



Marcos Jr. rains benefits on Kapampangan farmers

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – A flood of a different, if beneficial, kind swamped Pampanga on Sept. 19 with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. himself inundating farmers with land titles, financial assistance, farm machinery, and a post-harvest facility. **PAGE 9 PLEASE**

THIS IS WHERE YOUR TAXES GO OF PAMPANGA DELTA BRIDGE

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Pampanga Delta Bridge ghosted?

BY BONG Z. LACSON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Project billboards photographed near the vicinity of the nearly-six-years-in-the-making Pampanga Delta Bridge in Barangay Bebe Anac, Masantol, Pampanga showed two separate contracts. (Photograph from Cabalen Macabebe Pampanga FB page)

The older one indicated the contractors as J.H. Pajara Construction/ Eddmari Construction and Trading; timeline of construction from Oct. 16, 2019 to Sept. 14, 2023; project cost at P566,628,265.70.

The newer showed **PAGE 9 PLEASE**



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. delivers post-harvest facility, farm machinery, cash assistance, and land titles to Pampanga farmers with Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda, Vice Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda, and Secretaries Vince Dizon (DPWH), Rex Gatchalian (DSWD), and Rafael Lotilla (DENR). **PHOTOS: PAMPANGA PIO**

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P566.6-M Pampanga Delta Bridge now 88% complete

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Despite disruptions brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, the construction of the Pampanga Delta Bridge in Masantol is now 88% complete, the Department of Public Works and Highways reported.

WW II vet turns 100

DPWH pushes wholistic flood control plan for CL

MLX, govt partners for road safety

Clark spurs P77-B investments

CLARK FREEPORT— As global markets demand greater agility and innovation, this freeport is redefining itself—not just as a destination, but as a dynamic business ecosystem built for resilience and sustainable growth.

“Clark is different because it acts like a local government unit and at the same time serves as an enabler,” Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera highlighted the freeport’s unique approach at the Clark leg of the Philippine Economic Briefing (PEB) 2025 held at Hilton Clark on Sept. 22.

“We are removing red tape and instead offering our investors the red carpet. But more than that, we want to build a real community, one that is clean, green, and supportive of both global businesses and local entrepreneurs,” she added.

In 2024, Clark recorded P77 billion in committed investments. The freeport supports both multinational corporations and welcomes partnerships with MSMEs.

Today, Clark is home to 1,213 locators and provides employment to over 146,000 workers, underscoring its role as a major economic engine in the region.

CDC expands exhibit spaces, provides free venues for artists, **PAGE 9 PLEASE**





Capital Town unveils ‘Winter Wondertown’

BY GERALD G. GLOTON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Pampanga’s yuletide celebrations just got grander as Capital Town officially unveiled its much-awaited “Winter Wondertown,” a dazzling holiday spectacle that fuses the dream of a white Christmas with the warmth of Kapampangan traditions.

Dubbed the newest holiday hotspot in the country’s Christmas Capital, Capital Town transforms into a magical village filled with lights, sounds, and enchanting attractions designed to delight families, friends, and visitors from all over the Philippines.

At the heart of the festivities is the Capital Town Christmas Market, a European-inspired holiday bazaar with a distinct local twist. Guests can stroll through stalls offering artisanal crafts, handmade ornaments, specialty food, and Pampanga’s signature delicacies, bringing together global flair and Kapampangan artistry.

Adding to the wonder are larger-than-life installations perfect for photos and family bonding: a towering 20-foot snowman, a mini holiday village, carousel rides, and even snow-blasting experiences that bring frosty magic to the tropics.

The celebrations were launched with a spectacular Lighting Ceremony, setting the stage for weeks of non-stop holiday cheer.

“Capital Town is more than just a township, it is a destination that celebrates heritage, community, and joy. By blending Pampanga’s rich Christmas legacy with modern immersive experiences, we want to make Capital Town the ultimate holiday destination for families and travelers nationwide,” shared Eugene Em Lozano, head of sales and marketing, Megaworld Pampanga.

Local leaders and tourism champions also

expressed their support for the initiative, including Mayor Vilma Caluag, Department of Tourism Region 3 director Richard Daenos, provincial tourism officer Michael Castañeda, city tourism officer Ching Pangilinan, and Megaworld Pampanga Corporate Affairs AVP Dane Sayson.

With its mix of snow-dusted fun, lantern traditions, and world-class attractions, Capital Town’s Winter Wondertown is set to shine as a must-visit destination this holiday season, proving once again why Pampanga holds the crown as the Philippines’ true Christmas Capital.



SM City Bataan volunteers join International Coastal Cleanup

BALANGA CITY -- The bayanihan spirit shone bright as 113 volunteers from SM City Bataan, local schools, government offices, NGOs, and civic groups united for a coastal cleanup at the Balanga Wetland and Nature Park on Sept. 20.

With gloves, sacks, and determination in hand, participants cleared 272 kilograms of waste from the shoreline — from plastic debris to discarded nets — each item collected symbolizing progress toward cleaner seas and a healthier community.

Their efforts were part of a much larger movement. Across the country, more than 48,800 volunteers joined the International Coastal Cleanup 2025, removing over 200,000 kilograms of trash from 20 coastal and waterway sites.

Together, these actions turned cleanup areas into powerful reminders of what communities can achieve when working for the planet.

Through the #SMGreenMovement, SM Prime continues to champion sustainability community.

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SM GUUN president George Cheung explains the waste-to-soil process at the 2025 Sustainability Expo. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

SM GUUN: Establishing ecosystems for waste transformation, circularity

MANILA -- Developing markets for recovered materials is a crucial step in achieving a successful waste management system for a waste-free future.

SM GUUN Environmental Company, Inc. (SM GUUN), a joint venture of SM Prime Holdings, Inc. and Yokohama-based Japanese environmental solutions company GUUN, takes the next bold step in its sustainability journey by creating a collaborative ecosystem dedicated to

waste transformation and circularity.

The initiative, developed in collaboration with circularity partners, is designed to reimagine waste not as an endpoint but as a renewable resource.

Circularity in Action

“At SM GUUN, we see waste as the beginning of new opportunities,” said George Cheung, SM GUUN president.

This new model brings together technology inno-

vators, manufacturers, policymakers, and community organizations. Working collectively, the group aims to scale up advanced recycling, upcycling, and waste-to-energy solutions, while reducing dependence on landfills and minimizing environmental impact.

“Through this ecosystem, and with the strength of our partners, we are turning waste into valuable resources — for the environment, the economy, and society,” said Cheung.

The initiative goes beyond waste management. It focuses on creating circular value chains that generate economic opportunity, reduce emissions, and foster social inclusion. SM GUUN emphasizes that partnerships are key to making circularity both systemic and sustainable.

A Blueprint for the Future

In Asia, establishing end markets is still a new frontier. The challenging process requires creating demand

from businesses that use recovered materials for waste transformation.

A waste-free future is achieved by taking strategic steps together towards a sustainable future. Through the SM Green Movement, SM Prime champions sustainability by focusing on waste management, water stewardship, and energy efficiency for lasting impact.

“Investing in facilities to support the infrastructure that can process the raw materials is still in its infancy.

That’s why it’s encouraging to have partners who are like-minded in innovation and purpose, taking collaborative action,” said Cheung.

As businesses worldwide face growing pressure to deliver on climate commitments and ESG goals, SM GUUN’s ecosystem offers a replicable model for sustainable growth. With its network of circularity partners, the company positions itself at the forefront of the circular economy transition.

