

The slow death of an era?



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Yes. Cong-tractor 'yan eh... It's a conflict of interest thing that is found in so many laws on corruption. Mahirap na makatakas diyan.

BOYING REMULLA
Ombudsman
November 20, 2025



While I welcome any inquiry on the matter, I am not aware of an ongoing Ombudsman formal investigation against me on prohibited interests.

DONG GONZALES
Former Pampanga 3rd District representative
November 20, 2025

Ombudsman probes 'Congtractor' Dong

BY PUNTO NEWS TEAM

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- "Congtractor yan eh... People didn't believe that there would be accountability whatsoever in violating the law, harap-harapan kasi nga walang manghuhuli. Bawal iyan eh. It's a prohibited activity, it's a conflict of interest found in so many laws on corruption so mahirap na makatakas diyan."

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ALL IN THE FAMILY. At the proclamation of 2025 poll winners: CSF VM Brenz, Pampanga board member Mymy, former House SDS Dong, Pampanga 3rd District congresswoman Mica. **FILE PHOTO**

NHCP honors St. Scho's 100-year legacy



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- A centenary of Scholastican commitment "to providing holistic formation anchored on academic excellence to mold students into critically aware and socially responsible agents of change towards the transformation to a just and equitable society," has been memorialized here with a historical marker from the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

NHCP chair Regalado Trota Jose, Jr. and executive director Carminda R. Arevalo on Nov. 20 led the unveiling and turnover of the historical marker St. Scholastica's

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2025 CUSTOMS BROKER LICENSURE EXAMS:

MCC Top 1 Performing School, 5 graduates land in Top 10

MABALACAT CITY -- Achievement in academic excellence becomes the Mabalacat City College with its emergence as the Top 1 Performing School in the November 2025 Customs Broker Licensure Examination with a passing rate of 97.06%.

Of the 3,078 takers,

2,238 passed with five graduates of MCC in the Top 10:

- Top 6: Sophia Olalia Pineda, 93%
- Top 8: Lyka Maneclang Bautista, 92.5%
- Top 9: Chemalyne Nicdao Canlas, 92.25%
- Top 9: Jim Zane Abarquez Dizon, 92.25%
- Top 10: Jianne Trisha Garcia Olalia, 92%.

Felicitations are being showered upon the school's Institute of Business and Computing Education under Prof. Benjamin Doroteo, along with all the faculty members of the program for their leadership, expertise, and steadfast commitment, in carving a historic first for MCC. **Punto News Team**



Gov Nanay addresses "silent heroes of every barangay." **PHOTO: DANIEL OMBINA**

4,132 health workers, nutrition scholars get aid from Capitol, DSWD, Nanay

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- A total of 4,132 barangay health workers and barangay nutrition scholars all over Pampanga received assistance through a joint undertaking of the Capitol, the Department of Social Welfare

and Development, and Nanay Partylist on Nov. 20.

This, as a form of recognition of the critical contributions of these frontline community health and nutrition volunteers, who serve as essential partners

in delivering grassroots healthcare and nutrition services.

Each beneficiary received ₱6,000 in financial assistance—₱4,000 from the DSWD and ₱2,000 from

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TOP 1 PERFORMING SCHOOL IN THE 2025 CUSTOMS BROKER LICENSURE EXAMINATION

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THE FIVE MCC TOPNOTCHERS

Quarry operators shut down operations

MABALACAT CITY – “Once it was a vibrant home where artists poured their hearts, dreams, and sacrifices into every creation. Now it stands in silence, a broken reminder of how easily creativity can be overlooked, how the voice of artists can fade when no one listens.”

So, lamented local artist Dodjie Aguinaldo of the devolvement of “Tabnuan,” the old municipio in the Poblacion center transformed into a cultural hub by the previous city administration, since repurposed into a meeting hall with nothing but a coffee shop to pass off for cultural vibe.

Tabnuan served as the locus of culture and the arts – a stage for performances, an art workshop and a gallery for exhibitions curated by renowned Mabalacatan cultural advocates like Alex Del Rosario of the Center for Kapampangan Studies. Last July, Aguinaldo already sounded the alarm of Tabnuan’s deterioration to pedestrian

purpose, bewailing the unceremonious removal and haphazard storage, read: just piled up in a corner, of the works of art on display and the artists not even given the courtesy of a notice.

for a place, a passion, and a people who deserved more.”

“Transforming my diorama of the cultural hub into a ruined, abandoned structure reflecting the painful truth of how art and

has nothing against the decision to convert the Tabnuan exhibition area into a conference or session hall.

All he is asking is that artists and their works be treated with the respect they



Of late, amid continuing official indifference, Aguinaldo salvaged a diorama of the Tabnuan itself once exhibited there now in advanced stage of dilapidation, if not decay – “carrying the quiet ache of being unseen ... a mourning

culture are often forgotten,” rued the artist.

In yet another plea, Aguinaldo called on city officials especially those tasked to develop arts and culture to be more sensitive to art preservation. This, even as he noted that he

deserve.

Aguinaldo founded the Sining Mabalacat, the Mabalacat Artists Collective, and Sibul Ning Kalalangan, an art group for young artists where he also serves as adviser.

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PAHAYAG NG MGA MIYEMBRO NG LUPON NG MGA QUARRY OPERATORS SA BAYAN NG PORAC

Kami, mga kasapi ng lupon ng mga nagtataguyod sa bayan ng Porac, ay kusang-loob na nagtara ng aming operasyon dahil sa mga sumusunod na kadahilanan:

1. Patuloy na panggigipit mula sa lokal na ehekutibo, lalo na sa paglalabas ng mga Municipal Clearance na kinakailangan upang legal kaming makapagpatuloy ng operasyon.
2. Pagkubeta ng labis at tila di-roskatarungang buwis na sa aming pananaw ay maitataring na double taxation laban sa mga quarry operators.
3. Pakot-ikot at puhago-bagong proseso na ipinapatupad ng kasalukuyang panunuan ng munisipyo. Hindi po namin nararasan ang ganitong uri ng sistema neong mga nagdaang administrasyon, at simula pa noong 1986 ay hindi kami napunta sa ganitong malarap na kalagayan.
4. Gusto naming ipuhatid sa mga Poraqueño na ang patuloy na panggigipit ng munisipyo ay naglahat ng talatagang pagbagsak ng industriya ng buhangin sa Porac, sapagkat hindi na namin kayang ipagpatuloy ang aming kabuhayan sa ganitong sitwasyon.
5. Alam naming malaki ang natutulong ng industriya ng quarry sa makaraming Poraqueño, ngunit kung magpatuloy ang ganitong pagtrato ng kasalukuyang administrasyon, hindi na namin kayang magtaguyod ang aming mga negosyo.
6. Anin na toon na haning tapat sa sumusunod sa mga alituntunin ng kasalukuyang administrasyon, ngunit tinan-tan ay lalo pa kaming naghihigit at nagiging maligat ang pinapatay sa aralin.

Hindi sana kami aabot sa ganitong sitwasyon kung wala ang suporta ng Kapitolyo, ngunit dumating na kami sa subalalan ng aming pagtititid dahil sa pansin sa industriya.

Batid namin ang malaking ambag ng quarry industry sa ekonomiya ng Porac at kung ilang dekada na itong naging sandigan ng kabuhayan ng marant.

Petsa: Nobyembre 21, 2025

Road safety, smoother drive enhanced at SCTEX

MANILA -- NLEX Corp., the concessionaire of the 94-kilometer Subic–Clark–Tarlac Expressway, has carried out a series of asset enhancement and preventive maintenance works to further reinforce road safety and provide a smoother driving experience for motorists.

“We’re focused on delivering improvements that our motorists can truly feel on the road,” said NLEX president and general manager Luis S. Reñon. “SCTEX has long been known for its scenic and well-maintained stretches, and we are committed to upholding that reputation by continuously investing in safety and reliability.”

To ensure safer and more comfortable travel, pavement repairs covering approximately 3,700 square meters were completed from Dinalupihan to Tarlac, addressing uneven surfaces and minimizing potential driving hazards. The company also

installed 22 additional sets of rumble strips at key locations along SCTEX. These strips produce mild vibrations and audible cues for drivers, promoting more attentive and safer driving behavior. A total of 26 rumble strips are now installed across the expressway.

In addition, median or center guardrails from Dolores to Luisita are being raised by 30cm for the asphalt overlay. This adjustment maintains safety standards and preserves roadway integrity.

Earlier this year, NLEX Corp. implemented technology upgrades in SCTEX, aimed at improving toll system efficiency and enhancing overall customer experience.

“These improvements form part of our continued efforts to maintain SCTEX as a world-class expressway built on safety, comfort, and reliability,” Reñon added. **NLEX CorpCom**



Tree-cutting, building ban in AC watershed pushed

ANGELES CITY – “Dapat nating siguraduhin na wala nang bagong structure o building ang itatayo sa protected area ng Sapangbato Watershed at huwag nang magputol o magbawas ng puno sa lugar.”

Thus, Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr. declared on Nov. 20

during a joint inspection of the Sapangbato Watershed here with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, Angeles City LGU, and members of the media.

“Ang Angeles City Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) 2021-

2030 ay ipinasa noong panahon natin bilang city mayor. Sa ilalim ng CLUP, ang 546 hectares of land covering Sapangbato Watershed ay designated as ‘protected agricultural land’ and ‘no-build zone’ – construction of buildings within the area is prohibited,” Lazatin said.

“As city mayor, I ordered the closure of several establishments that were found erected within the designated protected area in violation of the CLUP. Our goal now is that no additional structures or buildings are constructed,” he added.

On Nov. 11, Lazatin filed House Resolution No. 446 directing the DENR to strictly monitor

the implementation of the Angeles City CLUP with respect to the protected agricultural land and no-build zone in Sapangbato.

Lazatin also reached out to the city government to seek their assistance in strictly implementing the CLUP, and for members of the media ang the community to watch for and report any illegal construction in the protected area.

Lazatin emphasized the need for collective effort from the whole community to protect the Sapangbato Watershed.

“Nakita natin sa nangyari sa mga ibang bayan nitong nakalipas na bagyo – ang pagkalbo

ng kabundukan ay may direct effect sa paglala ng pagbaha. Now, more than ever, our community has to combine our efforts to protect the Sapangbato Watershed,” he said.

On Nov. 12, Lazatin was named one of the members of the House of Representatives’ Special Committee on Reforestation, which is responsible for handling all matters directly relating to policies and programs on reforestation, including the effects of forest denudation, and other actions to ensure the implementation of a sustained community-based nationwide reforestation program.

Team Lazatin Media

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MAGUINDANAO MASSACRE

Also known as the Ampatuan Massacre, for the perpetrators and the name of the town where the mass graves of the victims were found.

November 23, 2009. 58 fatalities, 32 of whom are media persons.

The "worst political violence" in the Philippines, the worst wholesale massacre of media persons in all the world, in all of history.

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BUT THERE shall be no forgetting.

The mourning continues.

The struggle for justice remains unceasing.

The fight to end the culture of impunity that caused and effected the massacre unwavering.

Heed us then the call to arms:

"Do not go quietly into that good night...

Rage, rage against the dying of the light."

To us the living is repositated that sacred duty until justice is done and the victims of the Ampatuan Massacre, as well as all the martyrs in the cause of press freedom shall truly rest in peace...

Patuloy ang panaghoy, kaakibat ang pagpapaigting sa pakikibaka.

Hanggang ang katarungan ay ganap na makamtan.

Ang paglimot sa adhikaing ito, ang paglihis sa tungkuling ito ay paglapastangan sa kadakilaan ng pagbuwis ng buhay ng mga martir ng Maguindanao.

Wala. Wala pa rin katapusan ang pagluluksa.

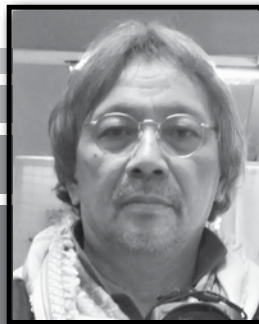


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Immunity index

CULTURE OF impunity. The phrase so oft applied in unsolved media killings, extra judicial executions, abductions and disappearances, that it assumed exclusivity for human rights violations.

Culturalization though starts small, petty things, which often repeated, graduate to big things. Like the culture of the lie attributed to Goebbels: If a lie is repeated often enough, it becomes the truth.

