

20 individuals, 3 groups honored in 2025 MOKA



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Kapampangan excellence takes center stage anew on Dec. 11 with the Most Outstanding Kapampangan Awards (MOKA) 2025 culminating the 454th Aldo Ning Kapampangan celebrations at the Kingsborough International Convention Center here.

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HAU confers doctorate on former DepEd chief

ANGELES CITY -- "Teaching is a treasure chest filled with lamps that illuminate Holy Angel's mission, to form socially responsible citizens who will positively impact our world."

Superior General of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and former Secretary of Education, at his conferment of Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa by the Holy Angel University

So attested Bro. Armin Luistro, F.S.C., the 28th

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HAU president Leopoldo Jaime Valdes and Prof. Leonida Africa administer ritual of conferment on Bro. Armin Luistro.

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LUID KA, ANGELEÑA!

ANGELES CITY – "More than a pageant—it is a celebration of culture, heritage, and the bright future of our city. Through our tourism slogan 'Experience, Live, Love Angeles,' we continue to showcase the very best of who we are: a community rich in tradition, talent, and heart." So enthused Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II as he congratulated newly crowned Mutya ning Angeles 2025 Arielle Maritoni D. Cabatana of Barangay San Jose, and her court: 1st Runner-up Deanna Gayle Liwag (Balibago), 2nd Runner-up Maria Yvonne Crocker (Lourdes Northwest), 3rd Runner-up Jemima Rei Castro (Sto. Domingo); and 4th Runner-up Regine Ann Keele (Pampang). **ANGELES CIO**

2-K scholars get P24.7-M aid from Capitol, DOLE

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Financial assistance amounting to P24.7 million has been extended to 2,008 college students by the Provincial Government of Pampanga, in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment under the Special Program for Employment of Students.

Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda and Vice Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda led the cash distribution with officials from DOLE in

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ASSISTANCE. Thankful scholars show love for Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda and Vice Gov. Dennis "Delta" Pineda.

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SM Cares delivers over 70-K books nationwide

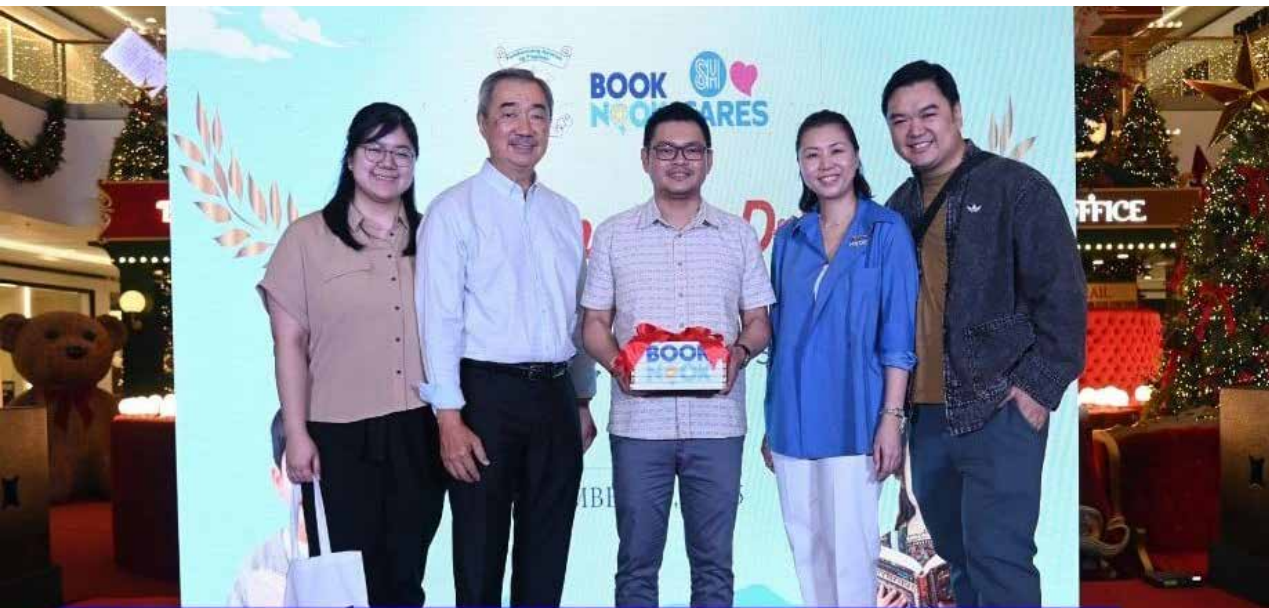
MANILA – In celebration of its 40th anniversary, SM Cares, the corporate social responsibility arm of SM Supermalls, wrapped up the Book Nook Book Donation Drive with an inspiring show of community spirit, collecting over 70,000 pre-loved books across 88 SM malls nationwide.

