

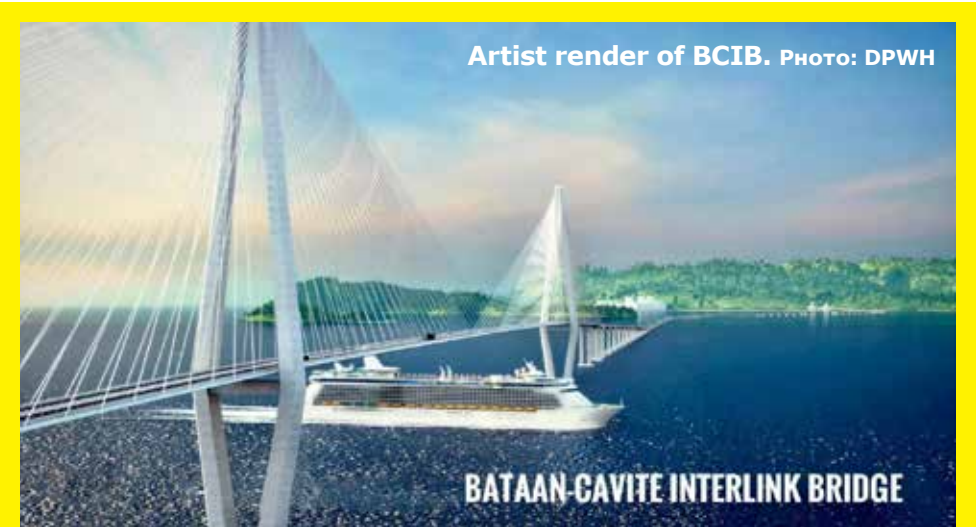
SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO FLOODING

# Nanay Gov renews call: Dredge Pampanga River



Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda inspects damaged dike in Sta. Rita, Lubao town.  
PHOTO: PAMPANGA PIO

**C**ITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Amid the infrastructure and agricultural damages wrought by the recent tropical disturbances and the southwest monsoon, Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda has reiterated her long-standing recommendation to dredge and the Pampanga River and desilt its tributaries as a sustainable solution to the persistent and worsening flooding in the province. **PAGE 13 PLEASE**



**PBBM VOWS IN SONA**

## Bataan-Cavite bridge construction to start before end of 2025

**BALANGA CITY** -- President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to the construction of the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge (BCIB), which he highlighted in his 4th State of the Nation Address. In his address, the President underscored the **PAGE 13 PLEASE**



**LAZATIN**

## CONG POGI'S 1ST BILL

# Declare Sapangbato Watershed protected area

**ANGELES CITY** -- "An Act Declaring Sapangbato as a Protected Area in the Province of Pampanga, Providing For Its Management And For Other Purposes." Thus, House Bill No. 2423 – the first bill filed in the 20th Congress by Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. on July 29. HB 2423 aims to ensure the preservation of the ecological biodiversity within the Sapangbato Watershed, located in Barangay Sapangbato here, through its establishment as a protected area. Among other things, **PAGE 13 PLEASE**



**DEVANADERA**

## Clark boosts role in Luzon Corridor, eyes sustained investment growth

**CLARK FREEPORT** — "Clark is not just a maturing ecozone. It is a key player in the Luzon Economic Corridor." Thus, Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera underscored the positioning of the freeport as a significant hub for investments, commerce, industry, and logistics in this part of the country during the Asia CEO Clark 2025 Forum held on July 24 at West Aeropark. Addressing the assembly of business leaders, foreign dele- **PAGE 13 PLEASE**



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# Mayor Jon calls for unified action vs. dengue

ANGELES CITY – Alarmed that the dengue cases in the city have risen “beyond the epidemic threshold for four consecutive weeks,” Mayor Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II has convened all 33 barangay chairmen for a unified action against the dreaded viral infection.

The Dengue Situation Report, presented by Dr. Jessie Paul Culang of the city epidemiology and surveillance unit also noted that 10 to 19-year-olds are most affected as of July 20-26, raising further concerns in the city

government.

In response, the barangay chairmen shall serve as frontliners in the anti-dengue campaign to include:

Search and destroy activities every 4 PM, at least every other day, until no new cases are reported for two consecutive cycles (28 days).

Coordinate with schools (public and private) to conduct search and destroy operations daily at 4 PM.

Implement space spraying (misting/fogging) immediately after search and destroy,

scheduled every 7 days for 4 cycles.

Ensure households participate in Alas Kwatro Kontra Mosquito (4 PM mosquito prevention tips).

Mass information drive on 4 Ts: Taob (standing water), Taktak (damp areas), Tuyo (dry water containers), and Takip (cover containers).

“Let us work together—public, barangay officials, and schools—to keep Angeles safe and free from dengue,” Lazatin exhorted the barangay chairs.

**Angeles CIO**

## BENTENG BIGAS, MERON NA

# 2,867 Subic Freeport workers avail P20 rice

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – A total of 2,867 minimum wage earners in this freeport have availed themselves of rice at P20 per kilo through the “Benteng Bigas, Meron Na!” program.

The initiative forms part of the government’s continuing efforts to make food more accessible and affordable for low-income workers and to ease the impact of inflation on essential goods.

Beneficiaries included employees of Sanyo Denki Philippines Inc. and its associated manpower service providers.

The distribution was conducted at the company’s premises in Subic Techno Park, Boton Area, where each worker was able to purchase rice at the subsidized rate.

The activity was spearheaded by the Department of Labor and Employment in partnership with the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

DOLE Zambales senior labor

and employment officer Arvin Fabian emphasized the importance of supporting wage earners through direct interventions.

“Ikinatutuwa namin ang pag-sama sa mga minimum wage earners, lalo na dito sa probinsya ng Zambales, kasama ang Subic Bay Freeport Zone, kung saan ay libo-libong empleyado ang maaring makinabang,” he said.

In his 4th State of the Nation Address, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. highlighted the program’s successful rollout and affirmed that rice can be sold at P20 per kilo without compromising the livelihood of Filipino farmers.

He said the program has already been implemented in various locations across Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

Marcos Jr. also announced that the government has allocated P113 billion to enhance agricultural programs and expand

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# SONA: P113-M pambili ng palay malabo ayon sa mga magsasaka



Ang magsasakang si Melencio Domingo habang nanonood ng SONA 2025. **KUHA NI ROMMEL RAMOS**

## NI ROMMEL RAMOS

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS – Nalalabuan daw ang ilang magsasaka sa lungsod na ito sa sinabi ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. sa ika-apat na State of the Nation Address (SONA) nito na maglalaan ito ng P113 million na pambili ng palay.

Hindi daw kasi nilinaw ni PBBM kung magkano nito bibilhin ang palay ng mga magsasaka.

Ayon kay Melencio Domingo, pangulo ng mga magsasaka sa Barangay Santor, malabo para sa kaniya ang mga pahayag ng pangulo sa SONA patungkol sa agrikultura.

Dapat aniya ay binanggit na nito

kung magkano ba bibilhin ng pamahalaan ang kanilang mga palay.

Sa ngayon kasi aniya ay P18 kada kilo ang bili ng National Food Authority sa sariwang palay at P24 kada kilo sa clean and dry.

Balik puhunan lang aniya ang mga magsasaka kapag ganito ang presyo sa pagbili ng kanilang palay dahil sa mahal ng presyo ng puhunan sa pagsasaka.

Kaya’t hiling niya na gawin na sana ng pamahalaan na P20 kada kilo ang pagbili sa sariwang palay at P26 kada kilo naman ang clean and dry. Sa ganitong halaga aniya ay maganda-ganda na ang kita nilang mga magsasaka.

Samantalang hindi rin aniya malinaw sa SONA kung paano

sasawatahin ng pamahalaan ang pagmamaniplula ng mga traders sa presyo ng bigas.

At hindi din daw nilatag ni Marcos Jr. ang detalye sa plano nito na paglalagay ng mga rice processing facilities.

Maganda sana aniya ito para may patuyuan sila ng palay lalo na ngayong panahon ng tag-ulan pero matagal na daw itong sinasabi ng pamahalaan pero wala pa ring linaw kung saan at kailan ito itatayo.

Aniya, sana ay nilahad na ng pangulo nang malinaw sa kanyang SONA kung paano gagawin ang lahat ng ito na hindi tila binanggit lang ang mga plano nito sa agrikultura.

