design and Drawings is attached as Annex "K" and made an integral part hereof.

and evaluated by NPPGC that will enable it to dispatch the capacity of the Project when the need arises.¹⁸

10.1 The DOE issued a letter addressed to the NGCP granting clearance to NPPGC to start negotiations to undertake the System Impact Study ("SIS") for the Project.¹⁹

10.2 An SIS on the proposed Transmission Facility has been conducted and based on the results thereof, the said interconnection is technically feasible.²⁰ NGCP approved the SIS and the integration of the Project to the Luzon Grid via a 230 kV direct connection to the NGCP Subic (Hanjin) Substation. NPPGC is in the process of finalizing the Connection Agreement with NGCP.²¹

10.3 A Facilities Study ("FS") has been undertaken and approved by the NGCP.²²

11. The proposed connection configuration for the Transmission Facility shall be as follows:

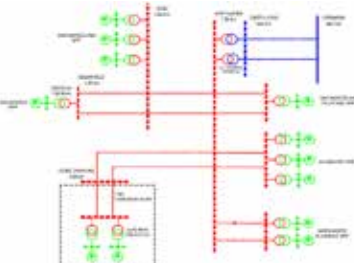


Figure 1. Proposed Connection Scheme²³

12. The estimated cost for the construction and installation of the Transmission Facility is One Billion One Hundred Eighty-Eight Million Four Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred

¹⁸ A copy of the options/alternatives undertaken by NPPGC is attached as Annex "L" and made an integral part hereof.

¹⁹ See Annex "I-1".

²⁰ See Annex "I".

²¹ Copies of the NGCP letter dated 16 October 2024 and draft Connection Agreement between NGCP and NPPGC are attached as Annex "M" and series and made an integral part hereof.

²² See Annex "J".

²³ SIS, p.4.

Seventy-One and Eight Centavos (Php 1,188,465,771.08).²⁴ subject to the agreement of the Parties.

ITEMS	COST
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST WITH NGCP ITEMS FOR HANJIN UPGRADE	1,584,270,803.88
ESTIMATED NGCP COST FOR HANJIN UPGRADE	395,805,032.00
TOTAL COST WITHOUT NGCP COST FOR HANJIN UPGRADE	1,188,465,771.88

NPPGC is also currently negotiating with NGCP regarding the possibility of advancing costs of implementing the 230 kV Subic (Hanjin) substation upgrade for reimbursement of NGCP in the approximate amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Five Million Eight Hundred Five Thousand Thirty-Two Pesos (Php 395,805,032.00), subject to the agreement of the Parties.²⁵

13. Consistent with the projected date of energization of the Project, the target testing and commissioning of the Transmission Facility is from July to August 2025.²⁶

14. NPPGC has secured the relevant permits for the Project and the Transmission Facility.

14.1 On 11 July 2023, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau issued the Environmental Compliance Certificate ("ECC") for the Project.²⁷

14.2 On 22 October 2024, the DOE issued a Certificate of Endorsement in support for the Project.²⁸

14.3 NPPGC is also already in the process of preparing for its application with the ERC for a Certificate of Compliance.²⁹

15. In accordance with the requirement of Section 9(f) of the EPIRA, NPPGC hereby seeks the Honorable Commission's authorization to develop, own, operate and maintain a dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facility to connect the Cawag Solar Power Project to the 230 kV Subic (Hanjin) Substation of NGCP.

16. The proposed Transmission Facility meets the requirements provided in Section 9 of the EPIRA and the relevant regulations issued by this Honorable Commission as follows:

²⁴ A copy of the Project Cost Estimates in the form of a Bill of Quantities is attached as Annex "N" and made an integral part hereof.

²⁵ A copy of NPPGC's letters to the NGCP dated 22 July 2024, 23 September 2024 and 28 October 2024 are attached as Annex "O" and series and made an integral part hereof.

²⁶ A copy of the Project Schedule Gantt Chart is attached as Annex "P" and made an integral part hereof.

²⁷ A copy of the ECC is attached as Annex "Q" and made an integral part hereof.

²⁸ A copy of the DOE Certificate of Endorsement is attached as Annex "R" and made an integral part hereof.

²⁹ A copy of the Affidavit of Undertaking dated 7 November 2024 is attached as Annex "S" and made an integral part hereof.

16.1 The Transmission Facility is a dedicated point-to-point limited interconnection facility whose sole purpose is to connect the Project directly to the Luzon Grid and is considered a "Connection Asset" under ERC Resolution No. 23, Series 2016 ("ERC Resolution");

16.2 The Transmission Facility will be exclusively used by NPPGC for the operations of the Project and will not directly serve end-users;

16.3 The Transmission Facility is technically feasible; and

16.4 NPPGC has the technical and financial ability to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the Transmission Facility.

The Transmission Facility is a dedicated point-to-point transmission facility and will be used exclusively by NPPGC

17. To reiterate, the Transmission Facility is designed for the sole purpose of connecting the Project to the Luzon Grid. The single-line diagram of the proposed connection shows that the Transmission Facility will be exclusively used by NPPGC and is not designed and configured to serve end-users.

18. The Single Line Diagrams of the Transmission Facility are illustrated in the figures below.

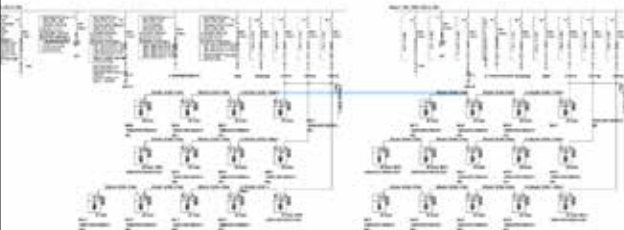


Figure 2. AC Single Line Diagram³⁰

³⁰ A copy of the Single Line Diagrams are attached as Annex "T" and series and made an integral part hereof.



Figure 3. Single Line Diagram for the Substation³¹



Figure 4. Single Line Diagram for the Hanjin Substation³²

The Power Project is included in the DOE List of Indicative Private Sector Initiated Power Projects in Luzon

19. The Project is one of the indicative projects in the DOE List of Private Sector Initiated Power Projects as of 30 August 2024 and is consistent with the Transmission Development Plan ("TDP") of NGCP.³³

³¹ *Id.*

³² *Id.*

³³ A copy of the DOE List of Private Sector-Initiated Power Projects (Luzon) as of 30 August 2024 is attached as Annex "U" and made an integral part hereof.

The Transmission Facility is technically feasible

20. The SIS conducted by NGCP shows that the connection of the Project through the Transmission Facility is technically feasible. The connection poses no significant system impact to the stability, reliability and operating characteristics of the Luzon Grid. Further, the SIS review concluded that that proposed project could be safely and reliably integrated thereto.