Press release



Pickleball now at SM City Cabanatuan

TUCKED AWAY at the 2nd Level Garden Park, two brand-new pickleball courts are now open and ready for everyone to enjoy. What makes it even better? For now, it's absolutely free to play—a perfect chance to try out one of the fastest-growing sports in the world without worrying about fees. The courts feature the Enlio Pickleball, proudly installed and exclusively distributed by Toby's Sports. Designed with players' comfort and safety in mind, the mats measure 24x49 ft with an out-of-bounds area, and come with a crystal sand surface

pattern, acrylic coating, and a 3mm thick PVC base. They're anti-slip, eco-friendly, and UV-resistant, giving every game a smooth and enjoyable feel whether you're just learning or already hooked on the sport. But what really makes these courts special is the community behind them. Local groups like Pickle Cabsy Club, Kalamandinkers, Pickleball Club, and PickleCab Smashers will be here regularly to play, host matches, and welcome newcomers. Don't worry if you've never played before—these clubs are

more than happy to teach beginners and share the joy of the game. Pickleball is simple to pick up, social, and incredibly fun. It's a mix of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, but played on a smaller court, making it friendly for all ages. Whether you're looking for a new hobby, a way to stay active, or just an excuse to hang out with friends, pickleball has something for you. So grab a paddle, bring your friends, and head to the Garden Park at SM City Cabanatuan. The court is waiting, the community is growing, and the game is just getting started. **SM-PR**



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To the Point

Stewards, not owners of the nation's wealth

"TO OUR leaders: You are not the owners of the nation's wealth. You are stewards. And God, who is the true owner, will ask you one day: How did you use what was entrusted to you?"

Thus, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle reminded public officials that they are not owners of the nation's wealth but stewards who must exercise honesty and accountability in using public resources.

In a homily on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Malate, Manila, the cardinal urged Filipinos to pray for leaders and for all citizens to live as trustworthy stewards of God's blessings.

The former Manila archbishop stressed that the mark of a steward is being "trustworthy," not acting like a "thief."

He also echoed the bishops' call for an "examination of conscience" not only for those in authority but for all citizens, noting that the culture itself is in need of transformation.

"The invitation is for everyone to reflect — of course, especially our leaders, but not only them. All of us," said Tagle, who is also the pro-prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization.

The cardinal underscored that prayers should lead people to seek "treasures that will not be destroyed or lost," urging both leaders and ordinary citizens to dedicate their talents and wisdom to the common good.

"We pray for our leaders, we pray for our people, so that our lives may be peaceful," he said. "Let us turn to God, the true owner of our lives."

In Cebu, papal nuncio Archbishop Charles Brown urged the faithful to confront corruption and make caring for the poor a priority.

Speaking during Mass on the eve of the Danao City fiesta, he described corruption as a "plague" and expressed hope that nationwide protests would mark the beginning of a cultural shift toward transparency and fairness.

"We hope that today will be a moment in which [the] nation begins to change, in which we set a new course away from corruption, towards more transparency and more fairness," Brown said in his homily at Sto. Tomas de Villanueva Parish Church.

The Vatican envoy also reminded the faithful that caring for the poor is a Christian obligation with eternal consequences. He used a striking image of heaven's gates, where those who helped the poor during their lifetime will be welcomed.

"When we come to the end of our lives, the poor people that we have helped will help us... they will help us enter into the Kingdom of heaven," he said.

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Opinion

A Martial Law story, my own

A SATURDAY. Up early for a "DG" — discussion group — at the Assumption College in San Fernando. Something uncanny: there is nothing but pure static on the radio. The usual though — light banter, small-town gossip among passengers — at the jeepney from somnolent Poblacion, Sto. Tomas to the capital town.

Something really uncanny: there are no newspapers at the news stands. Only *komiks* are being hawked by ambulant newsboys.

At the Assumption bus, some sense of gloom, a foreboding of doom, guarded whispers among us students of something terrifying...

On campus, a disturbing quietude. Still some two-dozen hardcore KM-SDK activists go on with the DG originally to finalize the agenda of the demo at the gates of Camp Olivas planned for Tuesday.

Marcos has declared Martial Law. First heard from a *kasama* with a brother in the military. The PC — Philippine Constabulary — has been rounding known activists since last night. Not even a murmur of *Makibaka, Huwag Matakot!* heard.

Just then, a platoon of uniformed constables enters the campus. Enough for all of us to find any and all means out of Assumption except the main gate where, we presumed more PCs are posted, maybe even with machineguns.

Downtown San Fernando, in front of the town hall were 6X6 PC trucks, military fatigues are everywhere. Long hair is sheared not by scissors but mostly by bayonets and hunting knives.

Jumped on a passing jeepney, just in time. My long tresses — down to my shoulders and back — saved for the day.

Proclamation 1081 — declaring Martial Law in the Philippines though dated September 21, 1972 came into the open on September 23.

Martial Law! The news is out — even in barriotic Sto. Tomas. Arriving home, in time to see my mom stoking the last flames flickering on a mound of ash that used to be my beloved *Communist Manifesto*, *Das Kapital*, Lenin's thoughts in volumes of pamphlets, Mao's The Five Golden Rays and the Little Red Book, Amado Guerrero's *Lipunan at Rebolusyong Pilipino*, posters of Che Guevara, Marx, Lenin, and Mao.

In between tears, a jumble of Marx-Lenin-Mao thoughts — *The history of all hitherto existing society is a history of class struggle... Capital is dead labor, that vampire-like, only lives by sucking living labor, and lives the more, the more labor it sucks... The way to crush the bourgeoisie is to grind them between the millstones of taxation and inflation... Trust the masses, rely on the masses, learn from the masses... The people, and the people alone, are the motive forces of history...*

And Che's mind too: What do the danger and sacrifices of a man or a nation matter, when the destiny of humanity is at stake?

All gone in a holocaust!

An early morning date with the neighbourhood barber the next day. After a long while, the sun burns my ears and nape again.

Lie low, really low. Take refuge in the rice paddies. In morbid fear of what tomorrow may bring.

So, what hath Martial Law immediately wrought?

Resumption of classes. By the main gate of Assumption College, the dreaded Black List is posted — names of activists who will not be re-admitted unless with clearance from the PC commander.

A piece of advice from my political science professor: "Don't go to the PC alone, they will just arrest and detain you, as they did to a number of your comrades. Bring somebody influential with you."

So, whom am I to seek but my spiritual director

and rector at the Mother of Good Counsel Seminary — the Rev. Fr. Paciano B. Aniceto. (I was not even a year out "on probation" from San Jose Seminary.)

At the Pampanga PC Command beside the Capitol, Apu Ceto vouched for me as a character witness before a panel of interrogators, and then took my case to the provincial commander himself — the dreaded Col. Isidoro de Guzman who would later earn infamy in the Escalante Massacre in Negros.

Alone at the interrogation room, I was subjected to *romanza military* at my every answer the *berdugos* did not take to their liking.

"KM o SDK?"

Wala po — A smack on the head.

"Name? Alias?"

Caesar Lacson y Zapata. Nickname: Bong. No alias — A slap on the face.

"*Ikaw si Carlos. Di ba ikaw itong nasa mga letrato* (shoving to my face a number of photographs of marches, rallies and demos)"

Kamukha ko po — the table suddenly kisses my face.

Then off to the detention center at the side of the command. At each single cell, the sergeant — Pascua or Pascual? — shoves my face between the iron bars and asks the detainee: "*Kasama mo ito?*" and then turns to me: "*Kilala mo yan?*"

Of course, we knew one another but no one ratted out. Conscientization most manifest there.

Compared with what my comrades suffered under detention, I was given kid-glove treatment by the PC tormentors.