## FASTER POLICE RESPONSE

MABALACAT CITY – Mayor Atty. Geld Aquino turns over to city police director Lt. Col. Efren David. Jr. 12 units of smartphones for faster police response in emergencies. Witnessing the turnover are Vice Mayor Jun Castro and DILG-Pampanga director Myra B. Moral-Soriano. Police eyes a five-minute response time with the new phones and current communication facilities. Mabalacat PNP hotlines: 0998 967 3262 / 0948 552 4384.

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# ALAMIN AT LABANAN ANG LEPTOSPIROSIS



## Anu-ano ang mga sintomas ng Leptospirosis?



Lagnat



Pananakit ng  
kalamnan ng guya



Panginginig



Pananakit ng ulo  
at katawan



Pagtatae



Pamamantal



Paninilaw ng  
balat



Pamumula ng  
mata



Maaaring makapinsala sa bato, utak, at atay kapag hindi naagapan. Agad kumonsulta sa pinakamalapit na health facility kung may lagnat na tumagal ng dalawang araw.

Sakit na nakukuha mula **Leptospira bacteria** na nakukuha mula sa ihi ng mga infected na hayop na maaaring makakontamina ng lupa at tubig.

## PAANO NAIPAPASA ANG LEPTOSPIROSIS?



Pagtalsik ng kontaminadong tubig/ihi sa mata, ilong, at bibig



Pagkain at pag-inom ng maduming pagkain at tubig



Pagsulong sa kontaminadong tubig habang may sugat

## Paano maiiwasan ang Leptospirosis?



Iwasang maglangoy o lumusong sa maduming tubig o baha



Gumamit ng bota at gloves kung ang trabaho ay hindi makakaiwas sa maduming



Siguraduhin na malinis ang inuming tubig



Ugaliin ang tamang pagtatapon ng basura



Panatilihin ang kalinisan ng bahay at kapaligiran



Maghugas ng malinis na tubig at sabon pagkatapos mababad sa kontaminadong tubig



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# To the Point

## Pagkakaisa, pagtutulungan sa sabay-sabay na pag-angat

SA AMING mga kapwa kasapi sa League of Governors of the Philippines,

Maraming salamat po sa tiwalang ibinigay ninyo sa amin nina Pres Rey Tamayo, Chairman Dax Cua at iba pang mga opisyaes bilang mga bagong opisyal ng ating Liga. Isa po itong malaking karangalan at responsibilidad na buong puso naming tinatanggap at pagtutuunan ng tapat na paglilingkod.

Hinihikayat po namin ang bawat isa na magbuklod at magtulungan sa pagharap sa mga malalaking hamon ng ating mga lalawigan — gaya ng lumalalang problema sa solid waste management, matinding pagbaha dulot ng climate change, at kakulangan sa pondong panangga sa mga kalamidad.

Sa kasalukuyan, hindi na sapat ang 5% calamity fund upang tugunan ang epekto ng mga kalamidad sa ating mga lugar. Dagdag pa rito, kailangan din nating bigyang-pansin ang mga isyu sa Universal Health Care at ang kalidad ng serbisyong panlipunan.

Tugunan din natin ang panawagan ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. na magsumite ng mga rekomendasyon para sa pag-aamyenda ng mga probisyon sa Local Government Code na hindi na angkop sa kasalukuyang panahon kagaya ng mas malawak na kapangyarihan at pondo sa LGUs upang mas epektibong matugunan ang pangagailangan ng ating nasasakupan. Marami pang dapat amyendahin na pwede nating pag-usapan sa susunod na pagpupulong.

Magsama-sama po tayo, lalo na't magkakaiba ang kapasidad at kalagayan ng bawat lalawigan—may malaki, may maliit; may mayaman, at may mahirap. Kaya't higit nating kailangan ang pagkakaisa at pagtutulungan upang sabay-sabay tayong umangat at makapagbigay ng serbisyo na nararapat sa ating mga kababayan.

Muli maraming salamat sa tiwalang inyong pinagkaloob.

**(Mensahe sa apwa mga gobernador ni Gov. Lilia Pineda sa kanyang pagkahalal bilang executive vice president ng League of Provinces of the Philippines, 25 July 2025)**



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# COMMENTARY

## When justice is betrayed, silence is complicity

"THEY DRESS the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace."— Jeremiah 6:14

We, the Conference of Major Superiors in the Philippines (CMSP), lift our collective voice in righteous indignation and moral protest over the Supreme Court's decision declaring as unconstitutional the impeachment complaint filed against Vice President Sara Duterte. This ruling is more than a legal maneuver—it is, in our eyes, a blatant betrayal of the people's trust and a mockery of our democratic institutions.

In a time when the public is crying out for truth and accountability, the Supreme Court chose silence over scrutiny, technicalities over transparency, and impunity over integrity. It has failed in its solemn duty to be the last bastion of justice.

### A Supreme Betrayal

By shielding the Vice President from a legitimate process of accountability, the Supreme Court has deepened the growing perception that the law no longer serves the poor and the powerless, but protects only those with influence, pedigree, and proximity to power. The timing, the rationale, and the implication of this decision reek of complicity and cowardice.

Is this the justice we teach in our classrooms and preach in our pulpits? Is this the Constitution our martyrs died defending?

The Filipino people are not blind. They know betrayal when they see it. This ruling is not only unconstitutional in spirit—it is unconscionable.

### A Vice President Without Answer

To Vice President Sara Duterte: if your hands are clean, why fear accountability? If your leadership is just, why evade the truth? The people deserve answers, not legal shields. The children you claim to serve in the education sector deserve a Vice President who does not hide behind courtrooms, but stands in the daylight of integrity.

Public office is a sacred trust. It is not inherited, not protected by dynasties, and certainly not exempt from accountability.

### A Church That Must Not Be Silent

We refuse to stand idly by while justice is trampled and truth is twisted. We remember the silence of institutions during past dictatorships and



the price our people paid. Never again must the Church be complicit through silence or cowardice.

As consecrated persons, we are called to be watchmen of truth, defenders of the poor, and disturbers of unjust peace. The Gospel demands it. The people cry for it. History will judge us by it.

### A Call to Moral Resistance

We urge all people of faith, all communities of conscience, and all defenders of truth to rise in peaceful, prophetic resistance. Organize. Educate. Denounce falsehood. Demand accountability. Do not let power go unchecked. Do not let justice be mocked.

To the Supreme Court Justices: you may have rendered your verdict in the halls of the court, but history and heaven will render their own.

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# COMMENTARY

By **Rene G. Romero**  
Business & Good Governance Advocate

## Build first, serve well, profit later

AS ONE who has traveled extensively across globe, I cannot help but compare our situation with the experiences in countries like Singapore, United States, Japan and South Korea, where expressway systems operate with remarkable speed, reliability, and efficiency.

In those countries, tolling is truly contactless, seamless, and integrated into a broader framework of smart mobility. Vehicles pass through toll gates without ever having to stop or slow down — a testament not only to the effectiveness of RFID systems, but also to the discipline in their implementation, the integrity of their infrastructure, and the accountability of their regulators.

The sad truth is, in the Philippines, RFID technology has failed to deliver its promise not because of the technology itself, but due to poor implementation, outdated equipment, inconsistent calibration, and a general lack of standardization across different operators.

Add to that the recurring backend issues in account reloading and reconciliation, and what we end up with is a broken system. One that penalizes motorists with delays, confusion, and an overall poor experience.

Even more troubling is the passive role of our government regulators. Agencies mandated to ensure fair and efficient expressway operations seem more attuned to the concerns of the toll operators than to those of the driving public. This is a serious disservice. Government regulation must favor public interest above all.

Toll operators must also rethink their business approach. Infrastructure development should be rooted in a "build first, serve well, profit later" philosophy—not the other way around. Too often, we see improvements or expansions delayed under the justification of limited resources, as if motorists must wait for revenues to accumulate

before receiving better service. This mindset is fundamentally flawed.

A recent case in point: the flooding that occurred in parts of our expressways once again exposed the vulnerability of our existing infrastructure. I have long proposed the construction of an elevated highway from Balintawak to Bocaue—not only to help decongest traffic but also to provide an all-weather, flood-resilient route that can serve during emergencies. The recent floods reaffirmed the urgency and correctness of this proposal. Sadly, the response from government agencies has been silence. It is disheartening that such practical and forward-looking solutions fall on deaf ears.