21. NPPGC proposed the Transmission Facility connection because of its viability and technical feasibility for the connection of the Project. The Project will connect to the Luzon Grid through direct connection to the NGCP's 230 kV Subic (Hanjin) Substation.³⁴ The entry of the Project requires the expansion of the 230 kV Subic (Hanjin) Substation to accommodate its connection which shall be complemented by NGCP's Castillejos 230kV Substation and Western Luzon 500 kV Backbone (Stage 2) Projects.³⁵

22. NPPGC has likewise ensured that the design and technical specifications for the Transmission Facility are consistent with the standards of the Philippine Grid Code.³⁶

23. The Project is also consistent with the TDP of NGCP.³⁷

NPPGC has the technical and financial capability to develop, construct, operate and maintain the Transmission Facility

24. NPPGC has the technical and financial capability to develop the Transmission Facility.

24.1 The Transmission Facility will be constructed by TBEA Subic, Inc.³⁸

24.2 NPPGC likewise has the financial capability to undertake the development and construction of the Transmission Facility. The development and construction of the Project and Transmission Facility will be funded by NPPGC through project financing.³⁹

³⁴ SIS, p. 4.

³⁵ *Id.*, p. 3.

³⁶ A copy of the Statement of Compliance to the Philippine Grid Code dated 7 November 2024 is attached as Annex "V" and made an integral part hereof.

³⁷ Transmission Development Plan (2024-2050), p. 171. A copy of the Transmission Development Plan (2024-2050) and the relevant page are attached as Annex "W" and "W-1", respectively, and made an integral part hereof.

³⁸ See Annex "H".

³⁹ A copy of NPPGC's Audited Financial Statements for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 are attached as Annex "X" and series and made an integral part hereof.

25. Since NPPGC will solely fund the development and construction of the Transmission Facility, and the Transmission Facility will be exclusively used by NPPGC for the operations of the Project and will not serve any end-user, the Transmission Facility will not have an impact on the transmission rates currently being charged to the public.

26. Once completed, NPPGC will undertake the operations and maintenance of the Transmission Facility. NPPGC will subsequently fund the operations of the Transmission Facility from its generation sales.

27. NPPGC has the technical capability to operate and maintain the Transmission Facility.⁴⁰

28. NPPGC also undertakes to file an application for a Certificate of Compliance⁴¹ with the Honorable Commission.

29. The foregoing clearly shows that the proposed Transmission Facility complies with Section 9 of the EPIRA and the relevant regulations of the Honorable Commission.

**Motion for Provisional Authority and
Allegations in Support of Prayer
for Provisional Authority**

30. Rule 14 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure (the "Rules") authorizes the issuance of a provisional authority or an interim relief prior to a final decision, provided that the facts and circumstances warrant the issuance of the same.

31. NPPGC respectfully prays that the Honorable Commission provisionally approve and authorize the development, ownership, operation and maintenance of the Transmission Facility considering the facts, circumstances and the magnitude of the opportunity costs entailed by any further delay in the interconnection of the Project.

31.1. NPPGC aims to complete the development and construction of the facilities at the soonest possible time to be able to dispatch electric supply power to the grid.

31.2. The Project is one of the energy projects under Republic Act No. 9513 or the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, which aims to accelerate the development and utilization of the country's RE sources. Thus, it is in the interest of the government to help RE developers such as NPPGC to achieve commerciality and commence operations at the soonest practicable time. With this, NPPGC will address the growing demand for power in the Philippines.

⁴⁰ A copy of the Curriculum Vitae of the employees of NPPGC as proof of technical capability of NPPGC to operate the Transmission Line are attached as Annex "Y" and series and made an integral part hereof.

⁴¹ See Annex "S".

31.3. The construction of the Transmission Facility is a pre-requisite for the testing and commissioning, and ultimately, the commercial operations of the Project. The Project is projected to be completed and energized in July 2025. Consistent with this timeline, NPPGC intends to complete the development and construction of the Transmission Facility by June 2025 for Phase 1 and by October 2025 for Phase 2.

31.4. Moreover, the use of solar energy reduces the country's dependence on fossil fuels, which not only minimizes harmful carbon greenhouse emissions in the environment but also reduces the country's exposure to price fluctuations in the international markets.

31.5. President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. highlighted that the country's energy demand surpasses the reliable supply available, necessitating the exploration of all viable options suitable for the nation's situation. Consequently, he prioritized RE in the country's climate agenda and committed to increasing its use.

31.6. The President emphasized the need to construct new power plants and leverage the best available technology, particularly in RE. The President also underscored the importance of reviewing the entire transmission and distribution system to reduce energy costs for both consumers and industries.

31.7. On July 24, 2023, during his first State of the Nation Address, the President prioritized energy production. He stated, "When it comes to energy, RE is the way forward. We are aggressively promoting renewables to achieve a 35 percent share in the power mix by 2030, and 50 percent by 2040."

31.8. Based on the foregoing, it is clear that the government endeavors to hasten the development of the country's RE resources.

31.9. The grant of NPPGC's application to develop, own, operate and maintain dedicated point-to-point limited transmission facilities is consistent with the mandate of the government to make the use of RE resources a national priority pursuant to the country's declared policy as stated in energy laws and issuances.

32. It is in such a context that NPPGC respectfully prays that the provisional authority for the development and construction of the Transmission Facility be immediately issued.

**Motion for Confidential Treatment
of Information and Documents**

33. Under Rule 4 of the Rules, the Honorable Commission may, upon request of a party and determination of existence of conditions that would warrant such remedy, treat certain information submitted to it as confidential.

34. NPPGC is submitting the following documents pursuant to the foregoing Rule: (a) SEOC No. 2023-10-715 dated 10 November 2023 attached as Annex "D"; (b) System Impact Study attached as Annex "I"; (c) Facilities Study Report attached as Annex "J"; (d) draft Connection Agreement attached as Annex "M-1"; (e) Project Cost Estimates in the form of the Bill of Quantities attached as Annex "N"; and (f) Single Line Diagrams attached as Annex "T" and series.

35. These documents contain certain non-public, commercially valuable and sensitive information and data that reflect NPPGC's investments, business operations, calculations, and other trade secrets.

36. NPPGC thus respectfully moves that these documents that contain confidential information and data be treated as confidential documents in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules. Accordingly, NPPGC submits one (1) copy of said documents in a sealed envelope, with the envelope and each page of the document stamped with the word "Confidential".

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, NPPGC respectfully prays that the Honorable Commission:

1. Immediately ISSUE an Order provisionally authorizing NPPGC to implement the development, ownership, operation and maintenance of Transmission Facility to connect the Project to the Luzon Grid;
2. Immediately ISSUE an Order (a) treating Annexes "D", "I", "J", "M-1", "N", and "T" and series, and the information contained therein as confidential, (b) directing their non-disclosure pursuant to Rule 4 of the ERC Rules of Practice and Procedure, and (c) prescribing the guidelines for the protection thereof; and
3. After due notice and hearing, GRANT NPPGC the authority to develop, own, operate, and maintain the Transmission Facility to connect the Project directly to the Luzon Grid.

Other reliefs as may be appropriate under the circumstances are likewise prayed for.