The initiative brought together thousands of Filipinos in a shared mission to spark the joy of reading and promote lifelong learning.

From Spark to Movement

“When SM celebrated its 40th anniversary, the focus was not on grandeur, but on purpose: to transform this spirit of sharing into a full-fledged Book Nook Book Donation Drive,” shared Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, director of the National Library of the Philippines. “From that spark, the journey truly took root, born from a shared belief that stories are gifts meant to be passed on.”

From July 7 to Oct. 15, mallgoers from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao donated books of all kinds — from children’s stories and educational materials to novels and reference titles — to benefit public libraries and community reading spaces across the country.



(L-R) SM Supermalls Assistant Vice President Ms. Hanna Carinna T. Sy, SM Prime Holdings Inc. Chairman of the Executive Committee Mr. Hans T. Sy, National Library of the Philippines Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Book Nook Pioneer Ms. Shereen T. Sy, and SM Engineering Design and Development President Mr. Hans “Chico” T. Sy Jr.

The reach of this initiative speaks volumes: the Book Nook Book Donation Drive has enriched 88 libraries and reading centers nationwide, including 74 affiliated public libraries in Luzon, seven in the Visayas, and seven in Mindanao. This collective effort will benefit an estimated 219,936 students, families, and educators, transforming libraries into vibrant hubs where learning thrives and stories come alive.

Celebrating Literacy, Community Partnership

The culmination of the drive was marked by a ceremonial turnover held on Nov. 27 at the National Library of the Philippines, where SM Cares formally turned over the collected books to its 88 partner library communities.

The event stood as a milestone celebration of how the Book Nook program continues to strengthen literacy and learning through accessible,

community-based reading spaces located in SM malls nationwide.

“Through the Book Nook, we hope to nurture curiosity and creativity in every Filipino,” said Shereen T. Sy, pioneer of the Book Nook program. “This initiative shows us how collective action can create lasting impact — one book, one reader, one community at a time.”

Honoring the Champions of Literacy

During the turnover, Book Nook also recognized exemplary public librarians who have gone above and beyond in fostering literacy and learning in their communities. The Heart of the Library Award for Most Outstanding Librarian was presented to Michael “Aiko” Nagas of the City Library of San Fernando, La Union, for her dedication to making books and knowledge accessible to all.

Meanwhile, the Literacy Partner Award was presented to outstanding librarians across the country, including Rosena Roman of the City of Imus Public Library, Easter Wahayna-Pablo of the Baguio City Public Library, Mylene Villanueva of the Manila City Library, and Michael Pinto of the Cagayan

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SBMA tops 2025 FOI Awards among GOCCs

BY MALOU DUNGOG

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT -- The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority emerged as champion in the 2025 Freedom of Information (FOI) Awards held at The Bellevue Manila in Alabang, Muntinlupa City, on Nov. 28.

SBMA bagged the FOI Champion Award in the Government-Owned and –Controlled Corporation (GOCC) category, along with the Philippine Guarantee Corp. as 1st Runner-Up and the Philippine Charity and Sweepstakes Office as 2nd Runner-Up.

SBMA Office Services Department OIC-manager and FOI receiving officer Jaime H. Menor, Jr., with his staff Angelo M. Mañalac and Randy D. Canlas, received the award on behalf of SBMA chairman and administrator Eduardo Jose L. Aliño, marking a strong year for transparency and public accountability among government institutions.

Aliño lauded the accolade, noting that it is a meaningful affirmation of the agency’s commitment to openness, proactive information sharing, and active public engagement, and emphasized that transparency remains a cornerstone of effective and democratic governance.