Furthermore, we are also strongly proposing the implementation of barrierless toll plazas and a true pay-as-you-use tolling system. This means eliminating physical barriers and removing the outdated prepaid RFID load system, which has long been a source of user frustration and inefficiency. Instead, we recommend a modern, cashless approach where expressway usage charges are automatically deducted from the user's linked credit card, debit card, e-wallet, or bank account after actual use.

This postpaid model, already used successfully in developed nations, ensures motorists are only billed for what they actually use—eliminating the need to preload funds that sit idle in the accounts of toll operators. Not only will this improve transparency and efficiency, but it will also align with global best practices in digital mobility and consumer rights.

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## Opinion

### The Public Space

Jun Sula

## The overarching message

GONE ARE the days when “hiya” was a powerful moral force in the life of the Filipino society. To borrow the word of President Marcos in the 4th state-of-the-nation address (SONA), that the controlling moral guide, equilibrium, if you will, has vanished from the imagination of the Filipino people, especially among its leaders.

There was time when “hiya” was an important theme in education. As a Filipino concept, “hiya” embraces the complex interaction of shame, propriety, dignity and self-respect in human conduct, privately and publicly, perhaps more importantly in public conduct.

So, it's no surprising that the President, in his message to the nation as he finished the first half of his term, invoked “hiya”, not just as a panacea as genuine rubric to deal with what morally ills the nation, or its leaders.

He was honest, straightforward, unequivocal about what is necessary today: magkaroon naman sana tayo ng hiya.

Specifically, he blamed the flooding woes and miseries suffered by a great swath of the populace to the collapse of dikes and other flood control infrastructures for the unprecedented devastation. The absence of “hiya” is zeroed in as the cause of the collapse and those whose hands are dirty in corruption will pay a heavy price sooner than later.

The President's resolve to do what it has to uncover those behind the failure of flood control infrastructures cannot be doubted as no longer the

Executive Secretary said heads will roll or will be published nationwide, as the President announced, in days or weeks, not months.

For a while, the immediate impression on this new tack against corruption if government was triggered also by at least two rumored scandals affecting two branches of the government, the Senate and the Supreme Court. There is an unauthorized insertion in the 2026 budget that needs an explanation.

The President has vowed to scrutinize the new budget that will he sign forthwith. The decision by the SC practically stopping the impeachment trial of the Vice President has been highly criticized by prominent legal luminaries for being based on wrong, even false, legal grounds, if not issuing suddenly new doctrines in contravention of existing jurisprudence by the SC no less.

The vlogging community has been broadly discussing the alleged transactional activities of

people in high places who could be behind these latest travesties or criminal acts. In fairness, the President has stopped short of naming names as possible suspects. In the meantime, there are media stories that validate those possibly involved or in the know and are hard to ignore.

In the meantime, five well known top officials were absent, for one reason or another, from the President's SONA, described as the President's best yet. Namely, there was Vice President Sara Duterte, the President sister-senator, Imee, and the other three pro-Duterte senators Bato, Padilla, and Go, not necessarily in that order.

Of course, it is easy why they did not attend the SONA. First off, there's politics: Duterte, their principal and *raison d'être*, is still languishing in the International Criminal Court (ICC) as his foreign lawyers are moving heaven and earth for his interim release. Ditto, for the Veep, apart from getting a break from the SC which, pundits say, exposes the President's political weak side: translation: being a lame duck. Second off, the five top officials must have forgotten their official functions as leaders of the nation.

Intentionally, the clear objective is to minimize the President and ignore what he has to say that can only redound to the nation's good.

It's gratifying to note that President was honest enough to admit its own meal culpitas, as the youth unmistakably showed its huge disapproval during the last election. It is good that the government is doing its best to do better. How so, by its litany of achievements and performances which the five officials could have remarked on a subsequent combined SONA after all. No President is ever perfect.

By his encouraging promises and avowed achievements, the President hopes to bring the Philippines in his last three years in office to a better place in the international arena, mainly because of a bragging right of a new Filipino who's best for the world not only in talent, skill but in courage.

But like the American poet Robert Frost the

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## Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

## Total truck ban sa San Simon, kailan ang implementasyon?

1. Marami ang nagtatanong bakit kung kailan TAG-ULAN kalye sa STA. MONICA ay doon pa sinimulan hindi pa nga natatapos ang DRAINAGE at paghuhukay sa PUROK UNO ay pinag bubutas na ang lansangan hindi lamang MOTORISTA mga naapektuhan lalo na ang RESIDENTE dito sa nasabing lugar
2. Eh, sino nga ba naman ang taong hindi MABABANAS kung ang dadaanan nilang kalsada ay BUTAS BUTAS lalo't ga-hita ang baha at hindi rin MAANINAG ang mga butas sa kalye na kanilang BINABAGTAS may mga NATATAPILOK habang sila'y naglalakad na maaring MAPILAYAN pag medyo minalas-malas
3. I PAPAGAWA rin pala itong kalsadang nabanggit bakit di nung tag-araw na MAALIWALAS ang langit kung kailan may mga BAGYONG sa atin humahagupit ang kanilang proyekto ay doon nila HINAHAPIT tulad ngayon ilang araw ng panahon ay MASUNGIT sa patuloy na pag-ulan TUMATAAS pa ang tubig
4. Ang BINUTAS na kalsada ay nagkakabasag-basag dahil dumadaan pa rin mga NAGLALAKIHANG TRUCK samantalang noong HUWEBES ay mayroong nagpahayag hinggil sa RESOLUSYON na sa konseho binalangkas diumano TOTAL TRUCK BAN ay kanilang ilulunsad na hanggang sa ngayon ay di pa yata PINATUTUPAD
5. Hindi ba magkaiba ang TOTAL TRUCK BAN sa truck ban lang? truck ban ay may takdang oras upang traffic ay MAIBSAN subalit sa total truck ban ay hindi na PAPAYAGAN na padaanin pa ang truck sa kanilang paglalakbay mayron namang PASUBALI na ang pahihintulutan garbage truck lang at sasakyang mga RELIEF GOODS ang laman
6. Ang tanong ng mamamayan sa may bayan ng SAN SIMON bakit may loaded truck pa ring dumadaan hanggang ngayon hindi ba noong Biyernes pa dapat ang IMPLEMENTASYON? ayon sa ulat hinggil sa ipinasang RESOLUSYON hindi pa man tila бага ito'y naging NINGAS-KUGON madaling MAGLIYAB ngunit di nagtatagal ang apoy
7. Kahit gaano kaganda ang naipapasang BATAS kung ito ay walang PANGIL patuloy na malalabag kung ang mga NAATASAN na dito ay magpatupad WALANG PANININDIGAN at sa serbisyo'y hindi tapat ano pa ang SAYSAY nitong resolusyong inihatag kung ang nilalaman nito ay di naman NATUTUPAD



## Opinion

### Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

## Call to action

WHEN IS a social media post a senseless rant, and when is it a timely, necessary and long-overdue call to action?

In the wake of the devastating floods in my beloved Macababab town, many residents turned to Facebook to express their anger and frustration. They demanded answers. They called on elected officials from Malacañang down to the barangay hall to do more than the elevation of roads, distribution of relief goods, free transportation on board a rescue truck, and photo ops.

Most of my town mates agreed and understood perfectly well where all these sentiments were coming from. However, there were quite a few who, without a tinge of reservation, dismissed and branded these people as “reklmador” – the kind of people who crave for attention, find fault in anything, blame anyone and

spread negativity even in the most trying times.

And the worse part? They have the temerity to advise their town mates to just take things in stride and to simply get used to it – “*Banwa-banwa naman ing albug, e kayu pa wari misane?*” “*Ikayu na ing mag-adjust, normal na mu yan.*” “*Ot aliwa ikayu ing tagal keng tutuking eleksyun para solusyunan yu ing albug!*”

Such audacity. Such imprudence. The height of hypocrisy.

Sadly, and quite too often, calls for accountability and transparency in our country are misinterpreted as rebellion. Of course, this is the furthest from the truth.