The Commission hereby sets the instant *Application* for the determination of compliance with the jurisdictional requirements, expository presentation, and Pre-Trial Conference⁴² on **21 February 2025 (Friday), at two o'clock in the afternoon (2:00 P.M.)**, through **MS Teams Application** as the online platform for the conduct thereof, pursuant to Resolution No. 09, Series of 2020⁴³ and Resolution No. 01, Series of 2021 (ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure).⁴⁴

Any interested stakeholder may submit its comments and/or clarifications **at least (1) calendar day** prior to the scheduled virtual hearing, via electronic mail (e-mail) at doCKET@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph. The Commission shall give priority to the stakeholders who have duly submitted their respective comments and/or clarifications, to discuss the same and propound questions during the course of the expository presentation.

Moreover, any person who has an interest in the subject matter of the instant case may become a party by filing with the Commission via e-mail at doCKET@erc.ph, and copy furnishing the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, a verified Petition to Intervene **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the date of the initial virtual hearing. The verified Petition to Intervene must follow the requirements under Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure, indicating therein the docket number and title of the case and state the following:

- 1) The petitioner's name, mailing address, and e-mail address;
- 2) The nature of petitioner's interest in the subject matter of the proceeding and the way and manner in which such interest is affected by the issues involved in the proceeding; and
- 3) A statement of the relief desired.

⁴² In the Commission's *Advisory* dated 26 July 2023, the Commission adopted the Summary Proceedings in accordance with Rule 17 of the Commission's Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure (ERC Revised RPP) in the filing, processing and evaluation of the applications for authority to develop and own or operate dedicated point-point limited transmission facilities, in the following instances: (1) Applications without intervenors, or uncontested applications; and (2) Applications with intervenors, provided all parties have agreed to subject the application to summary proceedings. Under the said summary proceedings and in accordance with Rule 17 of the ERC Revised RPP, the Applicant's presentation of evidence is through the submission and offering of the affidavits of its witnesses and other pieces of evidence within the time allowed by the Commission.

⁴³ A Resolution Adopting the Guidelines Governing Electronic Applications, Filings and Virtual Hearings Before the Energy Regulatory Commission.

⁴⁴ A Resolution Adopting the Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Energy Regulatory Commission.

Likewise, all other persons who may want their views known to the Commission with respect to the subject matter of the case may file through e-mail at doCKET@erc.ph, and copy furnish the Legal Service through legal@erc.ph, their Opposition or Comment **at least five (5) calendar days** prior to the virtual hearing. Rule 9 of the ERC Revised Rules of Practice and Procedure shall govern. No particular form of Opposition or Comment is required, but the document, letter, or writing should contain the following:

- 1) The name, mailing address, and e-mail address of such person;
- 2) A concise statement of the Opposition or Comment; and
- 3) The grounds relied upon.

All interested parties filing their Petition to Intervene, Opposition or Comment are required to submit the hard copies thereof through personal service, registered mail or ordinary mail/private courier, **within five (5) working days** from the date that the same were electronically submitted, as reflected in the acknowledgment receipt e-mail sent by the Commission.

Any of the persons mentioned in the preceding paragraphs may access the copy of the *Application* on the Commission's official website at www.erc.gov.ph.

Finally, all interested persons may be allowed to join the scheduled virtual hearing by providing the Commission, through legal.virtualhearings@erc.ph, with their respective e-mail addresses and indicating therein the case number of the instant *Application*. The Commission will send the access link to the aforementioned hearing platform within five (5) working days prior to the scheduled hearing.

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WITNESS, the Honorable Chairperson **MONALISA C. DIMALANTA**, and Commissioners **ALEXIS M. LUMBATAN**, **CATHERINE P. MACEDA**, **FLORESINDA G. BALDO-DIGAL** and **MARKO ROMEO L. FUENTES**, Energy Regulatory Commission, this 22nd day of January 2025 in Pasig City.

FOR AND BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSION:


KRISHA MARIE T. BUELA
Director III, Legal Service

LS: JRBC/ARG



MILO...

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The launch also sparked meaningful discussions on shifting the Filipino mindset about sports—not merely as a way out of poverty, but as a path to holistic growth and success.

With children actively engaged across different disciplines, the event reinforced Milo's unwavering mission: to build champions, both in sports and in life.

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As part of its broader

advocacy, Milo also launched the Safe Swim-Drown Prevention Program in Cebu City, in collaboration with the Philippine Red Cross.

The initiative trains children and parents in foundational water safety skills, addressing a dire issue—drowning remains one of the leading causes of death among Filipino children.

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NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **RENA LOU ZITA ANICETE**, a Filipino of legal age, married to Rodel C. Anicete, with residence address at 3087 San Simon Street, San Jose, Angeles City, 2009; and heirs of **RECTO REYES ZITA** who died on October 30, 2024 and **EDNA ALCASABAS ZITA** who died on February 23, 2017; and more particularly described a parcel of land (Lot 35, Blk. 22 at the Cons. Subd. Plan, Pcs-03-009244, being a portion of Cons. Lot 5, Pcs-035402-004739, Lot 12, Pcs-035413-004738, Blk. 29, 40 & 41, Psd-03-087268 L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Pandacaqui, Mun. of Mexico, and Arayat, Prov. of Pamp., containing an area of One Hundred Twelve (112) square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2011016897 of the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga; before Notary Public Francisco S. Yabut, as per Doc No. 179, Page No. 37, Book No. 11, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AGUSTIN DELA CRUZ VENTURA** who died on March 8, 2014 at Angeles City, Pampanga and **TRINIDAD CASPE VENTURA** who died on August 26, 2012 at Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 31, Block 11 of the subdivision plan, Psd-46477, being a portion of Lot 779-G, described on plan Psd-32777, LRC Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 91808; before Notary Public Peter Donnie-Ray B. Muli, CPA, as per Doc. No. 22, Page No. 72, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALBERTO B. AYSON** who died on December 29, 2002 in Angeles City, and **NESTOR S. AYSON** who died on February 10, 2024 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and that during the lifetime of the decedent, they owned one (1) parcel of land situated at Municipality of Angeles City, Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Hundred Seventy Five (375) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 51844-R; before Notary Public Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 146, Page No. 31, Book No. Cl, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSE D. VILLANUEVA** who died on August 24, 2019 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and that during the lifetime of the decedent, he owned a certain parcel of land situated at the Barrio of Calsadang Bayu, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pampanga; Containing an area of Five Hundred (500) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2012007764; before Notary Public Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 70, Page No. 15, Book No. XI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RAFAEL M. BALATBAT** and **LOURDES S. BALATBAT** who died on April 24, 2016 and December 3, 2006 at 3044 Riverside Brgy. Dampe Floridablanca, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his/her estate; and left among their estate on a Lot 71 situated at Brgy. Dampe, Floridablanca, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 1264 under Tax Declaration No. GR2020-05-0009-00517 issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga and office of the Provincial Assessor of Pampanga; before Notary Public Vincent Emmanuel T. Cruz, as per Doc. No. 71, Page No. 16, Book No. 61, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES PARSON CATALA** and **ERLINDA M. CATALA** who died on September 19, 2017 at the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Medical Center, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and February 1, 2018 at the National Kidney and Transplant Institute, East Avenue Quezon City and **PEDRO CATALA** who died on May 3, 1985 at Arenas, Arayat, Pampanga and **MARTA CANLAS** who died on February 10, 1989 at Arenas Arayat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2892 of the cadastral survey of Arayat Cad. Case No. 26 GLRO Cad. Rec. No. 1277) situated at Arayat, Pampanga; containing an area of Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven (23,957) square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-177485-R; before Notary Public Milani L. Irisari-Reyes, as per Doc. No. 15, Page No. 6, Book No. 44, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