Contusions and all, I managed to be remanded to the custody of Apu Ceto. I have written this and I write it again: "*The good father, in what could only be deemed as a leap of faith — in his God unquestionably, in me too, maybe — signed a document that said in part, "...in the event that subject activist-provocateur renew his connection with the Communist Party of the Philippines and its various fronts in the pursuit of rebellion; or undertake acts inimical to peace and order, or in gross violation of the provisions of Proclamation 1081 and other pertinent decrees, the signatory-custodian shall be held responsible and as liable..." with a proviso that in my stead, he would be placed in the PC stockade.*

Did he tell me to change my ways? Did he impale in my conscience the gravity of my case, his implication in any instance of carelessness or recidivism on my part thereon?

No. From the Constabulary command, his mere request was for me to please accompany him to church.

Before the Blessed Sacrament, he knelt and silently prayed. He did not even ask me to pray with him. He just motioned me to sit near him.

By the side of the good father, in that darkened corner of the Metropolitan Cathedral, I wept. Washed by a torrent of tears was my rebirth, the renewal of my faith.

No spectacular drama presaged my epiphany, no blinding light, so to speak, shone on my own Damascus Gate. There were but flickering votives. And Apu Ceto."

My return to faith. That's principally what Martial Law wrought.

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Opinion

Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

The challenge to reeducate ourselves: Rizal, Moral Intuition, and the Future of the Filipino

(Please give yourself at least ten minutes to read this — and perhaps a bit more, if you find yourself pausing to reflect on the points that might resonate with you.)

IN HIS recent column, my brother, Randy David, asked a piercing question: What would Rizal advise? He reflected on how Jose Rizal sought change “with wisdom and reflexiveness, to the point of being perceived as merely a reformist.” Rizal believed that change had to go deeper than swapping leaders or rewriting laws—it had to spring from the very habits of the people.

Randy's point resonates powerfully today. He wrote that nation-building cannot simply be reduced to changing constitutions or replacing politicians. What is needed, he said, is a grounding in moral intuition. I would go further and add: moral and spiritual intuition.

This is what disturbs me most about our present situation as a predominantly Christian nation. If we are indeed Christian in majority, why has our political life become so corrupt? Why has our faith not yet seeped into the very bones of our social institutions? Why has it not shaped the way we govern, do business, treat our poor, or steward creation?

I say this not to despair but to issue a challenge: we Filipinos need to reeducate ourselves. And by education I mean something more fundamental than formal schooling. Ivan Illich once warned us never to equate education with schooling, for schools can sometimes become instruments of miseducation. Real education, he argued, is rooted in lived experience, shared wisdom, and the cultivation of virtues that make life truly human.

Rizal and the Formation of Intuition

Jose Rizal knew that freedom from Spain was meaningless if Filipinos simply copied their oppressors. “The slaves of today could be the tyrants of tomorrow,” he warned. Independence without the formation of conscience would merely recycle oppression under a new mask.

What Rizal was pointing to, though he did not use the phrase, was the need to form what philosophers now call moral intuitions. These are not the rules we memorize from textbooks or the slogans we recite during flag ceremonies. Moral intuitions are the cultivated instincts that tell us, often without much deliberation, what is right or wrong, good or bad, worthy or shameful. They are the second nature that shapes the kind of people we become.

Think of what many of us learned at home, in kindergarten, or from the catechism teacher: do not lie, share what you have, respect elders, say sorry when you hurt someone, love God and love your neighbor. These are simple lessons, but they form the ground of our humanity. Robert Fulghum once wrote, “Everything I needed to know I learned in kindergarten.” I would extend that: much of what we need to reeducate ourselves as a nation we first learned in our families, our playgrounds, and our catechism classes.

The tragedy is that as we grow older, these lessons often get drowned out by the noise of ambition, power, and greed. Our institutions do not reinforce them. Instead, they sometimes teach us to cheat, to exploit, to bend the rules, to put family or faction above truth and justice.

Lessons from Philosophers and Theologians
Here is where some modern thinkers can help us see what is at stake.

Alasdair MacIntyre, in his classic *After Virtue*, argued that societies fall into moral confusion when they lose the traditions that sustain virtue. Laws and procedures are not enough; what we need are shared practices that cultivate honesty, courage, justice, and generosity. Without these virtues, no constitution will save us.

Charles Taylor, in *Sources of the Self*, spoke of the “moral sources” that give societies their sense of direction. When a people forget their moral sources, they drift into cynicism or relativism. Taylor's insight is crucial for us: Christianity is supposed to be our moral source, but has it truly shaped our public life? Or have we treated it as a weekend ritual rather than a fountain of moral intuition?

Johann Baptist Metz, a German theologian who survived World War II, insisted that faith must awaken what he called dangerous memories—the memory of Christ crucified, the memory of the poor and oppressed of history. True faith, Metz said, cannot be reduced to private piety; it must form a public conscience that resists injustice. In our context, this means Christianity should empower us to resist corruption and exploitation, not merely comfort us in suffering.

And then there is Pope Francis, who has reminded us that politics is a “sublime form of charity.” This startling phrase means that politics, at its best, is not about personal gain but about the self-giving love that seeks the good of all, especially the most vulnerable.

Even outside Christianity, we can learn from the Confucian tradition, which taught that good governance depends not just on laws but on the virtues of rulers: benevolence (ren) and propriety (li). Leaders, Confucius said, must cultivate their character first, for without it, institutions collapse.

All these voices converge on the same truth: nation-building is, at its root, the formation of moral

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Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Ang ralyista at ang pulis sa gitna ng panganib

1. Sa MENDIOLA, namumuo ang napakatinding tensiyon sa pagitan ng PULIS at mga NAGDE-DEMONSTRASYON NAGITLA ang isang pulis nang makita ring naroon ang anak niyang SUMISIGAW kasama ng demonstrador naisip niya, pag ang rally sa kaguluhan HUMANTONG paano niya mabibigyan ang anak niya ng PROTEKSIYON
2. At nang medyo mapalapit ang mga NAGPO-PROTESTA sa pwesto kung saan sila naglagay ng BARIKADA taas noo pang TUMINGIN sa kinatatayuan niya ang anak niya na mayroon ding PLACARD na dala-dala biglang-bigla ay NAGTAMA ang kanilang mga mata walang ibig MAGPATALO parang di magkakilala
3. Pulis ay di MAPAKALI at panay ang kanyang dasal na sana ang protesta'y di humantong sa KAGULUHAN matatanggap ba nitong ang kanyang anak ay MASAKTAN ? sa palo ng baston nitong kanyang mga KASAMAHAAN? sapagkat ang anak nitong kanyang pinakamamahal di NAKATIKIM ng palo sa kanya kahit na kailan
4. Sa kasagsagan ng rally mayrong naghagis ng PILLBOX sa gitna ng demonstrasyon kaguluhan ay SUMIKLAB kasama sa NAARESTO ng pulis ang kanyang anak dahil sa tinamong palo'y halos hindi MAKALAKAD subalit sa kanyang mukha ay hindi mo MABABAKAS ang pagsisisi't hinagpis at anumang PAGKASINDAK
5. Nagkaharap ang mag-ama ngunit walang UMIIMIK mga taong naroroon sa kanila'y NAKAMASID ngunit binasag ng ama sa MALAMYOS nitong tinig ang katagang, “ANAK BAKIT ? ginawa mo ito, BAKIT ? sa kalaban ng gobyerno bakit ka NAGPAPAGAMIT ? gayong di kaila sa' yo, na ako ay isang PULIS
6. “Tama ama, ika'y pulis at alagad ka ng batas, subalit ang batas natin ay napakaraming butas” pinoprotektahan ninyo'y yaong mga matataas na kawani ng gobyernong sa pondo ay MANDURUGAS samantalang ang tulad ko HUSTISYA lamang ang hangad upang IPAGTANGGOL lamang itong bansang PILIPINAS
7. Tayo'y hindi MAGKALABAN ngunit sadyang magkaiba tayo ng PANININDIGAN at PRINSIPYONG dala-dala kung kami'y hindi TITINDIG ang bansa ay paano na? pati na ang KABATAANG siya nating tanging PAG-ASA pababayaan ba natin na sila rin ay MAGAYA ? sa'ting mga pulitikong karamihan ay BUWAYA?