The flooding in Macabebé is not merely an act of nature — it is the result of years of neglect: poor infrastructure, inadequate flood control, and short-sighted planning. Factor in dubious contracts that resulted in substandard elevated roads, the lack of inter-agency coordination, multi-sectorial and multi-discipline consultation to craft a long-term solution, and a generation of residents whose silence and apathy resulted to impunity — you have a perfect recipe for a problem that will never go away.

When people point the inefficiency of our leaders, or the failures of a broken system, they are not in any way being ungrateful or disruptive. They

are asking the hard questions that should have been answered long ago.

While it is true that calamities and disasters bring out the best in people — the bayanihan spirit and the heroism of ordinary folks — it is high time that we stop romanticizing resiliency.

Don't you just find it ironic that we gladly applaud resiliency without even asking why we are constantly forced to be resilient? Don't you find it odd that we proudly call it the unbreakable Filipino strength when we wade through waist-deep water to go to work, go to school and go on with our daily routine, but never question why that water is there in the first place?

To me, a media post that demands accountability is not just venting but a digital form of protest and civic engagement. In a country where red-tagging silences legitimate dissent, downplaying frustrated citizens as “mema” and “nega” or worse, calling them as “leftists” are a convenient way to discredit them and avoid addressing systemic failure.

The next time you read a justified criticism of government, never mistake it for negativity. A social media post calling out poor governance isn't a threat — it's a clear sign that people still believe in change. That is not blind optimism. That is what real hope is.



# DigiPlus appeals for fair, fact-based dialogue in online gaming regulation

DIGIPLUS Interactive Corp., the operator of BingoPlus, ArenaPlus, and GameZone, today voiced an appeal to lawmakers amid the wave of congressional proposals targeting the oo

“We are open to evolving and improving wherever needed,” said DigiPlus Chairman Eusebio Tanco. “If there are new standards to meet, or better ways to protect players, we will act swiftly and responsibly. But please, do not condemn an industry, and the 50,000 Filipino families who rely on it, without hearing the facts first.”

The company expressed deep concern that responsible, law-abiding operators are being swept into a tide of suspicion meant to catch those who have never complied with regulation in the first place. Many of the measures now being debated in Congress, such as rigorous Know-Your-Customer (KYC) checks; mandatory age verification that bars minors and vulnerable players; self-exclusion tools; and responsible-gaming prompts, have been in place in DigiPlus platforms since November 2024.

DigiPlus underscored that it has always done its best to align its operations with

regulatory expectations from PAGCOR and other relevant government agencies. Every peso flowing through its platforms is taxed, audited, and remitted to PAGCOR and the Bureau of Internal Revenue, funding healthcare, infrastructure, and disaster relief. “Tell us what more we must do,” Tanco said, “And we will do it without hesitation. Just grant us the fairness owed to any lawful Filipino enterprise.”

The company says the current atmosphere feels less like regulation and more like retribution. “We stand licensed, audited, and transparent, yet we are made to answer for the crimes of illegal operators who respect neither law nor livelihood,” Tanco noted.

DigiPlus directly appealed for reason and clarity in the debate, saying: “We are appealing to the government: Let us approach this rationally. If we study the issue with clear eyes, we will see that the social ills being blamed on online gaming stem from the illegal market. That is where underage gambling happens. That is where financial abuse thrives. Target that, and the harm disappears.”

The consequences of a total ban go far beyond cor-



porate risk. More than 3,000 direct DigiPlus employees, and an estimated 50,000 jobs across the online gaming industry’s nationwide network, including those in information technology, cybersecurity, software development, as well as multimedia artists, call center agents, security personnel, and housekeeping staff are now at risk. Tanco said, “In every city, in every province, our people are asking: are we no longer

welcome, even when we’ve done everything right?”

DigiPlus warned that banning licensed operators will not make online gaming go away. It will only drive players toward illegal, unregulated sites with no safeguards.

As the national debate unfolds, DigiPlus calls for fact-based dialogue, grounded not in fear or stigma, but in the shared goal of building a stronger, safer, and more account-

able gaming industry. As a proudly Filipino company, DigiPlus reaffirmed its commitment to full compliance, cooperation with regulators, and proactive reform.

Digiplus appeals to lawmakers and the public: “We are not asking for special treatment. We are simply asking to be judged by our actions, not by perception, nor by association with those who break the law. Regulation works best when it uplifts

what is working, not when it dismantles it.”

**About DigiPlus Interactive Corp.**

*DigiPlus Interactive Corp. pioneered digital entertainment in the Philippines. It introduced leading platforms BingoPlus, ArenaPlus, and GameZone, widely known for their engaging experiences in interactive gaming and sports entertainment. For more information, visit: [www.digiplus.com.ph](http://www.digiplus.com.ph).*

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**PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT:** SunValley Projects (Jose Abad Santos Avenue, CFZ, Pamp.)  
**SALARY RANGE:** Php 70,000.00 to Php 72,000.00  
**NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL:** KIM, YOUNGCHAN (South Korean)  
 ODE County Bldg. C.M. Recto Highway,  
 Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga  
 Intended period of employment: one (1) year

Donggwang Clark Corporation hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for ADMIN Manager (Site Office Department). The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St, DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. (If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.

Any Filipino jobseeker is competent, able and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national is intended to be hired for, may file an objection at DOLE – Region III located at Matallano cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga after this publication. Please inform DOLE – Region III, if you have

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**BALIBAGO WATERWORKS SYSTEM, INC. -  
MACABEBE BRANCH,**

Applicant.

Case No. 25-3976

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

This is the application of Balibago Waterworks System, Inc. - Macabebe Branch filed on 9 July 2025, for Certificate of Public Convenience to operate and maintain a waterworks system within the Municipality of Macabebe, Province of Pampanga, with the following proposed rates:

#### PROPOSED TARIFF

Residential and Institutional

Pipe Size	0-5 cu.m.	6-10 cu.m.	11-20 cu.m.	21-30 cu.m.	31-40 cu.m.	Over 40 cu.m.
3/4"	P 214.50(min)	44.90/m3	49.00/m3	55.10/m3	63.30/m3	73.50/m3

Commercial and Industrial

Pipe Size	0-15 cu.m.	16-30 cu.m.	31-500 cu.m.	501-1000 cu.m.	Over 1000 cu.m.
1/2"	P 1,285.50(min)	93.90/m3	106.10/m3	122.40/m3	142.80/m3

This application will be initially heard by the Board **18 August 2025**. The hearing will start at 9:00 o' clock in the morning at the NWRB-WUD Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, at which time applicant shall present its evidence.

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing, applicant shall publish this notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga and serve by personal delivery or registered mail a copy of the (i) application and its attachments, and (ii) this notice, to all affected parties appearing on page 2 hereof.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition supported by documentary evidence on or before the above scheduled date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant.

Failure on the part of any person affected to file its opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of their right to be heard. The Board will proceed to hear and decide the application based on the evidence submitted.

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Case No. 25-3976

Notice of Hearing

Likewise, failure by the applicant to appear at the hearing shall amount to lack of interest on its part and the instant application shall be dismissed accordingly.

Witness the Honorable Executive Director of the National Water Resources Board this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

By Authority of the Board:

ATTY.  ARZADON, CESO IV  
OIC, Executive Director

*Affected Parties:*

The Secretary  
Sangguniang Bayan  
Macabebe, Pampanga

The Barangay Chairman  
All the affected Barangays in  
Macabebe, Pampanga

The General Manager  
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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BENVIANO M. RAMIREZ** who died on December 28, 2023 at Angeles City, and **OFELIA CACCAM RAMIREZ** who died on September 15, 2013 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Blk. 7 of the Subd. Plan (LRC) Psd-176530, being a portion of Lot 27-B, Rec. No. 11732) situated in the Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabt., Prov. of Pamp. Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 361275-R; before Notary Public Atty. Junald S. Dionaldo, as per Doc. No. 1141, Page No. 48, Book No. 72, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **RUTH JEIL BONITA-CHEEVERS**, of legal age, Filipino, widow and a resident of 26-E Macopa Street, Malabanias, Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines; and heirs of **RAYMOND CHEEVERS**, who died on November 3, 2020 at Rafael Lazatin Memorial Medical Center (ONA), Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate; and that the said deceased left a savings account with HSBC Philippines, (City) Branch, under Account Number 000723189066; before Notary Public Atty. Dorotheo T. Angeles, as per Doc. No. 1524, Page No. 13, Book No. LXXXVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ARMINDA FERNANDEZ TUAZON** who died on August 29, 2018; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title 045-2022005570