Hence, if a wrong is done often enough, it becomes not necessarily right, but altogether tolerated, aye accepted as a no-wrong.

Thence – to my simple mind – rises the culture of impunity. Impunity, if I remember my seminary Latin right, rooted in im – without, and punitas – punishment.

So even as I continue to join my media comrades raise clenched fists every 23rd of the month to remember the Ampatuan Massacre of November 23, 2009, and shout for an end to the culture of impunity, I keep my own impunity index on the petty side of things unright, if not illegal.

Like the passenger jeepney drivers dropping and picking up commuters in No Loading/No Unloading Zones right under the very noses of traffic enforcers.

Like the passenger jeepney drivers – again! – taking the outermost lanes and zooming through red lights right on plain sight of traffic enforcers.

Like the passenger jeepney drivers – again, again! – keeping their vehicles' headlights off in the dark of night. That's no simple driving with reckless imprudence, that's wanting – not waiting for – an accident to happen. So, where's the LTO?

Then there are the tricycles traversing stretches of the national highways in direct violation of the law, being confined only to crossing them.

There too are the whole families of three, four, five, once I saw even six, on board single motorcycles, where but tandem riding is decreed.

And helmetless motorcycle riders or those who wear them on their elbows not on their heads.

And what do you make of the *padyak-sikels* who lord it all over city streets – making terminals atop bridges, counterflowing traffic at will, do pick-and-drop passengers wherever?

They all flout the law with nothing more than their stupid grins to flaunt, but nobody dares apprehend them. Not even reprimand them. And these are but the "small folk" far below the ladder of power and influence in local society.

If, in their "lowness" they can get away with these small violations, so can the high and the mighty get away with bigger violations, murdering newsmen not exempted.

Ending the culture of impunity in this country is ever invoked at each unsolved high profile killing, abduction, disappearance.

Ending the culture of impunity in this country should be invoked at each unpunished illegality, no matter how seemingly trivial.

Ending the culture of impunity in this country demands the draconian exercise of political will. By all persons in authority. With full respect to the rights of the people, but of course.

Will. Will not. A whale of a difference in the nut.

(First published June 21, 2012 before the culture of impunity reached hellish proportions under Duterte)

The Joy of Simple Living



ONE DAY, Don Quixote of La Mancha said:

"Human beings chain themselves to luxury and vanities, pursuing wealth as though they could find happiness in it. But they do not see that the more they possess, the more they fear losing it, and in this anxiety, true joy escapes them. For happiness is neither in gold nor in opulence, but in the breeze that caresses the face, in the sincere laughter of a friend, in bread shared with gratitude. Foolish is the one who looks outside for what only the soul can find! Simple living is the greatest treasure, and he who understands this is the luckiest of men."

(From a post on Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David's FB page)

COMMENTARY

The future is defined by how we care for the next generation



THE CONVENTION on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified treaty in history.

Signed 36 years ago today, it affirms a simple truth: When we protect the youngest members of the human family, we build a better world.

But right now, children's rights are under attack. Poverty and emergencies are stealing education. Climate chaos is jeopardizing futures.

And new dangers lurk in the online world. Too many children already carry burdens far beyond their years, earning income or caring for siblings.

And famine and war have robbed thousands of the most basic right of all: The right to life.

Every child's circumstances are unique. But every child has the same rights, no matter who they are or where they live.

This World Children's Day, let us listen to children. And let us amplify their voices as they stand up for their rights.

The future is defined by how we care for the next generation. We must unite to build a safe and equal world for every child.

(UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message on World Children's Day, 20 November 2025)



Ad Lib
Rey Yumang

The slow death of an era?

MANY OF my friends weren't surprised when I admitted I wasn't glued to the Miss Universe finals last November 21. Partly, I was busy with our school's recertification with the Private Education Assistance Committee. But the bigger truth? I just felt the annual spectacle simply no longer feels spectacular. Each year, it struggles harder for relevance, overshadowed by controversies that chip away at what used to be a proud, global tradition.

From its 1952 debut in Long Beach to its electric 1990s peak under the iconic hosting of Bob Barker, and then later Bob Goen and Ali Landry, with former winners as anchors showing the tabulated scores after each round, Miss Universe was once the Olympics of beauty and culture. It was a global celebration of national pride, storytelling, and the kind of glamour that young girls around the world dreamed about. The opening Parade of Nations alone felt like a celebration of global identity. True, costumes back then were simpler and less elaborate, but their simplicity and authenticity reflected heritage and history.

Who could forget the era of real transparency in the selection process? As my friends and I waited for the preliminary scores flashed on the screen, we were ready with our pens, paper and calculators to see if the Philippine bet and our personal faves would make the cut. Then composite scores were revealed as each semi-finalist was called. Viewers at home actually understood how contestants fared. Even the host country's "little sisters" who accompanied

finalists in the evening gown competition added charm and warmth; a small ritual that made the show human, memorable, and magical.

But this year's edition in Thailand made it painfully clear how far the pageant has drifted. One of the most jarring moments came when Miss Mexico, Fátima Bosch, was publicly berated by Thai director Nawat Itsaragrisil during a sashing ceremony. He accused her of refusing to join a promotional video, reportedly called her "dumb," and had security escort her out. Bosch walked away and was followed by dozens of contestants in a rare show of unity and indignation.

Days later, composer-judge Omar Harfouch resigned, claiming that a "secret committee" had preselected the Top 30 finalists. Although denied by the organization, this allegation had casted doubt on the integrity of the competition. Fellow judge Claude Makélélé left under similarly murky circumstances. And as if that weren't enough, Thai authorities opened an investigation over claims that some candidates were asked to promote an illegal

online casino.

This is no longer the Miss Universe many of us grew up with. Survival mode has turned a global celebration into a corporate strategy. It has turned into a show that is heavy on branding, sponsorships, and revenue targets, but light on dignity and authenticity.

Inclusivity and diversity are noble goals, but when they're packaged hastily and marketed aggressively, the message feels hollow. When sponsorship noise drowns out contestants' voices, the platform weakens. And when scandals overshadow stories of women who trained for years, something vital is lost.

Like many fans, I couldn't help but ask: Is Miss Universe still a symbol of women empowerment, or just a business cloaked in sequins?

The death of an era doesn't happen with a single scandal. It happens quietly, when a tradition stops inspiring. Unless the organization chooses transparency, respects its contestants, and honors the legacy that once made it truly universal, this may indeed be the beginning of the end of an era.



Napag-uusapan
Lang
Marvel V. Garcia

254th Founding Anniversary ning San Simon pigmasusian

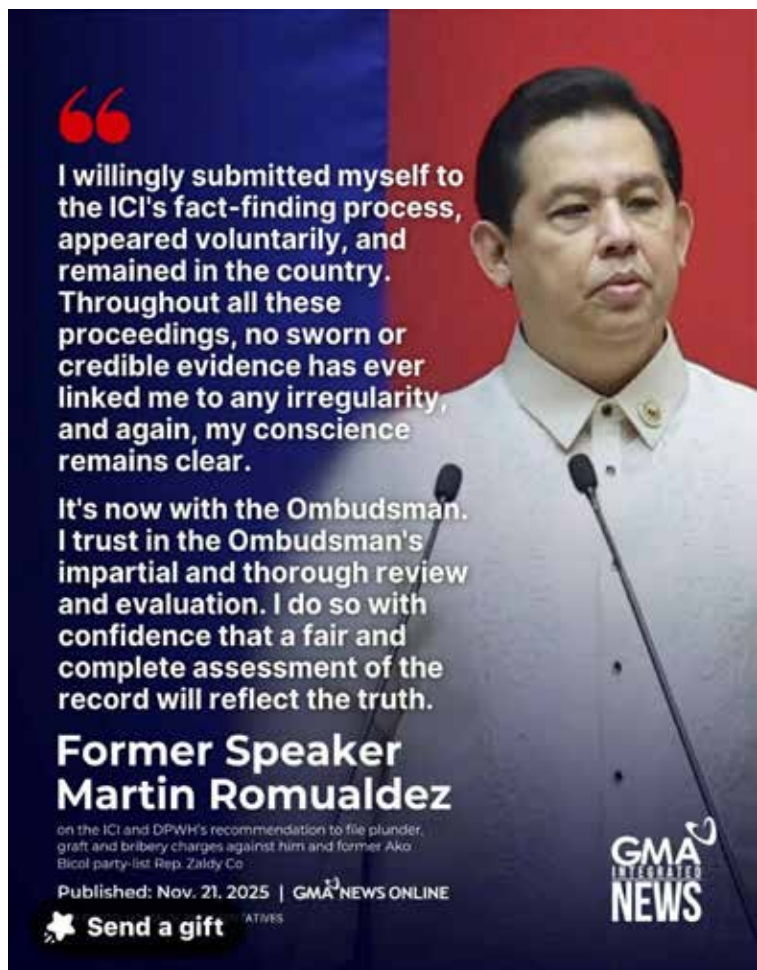
1. Pigmasusian ding memalen ing aldo ning pangatatag ning balayan ning San Simon napung Sabadu ning abak penimunan ning malagung i acting Mayor Anne Canlas kambe ning bise alkalde at konsial a mangasipag tinagun la ring mapilan a kapitan at kagawad da ring miyaliwang baryu na ning munisipalidad
2. Matagumpe ing programa ning makule katatagan at dakal la ring menalbe ketang palbaksan festival balang mayaring tinerak a baryung mekiligligan kukulyo la ring manalbe't kukurug ing palakpakan king pepakit dang talentu ding mikyabeng kayanakan linto ya leguan at tindag ing kulturang Kapampangan
3. Agpang kang Keko Almario ing founding anniversary ning San Simon king panaun nang Mayora Wong milyari ya ngana ing migumpisa king pamagmasusi kaniti banwa pang 2010 iniang i madam Wong ing alkaldi at manibatan kanita pagmasusian da ne iti ding memalen ning San Simon angga king panaun ngeni
4. Meging dake namu naman ning masampat a programa ing pamamie plake bilang tanda ning pamangilalala king melalapupuring asias na ning agumang AGTAKA laureado internasyunal, poeta Felix M. Garcia uling king meging ambag na ban lubus misaplala ya ing amanung kapampangan, tradisyun at ing kultura
5. Kabilugan ing programa dinagus yang masalese mesaya la't mikuswelu ding anggang taung menalbe lakuas na ring residenti na ning barangay San Jose uling ila ring sinambut king ligligan menagumpe i kap Oliver Malonzo as ne kakuswelung tune abakas mu king lupa na ing timan na ning tagumpe

COMMENTARY



Kapangyarihan sa Likod ng Pahayag: Pagtitiwala o Panggigipit?

By Alex S. Caguiran



“
I willingly submitted myself to the ICI's fact-finding process, appeared voluntarily, and remained in the country. Throughout all these proceedings, no sworn or credible evidence has ever linked me to any irregularity, and again, my conscience remains clear.

It's now with the Ombudsman. I trust in the Ombudsman's impartial and thorough review and evaluation. I do so with confidence that a fair and complete assessment of the record will reflect the truth.

Former Speaker Martin Romualdez

on the ICI and DPWH's recommendation to file plunder, graft and bribery charges against him and former Ako Bicol party-list Rep. Zaldy Co

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SA UNANG tingin, walang masama sa pahayag ni Leyte Representative at dating Speaker Martin Romualdez. Sino ba naman ang tatanggi sa "kumpiyansa" sa isang institusyon tulad ng Office of the Ombudsman? Ngunit kung babasahin nang mas malalim ang kanyang salita, "may taglay itong manipis ngunit malinaw na "subtext" o nakatagong mensahe—isang paraan ng paghubog ng naratibo sa publiko na maaaring makaapekto, hayagan man o hindi, sa direksiyon ng imbestigasyon.

Kapuri-puri raw ang kanyang "boluntaryong pagdalo" sa ICI at ang kanyang "malinis na konsensya." Ngunit kailan pa naging sukatan ng kawalang-sala ang pagdalo sa isang hearing?

Kailan pa naging depensa ang pagbanggit ng malinis na konsensya, samantalang ang mga kasong nakasampa ay pawang may prosesong dapat sundin at ebidensiyang dapat timbangin?

Sa ganitong pahayag, tila sinubukang ilatag ni Romualdez sa publiko—at sa Ombudsman mismo—ang isang naratibo: na wala siyang kinalaman, at ang anumang resulta na taliwas doon ay taliwas din sa "katarungan."