Opinion

Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

The real test begins

FOR THE millennials and the Gen. Z, their involvement and participation in the September 21 Trillion Peso March was more than a protest. It was a strikingly vivid and urgent alarm bell - corruption is no longer tolerable and demands for accountability are growing intolerable.

The turnout was unmistakable. According to Philstar.com reports, organizers expected about 30,000 at EDSA while unofficial reports ranged up to 49,000 at the Luneta Park. Thousands joined in the parallel events in other cities in the country.

Particularly striking was the participation of young people. Students from major universities in Manila and nearby provinces, together with young professionals braved the heat and the rain, led the chants, carried white ribbons, and demanded reform. Their

message, addressed to the Marcos government and all public officials, was loud and clear: corruption is not simply an abstract policy failure but a daily betrayal of the Filipino people.

Popular entertainment and sports figures, stood and walked

side by side with leaders of civil society groups and non-government organizations. On the other hand, the lay leaders from different parishes, priests and nuns from various congregations were also present. Church leaders gave the protest a moral framing: corruption is not just a crime against the state but an evil act against the poor, against their dignity, and in most cases, against life itself.

Undoubtedly, the Sunday rally was powerful; but let us face it, protests and chants alone can never guarantee change. Because after this collective gnashing of the teeth punctuated with a unified show of anger and wrath, the burning question remains: what now?

First, we have to sustain the momentum. Young people can burn bright but keeping them engaged beyond a single event is definitely hard. It is important to provide them sustained civic education, community organizing,

and meaningful participation.

Second, how do we translate this shared anger into cohesive action? Accountability means investigating, prosecuting, and recovering ill gotten wealth. Let us not allow the fires burning deeply in our hearts to wane or flicker even for a second until all the people implicated and found guilty of the anomalous flood-control and other infrastructure project are charged and jailed, until their SALNs are exposed, and until they sign a waiver to reveal their bank accounts.

Third, let us watch closely the government institutions that are tasked to safeguard the truth. The ongoing Senate inquiry into flood control anomalies is promising on paper - but history shows congressional investigations often peter out without a bite. Do not look any farther to prove this point. Alice Guo was able to leave the country, Harry Roque is enjoying humba in The Hague, and

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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ERNESTO L. LACUESTA** who died on July 13, 2009 at Camiling, Tarlac; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Deed of Donation on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

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“A parcel of land (Lot 6 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-03-000314, being a portion of the consolidation Lots nos. 12010 and 12011, Camiling Cadastre LRC Rec. No. 422), situated in the Barrios of Malacampa and Sta. Maria Municipality of Camiling, Province of Tarlac, containing an area of Two Thousand Five Hundred (2,500sqm) Square Meters;

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Registry of Deeds for Province of Tarlac

“A parcel of land (Lot No. 823 Cad. 383-D. Being S. 55-41W., 938.71M from B.L.L.M No. 1 San Clemente Cadastre), situated in the Barangay of Daldalayap, San Clemente, Tarlac, containing an area of Four Hundred Thirty Five (435Sqm) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Crema Jean Cayabyab Mergas, as per Doc. No. 92, Page No. 20, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 21, 28 & October 5, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROMANITO P. GONZALES** who died on August 4, 2023 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10-J, of the subdivision plan Psd-03-171672, being a portion of Lot 10, Psd-03-001271 (OLT), Rec. No.) situated in the barrio of Mining, Angeles City, containing an area of One Thousand (1000) square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 169905; before Notary Public Atty. Michael Paul A. Escoto, as per Doc. No. 1362, Page No. 64, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 21, 28 & October 5, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PORFIRO B. DIMARUCUT** who died on April 02, 2020 in San Fernando City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Renunciation of Shares on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 043-2012008985

“A parcel of land (Lot 150 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-16220, being a portion of the consolidated lots 1432 & 1442 Concepcion cadastre, Lots 1, 2431-A-1 & 2431-A-2 Pcs-2669; Lot 2-B, (LRC) Psd-73158; Lot 2431-B, Psd-9110; Lots 1443-A & 1443-C, (LRC) Psd-25090; Lots 1448-A, 1448-B, 1448-E, & 2041-B, Psd-7980, LRC Record No. 185) situated in the barrios of San Bartolome, San Antonio, San Vicente & San Nicolas Balas, Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon; Conatining an area of Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Two (6,522) Sqaure Meters, More or less.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 043-2016001243

LOT NO: PLAN NO: PCN-03-001354
PORTION OF: LOTS 2 AND 3, ALL OF BLOCK 26, PSD-03-140183
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PULUNG CACUTUD, CITY OF ANGELES, ISLAND OF LUZON
AREA: THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX (356) SQAURE METERS, MORE OR LESS.

before Notary Public Atty. Bryan G. Pekas, as per Doc. No. 118, Page No. 25, Book No. XCIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MERCY RAMOS DELA CRUZ**, of legal age, married to Ricardo C. Dela Cruz, Canadian Citizen, and with residence and postal address at 4-10 Cristina Drive, Villa Teresa Subd., Brgy. Cutcut, Angeles City; and heirs of **RICARDO C. DELA CRUZ** who died on April 12, 2025 in Toronto, Canada; executed an Affidavit of Sole Adjudication on his estate; and leaving personal property found at the Bank of the Philippine Islands Account Number 0566-3010-71 with a P52,786.11 deposit; before Notary Public Atty. Jerome T. Paras, as per Doc No. 107, Page No. 56, Book No. XIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BIENVENIDA CUNANAN DE GUZMAN** who died on March 2, 2012; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-11585, being a portion of the consolidation of lot 16 and 17, Block 46, Psd-3046, 595-C-1, Psd-51517 and 594, Angeles Cadastre, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the barrio of Lourdes, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 7274, Page No. 79, Book No. 74, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF DEED OF ABSOLUTE CONVEYANCE

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SHERRYL AMOR QUAN BALUBAR & MARY QUAN BALUBAR** they died in Quezon City on January 21, 2015 and October 29, 2018; executed an Affidavit of Deed of Absolute Conveyance on his/her estate; and the grantors are the registered owners of a parcel of land with improvements built thereon which is situated in Brgy. Malinta, Valenzuela City, Bulacan, with an are of 210 square meters; and covered by TCT No. D-51738; before Notary Public Atty. Rizal Jose F. Valmores, as per Doc. No. 15, Page No. 96, Book No. XX-C, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 8, 15 & 22, 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 on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 80 Blk. 16 of the cons-subd. plan Pcs-03-007976, being a portion of cons. Lot 5 Pcs-03-002854, Lot 227-B Psd-03-019920 and Lot 2 Pcs-03-007283 L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the barrio of Mabiga, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pamp. containing an area of One Hundred Twenty (120) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2019002389; before Notary Public Atty. Norma U. Tobias-Pagaduan, as per Doc. No. 1297, Page No. 12, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 8, 15 & 22, 2025



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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HYLENE CLAUDIA CALMA DIZON** who died on July 01, 2025 at Vancouver, Canada; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE (TCT) NO. 556046-R