**LOT NO:** 13-B-2, **PLAN NO:** PSD-03-254998  
**PORTION OF:** LOT 13-B PSD-119786  
**LOCATION:** BARANGAY OF SAPANG BIABAS, MUNICIPALITY OF MABALACAT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON  
**OWNER:** ARMINDA F. TUAZON, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO MARRIED TO JOSE TUAZON  
**ADDRESS:** SAPANG BIABAS, MABALACAT, PAMPANGA  
**AREA:** THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY (370) MORE OR LESS

before Notary Public Atty. Norma U. Tobias-Pagaduan, as per Doc. No. 942, Page No. 45, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ATALA E. LIWANAG** who died on September 27, 2019 at Brgy. Road Villa Angelea Subd., Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 16-B, of the subdivision plan Psd-102087 being a portion of Lot 16, Block 3, (LRC) Pcs-3529, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio Sto. Domingo, City of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Seven (307) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 114474; before Notary Public Atty. Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 24, Page No. 6, Book No. XVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REYNALDO YCO CASUPANAN** who died on March 25, 2013 at Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 17, Blk. 2 of the cons. And subd., plan Pcs-03-001145, being a portion of the cons. Lots 3582-B-1-A, 3528-B-1-B and 3528-B-1-C, Psd-03-005140, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. Of Potrero, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp., Containing an area of Two Hundred Sixteen (216) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 311583-R of the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Janice C. Tiglaon, Page No. 88, Book No. LX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DELIA LACANILAO CANLAS** who died on May 17, 2015; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and registered owner of a parcel of land containing an area of Two Hundred Seventeen (217 Sqm) located at San Nicolas, Santa Ana, Pampanga, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2019011167 of the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga; with Lot No. 3-0, Plan No. Psd-03-238040, Portion of Lot 3, Psd-03-03158 (OLT); before Notary Public Atty. Jerrilito P. Custodio, as per Doc. No. 341, Page No. 69, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MYRNA QUIAMBAO TORRES** who died on September 23, 2012 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 14, Blk. 42 of consolidated-subdivision plan Pcs-03-010607 being a portion of consolidated lots 2026-A, 2026-C, 2026-B, Psd-035413-055077, 2026-B-1, Psd-03-609738, 2028-L, Psd-03-083639, 2029-C, Psd-035413-057633, 2029-A-1, Psd-035413-062321, Lot 2021-B-1, Psd-035413-062045, 2029-B-2-A and 2029 2029-B-2-B, Psd-03-070690, 2029-B-2-C-2 Psd-03-2029-B, Psd-03-078762, 2027-A and 2072-B, Psd-03-083691, and 2073-A and 2073-B Psd-03-083690, lots 1,8 and 13, Bcs-03-000052 (OLT) Lot 5, Bsd-03-000938 (OLT) and Lot 2030 Cad. 72, Mexico Cadastre. L.R.C. Rec. No. ) situated in the Bo. O Sabanilla and Masamat, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Seventy (170) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 532212-R; before Notary Public Atty. Francis C. Guinoo, as per Doc. No. 6970, Page No. 065, Book No. XX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PRISCILLA SIOPONGCO CHUA** who died on February 24, 2025 in their family home located at No. 386 Ponkan Street, San Francisco, Mabalacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 172382-R

A parcel of land (Lot 3, Block 6 of the subd. plan, Psd-76345, sheet 1, being a portion of Lot 354-A-2 described on plan 24866, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Francisco, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Eighty (280) Square Meters x x x

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 191595-R

A parcel of land (Lot 4, Block 6 of the subd. plan, Psd-76245, sheet 1, being a portion of Lot 354-A-2 described on plan 24866, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Francisco, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Eighty (280) Square Meters x x x

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 191598-R

A parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 6 of the subd. plan, Psd-76245, sheet 2, being a portion of Lot 354-A-2 described on plan 24866, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Francisco, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Forty Four (244) Square Meters x x x

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 195502-R

A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 6 of the subd. plan, Psd-76245, sheet 1, being a portion of Lot 354-A-2 described on plan 24866, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Francisco, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Sixty Eight (268) Square Meters x x x

before Notary Public Atty. Mylene A. Yturralde-Chan, as per Doc. No. 424, Page No. 037, Book No. LIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ENRIQUE C. DELA CRUZ and LOURDES P. DELA CRUZ** who died on May 27, 2012 and April 1, 2002; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 11 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-020734 (OLT), being a portion of lot 5, PSU-8463 L.R.C. Rec. No. \_\_\_\_), situated in the Barrio of Mandili/Lourdes Municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty One (37,981) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 3190; before Notary Public Atty. Carlota Dela Cruz Manalo, as per Doc No. 435, Page No. 88, Book No. 72, Series of 2023.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 28, August 4, & 11, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NARCISO MANALAD NACU** who died on August 24, 2018, at Ospital ning Angeles, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2013000502  
(Registry of Deeds for Province of Pampanga)

"A parcel of land (Lot 2, of the consolidation subdivision plan Pcs Block 15 of the subdivision plan Pcs-03-012592, being a portion of consolidated lots 2,4,6,8,10 Block 15, (LRC) Psd-48978, L.R.C. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Cut-cut, Angeles City, Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty Eight (188) Square Meters more or less with improvements;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 120466  
(Registry of Deeds for Province of Pampanga)

"A parcel of land (Lot 2, of the subdivision plan, (LRC) Psd-191597 being a portion of Lot 2-E (LRC) Psd-112896, L.R.C. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Pampang, Angeles City, Island of Luzon; consolidation subdivision plan Pcs Block 15 of the subdivision plan Pcs 03-012592, being a portion of consolidated lots 2,4,6,8,10 Block 15, (LRC) Psd-48978, L.R.C. Rec. No.) containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) Square Meters more or less with improvements;

before Notary Public Atty. Mary Grace F. Laxa, as per Doc. No. 0393, Page No. 102, Book No. IV, Seriess of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 21, 28 & August 4, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSEFINA M. GOINGCO** who died on June 26, 2018 in the City of Angeles, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2010001675  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 69, Blk. 13 of the Subd. plan, (LRC) Pcs-60441, being a portion of Lot 3021, Bacolor Cad., LRC Rec. No. 151) situated in the Bo. of Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp. Island of Luzon, x x x containing an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) Square Meters more or less x x x"

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2010001697  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 11, Blk. 11 of the Cons-Subd. plan, Pcs-03-001964, being a portion of the consolidated Lots 4410-A to 4410-C (LRC) Psd-341244 & Lot 2, Pcs-03001846 & Lots 18-A to 18-F (LRC) Psd-341245, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Telabastagan Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters more or less x x x"

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2011015203  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 5, Blk. 5 of the Subd. plan, Pcs-27625, being a portion of the parcel of land described in TCT No. 33946-R, LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 8714) situated in the Bo. of Telabastagan Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of Four Hundred Eighty Six (486) Square Meters more or less x x x"

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2011015205  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 20, Blk. 1 of the Subd. plan, Pcs-03-084005, being a portion of Lot 28 Blk. 11 (LRC) Pcs-14569 LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Agustin and San Juan Bano, Mun. of Arayat, Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters more or less x x x"

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2011015204  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 11, Blk. 13 of the Subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-45019, being a portion of Lot 1695 of the Cadastral Survey of Porac, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 372) situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp. x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) Square Meters more or less x x x"

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2012003680  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 1, Blk. 1 of the Consolidation-Subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-3529, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 14-17, 31, 41, 64-67, Blk. 1 (LRC) Psd-29604, 13-A & 13-B (LRC) Psd-28422, LRC Rec. No. 8715), situated in the Angeles City, Island of Luzon, x x x containing an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) Square Meters more or less x x x"

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2011015202  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 3, Blk. 5 of the Subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-27625, being a portion of the parcel of land described in T.C.T No. 33946-R LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 8714) situated in the Barrio of Telabastagan, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga x x x containing an area of Four Hundred Eighty Six (486) Square Meters more or less x x x"

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2010005713  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 15-A-1-A-1-A-B-1-A-1 of the Subd. plan Psd-03-158611 being a portion of Lot 15-A-1-A-1-A-B-1-A-1, Psd-03-143295 L.R.C. No.) situated in the Bo. Calibutbut, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pampanga x x x containing an area of One Thousand (1,000) Square Meters more or less x x x"

"Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2012000887  
(Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga)

A parcel of land (Lot 37, Block 1 of the Subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-29604, being a portion of Lot 6, described on plan Pcs-4920, LRC (GLRO) Record No. 8715), situated in the Barrios of San Jose and Sto. Domingo Municipality of Angeles City, Province of Pamp. x x x containing an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) Square Meters more or less x x x"

before Notary Public Atty. Mylene A. Yturralde-Chan, as per Doc. No. 474, Page No. 02, Book No. LV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **OSCAR F. LIZADA** who died on March 30, 2010 at Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 31, Blk. 39 of the Cons-Subd. Plan Psd-035403-005501, being a portion of the cons. Of Lots 142-B, Psd-03-041949, Lot 140-8-3, Psd-03-041946, Lot 140-A-1, Psd-035409-05498 and Lot 140-A, Psd-03-058146, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bos. Of Mauaque & Sapang Biabas, Mun. of Mabt., Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Eighty Three (83) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 557499-R; before Notary Public Atty. Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 96, Page No. 21, Book No. XVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **OSCAR F. LIZADA** who died on March 30, 2010 at Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 31, Blk. 39 of the Cons-Subd. Plan Psd-035403-005501, being a portion of the cons. Of Lots 142-B, Psd-03-041949, Lot 140-8-3, Psd-03-041946, Lot 140-A-1, Psd-035409-05498 and Lot 140-A, Psd-03-058146, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bos. Of Mauaque & Sapang Biabas, Mun. of Mabt., Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Eighty Three (83) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 557499-R; before Notary Public Atty. Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 96, Page No. 21, Book No. XVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AURELIO DOMINGO** who died on November 30, 2023 in San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and at the time of his death he left a property which are more particularly described as a Phase 2 Block 17 Lot 3 Bulaon Resettlement San Fernando, Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Concepcion P. Villarena, as per Doc. No. 293, Page No. 105, Book No. XVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 21, 28 & August 4, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CHUL WOO NAM** who died on June 26, 2019 at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Medical Center, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and that said deceased has a deposit of US DOLLORS; Twenty Thousand (USD 20,000) with Peso Equivalent of One Million Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred (Php 1,027,300.00) only, with Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) representing his Requisite Visa Deposit under the SRRV Program and that to date, his dolar deposits amount to US DOLLORS; Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three and 58 Centavos (USD 20,883.58) with Peso Equivalent of One Million One Hundred Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five and 61/100 (Php 1,171,865.61) only; before Notary Public Atty. Joana Rose A. Coronel, as per Doc. No. 138, Page No. 24, Book No. XIV, Seriess of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 21, 28 & August 4, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JESUS L. GONZALES** who died on July 9, 2012 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and CORAZON S. GONZALES who died on June 20, 2025 in Angeles Medical Center Inc. Rizal St., Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Partition and Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 116616

A parcel of land (Lot 10 Block 1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-59254 (Sheet 1), being a portion of Block 34-B, described on plan (LRC) 54307, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the District of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; containing an area of Four Hundred Sixty Three (463) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 113669

A parcel of land (Lot 12 Block 1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-59254 (Sheet 1), being a portion of Block 34-B, described on plan (LRC) 54307, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the District of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; containing an area of Three Hundred Thirty Six (336) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Mary Grace F. Laxa, as per Doc. No. 0126, Page No. 27, Book No. V, Seriess of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: July 21, 28 & August 4, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
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IN RE: PETITION FOR THE  
CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE  
OF LIVE BIRTH OF BILLY JOE SANTOS  
ABLAZA BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE  
LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF SAN  
SIMON, PAMPANGA UNDER REGISTRY  
NUMBER 2014-614

BILLY JOE SANTOS ABLAZA,  
Petitioner,

-versus - SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS NO. 25-1064(M)

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF SAN  
SIMON, PAMPANGA, THE NATIONAL  
STATISTICIAN AND CIVIL REGISTRAR  
GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE  
STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), THE  
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL,  
CAROLINA GALUTERA SANTOS,  
ARAGON ASIODCHE ABLAZA AND ALL  
PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY  
INTEREST IN THIS CASE,  
Respondents.  
x ----- x

ORDER

On June 19, 2025, petitioner Billy Joe Santos Ablaza filed the verified "Petition" dated June 18, 2025 praying for the cancellation of his Certificate of Live Birth with Registry No. 2014-614 on file with the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of San Simon, Pampanga, and the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City.

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

WHEREFORE, this court hereby (a) sets this case for hearing on the petition on **October 2, 2025 at 9:00 in the morning at the Session Hall of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 55, Macabebe, Pampanga**; (b) orders the petitioner (i) to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in an accredited newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga at his own expense; (ii) to serve within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of this Order, copies of the petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General of the Philippines, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, the Local Civil Registrar of San Simon, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines and private respondents Carolina Galutera Santos and Aragon Asiodche Ablaza; and (iii) to show proof of said service to this court on said date and time of hearing; (c) orders said private respondents to file their comment on the petition within ten (10) days from receipt thereof; (d) orders all persons interested in the petition to appear before this court on said date and time of hearing and to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted; (e) orders this court's Acting Clerk of Court V to furnish copies of this Order to the petitioner, his counsel, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, the Local Civil Registrar of San Simon, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General of the Philippines, said private respondents and the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga; and (f) awaits the entry of appearance of the Office of the Solicitor General in this case.

SO ORDERED.

Macabebe, Pampanga, June 26, 2025.

**NOEL R. NERIZON**  
*Acting Presiding Judge*

Punto! Central Luzon: July 14, 21 & 28, 2025

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
ANGELES CITY

BDO UNIBANK INC.,  
Represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO.  
Mortgagee,

FC Case No. 2025-0044

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
PROCEEDINGS OF MORTGAGED  
REAL PROPERTY UNDER ACT 3135  
AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

- versus -

FROILAN QUIZON PULMANO,  
Mortgagors,

X ----- X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK INC., represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO** with principal office address at 33'd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against the Mortgagor **FROILAN QUIZON PULMANO** with postal address/es at **(1) No. 365 Quezon New Valley Street, Mt. View Balibago, Angeles City, Pampanga;** **(2) Lot 7 Block 12 SMDC Cheerful Homes Brgy. Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga** in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debt which as of March 14, 2025 amounts to **TWO MILLION NINETY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS AND 95/100 (Php2,094,111.95)**, Philippine Currency, principal including, interest, and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **August 27, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning at the **Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Branch 1**, located at the **Bldg. 2 Unit 33, Great Mall of Central Luzon, Xevera Plaza, Mabalacat, Pampanga**, will sell at public auction for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following parcels of land with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 045-2022008147

LOT NO : 7, BLOCK NO 12, PLAN NO : PCS-03-021923  
PORTION OF : LOT 2 TO 9, PCS-03-012744, LOT 188-D-7, PSD-03- 083529,  
LOT 188-D-8-G AND LOT 188-D-8-1 (LRA) PSD-414557 AND  
LOT 13, (LRA) (continued on next page)  
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (continued from page 1)  
PCS-E2013000109  
LOCATION: STA. MARIA, MABALACAT, PAMPANGA, LUZON

BOUNDARIES:  
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)  
1-2 SE LOT 8, BLOCK 12, PCS-03- 021923  
2-3 SW LOT 9, BLOCK 12, PCS-03- 021923  
3-4 SW LOT 68, BLOCK 12, PCS-03- 021923  
4-5 NW LOT 6, BLOCK 12, PCS-03- 021923  
5-1 NE ROAD LOT 5 (6.50 M. WIDE),  
PCS-03-021923

TIE POINT: BBM NO. 13, CAD 93, MABALACAT CADASTRE XXXX  
AREA: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50), MORE OR LESS  
DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL CORNERS ARE MARKED BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CMS

Prospective buyers/bidders may investigate for themselves the above-mentioned parcel/s of land for their information and protection.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **September 23, 2025 at same time and place without further notice.**

Angeles City, April 2, 2025.