Themed, “KALIKASAN: Knowledge Access for Local and International Key Actions on Sustainability, Accountability, and Nature,” the awards ceremony underscored the crucial role of transparent public information in promoting environmental stewardship, good governance, and sustainable development, signifying a strong year for transparency and public accountability among government institutions.

Aside from the agency’s award, Canlas was also recognized as one of the Best FOI Receiving Officers in the Philippines, distinguishing himself among frontliners nationwide who ensure efficient, transparent, and citizen-friendly access to public information.

The FOI Awards is an annual initiative recognizing outstanding government agencies and individuals who champion transparency and uphold the public’s right to information under the FOI Program.



NLEX empowers communities through upcycling, enterprise training

MANILA -- NLEX Corp. strengthens its commitment to sustainability with two initiatives that foster environmental stewardship and community growth: the second Tirescape Playground, built from upcycled tires for local children, and the enhanced PUNLA 2.1 program, providing customized mentoring and resources to women-led community enterprises.

“In building a sustainable community, true progress goes beyond physical infrastructure. It also means developing people and enterprises aligned with our long-term vision, as that is how lasting impact is made,” said NLEX president and GM Luis S. Reñon.

The Tirescape Playground transforms 300 upcycled tires into colorful park features and play materials. Situated on a 300-square-meter lot in Barangay Bamban, Hermosa, Bataan, the recreational space will benefit around 700

children, promoting physical activity, creativity, social interaction, and environmental awareness through recycling.

The project was completed in collaboration with the Barangay Bamban officials, the Local Government Unit of Hermosa, SAVVICE Corp. and partner transport groups, including the Confederation of Truckers Association of the Philippines and the Inland Haulers and Truckers Association.

Barangay Bamban chairman Miranda expressed gratitude: “Taos-pusong pasasalamat po sa NLEX para sa mga proyektong ito. Dahil sa inyo, mayroon nang lugar na pwedeng pag-bondingan ang mga pamilya dito.”

Meanwhile, PUNLA 2.1 has entered its culminating stage. In partnership with the Partnership of Philippine Support Service, the program offered more in-depth, focused mentoring sessions to

address the unique needs of enterprises. Participating enterprises also received laptops to strengthen their digital and operational capabilities.

“Napakaraming benepisyo ang ibinigay ng PUNLA sa amin. Mula sa mentoring at seminar hanggang sa financial assistance at bagong laptop, nadagdagan ang aming kaalaman, tumaas ang aming kita, at naging mas matatag ang aming negosyo at samahan,” shared Priscilla Domingo of Makabagong Agrikultura ng Dinalupihan Marketing, Corp.

The Tirescape and PUNLA programs are part of NLEX’s broader sustainability efforts, which include Road to Less Waste, promoting responsible waste management, and I Care for Strays, advocating responsible pet ownership. Together, these initiatives reinforce NLEX’s commitment to building sustainable, inclusive, and resilient communities.

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Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan*

Season's Greetings

*May this season bring warmth to your
hearts, happiness to your homes, and
inspiration for a bright year ahead*

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FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN



To the Point

Indung Kapampangan

*Kapampangan misapwak
King legwan na ning alaya
Gabun ding pantas at marangal
Sibul ning lugud, karinan ning tepangan
Batis ning kataruan at panamdang makabalen
Ligaya mi ing mie payapa
King malugud mung kandingan
Kapampangan, sale ning legwan
Kapampangan, sandalan ning katimawan
Kilub ning puso mi atin kang dambana
Luid ka! Luid ka!
Palsintan ming Kapampangan*

NOTWITHSTANDING THE lack of understanding of the amanung sisuwan among many Kapampangans themselves, most especially the young generation nurtured in Taglish, the Himno still carries deep stirrings in the hearts of the cabalen. Stirrings of pride rising straight out of the greatness of this race.

A race that produced revolutionaries in all epochs of Philippine history from Tarik Soliman to Francisco Maniago onto Maximino Hizon and Jose Alejandrino, from Don Pedro Abad Santos to Luis Taruc. A race that readily offered its own sons at the altar of martyrdom in Jose Abad Santos, Jose B. Lingad, and Ninoy Aquino.

A race that birthed the first Filipino priest and nun, hence most naturally be the one to produce the first Filipino cardinal – Rufino Jao Santos.