LOCATION: Municipality of Apaliti
AREA: 1,930.00 sq. meters
REGISTERED OWNER: HYLENE CLAUDIA C. DIZON

before Notary Public Atty. Gerson B. Gamas, as per Doc. No. 946, Page No. 190, Book No. XIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 21, 28 & October 5, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MICHAEL RYAN C. MAGTOTO** who died on September 21, 2021 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (174106) 045-2021004706
Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City

LOT NO: 22 BLOCK NO: 18 PLAN NO: PCS-03-020495
PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATED LOTS 69-C-2 TO 69-C-5, PSD-03-123934, LOT 69-C-1-A, PSD-03-135073
LOCATION: BO. OF MINING, ANGELES CITY, ISLAND OF LUZON
AREA: FIFTY FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS

before Notary Public Atty. Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 5770, Page No. 27, Book No. 130, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 21, 28 & October 5, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MICHAEL ZAMORA MANDILAG** who died on January 2, 2024 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 317 of the cons-subd., plan, Pcs-03-010648, being a portion of Lots 74-B, 74-C, Psd-57257 and Block 243-A, Psd=03-009243 LRC Rec. No.), situated in the barrio of Capaya, City of Angeles, containing an area of 203 square meters, more or less and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2011002766; before Notary Public Atty. Princess L. Buan, as per Doc. No. 3728, Page No. 82, Book No. CXXII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 21, 28 & October 5, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

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

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2024005210

LOT NO: 2-B-1, PLAN NO: Psd-03-271103
PORTION OF: Lot 2-B, Psd-03-262503
LOCATION: Barangay of Atlu Bola, City of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Four Thousand Eight Hundred Five (4,805) Square Meters

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2024005211

LOT NO: 2-B-2, PLAN NO: Psd-03-271183
PORTION OF: Lot 2-B, Psd-03-262503
LOCATION: Barangay of Atlu Bola, City of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty (4,580) Square Meters

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2023007067

LOT NO: 2-H, PLAN NO: Psd-03-262503
PORTION OF: Lot 2, Psd-03-013454
LOCATION: Barangay of Atlu Bola, City of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Six Hundred Forty Six (646) Square Meters, More or Less

before Notary Public Atty. Paolo M. Benitez, as per Doc. No. 678, Page No. 16, Book No. 15, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDMUNDO CABALTERA GACER** who died on July 31, 2025 at Arayat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights dated August 27, 2025 on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

• BPI Branch-San Fernando Highway (Main); Currency & Type of Account: Peso/Savings; Nature: Jointly held with one person; Account No: 8813076862; Amount as of date of Death, July 31, 2025: 592,702.83; Amount as of date of Request, September 3, 2025: 296,351.42.

• BPI Branch-SM City Pampanga; Currency & Type of Account: Peso/Savings; Nature: Single; Account No.: 1253043543; Amount as of Date of Death, July 31, 2025: 190,038.43; Amount as of Date of Request, September 3, 2025: 190,038.43.

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 383, Page No. 78, Book No. CIX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDMUNDO CABALTERA GACER** who died on July 31, 2025; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
TCT NO. 42-2023035555

A parcel of land (Lot 11, Blk. 1 of the subd. plan Psd-03-086735, being a portion of lot 2485-B, Psd-49425, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Agustin, Mun. of Arayat, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Eighty (80 SQ.M) Square Meters;

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
TCT NO. 42-2023035556

A parcel of land (Lot 12, Blk. 1 of the subd. plan Psd-03-086735, being a portion of lot 2485-B, Psd-49425, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Agustin, Mun. of Arayat, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Eighty (80 SQ.M) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 233, Page No. 48, Book No. CIX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES VICENTE SINGIAN GUINA** and **DIVINA YAP GUINA** who died on March 13, 2004 at Dau Homesite, Barangay Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and on October 10, 2010 at Ospital Ning Angeles, Barangay Pampang, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Partition on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 7, Blk. 2 of the Subd. Plan (LRC) Psd-176530 being a portion of Lot 27-B, describe on plan Psd-73718, LRC. 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. 290878-R; before Notary Public Atty. Kim Cyrille Mei R. Basco, as per Doc. No. 334, Page No. 074, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ANGELITA L. LIWAG**, Filipino, of legal age, widow, resident of Pescadores, Candaba, Province of Pampanga; and heirs of **RICARDO PRADO MALONES** who died on April 8, 2008 at Iloilo City; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his estate; with property located at the Barrio of Pescadores, Municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Four (1,464) Square Meters; covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 5224, Register of Deeds of City of San Fernando, Pampanga Technical Descriptions Lot 2467-Pis-476; before Notary Public Atty. Guillermo C. Kadatar, as per Doc No. 13, Page No. 03, Book No. XVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ADRIANO PANGILINAN MENDOZA** who died on November 10, 2009 at Manabat Hospital, Santo Tomas, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land Lot 31, Block 24 situated in Northville 12 Barangay San Vicente, Sto. Tomas, Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Sancho M. Abas, Jr., as per Doc. No. 108, Page No. 21, Book No. XXXV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANITA DAVID ROJAS** who died on August 21, 1997 in Makati Medical Center, Makati City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and left their rights and interest over a certain housing allocation (house and lot) from the National Housing Authority (NHA) which is particularly identified as Block 108, Lot 29, Bulaon Resettlement Project, City of san Fernando, Pampanga with TCT no. 371548-R and containing an area of Ninety Eight (98) square meters; before Notary Public Atty. Arvin L. Dantis, as per Doc. No. 19, Page No. 4, Book No. XX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CONY TUGNAO BULAUN** who died on September 13, 2021 at Dr. Amando L Garcia Medical Center, Inc., Rizal St. Angeles City and **NICSON AVENIR BULAUN** who died on March 24, 2020 at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. R-11533

“A parcel of land (Lot 20, Blk. 3 of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-04-015446 being a portion of cons. of Lot 10A (LRA) Psd-364237, Lot 1-B-1 (LRA) Psd-364238, Lot 1378 & 1379, Cad. 29, Antipolo Cad., LRC Rec. No.), situated in Brgy. Mayamot, Antipolo City containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters x x x”

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2023035084

LOT NO: 24 BLOCK NO: 29, PLAN NO: Pcs-03-018411
PORTION OF: Lot 4, Pcs-03-008702; LOT 3-D, Psd-03-096132
LOCATION: Barangay of Sapang Maisac, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Sixty Six Square Meters (66), more or less xxxxxxxx

before Notary Public Atty. Noel M. Luzung, as per Doc. No. 520, Page No. 105, Book No. LXXXIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROMEO BUGARIN HABAN** who died on September 11, 2002 at Bacolor, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 22-B of the subd. plan Psd-03-006417, being a portion of Lot 22, Blk. 12 (LRC) Psd-60541, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Calibutbut, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp.; Containing an area of Two Hundred Twenty Six (226) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 200916-R; before Notary Public Atty. Michael Paul A. Escoto, as per Doc. No. 638, Page No. 24, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CESARIO TURLA FERNANDO** and **CATALINA JIMENEZ FERNANDO** who died on June 05, 2007 and May 07, 2024; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate, and more particularly described as follows;

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
TCT No. 042-2019011569

Lot No’ 1-B, Plan No; Psd-03-138647 (AR)
Portion of Lot 1 Block 10 (LRC) Psd-102567
Location: Brgy. San Mateo Arayat, Pampanga
Area: Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three (8,593 SQ. M.) Square Meters.

TCT No; 042-2019011570

Lot No: 1-C, Plan No; Psd-10-138647 (LRC)
Portion of Lot 1 Block 10 (LRC) Psd-102567
Location: Brgy. San Mateo Arayat, Pampanga
Area: Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three (8,593 SQ. M.) Square Meters.