Hindi ba't ito mismo ang taktika ng mga politikong sinusubukang unahan ang mga imbestigasyon? Maglabas ng maagang pahayag, idiin ang pagiging "malinis," at iposisyon ang sarili bilang biktima ng intriga. Sa ganitong paraan, nababahiran ng pampublikong panggigipit o pressure ang mga

institusyon na dapat ay gumagana nang walang takot at walang kini-kilingan.

At narito ang pinakamahalagang tanong: Kung talagang walang dapat ikabahala, bakit kailangan pang bigyang-diin na "impartial" at "thorough" ang Ombudsman—na para bang may dapat itong patunayan sa kanya? Bakit kailangan pang sabihin sa publiko kung paano dapat mag-desisyon ang isang independent constitutional body?

Sa ilalim ng retorika ng tiwala, naroon ang mas tahimik ngunit mas matalim na mensahe: na ang paborableng desisyon ang siyang "makatarungan," at anumang kabaligtaran nito ay taliwas sa kanyang isinapublikong imahe ng kawalang-sala. Ito ang nagiging problema kapag mas mabigat ang puwersang politikal ng mga sangkot: kahit ang isang simpleng pahayag ay nagiging kasangkapan ng impluwensya.

Bagama't malaya at hiwalay sa impluwensiya ang Ombudsman

ayon sa Saligang Batas, hindi ito lubos na ligtas sa tibok ng opinyon publiko—lalo na kung ang tibok na ito ay sinasadyang hinuhubog ng makapangyarihang tinig.

Ang tunay na tiwala sa proseso ay tahimik. Hindi ito maingay. Hindi ito kailangang ipahayag sa press release. At higit sa lahat, hindi ito naglalatag ng narrative na siya mismong makikinabang.

Sa bandang huli, ang dapat nating ipaglalan ay hindi ang "kumpiyansa" ng mga iniimbestigahan, kundi ang kalayaan at integridad ng sistemang sisiyasat sa kanila. Ang kaso laban kay Romualdez ay hindi dapat manatili sa antas ng mga pahayag sa media. Dapat itong nakabatay sa ebidensya, proseso, at katotohanan— hindi dahil sa PR, hindi dahil sa retorika, at hindi rin dahil sa maingat na mensaheng may halong pampolitikang panggigipit.

Kung malinis nga siya, hayaang ang Ombudsman mismo ang magsabi nito—hindi siya.

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THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
ANGELES CITY

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& TRUST COMPANY,
Mortgagee,

FC Case No. 2025-0148
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135
AS AMENDED

- versus -

SPS. MARIA ROSSEL VERGARA
SANTOS and BIENVENIDO
LUSUNG SANTOS as duly
Represented by JOSE ROMMEL VERGARA
Mortgagors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY with principal office address at GT Tower International, 6813 Ayala Avenue corner H.V. Dela Costa Street, Barangay Bel-Air, Makati City, against the Mortgagors SPS. MARIA ROSSEL VERGARA SANTOS and BIENVENIDO LUSUNG SANTOS as duly represented by JOSE ROMMEL VERGARA, with residential address at 90 Brgy. Laon, Abucay, Bataan, in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debt which as of June 30, 2025 amounts to SEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PESOS AND THIRTY-SEVEN CENTAVOS (Php7,142,725.37), Philippine Currency, principal, interest, including penalty, exclusive of legal expenses and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on December 3, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court, Porac, Pampanga, located at the 2nd Floor Municipal Hall, Porac, Pampanga, will sell at public auction for CASH and MANAGER'S CHECK and in Philippine Currency, the following parcels of land with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 042-2023024845

LOT NO: 11 BLOCK NO: 18 PLAN NO: PCS-03-021004
PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD OF LOT I -K-2-B-1-C-1-C
PSD-03-213118 & LOT 1-K-2-B-1-C-2-A, PSD-03-206292;
(LRC) RECORD NO. 11478
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF DOLORES & BANABA,
N1UNICIPALTY OF PORAC, (continued on next page)
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (Continued from page 1)
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	LOT 9, BLOCK 18, PCS-03-021004
2-3	SE	LOT 32, BLOCK 18, PCS-03-021004
3-4	SE	LOT 30, BLOCK 18, 1'CS-03-021004
4-5-6-7-8-9-10	SW, NW	ROAD LOT 5, PCS-03-021004
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TIE POINT: BLBNI NO. 1, BO. OF DOLORES, PORAC,
PAMPANGA
AREA: TI-TREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE SQUARE
METERS (325), MORE OR LESS.

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 January 7, 2026 at same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, August 7, 2025.

YVES GABRIEL V. GADIA
Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished:

Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co.
33/F BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
#12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

SPS Maria Rossel Vergara Santos
And Bienvenido Lusung Santos
As duly represented by Jose Rommel Vergara
90 Brgy. Laon, Abucay, Bataan

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that HERMOGENES P. LIWANAG, of legal age, married to LEONIDA G. LIWANAG, Filipino citizen, and a resident of 538 Purok 4, Bical, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; and heirs of ANGEL B. LIWANAG who died on October 15, 1992 in Bical, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and IRENEA P. LIWANAG who died on November 9, 2010 at 178 Purok 4, Brgy. Bical, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his/her estate; and left behind a parcel of land with improvements situated at Block 9, Lot 9, Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; covered by Survey No. Psd-25790 and containing an area of Two Hundred Ten (210) Square Meters; as evidenced by the detailed Inventory Report Issued by the National Housing Authority (NHA); before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc No. 6057, Page No. 95, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that REYNALYN B. RATHBUN, of legal age, Filipino, widow, and a resident of 6-4 President Roxas Street, Josefaville II, Barangay Amsic, Angeles City; and heirs of LEX ROLAND RATHBUN (American), who died on April 08, 2025 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Sole Adjudication on h/s/her estate; and that the time of his death, the said deceased left a certain real property, including all improvements thereon, located at 6-4 President Roxas Street, Josefaville II, Barangay Amsic, Angeles City, with an area of Five Hundred Forty Eight (548) square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 045-2022007364, issued by the Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Raenan B. Malig, as per Doc No. 1006, Page No. 15, Book No. 24, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

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Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

ERRATUM

In the Notice of Extra-Judicial Settlement of RICARDO ENGUENCO SANTOS and ANGELINA TUAZON SANTOS, published on August 4, 11 & 18, 2025 should be Transfer Certificate of Title No. 120126 and not as earlier published.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of HERMINIO DAVID PANGILINAN; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights, Deed of Donation and Special Power of Attorney on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 25-G-5 of the subd. plan Psd-03-099451, being a portion of Lot 25-G, (LRC) Psd-331333 LRC. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Pulung Santol, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eight (2,708) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 508342-R; before Notary Public Atty. Joanne D. Vitug Evangelista, as per Doc. No. 250, Page No. 84, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of EDITHA M. AUTENCIO and ROMULO AUTENCIO who died on November 2, 2025 in Angeles City, Pampanga and on December 25, 2020 in St. Raphael Foundation and Medical Center, Inc., 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 located in the Barrios of Balibago and Pandan, Angeles City, Province of Pampanga, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 99890, with an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) square meters, more or less; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 5846, Page No. 53, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of ELPIDIO DELA CRUZ CRUZ SR. who died on August 29, 2001 at Tiaong, Guiguinto Bulacan, ENGRACIA GARCIA CRUZ who died on May 06, 2011 at Tiaong, Guiguinto Bulacan and ROBERTO GARCIA CRUZ who died on October 27, 2014 at Tiaong, Guiguinto Bulacan; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale of the Improvement/Building on his/her estate; and are the absolute and registered owners of the Improvement/Building, Classified and Actual Use for Residential House situated in Lot 523-C, Tiaong, Guiguinto Bulacan under the Tax Declaration of Real Property TD/ARP No. 2024-09013-01118, containing an area of One Hundred Seventy Two square meters (172.00 sq.m.); before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 110, Page No. 23, Book No. CVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of ALFONSO CUNANAN who died on May 26, 1992 at Paing, Bantay Ilocos Sur, VIRGINIA CUNANAN who died on July 2, 1996 at Paing, Bantay Ilocos Sur and DIONISIO SARMIENTO CUNANAN who died on September 10, 2025; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Partition on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No.: 26482
Land Area: Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three (21,333) square meters more or less
Location: Alauli/San Vicente, Apalit, Pampanga

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 194, Page No. 40, Book No. CXII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of SPS. TEODOR D. AQUINO JR. and LYDIA PINEDA AQUINO who died on September 27, 2016 and June 7, 2025 at Sto. Tomas, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2063-C-1-C-6-C, of the subd. plan Psd-03-109278, being a portion of Lot 2063-C-1-C-6, Psd-03-003725, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the barrio of Sto. Rosario, Mun. of Sto. Tomas, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Five Hundred Seventy Seven (577) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 486704-R; before Notary Public Atty. Benito G. De Guzman, as per Doc. No. 108, Page No. 73, Book No. XI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of OSCAR C. DAVID who died on October 3, 2017 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 99086

A parcel of land (Lot 15, Block 2 of the consolidation & subdivision plan, Pcs-03-001658, being a portion of the consolidated Lots 1 & 2, Pcs-03-000549, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, Municipality of Angeles; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) square meters;

TCT NO. 99087

A parcel of land (Lot 17, Block 2 of the consolidation & subdivision plan, Pcs-03-001658, being a portion of the consolidated Lots 1 & 2, Pcs-03-000549, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, Municipality of Angeles; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) square meters;

TCT NO. 99088

A parcel of land (Lot 19, Block 2 of the consolidation & subdivision plan, Pcs-03-001658, being a portion of the consolidated Lots 1 & 2, Pcs-03-000549, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, Municipality of Angeles; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) square meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Aldin C. Ayson, as per Doc. No. 174, Page No. 12, Book No. XVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of TERESA MANABAT ALMALEL who died on April 01, 2025 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2012001428

A parcel of land without improvements, (Lot 36, Block 13 of the consolidation subdivision plan Pcs-03-013834, being a portion of Lots 9-11, Block 1, Lots 11-12, 24-25, Block 3, Lots 1-9, Block 4, Lots 14-15, 29-30, Block 5, Lots 16-17, 34-35, Block 6 Lots 18-19, 38-39, Block 7, Lots 21-22, 44-45, Block 8, Block 29, Lots 1-27, Block 30, Lots 1-23, Block 31, Lots 1-3, 5-21, Block 32, Road Lots 1-14, All subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-66539, L.R.C. (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in Barangay Pampang, City of Angeles, containing an area of Forty Eight (48) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2012001429

A parcel of land excluding improvements, (Lot 38, Block 13 of the consolidation subdivision plan Pcs-03-013834, being a portion of Lots 9-11, Block 1, Lots 11-12, 24-25, Block 3, Lots 1-9, Block 4, Lots 14-15, 29-30, Block 5, Lots 16-17, 34-35, Block 6 Lots 18-19, 38-39, Block 7, Lots 21-22, 44-45, Block 8, Block 29, Lots 1-27, Block 30, Lots 1-23, Block 31, Lots 1-3, 5-21, Block 32, Road Lots 1-14, All subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-66539, L.R.C. (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in Barangay Pampang, City of Angeles, containing an area of Forty Eight (48) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2012001430

A parcel of land with improvements, (Lot 40, Block 13 of the consolidation subdivision plan Pcs-03-013834, being a portion of Lots 9-11, Block 1, Lots 11-12, 24-25, Block 3, Lots 1-9, Block 4, Lots 14-15, 29-30, Block 5, Lots 16-17, 34-35, Block 6 Lots 18-19, 38-39, Block 7, Lots 21-22, 44-45, Block 8, Block 29, Lots 1-27, Block 30, Lots 1-23, Block 31, Lots 1-3, 5-21, Block 32, Road Lots 1-14, All subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-66539, L.R.C. (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in Barangay Pampang, City of Angeles, containing an area of Forty Eight (48) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Rochelle V. Lorenzo, as per Doc. No. 2179, Page No. 71, Book No. XXII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of FELIXBERTO GALANG who died on September 28, 2025 at Brgy. Banaoang, Bantay, Ilocos Sur; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Partition on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2013016638
Registry of Deeds for the City of San Fernando Pampanga