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- Jumbo Jenra Branch: Stall 18 Jumbo Jenra Mall, McArthur Hwy, Brgy. Smokey, CSPP
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- Balaon Branch: 88 84 Lot 01, Stall B-2 Bldg., Suban Public Market, Balaon Resettlement, CSPP
- San Marcos Branch: No. 7 Pambayo St., San Marcos, Sta. Tomas, Pampanga
- Madapdap Branch: 88/85 Lot 05, Madapdap Resettlement, Mabalacat City, Pampanga
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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIA L. GUINTO** who died on June 24, 2021 at Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Unilateral Deed of Absolute Sale on her estate and more particularly described as a Lot B, Bsd-03-003573 (AR), Portion of Lot 2, Psd-03-012698 (OLT), Location San Ildefonso, Magalang, Pampanga, Area of Twenty One Thousand Two Hundred Twelve (21,212 SQM) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 25488 (1282-MM) Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Jerome Asperin, as per Doc. No. 19, Page No. 35, Book No. 2, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 27, February 3 & 10, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CLAUDIO C. NALUZ** who died on March 14, 1996 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga and **CLARITA HEMENTERA NALUZ** who died on February 7, 2012 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land, (Lot 3832-A-7 of the subd., plan Psd-03-180375 being a portion of Lot 3832-A, Psd-03-005979, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Maimpis, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Five Hundred Twenty Eight (528) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2010005389; before Notary Public Ryann T. Rueda, as per Doc. No. 331, Page No. 68, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 27, February 3 & 10, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FELICITAS B. DALLO** and **JESUS A. DALO** who died on July 21, 2000 and December 2, 2024 both in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-41543

A parcel of land situated in barrio of Santol, Angeles City, containing an area of Three Hundred Fifty (350) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 42216

A parcel of land situated in barrio of Pampang, Angeles City, containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 37692

A parcel of land situated in barrio of Cutcut, Angeles City, containing an area of Four Hundred (400) Square Meters;

BANK ACCOUNT

DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES savings account with account number 00-5-01222-580-3 to **JULIET BAUTISTA DALLO-VALENZUELA**, married to **FEDERICO MANOY VALENZUELA, JR.**;

LAND BANK savings account with account number 1521-1209-55 to **JULIET BAUTISTA DALLO-VALENZUELA**, married to **FEDERICO MANOY VALENZUELA, JR.**; and

LAND BANK ATM with account number 1526-8010-47 to **JULIET BAUTISTA DALLO-VALENZUELA**, married to **FEDERICO MANOY VALENZUELA, JR.**;

before Notary Public Eldren Jay T. Bautista, as per Doc. No. 296, Page No. 12, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 27, February 3 & 10, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE OFFICE

Field Office
5th Floor, Primus Medicus Building, Mc Arthur High Way, San Isidro,
City of San Fernando, Pampanga 2000
Email address: racco3@nacc.gov.ph
Contact Nos: +639672182133

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF NIECA SHAINA TADEO AGUAS

DOMESTIC ADMIN. ADOPTION CASE NO: RACC0111-DAA-2025-143

TO BE KNOWN THEREAFTER AS NIECA SHAINA TADEO RANIT MR. ROMRICK SY RANIT AND MRS. CATHYMAR TADEO RANIT
Petitioners

DATE: January 31, 2025

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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of **Nieca Shaine Tadeo Aguas** filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office III (RACCO III) praying that the after due notice, publication and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the adoptee **Nieca Shaine Tadeo Aguas** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the child be change particularly to appear as **Nieca Shaine Tadeo Ranit**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on March 6, 2025 at 10:00 AM to be held at RACCO III - 5th Floor, Primus Medicus Building, Mc Arthur High Way, San Isidro, City of San Fernando, Pampanga 2000.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROBERTO G. SARMIENTO** who died on March 11, 2008 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 15, Block 3, of the subdivision plan Psd-62172, being a portion of Lot 791-A described on plan Psd-16004, L.R.C. (G.L.R.O. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Pulung Bulu, Municipality of Angeles Province of Pampanga x x x Containing an area of Four Hundred Thirty Eight (438) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 31728; before Notary Public Peter Salvador P. Salcedo, as per Doc. No. 88, Page No. 18, Book No. 230, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **WILLY MESA DELA CRUZ** who died on June 15, 2023 in Arayat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Undertaking on his estate; and he left an estate composing of **Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Two** as evidence by **Check No. 00613825** from **ALINMA BANK**; before Notary Public Amado L. Santos, as per Doc No. 158, Page No. 33, Book No. 290, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 20, 27 & February 3, 2025

Any interested party may appear and may file an opposite/complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected for verification and further investigation.

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

SHEILA R. SICAT
RACC Officer-in-Charge

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

Mr. Rodolfo Manalang, RSW
Adoption Social Worker
Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office
Municipality of Porac, Pampanga

Ms. Eva S. Manalastas-Nucup
Municipal Civil Registrar
Municipality of Porac, Pampanga

M/M Romrick Sy Ranit and Cathymar Tadeo Ranit
Petitioners
Block 30 Lot 18 Model Community, Pio, Porac, Pampanga

Publication Company: Date of Publication: _____
RACC Officer-in-Charge: _____

Punto Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES ELOISA P. HIZON** and **DOMINGO M. GOMEZ** who died on October 16, 2014 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga and October 22, 2004 in Marikina City and **ERIBERTO H. GOMEZ** who died on January 2, 2023 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga and **ELOISA HIZON GOMEZ** who died on October 27, 2014 in Makati City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1222-E-1-D-24-A of the subdivision plan Psd-03-036177 being a portion of Lot 122-E-1-D-24, Psd-03-023469 LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Pulong Maragul, Municipality of Angeles, Pampanga; Containing an area of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight (9,948) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2024003775 Registry of Deeds of Angeles City; before Notary Public Gener C. Endona, as per Doc. No. 72, Page No. 16, Book No. 65, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025



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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
MACABEBE, PAMPANGA
(rtc1mbboc@judiciary.gov.ph)**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF**

BDO UNIBANK, INC., as represented by **MARY JANE B. MATILLANO**,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE CASE NO. 24-0431M)