A race of literary giants in Juan Crisostomo Soto, Monico Mercado, Jose Gallardo, Amado Yuson, to cite but a few. A race that produced two Philippine presidents in Diosdado Macapagal and beloved daughter Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and a Senate President in Gil J. Puyat.

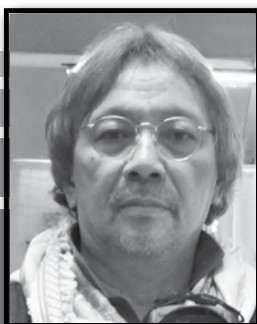
A race of legal eagles that made the Department of Justice and the Supreme Court as their exclusive aeries – Vicente Abad Santos, Renato Puno, Estelito P. Mendoza, Artemio Panganiban, to name the most prominent.

A race of intrepid mediamen from Jose Lansang and Jose Luna Castro to the current crop managing editorial desks and broadcast networks. A race of artists, from Vicente Manansala, Galo Ocampo and E. Aguilar Cruz to BenCab, Rafael Maniago, and Willy Layug.

And of actors: Rogelio de la Rosa, the first “King of Philippine Movies” himself, leading a pantheon of stars in the celluloid world, further enhanced in brilliance by the director Brillante Mendoza, first Filipino to win at Cannes.

A most beautiful race – as much for the number of titlists in all national pageants as for the blushing comely barrio maidens.

Indeed, a race to be proud of. *Luid ya ing Kapampangan!*



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Bong Z. Lacson

Capampangan, A to Z

THIS THURSDAY, December 11, marks the 454th year of the founding of the Province of Pampanga, the first in the entire island of Luzon by the Spanish *conquistadores*. Enough cause not only for a grand celebration but also of that conceit the Capampangan is widely known for.

Unwilling to reprint for the nth time my paeon to the *Aldo ning Capampangan* that originally appeared in another publication in 1998, I engaged in some quick top-of-mind randomness on everything Capampangan with the letters of the alphabet as only guide for some semblance of order.

Arayat, naturally comes first. The **Bunduc Alaya** of old that lords over the plains of Central Luzon impacts the majesty, if not the primacy, of the province over the rest of the region. **Abe**, dear friend, doubled to oneness in abe-abe, so central in the vocabulary as in our character as a distinct race, as we have long elevated ourselves to be. **Augustinians**, the harbingers of the Faith enshrined as much in the hearts and souls of the native Capampangans as in their magnificent churches.

Betis, arguably the church with the most Sistine Chapel-like ceiling in all the Philippines. **Buru, balo-balo** too – fermented rice with fish or shrimps – pungent but ambrosiac, no true Capampangan can do without.

Clark. Once the bastion of American imperialism in the Asia-Pacific as host to the largest US military installation outside continental USA, now a bustling freeport with an airport long-promised to be the country's premier international gateway.

Dugong aso. Long (mis)impressed as backbiting treachery, in actuality referencing to dogged devotion, okay, canine loyalty. **Don Perico**. Traitor to his landowning class, he fathered socialism in the Philippines, and – to me – equals in greatness the martyrdom of his brother, Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos.

Ebun, principal agro-product that formed one half of Candaba town's iconic festival, cause of the province's economic woes with the bird flu scare in August-October. **Everybody's Café**, unarguably serving the best in home-cooked Capampangan dishes, major contributor to Pampanga being hailed the Culinary Capital of the Philippines.

Furniture and furnishings, from the antique to the “antiqued” that gave the world “Betis Baroque” to exotic rattan, metal and cast-iron, all crafted exquisitely by the country's best artisans.

GMA. Love her. Hate her. But there's no denying the economic fundamentals instituted during her watch did the nation good. And she still wins elections, even during her incarceration, er, hospital arrest, with or without her neck brace.

Hot air balloon. Once the only thing Clark was good at. Now, much better off in Lubao. Go, ask the balloonists themselves. **H** – in the Capampangan tongue – silent where present, stressed where absent. As in *hay ev ha aws hin onolulu, awaii*.

Ilustrado, the social class to which every Capampangan assumes himself/herself as belonging to, no matter his/her socio-economic condition. With outward manifestation in his/her being –

Japorms, showy but chic in style and fashion, ever dressed to the nines even when the pocket

holds but a dime.