AREA: Nine Thousand Thirteen (9,013) Square Meters
LOCATION: Cupang, Arayat, Pampanga
Whereas, the Original Property was subject of a Subdivision Survey Plan, designated as PSD-110053;

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 502, Page No. 102, Book No. CXI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of FIDEL R. CASTRO who died on February 18, 2025, in California, United States; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

1. A parcel of land situated in Barangay San Pablo, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, with an area of Six Hundred Forty (640) square meters, more or less, forming part of TCT No. 198042, with a total area of 6,816 square meters;

2. A parcel of land under the names of SPOUSES FIDEL R. CASTRO and TEODORA N. CASTRO, with improvements thereon, located at San Bartolome, Quezon City, containing an area of Ninety-Four (94) square meters covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. N-161549;

3. A condominium unit located at Avida Towers Sola Tower 1, Unit No. 1-1601, with a total floor area of Sixty-One point five eight (61.58) square meters (including balcony), covered by Condominium Certificate of Title No. 004-2022020056, registered in the names of Spouses Teodora Neri Castro and Fidel Rapada Castro, situated at Edsa, North Triangle, Barangay Bagong Pag-Asa, Quaezon City;

4. A condominium parking unit located at Avida Towers Sola Tower 1, Fifth Podium Level, Unit No. 1-5P13, with an area of Twelve Point Five (12.50) square meters, covered by Condominium Certificate of Title No. 004-2023009007, likewise registered in the names of Spouses Teodora Neri Castro and Fidel Rapada Castro, situated at Edsa, North Triangle, Barangay Bagong Pag-Asa, Quezon City;

before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 5801, Page No. 44, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 53
GUAGUA, PAMPANGA
Email: rtc1gga053@judiciary.gov.ph
Mobile No. 0942-202-6217

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION
OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE
OF LIVE OF KATHLEEN ANGELES
RAVANA WITH LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR NO. 96-189,

KATHLEEN ANGELES RAVANA,
Petitioner, UDK SP PROC. NO. G-25-53

-versus-

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF SASMUAN, PAMPANGA,
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY/
CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, and
REYNALDO MINIMO RAVANA,
Respondents.

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ORDER

This pertains to the petition filed by the petitioner through the Public Attorney's Office, alleging the following:

Petitioner was born on May 17, 1996 to spouses Reynaldo Minimo Ravana and Luisa Barcenas Angeles. She was born second in the order of birth.

On March 5, 2025, she presented her PSA copy of her Certificate of Live Birth to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) satellite office in Balanga, Bataan as a requirement in the application of her Philippine Passport.

During the evaluation, the DFA pointed out that the citizenship of the petitioner's father is not clearly reflected as "Filipino". The word "Dressmaker" is superimposed in the line separating Entry No. 14 (Citizenship) and Entry no. 16 (Occupation). This irregularity has raised doubts regarding the accuracy of the civil registry record and consequently, cast uncertainty on the petitioner's claim to Filipino citizen by birth.

To verify the abovementioned information, the petitioner obtained copies of the Municipal Form No. 102 as well as Civil Registry No 1A from the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar of Sasmaan, Pampanga and she discovered that the citizenship of her father was clearly entered as "Dressmaker".

The truth is that Reynaldo M. Havana is a Filipino citizen who was employed as a dressmaker at the time of the petitioner's birth. He was born in Sta. Cruz, Zambales, Philippines to Filipino parents and has resided in the Philippines since birth. The erroneous entry regarding the petitioner's father's citizenship on the Certificate of Live Birth may have resulted from mere inadvertence, wherein the clerk may have mistakenly recorder his occupation as his citizenship.

To establish that her father is a Filipino citizen, the petitioner secured a PSA-copy of her father's Certificate of Live Birth indicating that he (petitioner's father) was born to spouses Leonardo Quiroy Ravana and Rosario Edip Minimo who are both Filipino citizens.

The petitioner's parents were blessed with five children, including the petitioner. In the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner's siblings, the nationality of their parents is consistently recorded as Filipino. It is only the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner that the correct citizenship of her father was not entered.

The petitioner prays that after due notice, publication and hearing, this petition be GRANTED and that an Order be issued directing the Civil Registrar General/Philippine Statistics Authority to reflect in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner with Registry No. 96-189 the true and correct citizenship of her father which is Filipino as well as indicate the occupation of her father as Dressmaker at the time of her birth.

Finding said petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on December 10, 2025 at 8:30 in the morning with additional settings on January 21, 2026 and February 11, 2026 both at 8:30 in the morning at the courtroom of this Court.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga.

Let copies of this order and the petition be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amoroso St., Legaspi Village, Makati City; the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, City of San Fernando, Pampanga the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City; and the Local Civil Registrar of Sasmaan, Pampanga.

The Civil Registrars concerned and any person having or claiming any interest under the entries where corrections are sought may, within fifteen (15) days from notice of the petition, or from the last date of publication, file their opposition thereto, and appear on said date and time and show cause why this petition should not be granted.

SO ORDERED.

Guagua, Pampanga, October 22, 2025.

MARIA CONCEPCION A. YUMANG
Presiding Judge

Punto! Central Luzon: November 9, 16 & 23, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDGARDO Q. RIVERA** who died on August 31, 2025, at Dr. Amando L. Garcia Medical Center, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 4399-H-4 of the subd. plan Psd-03-107391 being a portion of Lot 4399-H, Psd-03-033983 LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Pulung-Bulu, Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pamp.; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 527332-R Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Kenneth Earl T. Buñag as per Doc. No. 13, Page No. 4, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ARWIN P. BOLUS**, of legal age, married, to **AISHIA E. BOLUS**, Filipino citizen, and a resident of Pulung Cacuud, Angeles City; and heirs of **EDUARDO M. BOLUS** ("EDUARDO") who died on September 21, 2025 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.	LOT No.	AREA IN Sq.m. (more or less)
TCT No. 045-2023013623	Lot 5 Block 4 of the Subd. Plan Psd-035401-065409	150

before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc No. 5953, Page No. 74, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 16, 23 & 30, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DELIA RIVERA LOPEZ** who died on November 27, 2019 in Angeles City Pampanga and **ENRICO IGNACIO DIZON** who died on March 20, 2022 Angeles City Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 19, Blk. 1, of the subd., plan Psd-03-025454, being a portion of parcel 22, lot 19, Psu-2908, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Pulungbulu, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty-Four (184), Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 662899-R; before Notary Public Atty. Willie B. Rivera, as per Doc. No. 2640, Page No. 6, Book No. CXXXIII, Series of 2022.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 9, 16 & 23, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CARMENCITA GUECO FELICIANO** who died on June 03, 2025 at 12-08 Consuelo R., Essel Park Subd., Telabastagan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 355-A-8-D of the subd., plan Psd-03-173997 being a portion of Lot 355-A-8, Psd-03-139459 L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Roque, Mun. of Magalang, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four (1,594), Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 173893; before Notary Public Atty. Archie Paul C. Muyorng, as per Doc. No. 168, Page No. 35, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 9, 16 & 23, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **GLORIA AMAMIO DUCKWORTH a.k.a GLORIA AMANIO DUCKWORTH**, of legal age, widow, Filipino citizen, resident of Block 17 Lot 10 Carolina St., Timog Park Homes, Pampang, Angeles City; and heirs of **JAMES DUCKWORTH** who died on June 21, 2018 in Hallam Residential Care, Hallam, Victoria, Australia; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10, Blk. 17 of the consolidation/subdivision plan Pcs-03-013834, being a portion of Lots 9-11, Blk-1, Lots 11-12, 24-25, Blk. 3, Lots 1-9 Blk-4 Lots 14-15, 29-30, Blk-5, Lots 16-17, 34-35, Blk-6, Lots 18-19, 38-39, Blk-7, Lots 21-22, 44-45, Blk. 8, Blk -29, Lots 1-27, Blk-30, Lots 1-23, B-31, Lots 1-3, 5-21, B-32, Road Lots 1-14, All subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-66539, L.R.C. (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in Barrio of Pampang, City of Angeles; containing an area of Seventy Two (72), Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2011007100; before Notary Public Atty. Cesar Clarence Deang Contreras, as per Doc. No. 2270, Page No. 41, Book No. 10, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 9, 16 & 23, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PABLITO DASIGAN DEL ROSARIO JR.**, who died on March 11, 2022 at San Ildefonso, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 19-0 of the subd. plan Psd-03-089043 being a portion of Lot 19, Pcs-03-007721, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of San Ildefonso, Mun. of Magalang, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Three Hundred (300), Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 432229 Issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 521, Page No. 106, Book No. XCI, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 9, 16 & 23, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REYMUENDO DAVID SANTOS** who died on March 27, 2021 in Los Angeles, California, USA and **MERLE BONIFACIO SANTOS** who died on February 21, 2024 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 164-2017018029

AVIDA TOWERS VIREO
RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM
TOWER 1
LEVEL FLOOR: 2ND FLOOR
UNIT CALL OUT 1-225
UNIT AREA: 23.40
UNIT MODEL/TYPE: STUDIO
TOTAL AREA: 23.40

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on Transfer Certificate of Title 2016001376 with embraces and describes the land located at Brgy. Western Bicutan, Taguig City with an area of Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy (9,370) Square Meter, is Registered in the name of:

OWNER: Ayala Land, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing Under the laws of the Republic of the Phil.
ADDRESS: Tower One and Exchange Plaza, Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue, Makati City Avida Towers Vireo, Tower 1, 2nd Floor, Unit 225, Taguig City.
Customer Account Number: 2000103756
Contract Number: 200000021122

before Notary Public Atty. Raenan B. Maligno, as per Doc. No. 975, Page No. 9, Book No. 24, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 9, 16 & 23, 2025

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

BDO UNIBANK, INC., as represented
by LEINE A. DE CASTRO,
Mortgagee,

-versus- EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 25-0460M)

SPOUSES RAMVIN M. BONIFACIO AND
ALELIBELLE MONTIBON BONIFACIO,
represented by ELIZABETH SIMBULAN
MONTIBON, Attorney-in-fact,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon application for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., as represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO**, with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, against **SPOUSES RAMVIN M. BONIFACIO and ALELIBELLE MONTIBON BONIFACIO, represented by ELIZABETH SIMBULAN MONTIBON, Attorney-in-fact**, registered owners of **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2019017281** with postal address/es at: (1) 1058 Dalan Baca, Sulipan, Apalit, Pampanga; and (2) Lot 10, Block 1 Road Lot 1 (now Oakland Street) Highview Hills, Phase 3, Barrios of Sampaloc and San Juan (now Barangay Sampaloc), Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 25, 2025 amounts to **FOUR MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIXTY TWO PESOS AND TWENTY SEVEN CENTAVOS (PhP4,513,062.27)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalty and other charges, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **December 15, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Macabebe, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2019017281

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BO. OF SAMPALOC, & SAN JUAN, MUN. OF APALIT, PROV. OF PAMP., IS. OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 10, BLK. 1 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-03-159813, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2107-B-2, B-3, B-4, PSD-035403-055950, LOT 1 & 2, BLK. 9, PCS-03-013629, LOT 2111-A-2, PSD-03-119691), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF SAMPALOC, & SAN JUAN, MUN. OF APALIT, PROV. OF PAMP., IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 12, BLK. 1 OF THE SUBD. PLAN; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY RD. LOT 1, PCS-03-013629; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 8, BLK. 1 AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 9, BLK. 1, BOTH OF THE SUBD. PLAN. BEG. AT PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 19 DEG. 13'E., 374.27 M. FROM BBM. NO. 1, APALIT CAD.; THENCE S. 00 DEG. 08'W., 12.00 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE N. 89 DEG. 52'W., 8.00 M. TO PT. 3 THENCE N. 00 DEG. 08'E., 12.00 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE S. 89 DEG. 52'E., 8.00 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING AN AREA OF NINETY SIX (96) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS. CYL. CONC. MONS.; 15 X 40 CMS., BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF THE ORIG. SURVEY JAN. 1919-MARCH 1920 AND THAT OF THE SUBD. SURVEY MRCH 5, 2007 AND WAS APPROVED ON MAY 3, 2007.

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

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **December 22, 2025** at the said time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, October 27, 2025.