Spouses **RYAN D. MALLARI** and **JENNIFER T. MALLARI**,
Debtors-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., as represented by MARY JANE B. MATILLANO**, with office address at 33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, #12 ADB Avenue, Madaluyong City, against **Ryan D. Mallari, for himself and Attorney-in-Fact of his wife Jennifer T. Mallari**, registered owners of **Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. 042-2019025476 and 042-2019025475**, with postal address/es at: (1) Purok 4, Sampaloc, Apalit, Pampanga and (2) Lots 13 & 14, Blk. 20, Road Lot 9, Dreamland Subd., Phase 2, Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 12, 2024 amounts to **Four Million Three Hundred Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty Five and 46/100 (PhP4,343,345.46)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalty and other charges the undersigned will sell at public auction on **February 24, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Macabebe, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2019025476

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARRIO OF COLGANTE, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 13 BLOCK 20 OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION PCS-03-017578, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATED LOTS 1 & 2, PCS-03-014772 L. R. C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF COLGANTE, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY ROAD LOT 9; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 12, BLK. 20, BOTH OF THE CONS. & SUBD. PLAN; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 1214-B-3, (LRC) PSD-268291; ON THE NW., ALONG LINES 4-5-6 BY LOT 1213, APALIT CAD.; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 6-1 BY LOT 14 OF THE CONS. & SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 40 DEG. 29' E., 526. 19 M. FROM M.B.M. 2, APALIT CAD.; THENCE S. 42 DEG. 52' E., 3.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 47 DEG. 08' W., 6.70 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 36 DEG. 15'W., 13.37 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 54 DEG. 02' E., 2.30 M. TO POINT 5; THENCE N. 47 DEG. 08' E. 2.88 M. TO POINT 6; THENCE W. 42 DEG. 52' E., 10.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY EIGHT (78) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PTS. 4, 5 BY OLD P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 CMS. IN DIA. AND THE REST BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40CM. BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY FEB. 1919-MAR. 1920 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION SURVEY NOV. 15-30 AND WAS APPROVED ON FEB. 18, 2010.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2019025475

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARRIO OF COLGANTE, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 14 BLOCK 20 OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION PCS-03-017578, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATED LOTS 1 & 2, PCS-03-014772 L.R.C. REC. NO.), SIUTATED IN THE BARRIO OF COLGANTE, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVNC OF PAMPANGA. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 13, BLK. 20 OF THE CONS. & SUBD. PLAN; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 1213, APALIT CAD.; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 15, BLK. 20; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY ROAD LOT 9, BOTH OF THE CONS. & SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 40 DEG. 29' E., 526.19 M. FROM

M.B.M. 2, APALIT CAD.; THENCE N. 42 DEG. 52' W.,10.00 Ni. TO POINT 2; THENCE N. 47 DEG. 08' E., 6.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTINING AN AREA OF SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GOUNDS BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40CM. BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY FEB. 1919-MAR. 1920 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION SURVEY NOV. 15- 30, 2010 AND WAS APPROVED ON FEB. 18, 2010.

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

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 March 10, 2025 at the said time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, January 8, 2025.

EDGAR JOSEPH C. DAVID
Sheriff IV

ATTY. DEXTER LEE C. GONZALES
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:
BDO Unibank, Inc. as represented by **Mary Jane B. Matillano**
33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas,
#12 ADB Avenue, Madaluyong City
Ryan D. Mallari
Purok 4, Sampaloc, Apalit, Pampanga and
Lot 13 and 14 Block 20 corner Road Lot 9
Dreamland Subdivision, Phase 2
Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga

Jennifer T. Mallari
Purok 4, Sampaloc, Apalit, Pampanga and
Lot 13 and 14 Block 20 corner Road Lot 9
Dreamland Subdivision, Phase 2
Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: January 20, 27, February 3, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CAROLINA VALENCIA SICCION** who died on May 28, 2023 at San Vicente, Sto. Tomas, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 32, Blk. 3, of the subd. plan, Pscd-03-090461, being a portion of lot 1, Pcs-03-008263, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in Mexico Arayat Rest. Site, Bo. of Pandacaqui, Mun. of Mexico, Pampanga; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 438808-R; before Notary Public Peter Anthony Mallari, as per Doc. No. 10, Page No. 2, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NICANOR C. ESPAÑA** who died on December 28, 2010 at St. Raphael Foundation and Medical Center, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and is the absolute and registered owner of a certain housing allocation (house and lot) from then Mt. Pinatubo Commission-Housing Urban Development Coordination Council (MPC-HUDCC No. L1-SLC-4150), now transferred to the National Housing Authority (NHA) which is particularly identified as Block 60 Lot 78 (Phase II), Sta. Lucia Resettlement Project, Brgy. San Isidro, Magalang, Pampanga; Containing an area of Seventy Nine (79) square meters; and covered by TCT No. 473044-R; before Notary Public Peter Anthony T. Mallari, as per Doc. No. 313, Page No. 63, Book No. XLV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MARITES M. MANALO**, of legal age, married to Alex M. Manalo, Filipino, and a resident of 007 Old Anupul, Bamban Tarlac; and heirs of **ARIEL SIBAL MAGTANONG** who died on August 11, 2003, in Anupul, Bamban, Tarlac and **VALENTINA SIBAL MAGTANONG** who died on June 13, 2014 in Brgy. Anupul, Bamban, Tarlac; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication by Sole Heir with Absolute Sale on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (lot 20 blk. 22 of the cons-subd. plan Pcs-035409-005501 being a portion of cons lot 142-B, Pscd-035409-041949; lot 140-B-3, Pscd-03-0141946, lot 14-A-1, Pscd-035409-57498 & lot 140-A-2, Pscd-035409-058146 L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. Of Mauaque & Sapang Biabas, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Ninety Four (94) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 90439-M; before Notary Public Crystaleen G. Antonio, as per Doc No. 24, Page No. 17, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 20, 27 & February 3, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO (P)

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
& EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

EJF No. 378-24
Punto Central Luzon
Versus

NANNETH B. VIRAY,
Respondent- Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND**, Mortgagee, with its office address at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against **NANNETH B. VIRAY**, Mortgagor, with residence and postal address at #12 Sta. Lucia Matua, National Rd., Masantol, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **November 15, 2024** amounts to **THREE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE & 60/100 (Php.301,483.60) PESOS** excluding penalties, charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Ex-Officio Sheriff and/or his duly authorized Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on APRIL 24, 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. 689377-R

-A parcel of land (Lot 13, Blk. 4, of the cons.-subd., plan, Pcs-03-012809, being a portion of Lot 3901-G-2, Lot 3901-G-3, Pscd-03-045140, and Lot 1, Pcs- 03-0-12585, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Sindalan & Calulut, Mun. of San Fdo., prov. of Pamp. xx x containing an area of SIXTY (60) Square meters.

"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 **MAY 2, 2025** without further notice."

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

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, February 3, 2025.