YVES GABRIEL V. GADIA  
Sheriff IV

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BDO UNIBANK INC.,  
LEINE DE CASTRO  
33rd floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas  
No 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

FROILAN QUIZON PULMANO  
(1) No. 365 Quezon New valley Street, MT. view. Balibago. AC  
(2) Lot 7 Block 12 SMDC Cheerful Homes Brgy Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabt City, Pamp.

Punto! Central Luzon July 21, 28 & August 4, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SUPREME COURT  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION  
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

BDO UNIBANK, INC., REPRESENTED BY  
MARY JANE B. MATILLANO,  
Petitioner—Mortgagee,

E.J.F. No. 28-24  
Real Estate Mortgage Under  
Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118

~ versus ~

MONETTE Y IIDA AND SHINOBU IIDA, AS  
REPRESENTED BY ADELAIDA RAYMUNDO  
YUMUL,  
Respondents-Mortgagors,

X ----- X

NOTICE OF EXTRA—JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra—judicial petition for sale under **Act 3135/1508** filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by Mary Jane B. Matillano**, mortgagee, with its postal address at 11th Floor, BDO Towers Valero (formerly Citibank Tower), 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, against **MONETTE Y. IIDA AND SHINOBU IIDA, AS REPRESENTED BY ADELAIDA RAYMUNDO YUMUL, respondents/mortgagors**, with postal address at (1) Lot 47, Blk 3, Charlotte St., Solana Country Homes, San Isidro, Bacolor, Pampanga; and (2) Lot 22, Blk. 1, Road Lot 2 (now Barn Wood), Villa Del Sol Subd., Bo. Of San Juan (now Brgy. San Juan), City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **December 15, 2023** amounts to **SEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN PESOS & 04/100 (PhP7,360,611.04)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **September 10, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the **Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder for **CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements, to wit

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2013005374

“x x x  
A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 22, BLK. 1 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN PSD-035416-049032, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2295-E, (LRC) PSD-206271, L.R.C. REC. NO. ), SITUATED IN BO. OF SAN JUAN MUN. OF SAN FDO., PROV. OF PAMP. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX (166) SQUARE METERS. x x x

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **September 17, 2025**, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, July 21, 2025.

ANGELITO B. DOMINGO  
Sheriff/V. RTC-Br. 47. CSF(P)

CC:  
1. SPOUSES MONETTE Y. IIDA and SHINOBU IIDA  
- Lot 22, Block 1 Road Lot 2 (now Barn Wood), Villa del Sol Subd., San Juan San Fernando City, Pampanga  
- Lot 47, Block 3, Charlotte Street, Solana Country Homes, San Isidro, Bacolor, Pampanga

2. ADELAIDA R. YUMUL  
- 22 Ext. Lot 8, blk. 3. St. Jude Village, San Agustin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

3. PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON

4. ATTY. VERNA LYNN V. ACEVEDA  
- 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue. Mandaluyong City

5. BDO UNIBANK, INC. 11th BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Poseo de Roxas. Makati City

Punto! Central Luzon July 28, August 4 & 11, 2025

Express aid  
from SM Cares

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – SM Cares, the corporate social responsibility arm of SM Supermalls, has distributed 440 food packs to the beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) affected by the recent calamities.

With the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Tulong Express operation, provided 190 food packs to 4Ps beneficiaries in Barangay San Pedro; 191 in Barangay San Jos; 40 in Barangay Dela Paz Norte; nine in Barangay Sta. Teresita; and 10 in Sto. Tomas town.

Malls participating in the relief distribution were SM City Pampanga, SM City San Fernando Downtown, and SM City Telabastagan. **Punto News Team/DSWD-3**



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# 40 YEARS OF SERVICE: Teresa Waterworks, Inc. celebrates legacy of excellence

ANGELES CITY — Teresa Waterworks, Inc. (TWI) proudly celebrated its 40th anniversary on July 8, 2025, marking a milestone of providing reliable water service to communities across Central Luzon.

**A LEGACY BUILT ON SERVICE**

Founded in 1985 and named in honor of Teresa G. Nepomuceno, who passed away 15 years prior, TWI was born out of necessity and vision: to serve the water needs of

the Nepomuceno family's real estate developments, starting with the high-end Villa Teresa Subdivision, commercial complex Nepo Mart, and what is now known as the Angeles Ice Plant.

Under the leadership of its founding president, Engr. Peter G. Nepomuceno, then also president and general manager of sister company Angeles Electric Corp., Teresa Waterworks began with just 50 residential clients. But as the subdivision flourished



and word of the company's service excellence spread, nearby communities requested connections.

What started as a utility supporting internal development quickly expanded into a broader mission.

"Our water sustains life — without water, there is no life," said Engr. Nepomuceno during the company's 40th anniversary celebration, reflecting on the company's founding purpose and lasting community impact.

**CURRENT REACH AND OPERATIONS**

Today, Teresa Waterworks proudly operates in 27 service areas, covering key locations across Angeles City, Bacolor, and the City of San Fernando. Every challenge over the

past four decades has only strengthened the company's resolve. Every milestone has fueled its passion to go further.

Teresa Waterworks has built its reputation not only on dependable service, but on its unwavering commitment to innovation, resilience, and community impact.

**VISION, LEADERSHIP, AND THE NEPO GROUP**

Now under the stewardship of Maria Rita Josefina Valdes-Chua, the company remains focused on sustainable, inclusive growth. Being part of the Nepo Group has provided strategic direction and operational support, helping Teresa Waterworks innovate and scale responsibly.

"When Valdes-Chua took the helm of Teresa

Waterworks, I had only one simple directive: expand, expand, expand," Engr. Nepomuceno shared. "She did a marvelous job in growing Teresa Waterworks to what it is today."

For her part, Valdes-Chua said: "I am excited for the future of TWI, especially with our new crop of young people who are energetic, imaginative, and full of ideas." Addressing them: "The future is yours, so use this time to learn as much as you can from the mentors you have now."

**THE ROAD TO PANGASINAN: NEPO WATER**

As it marks its 40th year, the company reflects on a legacy that is still unfolding. With eyes set firmly on the future, including its upcoming expansion to Pangasinan through Nepo

Water, Teresa Waterworks stands ready to write its next chapter.

"Through our subsidiary, Nepo Water, we've been granted a 35-year concession to provide infrastructure and water services to 82 barangays in Mangatarem, Pangasinan," Valdes-Chua announced. "It's an exciting step forward, one that allows us to serve even more communities and expand beyond our comfort zone."

This move represents both a continuation of its founding vision and a bold step into the future, bringing the same standards of excellence to new communities and reinforcing its commitment to long-term service.

Because for Teresa Waterworks, the journey isn't ending, it's just beginning. **Press release**





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# Nanay Gov renews...

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Assessment of the provincial government placed agricultural damages at P470,104,758, while the Department of Public Works and Highways put damage to infrastructure at least P432 million.

Pineda said the dredging must cover the 34-kilometer stretch of the Pampanga River, spanning the towns of Arayat, Candaba, Macabebe, Masantol, Lubao, and Sasmuan. This, hand in hand with the desilting of its tributaries that also empty into Manila Bay.

She pointed out that the silting of the riverbed and the accumulation of debris and waste have

significantly reduced the river's capacity to hold and drain water, contributing to extensive flooding.

The provincial government's latest damage report indicated that in Lubao, Barangay Sta. Rita suffered P50 million in damage following the collapse of a dike and pavement. In Floridablanca P70 million was incurred in damages due to the P30 million reported damage in Barangay Sto. Rosario with the collapse of existing slope protection along the Caulaman River; P30 million in losses due to a collapsed dike along the Santol Creek in San Jose; and P10 million in damage from settlement of slope protection in Barangay

Dampe.

In Guagua, slope protection along the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) irrigation canal in Ligaya-Talang area collapsed, leading to P30 million worth of damage; while Lambac sustained P20 million in damage from settlement of slope protection.

In Mabalacat City, the damaged slope protection at Sapang Balen amounted to P10 million.

A partially damaged road in San Vicente, Apalit and Paralaya, Candaba cost P30 million and P40 million, respectively.

Partially damaged flood controls were also reported in San Simon amounting to P132 million, and in

Macabebe amounting to P25 million.

Other damages reported included a riprap in Sasmuan worth P20 million, and scouring of road shoulder in Minalin worth P5 million.

The cost of the damaged bridge in Mexico is still under evaluation by DPWH engineers.