EDGAR JOSEPH C. DAVID
Sheriff IV

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

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BDO Unibank, Inc.
represented by Leine A. De Castro
Remedial Management Unit
33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas,
No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City

Spouses Ramvin M. Bonifacio and Alelibelle Montibon Bonifacio
Rep. by AIF Elizabeth Simbulan Montibon
1058 Dalan Baca, Sulipan, Apalit, Pampanga
and
Lot 10, Block 1 Road Lot 1 (now Oakland Street)
Highview Hills Phase 3
Barrios of Sampaloc and San Juan (now Barangay Sampaloc)
Apalit, Pampanga

Punto Central Luzon November 9, 16 & 23, 2025

ALVIERA FOR CENTRAL LUZON

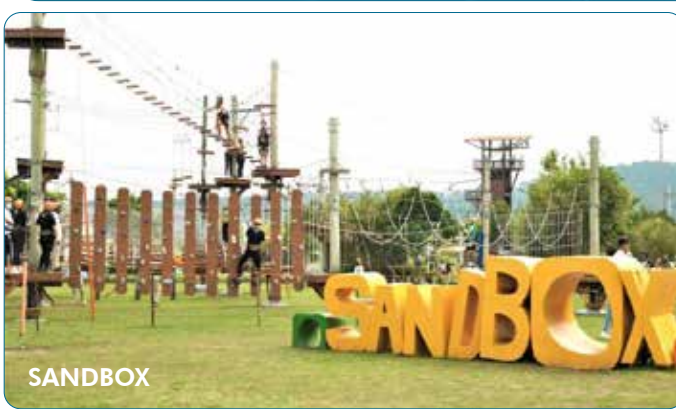
WHAT DOES PROGRESS LOOK LIKE WHEN NATURE IS PART OF THE PLAN?



Imagine a weekend in Porac, Pampanga: sunlight spilling over wide green spaces, children exploring shaded trails, and families enjoying a community where work, learning, and leisure are all within reach. This is the everyday reality that **Alviera**, a 1,800-hectare estate by **Ayala Land Inc. and Leonio Land Holdings Inc.**, is shaping, a place where growth and nature thrive side by side.

The numbers tell a compelling story. Alviera's industrial park is steadily taking form, with nine locators expected to generate 1,500 jobs by 2026, creating opportunities that keep families rooted in Central Luzon. Confidence in the estate is evident: land values in its commercial districts have climbed by up to 60 percent, while nine residential enclaves have sold 5,500 units, signaling strong demand for communities that combine accessibility with open space. Wide, tree-lined avenues and generous parks set the tone for neighborhoods that feel connected yet calm.

Education is part of this vision. Miriam College Alviera opened its 10-hectare campus last August and is now accepting students from Kindergarten to Grade 10 for School Year 2025–2026. Through its partnership with Camosun College in Canada, the school offers pathways to international degrees—bringing global opportunities closer



to home for Central Luzon families.

Sustainability anchors the master plan. The La Salle Botanical Gardens (LSBG), now rising on 25 hectares, will serve as a green landmark dedicated to plant conservation, environmental research, and eco-tourism. It will feature 25 themed collections of native flora, seed banks, research labs, and sustainable systems, along with trails, picnic areas, campsites, a chapel, and an amphitheater. These spaces turn stewardship into a lived experience—science you can walk through and green spaces that invite residents to slow down and reconnect with nature.

Lifestyle follows naturally. Adventure seekers can head to Sandbox, while guests of the Alviera Country Club enjoy multipurpose courts, fitness facilities, a dance studio, and swimming pools. Sports have found a home here with a 350-meter driving range opened last December and venues that have hosted football, Frisbee, racket sports, and fun runs. On the calendar are trail runs, biking events, and the Spartan Regional Finals. Earlier this year, the Alviera Sports Program launched to promote active living and wellness across the region.

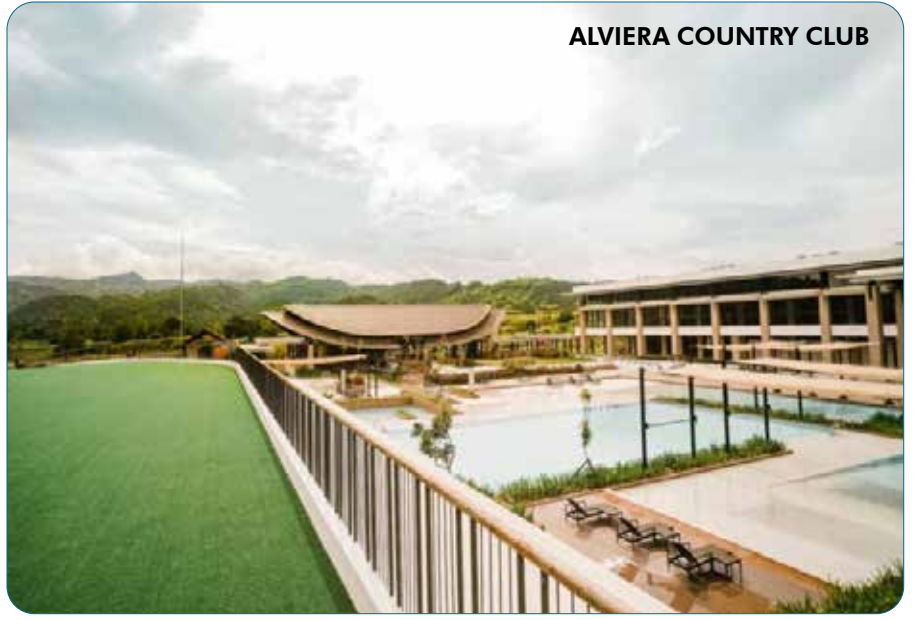
Connectivity ties everything together. From Alviera, major expressways are within easy reach; Clark International Airport and Subic Seaport sit nearby; and access to the upcoming North–South Commuter Railway strengthens the region's logistics and commuter options. For residents, this means shorter travel times and more choices. For businesses, it turns location into a strategic advantage.

Looking ahead, Alviera's central business district—crafted by world-renowned firm Henning Larsen—will blend modern urban energy with natural landscapes.

THE GREENWAYS – ALVEO



ALVIERA COUNTRY CLUB



DRIVING RANGE ALVIERA

Soon, a 20,000-square-meter retail destination will rise, featuring nature-themed playgrounds, splash zones, and outdoor wellness spaces—bringing convenience and community together in one vibrant setting.

Central Luzon's next chapter is being written here—where jobs arrive with parks, schools open beside homes, and growth keeps faith with the land. If you live in Pampanga or nearby provinces, explore Alviera and see where your family's routine fits best—at a campus, a trailhead, a clubhouse, or a workplace minute from home. If you build, teach, research, or invest in the region, consider how your plans can connect with this ecosystem: a shop in the retail district, a program at the botanical gardens, a team in the sports calendar, or a tenancy in the industrial park. Progress that includes nature depends on participation. Take your place in it.

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Alviera is a 1,800-hectare integrated mixed-use development in Porac, Pampanga.



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CONRADO LEGASPI LAGMAY** who died on August 07, 2016 in the City of Angeles, Pampanga, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 52-A of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-340334, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 52, Block 3, Psd-546; L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, City of Angeles; Containing an area of Ninety Four (94) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (97259) 045-2023007358; before Notary Public Atty. Edgar Vicente D. Ocampo, as per Doc. No. 627, Page No. 57, Book No. XLI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NARCISO GUIAO** who died on September 02, 2020 and **JUAQUINA DAVID GUIAO** who died on September 09, 1990; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a Transfer Certificate of Title 11523 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five (11,945) Square Meters more or less; before Notary Public Atty. Michael C. Yabut, as per Doc. No. 24, Page No. 5, Book No. XCIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HENRY Q. MANALOTO** who died on December 28, 2023 at the Sacred Heart Medical Center, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

PROJECT: One(1) condominium unit at Beijing Tower the Capital Towers
LOCATION: E. Rodriguez Ave., Quezon City
UNIT NO: 195 Beijing Tower
FLOOR AREA: 35.00 Sq.M.
PARKING SLOT NO.: L 7-34
PARKING SLOT FLR. AREA: 12.50 Sq. M.
TOTAL AREA: 45.50 Sq. M.

before Notary Public Atty. Mylene A. Yturralde Chan, Jd, R.E.B, as per Doc. No. 1459, Page No. 95, Book No. LVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES VICTOR MAXION SR.** and **CONSOLACION TANGLAO** who died on December 20, 1977 in Angeles City, Philippines, and on January 01, 2001 at Eden Medical Center, 20103 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley, CA; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 26 Block 15, of the subdivision plan Psd-62664, being a portion of Lot 632-A-1-A described on plan Psd-25090, LRC Cadastral Record no. 124) with building erected thereon, situated in the barrios of Pampang and Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty (230) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title 33951-R; before Notary Public Glaiza M. Quateros, Fee Paid \$25.00, Service No. 1027165, O.R.No. 118575, Doc. No. 13239, Page No. 1, Book No. 1, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HENRY Q. MANALOTO** who died on December 28, 2023 at the Sacred Heart Medical Center, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

**"TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 567861-R
 Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga
 (Lot with Improvement)**

"A parcel of land (Lot 24 Blk. 5 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-59205, sheet 1 being a portion of lot 2, (LRC) Psd-57235, LRC Rec. No. 8714,) situated in the Barrio of Telabastagan, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Four Hundred Sixty Eight (468) Square Meters, more or less"

**"TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2015010145
 Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga
 (Lot Only)**

"A parcel of land (Lot 24 Blk. 18 of the cons.-subd. plan, Pcs-03-014827, being a portion of consolidated lots 1,2,3, & 4, Psd-03-000938 (OLT), 2015-A & 2015-B, Psd-035413-054139, 2015-C-1, Psd-03-125304, A & B, Bsd-035413-003293 (AR) & 10, BCS-03-000052 (OLT) LRC No.) situated in the Barangay Masamat & Sabanilla, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters, more or less"

**"TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2015010147
 Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga
 (Lot Only)**

"A parcel of land (Lot 22 Blk. 10 of the cons.-subd. plan, Pcs-03-014827, being a portion of cons. Lots 1,2,3, & 4, Bsd-03-000938 (OLT), 2015-A & 2015-B, Psd-035413-054139, 2015-C-1, Psd-03-125304, A & B, Bsd-035413-003293 (AR) & 10, BCS-03-000092 (OLT) LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Barangay Masamat & Sabanilla, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Twenty Four (224) Square Meters, more or less"

**"TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2016010446
 Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga
 (Lot Only)**

"A parcel of land (Lot 23 Blk. 18 of the cons.-subd. plan, Pcs-03-014827, being a portion of consolidated Lots 1,2,3, & 4, Psd-03-000938 (OLT), 2015-A & 2015-B, Psd-035413-054139, 2015-C-1, Psd-03-125304, A & B, Bsd-035413-003293 (AR) & 10, BCS-03-000052 (OLT) LRC No.) situated in the Barangay Masamat & Sabanilla, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters, more or less"

before Notary Public Atty. Mylene A. Yturralde Chan, Jd, REB, as per Doc. No. 1668, Page No. 23, Book No. LIII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RUPERTO YANGA** who died on June 03, 1995, in Escaler, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land situated at Barangay Escaler, Magalang, Pampanga; with Lot No. 19, Psd-03-012574 (OLT), containing an area of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine (3,829) Square Meters more or less; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 14232; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 4825, Page No. 31, Book No. XV, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EULALIA S. PINGUL** who died on August 12, 1975 in Minalin, Pampanga, **DR. SABAS N. PINGOL** who died on January 20, 1977 in Minalin, Pampanga, **ALFONSON. PINGOL, SR.** who died on May 15, 1998 in Vallejo, California USA, **ELENA S. PINGUL** who died on November 22, 2007 in Minalin, Pampanga, **MARCIANO S. PINGUL** who died on December 8, 1985 in Quezon City, **VALENTINA PINGUL-DIZON** who died on January 9, 2015 in Minalin, Pampanga, **EMILIANA PINGUL UMALI** who died on May 12, 2012 in Minalin, Pampanga and **YETIVA PINGUL LAXAMANA** who died on March 17, 2012 in California, USA; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

**TCT NO. 94836-R
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA**

A parcel of land (Lot No. 1, plan Psu. 90246) situated in the barrio of Calangayen, Municipality of Lubao; containing an area of Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven (51,527) square meters;

**TCT NO. 94837-R
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA**

A parcel of land (Lot No. 2, plan Psu. 90246) situated in the barrio of Calangayen, Municipality of Lubao; containing an area of Nine Thousand and Ten (9,010) square meters;