REMIGIO L. DICHOSO
Sheriff IV

Cc:
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND,
The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue,
Makati City

NANNETH B. VIRAY
12 Sta. Lucia Matua, National Rd., Masantol, Pampanga; and
Lot 13, Blk. 4, Villa Barcelona II Subd., Sindalan & Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

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

ENGR. DANILO P. CATOLOS
HDMF Rm. 202, Suburbia Commercial Center,
Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pamapanga

Punto Central Luzon

Punto! Central Luzon February 7, 14 & 21, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
MACABEBE, PAMPANGA
(rtc1mbbocc@judiciary.gov.ph)

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
REPRESENTED BY KRISTALYN
C. GARCIA,

Mortgagee,

- versus -

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 24-0434(M)

RUBY HAZEL VERGARA ARAKI,
MARRIED TO KAZUO ARAKI,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon application for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act. No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, and Act No. 1508, as amended, filed by **BDO. UNIBANK, INC., AS REPRESENTED BY KRISTALYN C. GARCIA**, with principal office address at 33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, # 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against **RUBY HAZEL VERGARA ARAKI MARRIED TO KAZUO ARAKI**, registered owners of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2019011345 and with postal address/es at: (1) Lot 14 Block 2 Camella Fiorenza Phase 3 Paligui, Apalit, Pampanga; and (2) 664 Cansinala, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 20, 2024 amounts to **TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO PESOS AND TWENTY ONE CENTAVOS (PhP2,846,522.21)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalty and other charges, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **March 17, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2019011345

LOT NO: 14 BLOCK NO: 2 PLAN NO: PSD-03-214753
PORTION OF: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PSD-03-189673
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PALIGUI, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION BOUNDARIES:

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	ROAD LOT 11, PSD 03- 214753
2-3	NW	LOT 15, BLOCK 2, PSD-03-214753
3-4	NE	LOT 3, BLOCK 2, PSD-03-214753
4-1	SE	LOT 3, BLOCK 2, PSD-03-214753

TIE POINT: BBM NO. 25, CAD-260, SAN SIMON CADASTRE
LINE BEARING

DISTANCE	TO CORNER 1	S. 29° 27'E	1672.57 M.
1-2	N. 08° 04'W	11.00 M.	
2-3	N. 81° 56'E	11.00 M.	
3-4	S. 08° 04'E	11.00 M.	
4-1	S. 81° 56'W	11.00 M.	

AREA: ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE SQUARE METER (121), MORE OR LESS

DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X50 CM

BEARING: TRUE

DECLINATION:

DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JAN. 1919-MARCH 1920

DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: APRIL 6-10, 2015

DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: MAY 21,, 2025

GEODETIC ENGINEER: CARLOS P. DIZON

NOTES:

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above described property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

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 March 24, 2025 at the said time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, January 17, 2025.

EMERSON S. LACAP
Sheriff IV

ATTY. DEXTER LEE C. GONZALES
Clerk of Court VI and Ex-officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:
BDO UNIBANK INC., as represented
by Kristalyn C. Garcia
Consumer Remedial Management
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center
#12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

Ruby Hazel Vergara Araki
married to Kazuo Araki
Lot 14 Block 2 Camella Fiorenza Phase 3
Paligui, Apalit, Pampanga
and
664 Cansinala, Apalit, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon February 3, 10 & 17, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

BDO UNIBANK, INC., as
represented by Mary Jane B.
Matillano,

Mortgagee,

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 25-0437(M)

PAOLO VICTORIO P. GIRAY, rep.
by Attorney-In-Fact, Salvador C.
Bautista,

Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon application for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, and Act No. 1508, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by Mary Jane B. Matillano**, with office address at 33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, #12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against Paolo Victorio P. Giray, represented by his attorney-in-fact, Salvador C. Bautista, registered owner of **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2017010012**, with postal address/es at: (1) 092 Paligui, Apalit, Pampanga; and (2) Blk. 11, Lot 2 Phase 2, Camella Fiorenza, Paligui, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 28, 2024 amounts to **One Million Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven Pesos & 49/100 (PhP1,420,297.49)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalty and other charges the undersigned will sell at public auction on **March 17, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Macabebe, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2017010012

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF PALIGUI, MUNICIPALITY OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 2 BLOCK NO. 11 PLAN NO. PCS-03-020561
PORTION OF: LOTS 767 & 768 (LRC) PSD-193001; 1 & 2 PSD-03-043461 (AR)
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PALIGUI, MUNICIPALITY OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1 - 2	SW	ROAD LOT 11, PCS-03-020561
2 - 3	NW	LOT 1, BLOCK 11, PCS-03-020561
3 - 4	NE	IRRIGATION CANAL, PCS-03-020561
4 - 1	SE	LOT 3, BLOCK 11, PCS-03-020561

TIE POINT: BBM-25, CAD. 260, SAN SIMON CADASTRE

DISTANCE	TO CORNER 1	S. 36° 56' E	1907.61 M.
1 - 2	N. 07° 21' W	6.00 M.	
2 - 3	N. 82° 39' E	12.00 M.	
3 - 4	S. 07° 21' E	6.00 M.	
4 - 1	S. 82° 39' W	12.00 M.	

AREA: SEVENTY-TWO SQUARE METERS (72), MORE OR LESS

DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CM.

BEARINGS: TRUE

DECLINATION:

DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JAN. 1919-MARCH 1920 & SEPT. 18, 1936

DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: SEPT. 15-20, 2014

DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: JANUARY 13, 2015

GEODETIC ENGINEER: CARLOS P. DIZON

NOTES:

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the above-described property and encumbrances thereon, if there be any.

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 March 24, 2025 at the said time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, January 27, 2025.

EDGAR JOSEPH C. DAVID
Sheriff IV

ATTY. DEXTER LEE C. GONZALES
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:

BDO Unibank, Inc. as
represented by Mary Jane B. Matillano
33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas,
#12 ADB Avenue, Madaluyong City

Paolo Victorio P. Giray
092 Paligui, Apalit
2016 Pampanga
and
Blk. 11, Lot 2, Phase 2
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Jennylyn Mercado, Sam Milby celebrate CNY at Beautéderm Headquarters; Rhea Tan launches Audrey



TWO OF THE COUNTRY'S finest stars, Jennylyn Mercado and Sam Milby, attended the Beautéderm Corporation's Chinese New Year celebration, which was hosted by its founder Rhea Tan last Wednesday, January 29, in Angeles City.

Mercado and Milby were joined by other Beautéderm ambassadors, DJ Chacha, Kitkat, Alma Concepcion, Rochelle Barrameda, Jimwell Stevens, Anne Feo, Maricel Morales, Thou Reyes, Ervic Vijandre, Wency Lagumbay, Pepita Curtis, and AJ Morales, as well as local ambassadors, Marlon Tuazon, Joanna Ning Cordero, Atty. Nicolette Henson, Voltaire Zalamea, Mich Viray, Frederick Policarpio, Dr Minnie Uy, and Mutya Ning Kapampangan Natalya Linsay.