DPWH has earlier said that more than P1 billion will be needed to address flood control infrastructure issues across the province. These include repairs to broken dikes, enhancement of slope protection structures, and large-scale river desilting efforts.

Pineda underscored that the main cause of the flooding was the heavily

silted rivers, alongside clogged canals that could no longer handle the volume of rainfall.

She also cited reports of dike breaches in parts of Guagua, Lubao, and Floridablanca, which worsened the impact on affected barangays.

Given the extent of the damage and recurring nature of the problem, the governor renewed her appeal to the national government and relevant agencies to prioritize the desilting of the Pampanga River and fund long-term flood mitigation projects.

She stressed that these are not merely engineering concerns but essential actions to safeguard communities, livelihoods,

and public infrastructure.

"We are doing our part at the provincial level, but solving this problem requires inter-agency coordination and a serious investment from the national government. Dredging and desilting the river is critical not just for disaster response but also for protecting agriculture and livelihoods," Pineda said.

The provincial disaster risk reduction and management council continues to monitor the situation and provide assistance to affected residents while preparing for additional weather disturbances in the coming days. **Marie Joy S. Carbungco/PIA-3**

# Bataan-Cavite bridge...

**FROM PAGE 1**

administration's continued pursuit of infrastructure projects that promote regional connectivity and development.

"Bago matapos ang taon, magsisimula na ang Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge. Ang tulay na ito ay 32 kilometro ang haba, na tumatawid ng Manila Bay. Kung ang biyahe ngayon mula Mariveles hanggang Naic ay umaabot ng limang oras, balang araw ito ay magiging 45 minuto na lamang," declared Marcos Jr.

Bataan 2nd District Rep. Albert Garcia welcomed the president's reaffirmation of support, calling it a big win for the

province.

He said the project, once a bold dream, is now becoming a reality that will unlock opportunities in trade, tourism, and development.

"I thank the President for pushing this forward, and I remain committed to ensuring that every milestone benefits our people," he added.

Gov. Jose Enrique Garcia III also expressed gratitude to the president for his strong support for the BCIB, describing it as a significant milestone that brings Bataan closer to its vision of becoming a key hub of opportunity, connectivity, and progress for

every Bataño family.

"The start of construction before the year ends is a promise of better days ahead. Isang makasaysayang hakbang ito tungo sa mas matatag na pamilyang Bataño," he said.

The BCIB is among the national government's flagship infrastructure projects under the "Build Better More" program. It is a 32.15-kilometer, four-lane bridge project that will connect Barangay Alasasin in Mariveles, Bataan to Barangay Timalan in Naic, Cavite—cutting travel time between the two provinces from five hours to just 30 to 45 minutes.

Once completed, the

bridge is expected to boost trade, logistics, tourism, and investment between the Central Luzon and Calabarzon regions.

In Bataan, stakeholders view the project as a key catalyst for expanding economic activity in the Freeport Area of Bataan and nearby municipalities, with over 20,000 jobs projected during construction and post-construction phases.

The BCIB stands as a testament to the national government's commitment to building transformative infrastructure that fosters inclusive growth and regional development across the country. **Rick P. Quiambao/PIA-3**

# 2,867 Subic Freeport...

**FROM PAGE 2**

the distribution of P20 rice nationwide through KADIWA centers in partnership with local governments.

The rice distribution in Subic not only provided

access to affordable food but also reflected the administration's continued commitment to worker welfare through targeted and sustainable support programs. **PIA-3**

# When justice...

**FROM PAGE 4**

To our fellow Church leaders: now is not the time for caution—it is the time for courage.

To the Filipino people: do not be afraid. Our hope is not in the powerful, but in the God who casts down the mighty from their thrones and lifts up the lowly (cf. Luke 1:52).

"What does the Lord require of you but to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?"—Micah 6:8

Let us walk together as pilgrims of hope, not

in denial, but in defiance of darkness. Let us walk as a Church not of the powerful, but of the poor and the prophetic.

**(A prophetic statement of indignation from the Conference of Major Superiors in the Philippines- Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission (CMSP-JPICC) on the Supreme Court's Ruling Declaring the Impeachment of Vice President Sara Duterte as Unconstitutional)**

# Declare Sapangbato...

**FROM PAGE 1**

HB 2423 prohibits:

a) poaching, killing, destroying, or disturbing any wildlife, including private lands, within the protected area; cutting, gathering, removing or collecting timber within the protected area, including private lands, without necessary permit, authorization, certification of planted trees or exemption;

b) dumping, throwing, using, or causing to be dumped into or places in the protected area of any

toxic chemical, noxious or poisonous substance or non-biodegradable material, untreated sewage or animal waste or products; prospecting, hunting or otherwise locating hidden treasure within the protected area;

c) and purchasing or selling, mortgaging or leasing lands or other portions of the protected area which are covered by any tenurial instrument.

Under the proposed bill, a Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) shall

also be created to manage the Sapangbato Watershed.

During his two terms as Angeles City mayor, Lazatin spearheaded a massive reforestation project in the Sapangbato Watershed, which entailed regular tree-planting activities in the area conducted by Angeles LGU employees and other partner private organizations.

Within that period, the Angeles LGU planted more than 100,000 trees in the Sapangbato Watershed.

The Sapangbato Watershed covers a land area of 546 hectares in the uplands of Barangay Sapangbato, which was identified as Protected Agricultural Land, delineated from the Network of Protected Areas for Agriculture and Agro-industrial Development of the Bureau of Soils and Water Management of the Department of Agriculture and with a specific designation as Fragile Agricultural Land (Watershed Protection).

**Team Lazatin**

# Build first, serve well...

**FROM PAGE 4**

Funds should remain with the users until a service has been rendered not the other way around.

If we are serious about mobility, if we truly value the time, safety, and dignity of our people, then reforms must happen now. We urge the Toll Regulatory Board, Department of Transportation, and related agencies to:

- Enforce standardization

and interoperability across all toll operators,

- Mandate the upgrade of outdated RFID systems and backend platforms,
- Hold operators accountable for service failures,
- Transition to barrierless and postpaid tolling, and
- Encourage investments in long-term infrastructure improvements such as elevated expressways and drainage systems.

# Clark boosts...

**FROM PAGE 1**

gates, and government officials, Devanadera said Clark generated ₱77 billion in committed investments in 2024 and is targeting similar figures for 2025. She cited infrastructure connectivity, streamlined governance, and workforce development as major factors driving investor interest.

Clark's transport links to Southern Luzon via the Skyway and SLEX

extension, as well as its proximity to Asian cities like Taipei, were highlighted as strategic advantages.

The freeport's governance model, with CDC acting as the sole estate manager across 35,000 hectares, was also noted for simplifying business processes. As of May 2025, Clark hosts over 145,000 regular workers and 1,213 registered locators.

CDC's Town and Gown

Program has partnered with universities nationwide to address talent gaps. A major Australian education consortium is reported to be considering Clark for a transnational campus.

Devanadera also cited the Business Interdependence Program, which allows registered businesses to trade within the zone while retaining tax incentives. She said Clark benchmarks its services against international

standards to remain competitive.

"Trading within Clark increases revenue without added transport or marketing costs. It's a win for our locators," the CDC chief said.

"Clark benchmarks not just against other Philippine zones, but against global standards," she noted. "We look beyond borders to ensure our services meet international expectations."

**CDC-PR**

# The Public Space

**FROM PAGE 5**

President has miles to go before he sleeps, so to speak. One of them is for the nation to resurrect "hiya" in the daily life, especially those whose lives involves public trust. The next few weeks, not months, will show the President's courage and determination in his commitment and passion in this direction.

How the Senate and the Judiciary and other branches of government will respond to his trenchant call for "she" as a standard in governance and justice will be measured by social thinkers. How he will bring the perpetrator of the 100 missing sabungeros to justice is another milestone that should galvanize his call to decency an dignity in public life.

Regardless of his earlier commitment not to meddle in the vice president's impeachment case, the President must still ensure that the Constitution is followed, given what seems to beset it along the way, including political pragmatism.

Ultimately, charity begins at home. The President's sense of "hiya" should manifest itself in how the President and his family respond to the lingering call for accountability to the Filipino people which the judiciary and other branches of government had earlier decided they clearly should, if truly they mean business.

In other words, the talk calls for the walk. Or the whole idea of hiya's a call in the wilderness.

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