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 296, Page No. 61, Book No. CVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HERMINIHILDA LAPIRA** who died on December 20, 2020; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
TCT NO. 42-2011002151

Lot; 10 Block 10
Portion of Lot 1-A-1 and 1-B-2 LRC, PSU 13474 and 4
Location: Bgy. San Mateo, Arayat, Pampanga
AREA: Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Ten (26,110 SQ.M) Square Meters XXX...

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 166, Page No. 35, Book No. CIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROSALINO G. CUDIA** and **MARIA DELA CRUZ CUDIA** who died on January 3, 1976 and February 3, 2018; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 134452-R

“Beginning at a point marked “1” on plan, H-92992, S. 31 deg. 46'E., 952.02 m. from BLLM No. 29, thence N. 43 deg. 05'E., 482.01 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 16 deg. 26'E., 400.26 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 59 deg. 25'W., 455.43 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 42 deg. 11'W., 68.43 m. to pt., 5; thence N. 6 deg 32'W., 220.98 m. to pt. 1; point of beginning, Containing an area of 14.9065 Hectares XXX”

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 297, Page No. 61, Book No. CVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOURDES L. LIWAG** who died on March 30, 2024, at Pasay City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Share on her estate; and left a property Under Orginal Certificate of Title No. 6270, Register of Deeds of City of San Fernando, Pampanga; Technical Descriptions Lot 2446, Pls-476; containing an area of Four Hundred Sixty Six (466) square meters; before Notary Public Atty. Guillermo C. Kadatar, as per Doc. No. 12, Page No. 03, Book No. XVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RAMON R. LUMANOG** who died on November 15, 2024 at Sacred Heart Medical Center, Sto. Domingo, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2017009705

LOT NO: 14 BLOCK NO: 7, PLAN NO: Pcs-03-020017

PORTION OF: The consolidation of Lot Nos. 1345-B-2, Psd-03-94855, 1345-B-1-C, Psd-03-104032 & 1342-G (LRC) Psd-254768, LRC Record No. 372

LOCATION: Barangay of Sta. Cruz, Mun. of Porac, Province of Pampanga

AREA: Ninety Nine (99) Square Meters, more or less xxxxxx

before Notary Public Atty. Michael Paul A. Escoto, as per Doc. No. 857, Page No. 68, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 15, 22 & 29, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RICARDO GUINTO** who died on November 12, 2018 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/ her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 32, Block 2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-367551, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 87-B, Psd-03 000208, L.R.C. CAD. Rec. No. 124), situated in the barrios of Tabun, City of Angeles; containing an area of Sixty Seven (67) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (124852) 045-2025005942 Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles; before Notary Public Atty. Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 4591, Page No. 104, Book No. 127, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 8, 15 & 22, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **OSCAR TOLENTINO TANTINGCO (also known as OSCAR T. TANTINGCO)** who died on October 20, 2022 in Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Renunciation of Shares on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 307013-R

LOT NO. 23, BLK. 7, psd-25790

LOCATION: Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pamp.

AREA: 180 Square Meters

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 469352-R

LOT NO. 151-E-10, psd-03-0101926

LOCATION: Bo. of Sapang Biabas, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pamp.

AREA: 588 Square Meters

before Notary Public Atty. Xavier Joy I. Torno, as per Doc. No. 1369, Page No. 101, Book No. 10, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 8, 15 & 22, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ARTEMIO M. CALAGUAS**, who died on December 10, 2020 at San Pablo, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Donation on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot B of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-155586 (AR) being a portion of Lot 275-C-13-A, (LRC) Psd-344523 L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the barrio of San Pablo, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Thousand Ninety Seven (3,097) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 879 Registry of Deeds for Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 152, Page No. 32, Book No. LXV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 8, 15 & 22, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RESTITUTO M. MERCADO**, who died on November 10, 2019; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and is a holder of an active savings account with Land Bank of the Philippines, Angeles – Sto. Entierro Branch with Account No. 00001526145913 with a total deposit of Six Million Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six and 33/100 Pesos (PhP6,075,336.33), before Notary Public Atty. Shaira Z. Garcia, as per Doc. No. 1008, Page No. 71, Book No. VII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 8, 15 & 22, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROLANDO B. PAGUNSAN**, who died on October 05, 2008, at Angeles Medical Center Inc. Rizal Street, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 4, of the consolidation-subdivision plan, Pcs-03-000749 being a portion of Lot 16, 18 & 24, Block 18, (LRC) Pcs-5403 and 12 Pcs-03-000662, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the barrio of San Nicolas, Lourdes and Pampang, City of Angeles; containing an area of Seventy Eight (78) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 72715; Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Rhofel T. Lopez, as per Doc. No. 658, Page No. 28, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 8, 15 & 22, 2025

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BDO UNIBANK, INC., AS REPRESENTED

BY LEINE A. DE CASTRO,

Petitioner-Mortgagee,

— versus —

E.J.F. No. 82-22

Real Estate Mortgage Under

Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118

SPOUSES MARIA CRISTINA T. CASTILLO

AND JACK T. QUITON, REPRESENTED

BY SANDY T. CASTILLO, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT,

Respondents-Mortgagors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA—JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra—judicial petition for sale under **Act 3135/1508** filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, mortgagee, with its postal address at **33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City**, against **SPOUSES MARIA CRISTINA T. CASTILLO and JACK T. QUITON**, represented by **SANDY T. CASTILLO**, as **Attorney-in-fact**, with postal address/es at (1) Barangay Sto. Cristo, Guagua, Pampanga and (2) Lot 9 Block 5, Phase 1 Lessandra Sorrento Subdivision, Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga 2021, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **June 15, 2022** amounts to **TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY SIX PESOS & 14/100 (Php2,183,666.14)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **October 16, 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. 042-2016005975

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in **BARANGAY PANIPUAN, MUN. OF MEXICO, PROV. OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON**, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 9

BLOCK NO: 5

PLAN NO: PSD-03-214660

PORTION OF: LOT 2, PCS-03-020749 ;

LOCATION: BARANGAY PANIPUAN, MUN. OF MEXICO, PROV. OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON

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AREA: SIXTY SIX SQUARE METERS (66) , MORE OR LESS 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 October 23, 2025 without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, August 29, 2025.

ARVIN RYAN V. BASILIO

Sheriff IV

RTC-OCC, CSF(P)

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1. BDO UNIBANK, INC. rep. by Leine A. De Castro – 33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12, ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City

2. SPS. MARIA CRISTINA T. CASTILLO and JACK T. QUITON - Brgy. Sto. Cristo, Guagua, Pampanga 2003 / Lot 9 Block 5, Phase 1, Lessandra Sorrento Subd., Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga 2021

3. SANDY CASTILLO - Brgy. Sto. Cristo, Guagua, Pampanga 2003

4. Punto Central Luzon
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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, (in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.),

Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

E.J.F. No. 134-25

Real Estate Mortgage Under

Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118

SPOUSES JACQUELINE RIGOR

OCHOA AND ELISEO MARUCUT

OCHOA REPRESENTED BY

ATTY-IN-FACT JUANITO LIWALAS RIGOR,

Respondents-Mortgagors.

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2021011667

“xxx A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 2 BLK. 4 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN PCS-03-014212, BEING A PORTION OF CONSOLIDATED LOT 2629-B-2-B, PSD-035413-067556 & LOTS 2629- B-3 TO 2629- B-7, PSD-03-041906, L.R.C. REC. NO.),SITUATED IN THE BO. OF PANIPUAN, MUN. OF MEXICO, PROV. OF PAMP., ISLAND OF LUZON x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED FOUR (204) SQUARE METERS. x x x “

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

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City of San Fernando, Pampanga, August 29, 2025.