Every year, the business mogul and her company observe the Chinese New Year to express appreciation, hope for prosperity, and spend time with celebrity endorsers.

During her speech, Tan stated that this year is about progress, transformation, and wealth.

"When you're in business, you have to constantly coming up with new ideas and exploring new possibilities, and each new year should bring about progress not only in business but also as a person," Tan said.

She then thanked the Beautéderm endorsers for attending the event, stating that their presence made the celebration even more memorable.

Aside from the CNY celebration, the Beautéderm CEO launched her new business, AUDREY, a luxury house for genuine leather bags. The materials used include premium genuine cowhide and lambskin.

"The launch of our new venture, AUDREY, which sells genuine and premium leather bags, represents progress. This new endeavor aims to promote local craftsmanship while



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BOI executive director for investments assistance center Bobby Fondevilla (third from left) hands over the green lane certificate to SBSSEC president-CEO Mayleen Ting at the BOI Main Office in Makati City. With them are (L-R) OSAC-SI staff Bea Castro, OSAC-SI director Ernesto Delos Reyes Jr, SBSSEC's Pay Wong, BOI IAS division chief Lubin de Vera, SBSSEC's Justin Sabater and Barbie Gregorio. **PHOTO: BOI**

P12.4-B solar...

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In a statement on Feb. 3, the BOI said the One-Stop Action Center for Strategic Investments (OSAC-SI) awarded the certification to the Sapang Balen Solar Sustainable Energy Corp. (SBSSEC) on Jan. 22.

A development company of Tigon Power Corp. formed in 2021, SBSSEC is a special purpose vehicle duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically created to develop the solar power project, the BOI said.

Straddling Mabalacat City and Magalang town, the project is a ground-based solar power facility covering a total area of

405.52 hectares with a planned installed capacity of 301.580 megawatts direct current (246.604 MW alternating current).

"Currently, Tigon Power has a total project capacity of almost 1 GWp, highlighting its commitment to sustainable power generation in the country," the BOI said.

The Pampanga project is also expected to generate up to 5,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities during its stages of construction, commissioning, operations, and maintenance, furthered the BOI.

Green lane scheme As of Jan. 17, OSAC-SI has granted green lane certificates to 179 strate-

gic investments amounting to P4.55 trillion. Of these, 144 are RE projects worth P4.15 trillion, comprising 80.45% of the certified projects.

According to BOI, investment in RE projects increased after the government allowed full foreign ownership in the sector, which was previously capped at 40%.

Created through Executive Order No. 18 in February 2023, the green lane scheme aims to expedite, streamline and automate government approval and registration processes for projects that are deemed as strategic investments. **Punto News Team/From media reports**

Capitol hands...

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tillers, shallow tube wells, knapsack sprayers, seed spreaders, and open surface pumps.

"Makasaup la pu sanang ustu reni keng pangabyayan yu (Here

is hoping these will be of help in your livelihood)," Pineda told the recipients who, in turn, expressed their thanks to the governor for the assistance they said would improve their productivity.

With Pineda at the event were his special assistant Angie Blanco and personnel of the office of the provincial agriculturist led by OIC Jimmy Manliclic. **Pampanga PIO/Photo: Daniel Ombina**



Delta comes...

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numerous violations committed... including failure to meet financial obligations, non-fulfillment of commitments under the lease agreement, and non-compliance with the Fire Code and National Building Code, among others."

The CDO immediately and indefinitely suspended "any operations of FDC and FRCCI, including all businesses of sub-lessees" resulting to the workers dislocation.

The delay in the workers' salaries dates as far back as November last

year, the workers claimed in earlier news reports.

The governor extended cash assistance of P2,000 and food packs to each of the workers who came for his help as a start of his commitment. **Pampanga PIO/Photos: Daniel Ombina**

Pogi hailed...

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ing salamat po, Mayor, sa inyong pag-iingat sa amin. God bless you always!"

Nelia C. Dizon of Sunset CDC agreed, "Thank you so much po, Mayor Pogi Lazatin, sa agarang pag-disinfect sa aming daycare centers. Malaking tulong po ito upang maiwasan ang pagkalat ng virus sa mga batang tinuturuan po namin."

Jocelyn E. Miller of Subic Daycare Center also thanked the mayor, "Salamat po, Mayor Lazatin, sa inyong agarang aksyon sa pag-disinfect sa lahat ng daycare centers. Malaking tulong po ito upang mapanatiling ligtas ang mga bata mula sa anumang virus na kumakalat ngayon.

Maraming salamat po!"

Belinda L. Cuntapay of Holy Spirit II Pandan DCC expressed her gratitude, "Hon. Mayor Lazatin, maraming salamat po sa pag-disinfect ng aming daycare. Malaking tulong po ito para sa kalusugan ng mga bata upang maiwasan ang pagkalat ng sakit tulad ng HFMD. Salamat po nang marami! Napaka-supportive po ninyo talaga. Salute, Mayor Pogi Lazatin!"

Lastly, Gaynie M. Cabrera of Amsic 1 Day Care Center emphasized the significance of the initiative, "Ang pag-disinfect po ng aming daycare centers ay malaking tulong sa aming mga estudyante, lalo na po sa kanilang kaligtasan. Hindi biro ang sakit sa HFMD dahil hindi ito madaling virus. Maram-

ing salamat po, Mayor, sa mabilis na pagresponde! God bless po!"

It has been Mayor Lazatin's aim to prioritize the health and safety of young learners in Angeles City, ensuring that every child has a clean and secure space to learn and grow.

The mayor formed teams from Angeles City Barangay Outreach, the Angeles City Environment and Natural Resources Office, the Environmental Management System and Angeles City Traffic Development Office to undertake the disinfection of daycare centers on Feb. 3 supervised by Lazatin chief adviser IC Calaguas, with Executive Assistant IV Reina Manuel.

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Jennylyn Mercado...

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showcasing what a Philippine brand has to offer the world. And I am optimistic about 2025 and proud of this brand, built with style and brilliance," she shared.

Tan's passion for designer and luxury items inspired her to invest in A-List Avenue, a boutique that houses authentic, high-end designer pieces. The store offers limited edi-

tion Hermes Birkin and Kelly bags, along with other prestigious brands like Louis Vuitton, Chanel, and Gucci. This is also where celebrities and well-known content creators often source their bags and watches. Now open for over two years, A-List Avenue, located in the same building, features luxurious interiors and an exclusive atmosphere that makes every client

feel like a VIP.

Tan, despite her busy schedule, constantly makes time to meet her company's demands. She is optimistic about 2025 and wants to reach more local and international consumers. Her Beautéderm Corporation now has six sub-brands, including Beautéderm, Blanc-Pro, Beauté Beanery, BeautéHaus, Belle Dolls, and AUDREY.

Mediterranean...

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Only lawyers can untangle the legal gobbledygook. Suffice it to say that things have changed and will continue to change, which is a fair warning.

The frog may not feel it, but the keettle is heated slowly from under.