**TCT NO. 94838-R
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA**

A parcel of land (Lot No. 3, plan Psu. 90246) situated in the barrio of Calangayen, Municipality of Lubao; containing an area of Twenty Thousand One Hundred Twenty Two (20,122) square meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Ryann T. Rueda, as per Doc. No. 26, Page No. 7, Book No. XXXVII, Series of 2022.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RUPERTO YANGA** who died on June 03, 1995, in Escaler, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Addendum to the Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; Whereas, the heirs previously executed an Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Absolute Sale dated December 20, 2024 acknowledge before the Notary public of Magalang, Pampanga Atty. Koko P. Gonzales, and recorded in his notarial record as Doc. No. 4825, Page No. 31, Book No. XV, Series of 2024, involving the estate of the late Ruperto Yanga, particularly concerning a parcel of land located in Barangay Escaler, Magalang, Pampanga, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 14232, with a total area of 3,829 square meters; Whereas, the Transfer Certificate of Title No. 14232 covering the said property name the legal spouse of Ruperto Yanga as Milagros Francisco, who as confirmed by official records and government issued documents, is also known by her true and correct name, Carmelita Francisco Yanga, before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 4200, Page No. 38, Book No. XXIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES BENIGNO C. AQUINO** and **VIRGINIA T. AQUINO** who died on July 23, 2020 and December 31, 2016 at Brgy. Malonzo, Dapdap, Bamban, Tarlac, and Divine Mercy Hospital, McArthur Hi-Way, Brgy. Anupul, Bamban, Tarlac; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Anupul, Bamban, Tarlac, covered and described by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. 2022000039/Patente ng Samu-Saring Pagbibili Blg. MS-036902-18-6915, issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Tarlac; containing an area of Two Hundred Nine (209) Square Meters more or less; before Notary Public Atty. Arnaldo P. Dizon, as per Doc. No. 368, Page No. 75, Book No. 45, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 23, 30 & December 7, 2025



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Study of the **Proposed Bulk Water Supply for Sta. Maria Water District (SMWD) project of GLOBAL SUPPLY SOLUTIONS CORPORATION** located in Barangay Catmon, Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the project. Please refer to the following details:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
December 09, 2025 (Tuesday)	10:00 AM (Registration starts at 9:30 AM)	Covered Court of Barangay Catmon, Sta. Maria, Bulacan

The Public Hearing is being conducted as part of the review of the EIS Study, which is being conducted by the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau (EMB).

The Project Information is provided below:

Project Name	PROPOSED BULK WATER SUPPLY FOR STA. MARIA WATER DISTRICT (SMWD) PROJECT
Project Location	Barangay Catmon, Sta. Maria, Bulacan
Project Type	3.1.3, Water Supply Project with surface water source and water treatment Facilities (Based on Sec 3 of EMB MC 2024-003 or the amended threshold for water supply project)
Project Area/Capacity	Total Land Area: 6,212 sq. meters Total Floor Area: 3,000 square meters Processing rate: 10 Million Liters per Day (10 MLD)
Project Rationale	Based on the EIS Study, it stated that "Water supply of Sta. Maria, Bulacan is managed by the St. Maria Water District (SMWD) wherein water is supplied by Twenty two (22) production wells with a combined capacity of 319 liter per second (lps) or 27 MLD. Aside from the groundwater sources, SMWD also obtain treated water from Angat river through PhilHydro Company in Norzagaray with a total of 0.13 cms or 11MLD. The service area coverage of SMWD includes twenty four (24) barangay of Sta. Maria, Bulacan and three (3) barangays outside Sta. Maria Bulacan such as Pulong Yantok (Angat), Sta. Rosa II (Marilao) and Turo (Bocaue). Due to the increase in population and customers served within St. Maria and other barangays, there has been recorded regular occurrences of 10-15% water supply deficiency in production wells during the dry season. In this regard, SMWD is also currently looking to develop a new surface water that can augment the anticipated supply gap of the municipality through developing the largest water surface system within the municipality- The Sta. Maria River. Specifically, the project aims to: Provide additional source of potable water to be supplied to St. Maria Water district; Construct a River Water Treatment Plant and its accessories; Construct a Smart Pulsator- Type Clarifier System and accessories; Augment the supply of bulk water to nearby towns and barangays; Generate temporary employment during

construction and permanent job opportunities to qualified local workers; Generate revenue , through IRA , for the host barangay and municipality of Sta. Maria."

Project Components	Quantity	Specifications
Booster Pump Station	10,000Cu.M/day/460V/3ph/60hz	
Fuel Tank	2000Lts Steel Tank	
Genset Shed	4mW x 6mL Light Roof Shed	
Administration And Laboratory Building	7mW x 8mL Building	
Control Room	5mW x 8mL Building	
Warehouse	6mW x 10mL Building	
Chemical Warehouse	4mW x 13mL Building	
Sludge Lagoon 1	7mL x 14mW x 1.5mD	
Sludge Lagoon 2	7mL x 14mW x 1.5mD	
Feed Pump Manifolds	10,000Cu.M/day/460V/3ph/60hz	
Clear Water Tank	Concrete Tank 189 Cu.M. Cap.	
Clarifier	Concrete Tank 595 Cu.M Cap.	
Quiescent Zone	Concrete Chamber 2mWx15mLx4.5mD	
Flocculation Tank	Concrete Chamber 4.5mWx15mLx4.5mD	
Grit Chamber	Concrete Chamber 1mWx15mLx4.5mD	
Perimeter Fence and Guard House	Fence-265mts CHB / GH 2mW x 3mL	
Concrete Access Road	Concrete Pavement 4-m Width & 100mts Length	
Parking Space	Concrete Pavement 6mW x 20mL	
Proponent	GLOBAL SUPPLY SOLUTIONS CORPORATION	

All interested and concerned parties who want to participate in the Public Hearing are encouraged to confirm their attendance by sending an e-mail to recordsr3@emb.gov.ph. Parties may also send their position paper or comments to recordsr3@emb.gov.ph at least three days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able register or submit written comments or position papers may be given opportunity to be heard during the Public Hearing.

The EIA Study is posted at the EMB Region 3 website (<https://r3.emb.gov.ph/>) and copies will be available at the Barangay Hall of San Roque and at the Municipal Hall of Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

For further details, please contact the Clearance and Permitting Division at (045) 963-3623 local 106 or 0907-721-5572.



R3-2025-037607

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BDO UNIBANK, INC., Extra Judicial Foreclosure of
represented by **LEINE A. DE CASTRO,** Real Estate Mortgage Under
Mortgagee, Act No. 3135 as Amended
FC Case No. 2025-0171

- versus -

SPOUSES MARICEL M. CONCEPCION
AND JOSEPH D. CONCEPCION
represented by **JANE CRIS P.**
CONCEPCION,
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial Application for sale under Act No. 3135, as Amended filed by the Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC., represented by Leine A. De Castro,** with office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, # 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, against the Mortgagors, **SPOUSES MARICEL M. CONCEPCION AND JOSEPH D. CONCEPCION represented by JANE CRIS P. CONCEPCION,** both of legal age, Filipino Citizen and with postal address/es at: (1). 10106 Main Avenue Barangay Dau barangay Subdivision, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; (2). Unit 1503B 15th Floor Tower B Marquee Residences Barangay Pulung Maragul, Angeles City, Pampanga, in order to satisfy the mortgage debt therein which as of 29 August 2025, amounts to **Five Million Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Pesos and Nineteen Centavos (Php5,263,999.19),** Philippine Currency, excluding interests, penalties and additional daily interest and penalties up to the date of sale, in addition attorney's fees and other charges all secured by this Mortgage, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on 19th December 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Hall of Justice Bldg., Angeles City, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for **cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency,** the following parcel of land with all the improvement existing thereon:

**CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE
OF TITLE NO. 045-2017000084**

The Tower B Marquee Residences, one bedroom unit 1503B, 15th floor with an area of FIFTY-THREE (53) SQUARE METERS, Located at Barangay Pulung Maragul, Angeles City, Pampanga.

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2012002905 which embraces and describes the land located at Pulung Maragul, Angeles City, Pampanga with an area of SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIVE (6,605) SQUARE METERS.

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

In the event that the scheduled public auction should not take place, the same will be conducted on 20th January 2026 at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, October 3, 2025.

GARRY M. PANGILINAN
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**BDO UNIBANK, INC., REPRESENTED
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Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

E.J.F. No. 157-25
Real Estate Mortgage Under
Act 3135 as Amended by Act
4118

**SPOUSES ARNEL RAMIREZ PABUSTAN
AND MILDRED MANALO PABUSTAN,
REPRESENTED BY ANGELO
VERGEL MANALO PABUSTAN,
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, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City,** against **SPOUSES ARNEL RAMIREZ PABUSTAN AND MILDRED MANALO PABUSTAN,** represented by **ANGELO VERGEL MANALO PABUSTAN, Attorney-in-fact,** with postal address/es at (1) No. 213 Gasak 2 Valdez, Floridablanca, Pampanga and (2) Lot 41 Block 27 Phase 1 Road Lot 37 (now Padua Street), Camelia Sorrento, Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **September 29, 2025** amounts to **TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY SIX PESOS & 57/100 (Php2,377,666.57)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **January 8, 2026 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. 042-2013013461

"x x x A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 41, BLK. 27 OF THE CONS.- SUBD. PLAN PCS-03-014212, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOT 2626-B-2-B, PSD-035413-067556, LOTS 2629- B-3 TO 2629-B-7, PSD-03- 041906, LRC. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF PANIPUAN, MUN. OF MEXICO, PROV. OF PAMP. IS. OF LUZON. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE (189) SQUARE METERS. x x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 15, 2026 without further notice.

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

ARVIN RYAN V. BASILIO
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CC:

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. ARNEL R. PABUSTAN and MILDRED M. PABUSTAN** - No. 213 Gasak 2 Valdez, Floridablanca, Pampanga / Lot 41 Block 27 Phase 1 Road Lot 37(now Padua Street) Camelia Sorrento, Brgy. Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga

3. **ANGELO VERGEL M. PABUSTAN** - No. 213 Gasak 2 Valdez, Floridablanca, Pampanga

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BDO FINANCE CORPORATION,
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**SPOUSES EDELYN FRANCISCO
MANALANG AND ROLLY GUANZON
MANALANG** as represented by
their Attorney-in-fact, **ELIZAH MAGBANUA
FRANCISCO,**
Respondents-Mortgagors,

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**CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE
OF TITLE NO. 042-2024000768**

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

**AZURE NORTH
BUILDING TWO - BALI
LOCATION: SIXTEENTH FLOOR
UNIT NO. ROOM 1601
FLOOR AREA: 28.72 SQUARE METERS. x x x "**

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 14, 2026, without further notice.

Prospective buyers and bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the property described above, and the encumbrance thereon, if any there be.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, November 05, 2025.

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4.) **PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON**

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THE GOLDEN RICE OF SANTA RITA

Where tradition tastes like heritage

BY GERALD GLOTON

SANTA RITA, Pampanga — Only a handful of families in this town continue the rare and intricate craft of making Duman. Among them is the Cuenco clan of Barangay Sta. Monica. Their story begins with Lola Maria, passed on to Inang Julia, and now carried forward by Alvin Cuenco, the third generation keeping the fire of tradition alive.

As the number of Duman-making families grows smaller, the value of this heritage grows even stronger. Duman is not just a seasonal delicacy. It is a legacy. It is patience, culture, and ancestry rolled into grains that shimmer like gold.

"I want to continue the tradition and preserve the quality of Duman here in our hometown," Cuenco said, a simple line carrying the weight of three generations and the hope of more to come.

He is not standing alone. The local government of Santa Rita is all-in for the preservation of their treasured craft. Under the leadership of Mayor Reynan Calo, the municipality issued Executive Order No. 005 which strengthens the protection of the Kapampangan Duman Tradition.

The ordinance supports Duman farmers, secures the cultural identity of the town and fuels Santa Rita's ambition to place Pamagduman on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list.

"Through the efforts of Mayor Reynan Calo, he immediately released an executive order to support Duman farmers," says Earl Tongol, Santa Rita LGU administrative consultant.

Quick, decisive, and rooted in pride. Santa Rita knows what it must protect.