Kamaru, mole cricket, invariably cooked deep-fried adobo. Reputedly an aphrodisiac for the Capampangan macho.

Leguan – a living, walking celebration of beauty is the Capampangan woman, as the local ditty puts it aptly, *aro catimias na nitang dalaga...*

Mequeni – a most welcoming invitation as much to the home as to the heart of the Capampangan.

Nanay. Motherhood becoming the best practice of provincial governance.

O't. What other dialect, or language for that matter, possesses a word comprising two letters conjoined by an apostrophe? O't macanyan ca? O't balamu matudtud ya mu ing meiangui bie.

Parul, the Christmas lantern that is both shibboleth of our faith as Catholics and our culture and craftsmanship as Capampangan taken to gigantic proportions with the City of San Fernando's signature festival. **Pinatubo**, from which devastating eruption triumphed, excelled, soared the Capampangan spirit to greater heights of development and glory.

Qng, queca, queni, quibal, calaquian, tuquil... the **Q** in Capampangan words losing to the Tagalog's **K**. What gives? Neither seen nor even heard for the longest time now that fear-defying riposte “*Queng leon, queng tigri e cu tatacut. Queca pa?*”

Religious, the first Filipino priest and nun were Capampangans. So was the first Filipino cardinal. **Rebellious**, the first major, major revolt against the Spaniards was by the Capampangan Francisco Maniago.

Sinukwan, the deity-king of the ancient Capampangans celebrated in December's other festival in the capital city. **Sisig**, hailed as the best pork dish in the world.

Tarik Soliman, Wikipedia says was “the first warrior-hero who died for our freedom.”

Universities, at least seven in Pampanga, plus scores of colleges and other higher institutions of learning, making the province a center of education in the whole region.

Virgen de los Remedios, the beloved patroness of Pampanga, whose image, with the Santo Cristo del Perdon, is taken from town to town in a crusade of penitence and charity.

Wetlands, particularly the Candaba Swamp, where the annual migration of birds from temperate countries has put the province in the world wildlife map.

X, not for the cinematic rating but for the expletives easily rolling out of the Capampangan mouth. As in *bolang, buguk, tigdig, luse, murit, turak, sira buntuc* just for crazy.

Yabang, the single characteristic that defines the Capampangan most, among other ethnicities, er, tribes, er, other Filipinos.

Zest for life. Joie de vivre best expressed in Oyni'ng bie!

Luid ya ing Capampangan!

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COMMENTARY

Sino si Jose Songco Lapid? Bakit ipinangalan sa kanya ang pampublikong gusali sa Angeles?

SA MGA isinilang, lumaki at tumanda sa Angeles City, meron po ba kayong kilala na Jose Songco Lapid na naging sikat o kilala sa Angeles? Bakit siya nabigyan ng karangalan na maipangalan sa kanya ang isang pampublikong gusali na naitayo mula sa pera ng pamahalaan at itinayo sa lupa na pag aari ng pamahalaan? Isa ba siyang bayani, o pilantropo, o kilala sa sining o sports? Naglingkod ba sya bilang kapitan o konsehal, o kaya mayor ng bayan o syudad ng Angeles? Pwede nyo akong itama kung MALI ako. Meron ba tayong pampublikong gusali na nakapangalan kay Don Angel Pantaleon de Miranda (ang fundador ng Bayan ng Angeles), maliban sa Miranda St.? O kay Rafael Del Rosario, ang dating

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Punto!

PANANAW NG MALAYANG PILIPINO!

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Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

The shame we must finally face: PHL is the world's #1 source of ocean trash

THIS IMAGE is painful to look at. The Philippines—our beloved archipelago of 7,641 islands—is ranked Number 1 in the world in contributing trash to the ocean. Not number one in reading, science, or mathematics. Not number one in good governance or environmental stewardship. But number one in polluting the very seas that give us life.

How did we get here?