So all bets for the moral equivalences now roving around the political landscape are off. As Napoleon once said, morality is always on the heavier side of the artillery. In a way, the thesis of a former presidential aide is consistent with it: number makes sense and the bigger it is the more it should.

Apparently, the current administration is of the same view. Look how

the opposition has been practically blown off the political market if not into smithereen. Only a former senator of the yellow or pinkish shade is making it to the magic twelve. Even the outspoken presidential sister is on the list, per survey, on the endangered list.

Maybe the son of the a former dictator now lying below in the sacred ground for heroes has better oracle of the future. He seems to have the killer instinct and knows when to deliver the fatal blow. The latest survey on his popularity seems to show he's on the right track. Always a few percentage points ahead of his potential successor who appears to have gone abroad or something.

Gone are the days of a imagined beheading of a major political partner or his alleged kill plot that is found to be mere fiction. With a major nemesis virtually silenced and the opposition merely a wink or a patina in the eye, why worry? Besides, some presidential men have discovered a key to the law of supply and demand and only know it thus far. So the poor can hope for cheaper rice in the near future, the opposition can hope to make it back into the political race, the victims of the war on drugs can hope to have justice in due time and the administration's nemesis would soon be a thing of past.

There's such a thing as serendipity in politics.

Ad Lib

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service, are often unable to get their message across without the same level of media exposure. A well-funded candidate can dominate TV screens, social media feeds, and radio waves, leaving little or no room for less-funded candidates to present their

platforms. The result is a system where financial resources—rather than the merit of a candidate's policies—often determine electoral success.

Elections should be about the voters' will, not the amount of money a candidate can spend to secure votes.

If the trend of escalating political ad costs remains unchecked, we perpetuate a system where only the wealthy can run for office, leaving the needs of the poor and marginalized unaddressed. As expected, the Filipino people remain at the losing end.

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Savor sustainability at Greenhouse Café Clark



By **NING V. CORDERO**

DISCOVER GREENHOUSE Café Clark, where each meal is a symphony of flavors and sustainability. This isn't just dining; it's an immersive experience that delights your senses and cares for the earth.

Upon arrival, the presence of electric vehicle chargers and solar panels immediately showcases the café's commitment to green energy. The

enchancing garden, with its whimsical statues and meandering stream, sets a tranquil and eco-friendly backdrop. The two air-conditioned gazebos, designed to look like greenhouses, add a unique charm and provide an intimate setting for special gatherings.

In the heart of the main dining room, a welcoming embrace of warmth invites you to unwind and savor the promise of an extraordinary meal. The soft glow

of ambient lighting casts a gentle, golden hue over the room, illuminating the elegant décor and lush greenery that weave nature into the very fabric of the space. The delicate aroma of freshly prepared dishes dances through the air, teasing your senses and heightening your anticipation for the culinary journey that awaits.

The menu features European cuisine with a modern twist, focusing on French recipes that are

light on butter and cream. Each dish is thoughtfully prepared, with special attention given to side dishes that often feature unique ingredients like parsnip and vegetable curls. Included too are game options such as pheasant, quail, and venison, as well as a variety of seafood and pasta dishes. The Bucatini All'Amatriciana, with its smoky undertones, is a must-try for pasta lovers. As much extensive

as impressive is the wine list, offering a range of matured vintages that cater to both connoisseurs and casual wine drinkers. The efficient wine service and minimal price markups make it easy to enjoy a great bottle without breaking the bank. Whether you prefer a rich red or a crisp white, you'll find something to complement your meal perfectly.

For first-time visitors, the prix fixe set menus, especially the 6-course tasting menu, are highly recommended. Pair your meal with a carefully selected wine to elevate the experience.

Given the exceptional quality of the food, it's only natural to complement it with a fine bottle of wine. Delightfully, the wine prices here are surprisingly reasonable for a restaurant of this stature. For red wines, a beautifully aged claret like the 2016

Ch. Fonpiqueyre Cru Bourgeois Haut-Medoc at ₱3,500 is an excellent choice, or perhaps a refined red Burgundy such as the 2011 Maranges 1er Cru Roussots, Aegerter for ₱6,600. Among the white wines, favorites include the elegant Burgundy's Montagny 1er Cru for ₱4,200 and the superb value Bordeaux white 2020 Ch. Fontbonne for ₱1,600.

Greenhouse Café Clark is more than just a restaurant; it's a celebration of sustainability and culinary excellence, making it a must-visit for anyone seeking a unique and memorable dining experience. Reservations are required, at least until the restaurant is fully opened for walk-in patrons. For more information, please visit their website at www.GreenhouseCafeClark.com or call at +639175204401 / +639175204393.



MILO Active Pilipinas 2025 ignites a nationwide movement for a healthier, more active future

MANDAUE CITY, CEBU – The Milo Active Pilipinas 2025 Grand Launch set the stage for a game-changing year in sports and youth development, kicking off in Mandaue City Central School with a high-energy, action-packed celebration.

In partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), and Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), the event championed an active lifestyle, inclusivity, and accessibility in sports for Filipino children—including those with disabilities.

More than 3,000 children participated, immersing themselves in an array of Active Zones, a SPED Zone, and an electrifying program area where free-flowing Milo kept energy levels high throughout the day.

The event served as a powerful platform to inspire the next generation, fostering grit, teamwork, and discipline—values that extend beyond sports and into life.

World-Class Athletes Lead the Way
Participants had the rare opportunity to train with some of the country's most celebrated athletes. Mary Joy Tabal, the first Filipina Olympic marathoner, led a dynamic warm-up session, setting the tone for the day's activities.

Meanwhile, Jamie Lim, a two-time SEA Games gold medalist in karate and Milo Ambassador, shared her expertise in a basic moves session, empowering kids with self-defense skills and confidence.

Lim expressed her gratitude for being part of the initiative: "I am grateful that they flew me here to Cebu. These

children inspire me, and it drives me to continue promoting sports and living a fit life."

Key figures in Philippine sports and education lent their support, including Nikko Huelgas (Marketing Head, POC), Dr. Miguel Mantaring (Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services, DepEd), Veronica Cruz (SCO Business Executive Officer, Nestlé PH Milo), Marivic Tolitol (Supervising Education Program Specialist, Palarong Pambansa, DepEd), Edward Hayco (PSC Commissioner), and Carlo Sampan (Head of Milo Sports).

Expanding Reach and Breaking Barriers

Following an incredible milestone of inspiring 2 million children in 2024, Milo has set its sights even higher, targeting 3 million kids in 2025 by expanding its reach to more provinces in Visayas and Mindanao.

The grassroots sports program continues to empower indigenous youth, women, and persons with disabilities (PWDs), ensuring that every child—regardless of background—has the opportunity to grow through sports.

POC's Nikko Huelgas highlighted the importance of discovering and honing passion in sports, while PSC Commissioner Edward Hayco commended Milo's commitment to pushing boundaries: "Milo took the extra mile, stepped out of its comfort zone, and ignited the imagination of the youth."

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