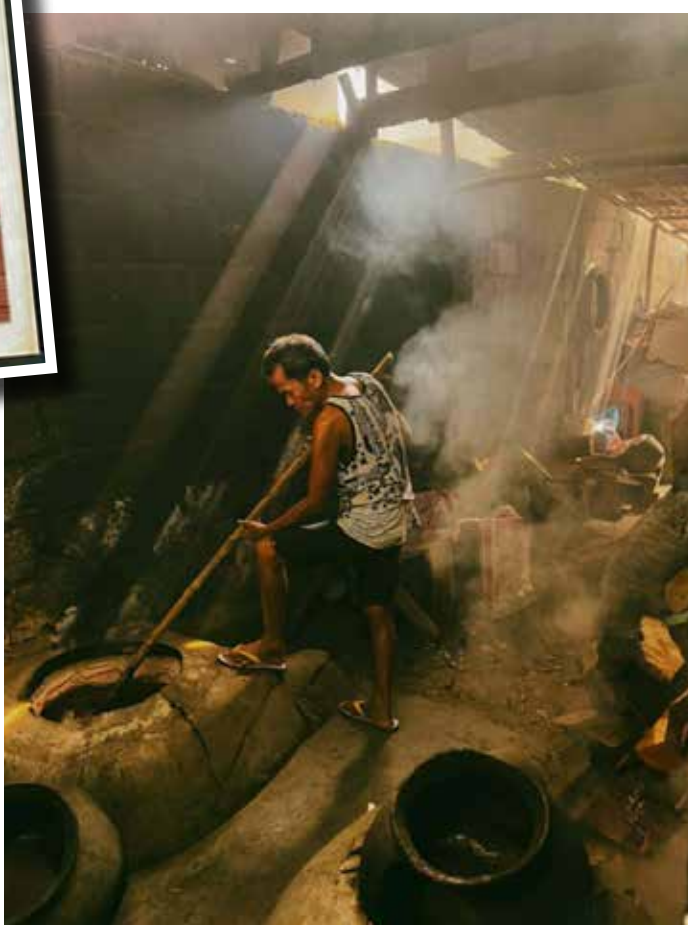
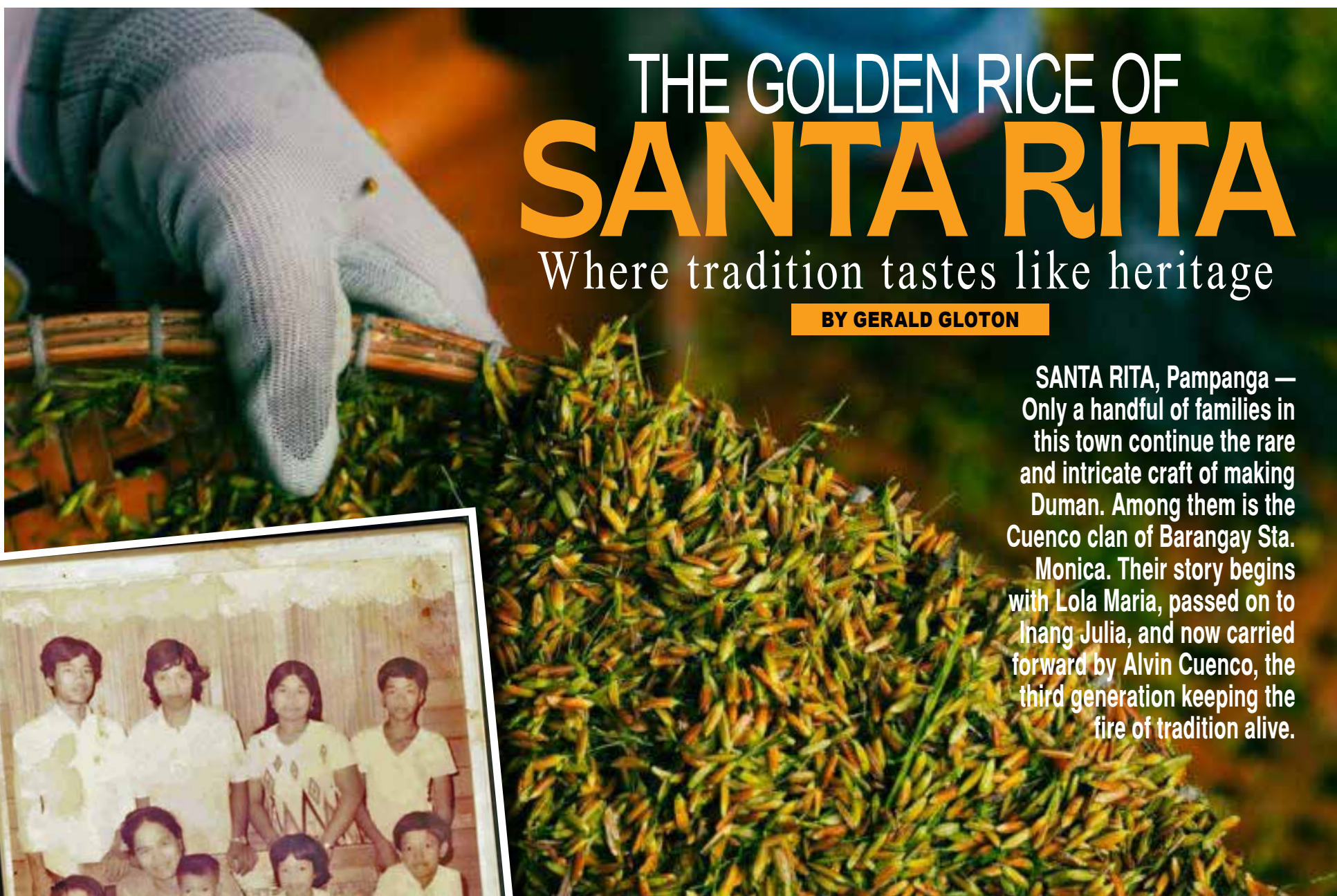
This is community spirit at its finest. Families who keep the craft burning. Leaders who fight for its future. A town that rallies behind the legacy it refuses to lose. That is the Santa Rita signature.

As preparations rise for the Duman Festival, the excitement builds. Duman is more than a Christmas treat. It is culture harvested by generations and safeguarded by a community that knows its worth.

On Dec. 6, 2025, the celebration comes alive at the Santa Rita de Cascia Parish Church Grounds starting at 4 PM, followed by "Alang Imposibli The Musical" performed by Arti Sta. Rita at 6 PM. An evening crafted to honor heritage in every sense.

When the town gathers once more, Santa Rita reminds the world that Duman is not just a product. It is a treasure. It links the people to their culture, their history and their shared heart.

Golden grains. Golden tradition. Golden Santa Rita.



Expanded industrial zoning for Sta. Ana pushed

STA. ANA, PAMPANGA — Pampanga business leader Rene Romero called for a major expansion of industrial zoning for this eastern Pampanga town to tap its full potential for development.

The current vice chair of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Development Institute, Inc. and former president and chairman of the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry made his call at the convening of the town's local investments and incentives board last Nov. 17.

Romero, also chairman and CEO of RoMac Group, underscored the imperative for the municipality to update its Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP)

and expand its industrial zoning from the current 22 hectares to at least 100 to 200 hectares.

He explained that the existing zoning allocation is too small to attract the type of industries needed to transform the town into a competitive hub for investments, jobs, and tourism.

The expansion, he said, would allow Sta. Ana to accommodate agro-industrial facilities, logistics operations, fabrication shops, and light manufacturing.

Romero highlighted Sta. Ana's strategic location and youthful labor force as key advantages. With a median age of 26 in its population and access to urban centers such as the cities of San Fernando

and Angeles City, and the Clark Freeport, as well as to the emerging commercial centers of Mexico, Arayat, and Magalang, Sta. Ana is positioned to support labor-intensive industries and attract investors looking for long-term stability, he said.

He also recommended the establishment of a fully functioning investment promotion office to present a clear investment menu specifying industrial zones, suitable industries, land-use restrictions, available utilities, and incentives. Investors must immediately see where they can locate and what assistance the LGU can provide. Predictable policies, efficient processing, peace and order, and firm commitments to protect

investor interests, he added, are essential to securing investments and sustaining Sta. Ana's economic momentum.

Also serving as resource persons and discussants at the event were former City of San Fernando mayor and Pampanga 3rd District Rep. Oscar S. Rodriguez, Institute for Solidarity in Asia fellow Sonia Soto, Vickee Dela Cruz-Ong of Makimura, Macky Nicdao of One Pampanga, and KD Magtoto of the Pampanga Business Circle, an informal yet dynamic alliance of business leaders and professionals who gather to build camaraderie and meaningful relationships.

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Subic mural painting activity promotes maritime awareness

SUBIC, ZAMBALES — As part of government efforts to deepen understanding of the historical, environmental, and economic significance of the West Philippine Sea, a mural painting activity was conducted here by the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency.

Organized in partnership with the Armed Forces of the Philippines-Northern Luzon Command, Philippine National Police, Philippine Coast Guard, other regional line agencies, and the municipal government of Subic, the activity was part of the continuing observance of the Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month, which

was celebrated last September.

NICA regional director Ulysses Untalan said the initiative promotes patriotism and public participation in maritime issues.

"The mural painting activity held from Nov. 18 to 19 in Barangay Calapacuan serves as more than a creative community endeavor—it stands as a vibrant, community-driven platform for raising awareness, fostering patriotism, and reinforcing public support for the Philippines' sovereign rights in the WPS," noted Untalan.

The mural artworks were created by the

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Former Candaba Mayor Jerry Pelayo with D.A Asec. Arnel de Mesa, Vincent Hsu of Da Shin Biotech, Early Catch executive director Raphael Pelayo, and BFAR national director Elizer Salilig showing crayfish harvested from the newly inaugurated nursery in Candaba. **PHOTO: ROMMEL RAMOS**

First industrial crayfish nursery inaugurated

BY ROMMEL RAMOS

CANDABA, PAMPANGA ---- The first industrial nursery and grow out facility of Australian Redclaw Crayfish in the country was inaugurated in this town on Nov. 19, targeting local and exportation supply needs.

The said facility was built under the leadership of Farm Fresh Early Catch Inc., in collaboration with Da Shin Biotech Ltd. of Taiwan and the Department of Agriculture.

According to Raphael Pelayo, executive director of Farm Fresh, the said crayfish facility currently has a capacity of five tons of market

size crawfish per hectare every six months.

Its nursery capacity is 1,280 sqm consisting of 16 tanks with a capacity of 3,000 craylings per tank.

He said it also uses a circulating filter for clean and minimal water use.

Former Candaba Mayor Jerry Pelayo said the crayfish industry in the country is a good livelihood opportunity because of its high demand.

Aside from this, they also plan to build crayfish nurseries in Laguna, Visayas, and Mindanao and they are targeting 1,000 hectares because of the unlimited demand now in

Mainland China.

Pelayo said it is good to raise crayfish in the country because there is no winter season here. This, even as he noted that they need the support of the DA especially when it comes to dispersal of crayfish fingerlings for expansion.

Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 3 director Wilfredo Cruz said the DA supports the said industry and has already issued regulations for transportation, chemicals in their care, correct size of crayfish nurseries and prohibiting to raise them in fish cages to prevent crayfish from spreading to rivers.



Youth empowerment marks National Children's Month in AC

ANGELES CITY — Youth representatives from all of the city's 33 barangays immersed in a one-day leadership and empowerment training on Nov. 21 as part of the city's continued commitment to strengthening child rights, development, protection, and their civic participation.

Administered by the city social welfare and development office, the training titled "Login to Lead: Children Accessing the Empowerment Future – Access Granted: The Future Starts With You," aimed to build the confidence and leadership skills of young representatives, particularly in fulfilling their

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Park Inn by Radisson Clark ushered in the magic of holiday season with the lighting of Christmas tree and celebration of its 10th anniversary on November 21. Making every moment joyful and every stay memorable, Park Inn offers warm celebrations and exclusive holiday treats for guests. Present during the lighting ceremony were SM Hotels and Conventions Corp. President and Chairman Elizabeth Sy, Executive Vice President Peggy Angeles, CDC President and Chief Executive Officer Agnes VST Devanadera, Clark International Airport Corp. Director Noel Tulabut, Department of Tourism in Central Luzon Director Richard Daeños, and Park Inn Clark General Manager Lorenzo Tang. **PUNTO LIFESTYLE TEAM / CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS**

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Ombudsman probes...