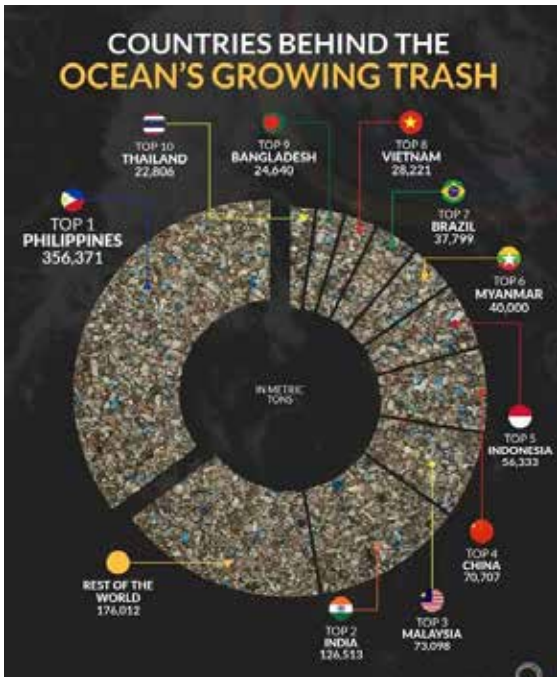
More than twenty years ago, we passed one of the most progressive laws in Asia: RA 9003, the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act. I remember reading it and being struck by its moral clarity. The law abolished open dumpsites. It required every LGU to dispose of solid waste legally only through sanitary landfills—but sanitary landfills are meant to receive only residual waste. That is possible only if segregation from source actually happens.

Because that is the heart of RA 9003: Segregation, Composting, Recycling → Residual Waste (the least possible amount).

But what have we done instead?

We continue a national habit of throwing everything together—biodegradable, recyclable, hazardous, medical, industrial—into the same black bag, the same truck, the same dumpsite. So our landfills are filled to the brim not because our waste is too much, but because we refuse to obey the most basic rule: segregate your trash. Sanitary landfills, without segregation, become nothing more than unsanitary landfills.

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The Public Space

Jun Sula

A rare gift or grit

If the fight against public works corruption is a race against time, President Bongbong Marcos gives the unmistakable impression that his government will be up to speed to end it, probably once and for all. You may add, friends, foes and family, political or otherwise, will not be spared to do that, to be sure.

The public says, so be it, or amen, even alleluia if he can achieve a difficult objective, meaning politics is such a rarefied field the commitment could also mean political hara kiri.

PBBM's firm timeline is Christmas, considered the longest festivity in this neck of the woods, conceivably a longer political calendar. The wrong doers will spend Christmas behind bars. He means business short of naming who will be the first victims of his determined action against corrupt leaders or business people in government.

The public is waiting eagerly for PBBM to make good his promise. As if to ramp up his bid to make corrupt people accountable, the Ombudsman also

vowed that more will be charged, including senators who will be found to be dipping their hands in the cookie jar. There are already candidates known to the public. It's just a matter of time or formality.

Meantime, PBBM's political enemies are waiting in the wings for a misstep that will derail, if not frustrate, his journey altogether to end corruption in government. Winning is also tipping the balance on the political calculus that may have triggered a colossal collapse in the nation's moral equilibrium. It also could mean decisively upending a geopolitical threat where some leaders maybe a part of a conspiracy. There are other collateral issues,

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Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Finding our way back

CALL ME sentimental, even a bit melodramatic, but I still long for the simpler Christmas I grew up with. I always wish for the kind you prepared for with people who mattered, long before the holidays became loud, lavish, and hurried.

Because back then, Christmas didn't have to impress. It just had to feel genuine.

Back then, decorations weren't hauled from shopping carts or online checkouts. The *parol* was made of bamboo sticks tied by small hands, wrapped in Japanese paper that glowed softly when lit. We built them in school, submitted them to our practical arts teachers, and proudly hung



Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Luksang parangal para kay Sir Benefredo "Benny" Guintu