ARVIN RYAN V. BASILIO

Sheriff IV

RTC—OCC, CSF(P)

- CC:
1. RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORP. - AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

2. Sps. Jacqueline R. Ochoa and Eliseo M. Ochoa - No. 478 Sto. Rosario, Apalit, Pampanga 2016 / B4 L2, Camella Sorrento Phase 1, Mexico, Pampanga 2021

3. Juanito Liwalas Rigor - No. 478 Sto. Rosario, Apalit, Pampanga 2016

4. Atty. Leonardo A. Yepes, Jr. - AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

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Brewing the impossible

BY GERALD GLOTON

A soulful sip at Sta. Rita's coffee crawl

Some days surprise you. What was supposed to be just a coffee crawl turned into a soulful trip through history, faith, and good food at Wave 2 of the Caloguran Coffee Crawl in Sta. Rita, Pampanga.

Sta. Rita is not just another small town on the map. It is a place where the sacred and the social blend together, and where every stop carries a story worth telling. Before we fueled up with coffee and carbs, we were brought to the Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish, a 300-year-old Spanish-era church that houses the 1st Class Relic of Santa Rita de Cascia, Patroness of Impossible Causes. St. Rita's life is a testament to how faith flips the script on what we think is impossible. As a child, swarms of bees flew in and out of her mouth without harming her, a sign of divine favor. Later in life, she bore

the stigmata on her forehead, carrying the visible mark of Christ's suffering. And when she passed on in the dead of winter, a rose in bloom was on her garden, proof that grace does not follow the rules of the season. Standing in front of her relic, you cannot help but feel it: the quiet certainty that impossibility has no power here. It was a grounding start, a sacred pause before the caffeine highs ahead. After that spiritual recharge, it was time to explore the coffee culture that is brewing new life into Sta. Rita. Each café was not just about food, it was about personality, passion, and community.



Café Athalia by Patricia Pineda

What began as a space for her daughter Athalia's birthday has blossomed into a minimalist café with heart. Opened in August 2024, it now serves specialty coffee and a wide range of food, but with a twist. They also sell baby and sleepwear merchandise, making it a lifestyle nook as much as a café. There is even a quiet room designed for conferences or meetings, turning it into a versatile spot for both serious sit-downs and cozy catch-ups. What makes the Caloguran Coffee Crawl special is that it is not just about hopping from one café to another. It is about uncovering the heart of Sta. Rita. From the centuries-old parish that reminds us of the power of the impossible to cafés that show the town's creativity and warmth, every stop tells a story.



Aw's Brew + Salon by Wendy Booc

Nestled in Becuran, this spot is part café, part salon, and all about wellness. Open for just over a year, it is already the favorite hangout of the youth, especially with Becuran High School nearby. The menu reads like comfort food heaven: pasta alfredo, aligue pasta, Charlie Chan, clubhouse, spam and egg, chicken, corndogs, fries, and more. Pair it with their coffee and you are set for a chill hangout or an after-class refuel.



This crawl showed us that Sta. Rita is not just holding on to its past. It is actively brewing its future, one cup of coffee and one plate of sumptuous food at a time. By the end of Wave 2, I realized this was more than a coffee trip. It was a journey that fed the soul and the senses. Sta. Rita gave us history, faith, food, and caffeine all in one afternoon. If you find yourself in Pampanga, carve out time for this town. Pause at the parish, soak in the silence, then head out to discover the cafés buzzing with life. Sta. Rita is proof that sometimes the best adventures are not about going far. They are about finding the stories and flavors waiting right where you are.

Marcos Jr. rains...

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Thunderous applause welcomed the president, with Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda and Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon, Social Welfare and Development Secretary Rex Gatchalian, and Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Raphael P. Lotilla at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center here some 3,000 farmers benefitted from the Handog ng Pangulo: Financial Assistance to Farm Laborers and Distribution of Titles, a national government initiative aimed to speed up land distribution and boost agricultural livelihoods.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development distributed P10,000 financial assistance each to 2,970 farmers and farm laborers from the province's 4th District, while the provincial government provided family food packs to further support the daily needs of farmer households.

A key feature of the event was the Handog Titulo Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources whereby four residential free patents, five agricultural free patents, 11 special patents, and three deeds of sale were turned over to farmer beneficiaries.

“Ang mga titulong ito ay pagkilala sa inyong karapatan na magmay-ari ng sariling lupa. Layon ng programang ito na palakasin ang inyong kabuhayan at partisipasyon sa pangangalaga ng kalikasan,” Marcos Jr. said.

Pampanga Delta...

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the contractor as Eddmari Construction and Trading; timeline of March 7, 2025 to Nov. 26, 2026; project cost at P380,261,912.24.

“Makikita sa larawan na nagpapatuloy pa rin ang konstruksyon ng tulay sa kabila ng pagtatakdang completion date noong 2023 para sa unang kontrata. Dahil dito, isang panibagong kontrata na nagkakahalaga ng halos ₱380 milyon ang inilabas at nakatakdang matapos sa Nobyembre 26, 2026,” noted Cabalen Macabebe Pampanga.

“Sa kabuuan, aabutin sa ₱946,890,177.94 ang pinagsamang halaga ng proyekto mula 2019 hanggang sa bagong target completion date na 2026,” it added.

Clark spurs...

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and forges partnerships with hotels to promote local products—ensuring that businesses of all sizes can thrive within the Freeport.

“Our investors continue to expand, our local businesses are finding bigger markets, and our community remains a place where people feel good,” the CDC chief said.

The Philippine Economic Briefing underscores the government's commitment to transparency and informed decision-making,

Titulo Program awards land patents under DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2019-04, which declares September as “Handog Titulo Month.”

This year, a total of 520 land titles were granted to qualified beneficiaries across regions, including 188 residential free patents, 181 agricultural free patents, 86 special patents, and 65 deeds of sale.

The DENR also donated 5,083 seedlings to beneficiaries to help with reforestation and environmental conservation.

Rice processing facility

In Guagua town, Marcos Jr. led the turnover of the Rice Processing System II (RPS II) facility and the distribution of farm machinery benefiting more than 36,000 rice farmers across the province.

The aid under the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization's (PhilMech) Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Mechanization Program, aims to boost farmers' productivity, profitability, and competitiveness through modern postharvest facilities and mechanized equipment.

“This facility underscores the Marcos administration's commitment to modernizing postharvest systems and sustaining Pampanga's role as one of the country's leading rice-producing provinces. By integrating appropriate postharvest technologies, we ensure farmers get more value for their crops and reduce their

Everything appears to be in order in the FB post. As is.

Some questions though need to be addressed by the Department of Public Works and Highways given the banner story of Punto! Central Luzon issue of Sept. 12-17, 2022 – **“P566.6-M Pampanga Delta Bridge 88% complete.”**

Already but 12% to full completion in the third quarter of 2022, absent any announcement of fund lack or right of way problems, in the story quoting DPWH Senior Undersecretary Emil Sadain, still uncompleted three years after with a new funding of P380.2 million.

That the bridge project shares the same contractor – Eddmari Construction & Trading – as the Candating

making Clark Freeport Zone a compelling choice for forward-thinking investors and entrepreneurs.

Joining Devanadera in the panel of discussion were Department of Economy, Planning and Development undersecretary Carlos Abad Santos, Department of Budget and Management assistant secretary Romeo Balanquit, Department of Finance assistant secretary Neil Cables, and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas director Lara Banapin. **CDC-PR**

losses,” noted Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr., who accompanied Marcos Jr. at the event.

The RPS II facility features a P53.6-million multi-stage rice mill with a capacity of two to three tons per hour. It includes a pre-cleaner, de-stoner, huller, mist polisher, length grader, color sorter, blending tank, automatic packing machine, rice hull bin, dust collection system, and an air-conditioned control room.