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A mouthful there from Ombudsman Jesus Crispin Remulla on Nov. 20, confirming that former House Senior Deputy Speaker Aurelio “Dong” Gonzales Jr. is among lawmakers being investigated for alleged involvement in the flood control anomalies.

“Contractor” is a recent portmanteau referencing congressmen who also own or manage construction companies that have secured contracts with the Department of Public Works and Highways.

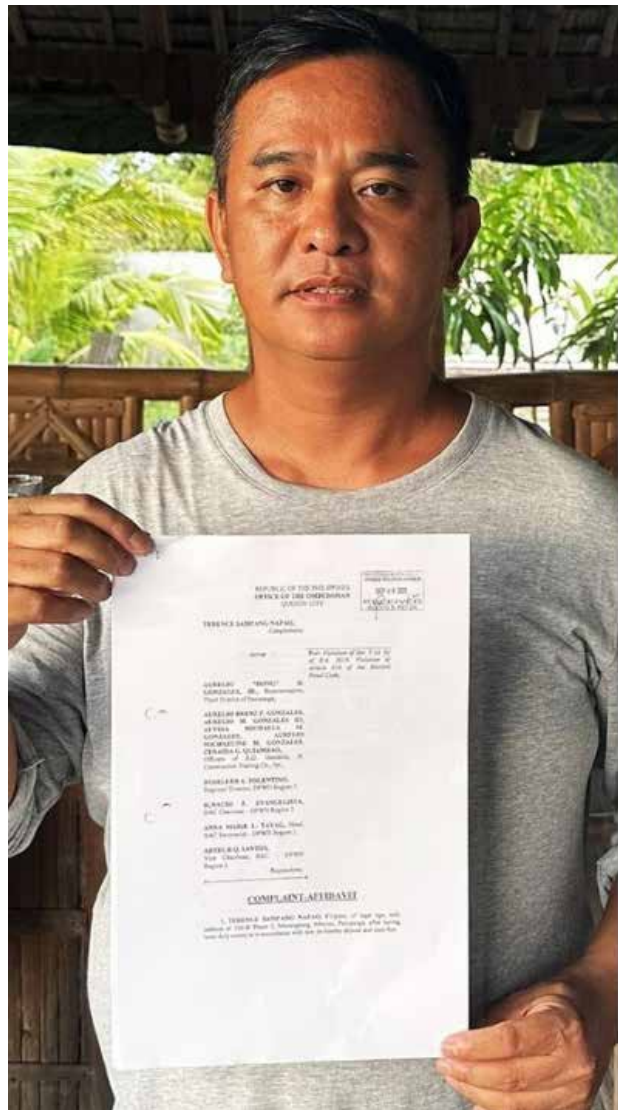
In the case of the former Pampanga 3rd District congressman, a bigtime infrastructure development player bears his very name -- A.D. Gonzales Jr. Construction & Trading Co., Inc.

Of the Top 10 contractors that snagged the lion's share of DPWH flood control contracts in Pampanga culled from the “Sumbong sa Pangulo” website last August, A.D. Gonzales Construction and Trading Co. Inc. ranked Top 5 but was awarded the largest funded single flood control projects in the province, to wit:

1) the Abacan River diking and slope protection project in Mexico, Pampanga at a cost of P270.194 million reported completed on March 6, 2024; and

2) flood control works on the Pasig-Potrero River and the San Fernando-Bacolor section of the San Fernando-Sto. Tomas-Minalin Tail Dike at a cost of P257.255 million and completed on June 5, 2024. (Erroneously placed in La Union in the sumbong website).

One more project listed under A.D. Gonzales



Construction is another Abacan River diking, also in Mexico but distinguished as Phase I, with a cost of P96.496 million and completed on Nov. 23, 2023.

It was precisely these projects that haled Gonzales to the Office of the Ombudsman in September 2023.

Complainant Terence Napao, chairman of Barangay Sto. Cristo, and president of the Association of Barangay Captains in Mexico, Pampanga alleged that Gonzales and DPWH officials “conspired to corner” P611,577,718.40 worth of flood mitigating projects which were awarded to the construction company bearing the congressman's name and with business address adjacent to the residence of the then-deputy speaker in the capital city.

FAMILY ENTERPRISE

In his complaint, Napao claimed that Gonzales owned 77% of the shares of A.D. Gonzales Jr. Construction and Trading Co. Inc. until 2015, when he held a 25% share.

According to Napao, Gonzales' son Aurelio Brenz, then

a councilor now vice mayor of the capital city, became the company's president and majority shareholder, while the congressman's daughter, then-provincial board member now Pampanga 3rd District Rep. Alyssa Michaela Gonzales, sat as secretary and treasurer.

Another Gonzales son, Aurelio III, is the company's vice president while another daughter, Aurelio Michaline is a director along with the congressman's elder sister Zenaida Quiambao.

“Any right-minded citizen would easily figure out why and how a senior deputy speaker, a city councilor and a bokal (provincial board member) owning a construction company and with DPWH officials under their beck and call were favored with hundreds of millions worth of government contracts,” Napao alleged at the time. “With huge projects such as these, it would be the height of naiveté not to sense a collusion between the congressman's company and the DPWH.”

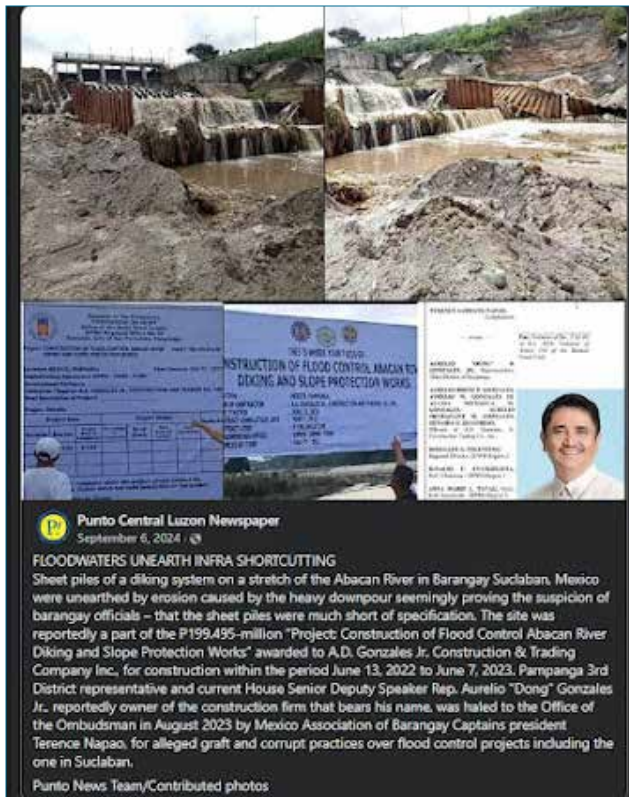
The Office of the Ombudsman dismissed the case in 2023.

VINDICATED

Feeling vindicated by the turn of events in the exposé of flood control anomalies and the attendant public outcry last August-September, Napao resolved to refile with the Office of the Ombudsman the case for violations of Section 3 (e and h) of RA 3019 (the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act), and the “Possession of Prohibited Interest by a Public Officer” from Article 216 of the Revised Penal Code against former Gonzales Jr. and members of his family who comprise the A.D. Gonzales Jr. Construction & Trading Co. Inc.

Napao said the complaint is unchanged from the one he filed earlier, asserting that the facts have not lost weight despite its dismissal.

“These projects are glaring examples of conflict of interest in public service, manipulated to favor the family-owned business of then-Congressman Gonzales, a known super-rich contractor in Pampanga,” he alleged.



REHASHED

“I recall that a case against me involving the same projects filed before the same Ombudsman was dismissed sometime in 2023 for lack of merit. It appears to be a rehashed and recycled subject, if any.”

So was quoted Gonzales by the media on Nov. 20 citing a statement he reportedly sent to House of Representatives reporters.

“While I welcome any inquiry on the matter, I am not aware of an ongoing Ombudsman formal investigation against me on prohibited interests,” added Gonzales.

Aside from Gonzales, Remulla said investigations are underway for nine other politicians moonlighting as government contractors.

“Isa-isa yan. Kailangan hihimayin mo kasi maraming magaling magtago e. Marami namang hindi na nagtago, talagang ginawa na lang. Yung (gumawa) na lang muna ang unahin natin, tinatawag ngang low-hanging fruit,” he said.

Youth empowerment...

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responsibilities within the barangay council for the protection of children. Through this initiative, the LGU and CSWDO highlighted the value of empowering children not only to understand their rights but also to take an active role in ensuring safer, more inclusive communities.

In-depth discussions on child rights, child protection mechanisms, and the nationwide fight against online sexual abuse and exploitation of children were facilitated by resource speakers from the Council for the Welfare of Children, in partnership with the Regional Sub-Committee for the Welfare of

Children, helping the participants deepen their awareness of their role in promoting child-friendly and protective environments in their respective barangays.

The training also featured interactive workshops where participants identified issues in their communities, voiced concerns, and

formulated youth-centered recommendations. These exercises demonstrated that the insights and perspectives of children are vital in crafting programs that directly address their needs.

Thus, a truism at the city hall: “Sa Angeles City, binibigyan ng boses, tiwala, at pagkakataon ang mga batang handang



NHCP honors...

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Academy here with Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB, receiving the marker on behalf of the academic community in the presence of students, teachers, school staff, and representatives from the city government and Rev. Fr. Deogracias Kerr S. Galang, chairperson of the SSA board of trustees.

Originally established by the Missionary Benedictine Sisters in 1925 as the Assumption Academy upon the request of Msgr. Prudencio David, parish priest of San Fernando, the school initially offered primary education to the community of the capital town of Pampanga. Secondary Education for women was offered

by 1926. Operations were transferred to the Benedictine Congregation in 1938. During World War II, the school was used as a field hospital by Imperial Japanese forces.

The school was renamed St. Scholastica's Academy in 1966. It survived the catastrophic Mt. Pinatubo eruption in 1991 and temporarily housed provincial government offices and the Salesian Congregation of Don Bosco during the period of rebuilding in 1994-1995.

Presently, the school continues to shape the youth of the city as well as the rest of Pampanga with Christian values, good governance, and civic responsibility.

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4,132 health workers...

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the Capitol, along with free maintenance medicines, undergarments, and food packs containing hotdogs and chicken.

Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda commended the BNS and BHW volunteers for their unwavering dedication, describing them as the “silent heroes of every barangay” who continue to serve despite limited resources. She emphasized that their daily acts of compassion create a lasting impact on communities across Pampanga.

“Salamat sa serbisyo ninyo. Wala man kayo

masyadong financial na natatangap sa trabaho ninyo, pero grabe naman ang nade-deposit ninyo sa itaas dahil sa kabutihan ninyo,” the governor said.

Among the recipients was Teresita Baclay, 56, an Aeta volunteer who has served as a BHW for more than 20 years.

For her, the assistance provides not only personal relief but also an opportunity to further support those in need.

“Magsisilbi po ako hanggang malakas po ako. Nakakataba po ng puso kasi nakikita po ng gobyerno ang paghihirap po namin,” she shared. **Pampanga PIO**

Subic mural...

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winner of the poster-making contest held in July 2025 at SM Clark as part of the WPS Victory Day celebration which included two student artists from Tarlac National High School and one professional engineer from Nueva Ecija.

Untalan explained that the activity also aligns with ongoing national efforts to cascade information on maritime entitlements under international law, particularly the Philippines' rights within its exclusive economic zone.

“Through imagery highlighting Philippine maritime heritage, the importance of resource protection and the struggles of local coastal communities, the murals serve as enduring reminders of what is at stake in the WPS,” he furthered.

The participation of young artists underscores the importance of involving the next generation in safeguarding national interests, ensuring continuity of advocacy, and responsible citizenship. **Reia G. Pabelonia/PIA-3**

makiisa, makialam, at mamuno tungo sa mas ligtas at maliwanag na kinabukasan.”

Held as part of the celebration of National Children's Month themed “OSAEC - CSAEM Wakasan: Kaligtasan at Katapatan ng Bata, Ipaglaban!”, the training reinforced the message that children's voices

matter and deserve space in planning and decision-making processes.

This, under the mandate of RA 11930 (Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Act).

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