The facility also contained P8.1-million recirculating dryers, each with a 12-ton per batch drying capacity, made of stainless steel and equipped with dual heating systems, a generator set, and complete accessories.

“We are very grateful sa ipinagkaloob ng ating Pangulo. This is a good project na pinagtulungan ng lahat—mula sa mga magsasaka, sa tulong ng LGU at ng munisipyo, kasama rin ang provincial government, at higit sa lahat, ang national government sa pamamagitan ng PhilMech. Kaya lubos po ang aming pasasalamat kay Presidente Bongbong Marcos. Kanina po nag-usap kami, at makikita mo talaga sa kanya ang tunay na malasakit para sa mga magsasaka,” enthused Guagua Mayor Anthony Joseph Torres.

Aside from the milling and drying systems, rice combine harvesters were turned over to five farmer associations across Pampanga. These include SVMEX Farmers Association from Mexico; Barangay Sepung

Flood Control Project which Sen. Ping Lacson dubbed as “the face of failed flood control projects” already raises the proverbial red flags and begs the as-proverbial million-dollar(s) question.

Flood control plan

A sidebar story in the same Sept. 12-17, 2022 issue of Punto reported that the DPWH has commissioned planning and engineering consulting firm Woodfields Consultants Inc. “to formulate a comprehensive, effective and efficient plan for the Pampanga River Basin.” Again, with same Senior Usec Sadain cited as the source of the story.

Searches in the web for follow-up stories of DPWH-Woodfields deals showed

SM City Bataan...

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by focusing on waste management, water stewardship, and energy efficiency. These initiatives empower communities to embrace simple, everyday actions that create lasting positive impact.

This year's cleanup carried the global theme “Clean Seas Against the Climate Crisis” — the world's largest volunteer effort to protect the oceans. It calls on individuals everywhere to make a difference in their own

Ilog Farmers Irrigators Association Inc. from Sta. Ana; South Gumain Multipurpose Cooperative and Carmencita Farmers Association in Floridablanca; and the LGU of Magalang.

For farmer-beneficiaries, the turnover of the RPS II facility and farm machinery is life-changing as this will greatly improve both their efficiency and productivity in the community.

“Maraming salamat po, Mr. President, sa mga makinayang naibigay ninyo sa amin na napakalaking tulong sa aming buhay, lalo na kapag araw ng tag-ani,” SVMEX Farmers Association chairperson Valentino Allas said.

With Pampanga's 36,060 rice farmers managing 59,903 hectares of farmland, the turnover is expected to bring down production costs by P2 to P3 per kilogram and reduce postharvest losses by three to five percent, leading to higher yields, better grain quality, and increased incomes for farming households.

Pampanga farmers and cooperatives associations are also set to receive 28 four-wheel tractors and 13 rice combine harvesters under the 2025 RCEF Mechanization Program, further boosting farm efficiency and sustainability.

Nationwide, 151 RPS units have been completed under RCEF 1.0. Of these, 145 were completed under the Marcos administration, reflecting its strong push for agricultural modernization.

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projects in Tacloban and Marikina, none on the Pampanga River Basin, at least as of posting time, Sept. 22, 2025.

Question now: What happened to the Woodfields commissioned plan?

A flood masterplan for Central Luzon obtains in the web, in press release of the Presidential Communications Office dated March 18, 2016 and titled: Public Works Department proposes P1-billion, 60-kilometer dike for Central Luzon (see https://pco.gov.ph/march-18-2016-news-releases/).

That was precisely what former DPWH Secretary Rogelio “Babes” Singson said.

Begging more explanations from the DPWH. **Punto I-Team**

communities by cleaning up beaches, waterways, and neighborhoods.

Every bottle, bag, and piece of litter removed brings us one step closer to a cleaner, greener, and more resilient future. **SM-PR**



The Public Space

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and spiritual intuitions.

Jesus and the Fulfillment of the Law

This was also the core of Jesus' teaching. He clashed with Pharisees who clung to the letter of the law but missed its spirit. He insisted that the heart of the law was love of God and love of neighbor. He went further: love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, do not return evil for evil.

When Jesus said he came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it, he meant precisely this: to embody it, to internalize it until it became second nature. True morality is not about ticking boxes but about living in such a way that love becomes instinct.

Imagine what kind of society we would have if such love became our collective intuition. Imagine politicians who instinctively shun bribery, business leaders who instinctively think of workers' welfare, citizens who instinctively care for creation. This is what it would mean for Christianity to become not just a religion but a way of life that shapes our social structures.

The Miseducation of a People

The late Renato Constantino once wrote about “the miseducation of the Filipino.” He meant that colonial powers had trained us to look outward, to admire the foreign, to doubt ourselves. Randy David's call to ground our nationhood in moral intuition is a challenge to overcome this miseducation.

But miseducation does not come only from colonialism. It also comes from systems that teach us to equate success with wealth, fame, or power; systems that reward cunning over honesty, influence over integrity. That is why we must reeducate ourselves—not only in schools but in families, churches, communities, and movements that form the heart.

This reeducation is urgent for young Filipinos today. You are bombarded

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one key actor in the PDAF case is now investigating the controversial flood-control projects. Will this be another exercise in optics, or will they produce enforceable results. By this, I mean solid indictments, prosecutions, convictions, policy and law reform.

Fourth, let us remain vigilant against any form of distraction. The main issue during the rally was corruption and not partisan politics. If political actors try to hijack or extract electoral advantage, the message may become distorted, and public trust end up being diluted.

Lastly, we have to demand legal and structural reforms. It is never enough to punish erring public officials. While the heat is on, let us lobby for the passage of relevant laws such as anti dynasty laws and freedom

daily with images that tell you your worth depends on followers, brands, or appearances. Resist that. Reclaim the intuitions you learned as children: honesty, kindness, fairness, care for the weak. These are not childish lessons; they are the seeds of a humane society.

A Work in Progress

Am I proud that we are a predominantly Christian country? Honestly, no. Not yet. For if we truly lived by our faith, corruption would not be so pervasive. But I do not despair. I say we are a work in progress.

History shows that societies can change. Rizal believed that transformation begins in small habits. A people who practice self-discipline, who form consciences in truth and love, who nurture solidarity with the poor—such a people will eventually build just structures.

This is not naïve idealism. It is the slow, patient work of reeducation. It is the task of making love second nature, of turning moral and spiritual intuitions into the invisible scaffolding of our national life.

Conclusion: What Rizal Would Advise

So, what would Rizal advise? He would tell us that freedom without conscience is hollow, that institutions without virtue are brittle, that politics without love is poison. He would urge us not to rely merely on swapping leaders or rewriting constitutions, but to reeducate ourselves in the school of life, in the virtues of honesty, justice, and love.

The Philippines is still young. We have stumbled, yes, but we are not doomed. We are a people capable of moral and spiritual renewal. If we commit ourselves to reeducating our instincts—to grounding nation-building in moral and spiritual intuition—then perhaps one day we will become not just a predominantly Christian country but a truly Christ-like society.

This, I believe, is Rizal's unfinished dream. And this is the challenge we must now embrace.

of information bill, and even complete overhaul of the party list system. Let us demand the creation of a stronger independent oversight with subpoena powers, the lifting of bank secrecy, implementation of robust procurement reform, and institutionalization of public participation in monitoring government projects.

The September 21 protest showed that Filipinos, including those too young to remember the worst of Martial Law, are not resigned. They threw down a gauntlet. But real accountability, lasting reform and justice don't come from marches, chants and slogans alone. They come from institutions doing their job, from laws being enforced, and from citizens never letting up.

After the Trillion Peso March, the real work begins now.



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