1. Isang general manager at mahusay na NEWS ANCHOR si BENEFREDO GUINTU ng GNN TV 44 siya ay RESPETADONG TAO hindi lamang sa San Simon hindi lamang sa PAMPANGA maging sa isla ng Luzon isang taong MAPAGMAHAL sa kultura at tradisyon at sa WIKANG KAPAMPANGAN sa matagal ng panahon
2. Si sir Benny ay lumaki sa barangay STO. NINO na kilala bilang taong MABAIT at MAGINOO bagaman siya'y nanirahan sa siyudad ng SAN FERNANDO hindi niya nilimot ang kinalikihan niyang BARYO pinarangalan siya bilang MOST OUTSTANDING FERNANDINO sa larangan nitong MEDIA sa taong 2022
3. Isang taong matuwid na mayrong prinsipyong MATATAG sa kanyang paniniwala hindi basta NATITINAG magaling siyang makisama't lumalaban ng PAREHAS hindi kailaman man NASILAW sa kinang ng ginto't pilak MAPAGMAHAL sa asawa at sa kanyang mga anak ganoon din sa KAIBIGAN at sa mga kamag anak
4. Taos pusong NAGLINGKOD at wala ring pinrotektahan isinisiwalat kung ano lamang ang KATOTOHANAN isang media practitioner na walang KINIKILINGAN walang takot harapin ang anumang uri ng LABAN lalo na't kung alam niya na siya ay nasa KATWIRAN kahit MANGANIB ang buhay ay hindi niya aatrasan
5. Ilan lang yan sa taglay katangian ni sir BENNY na marahil ay hindi pa BATID ng nakararami dahil sa SAN SIMON kami nagkaisip at lumaki bukod sa magkakila ay MAGKAMAG ANAK kami siya ay KAIBIGAN ni ama at magkasama parati kapag mayrong PRESS CONFERENCE lagi silang magkatabi
6. Dahil sa kanyang PAGPANAW at maagang pagkawala hindi lamang pamilya niya ang ganap na NAGLULUKSA pati mga MEDIA PEOPLE ay nagdalamhating bigla at ang buong LALAWIGAN ay natigib din ng luha ganon pa man ang PAMANANG naiwan ng namayapa ay mananatiling buhay sa puso namin at DIWA
7. BAUNIN mo ang dalangin sa'yo ay aming kaloob at ang aming PAGMAMAHAL na sa aming puso'y taos nawa ang KALULUWA mong sa mundo ay tumalikod na ngayon ay NAGLALAKBAY tungo sa ibang lupalop sana'y iyong masumpungan ang KAPAYAPAANG lubos sa piling ng MAPAGPALA at MAPAGKALINGANG DIYOS

them on our windows. Angels were cut from old folders while Christmas trees were made from makeshift branches. Nothing fancy, but everything held a story. Every light, every knot, every crease spoke of patience, excitement, and the kind of joy you can never buy in a store.

Back then, Christmas arrived slowly. It tiptoed in with the first radio carols on the transistor radio, long before September became an unofficial holiday month. It crept in with the smell of fields cooling at sunset, and with the quiet certainty that Christmas was less about the sparkle and more about the soul.

Back then, the Noche Buena table wasn't assembled through delivery apps. There was no rider honking at the gate with trays of food. The kitchen itself was the heart of the season as it pulsed with busy hands and voices. Whether it was the fruit salad, pastillas, polvoron, *kalame ube*, *lagang Pasku*, everyone had a task. Somebody mixed, someone stirred, someone argued about the right amount of sugar. Despite the chaos, or maybe because of it, everything ended up perfectly because it tasted like home.

Back then, the Simbang Gabi wasn't a backdrop for photos. Parents together with their sleepy-eyed children woke before dawn and walked through foggy streets, guided only by dim lamps and devotion. You didn't go to post about it. You went because of

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Systems Plus College Foundation (SPCF) Lights Up Campus, Opens Promenade for Public Festivities



SYSTEMS PLUS COLLEGE FOUNDATION (SPCF) welcomed the holiday season with its annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony, held in time with the institution's 40th anniversary. The milestone event brought together city officials, business leaders, and school executives in a shared celebration of tradition and community.

Angeles City Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II, Vice Mayor Amos Rivera, and Balibago Barangay Captain PG Joseph Ponce led the switching on the campus colorful lights. Savers Group Holdings Inc. Chairman and CEO Jack Uy and Executive Vice President Justin Uy also attended the festivities.

SPCF Executive Vice President Professor Leanne Happie Bustamante and SPCF President Lourdes Bustamante affirming the institution's continuing commitment to its students and stakeholders.

In his message, Mayor Lazatin emphasized the importance of unity and the spirit of giving. "We want light. In our hearts, we give light so that we can live together. That is the Christmas spirit: friendship, help, and love," he said.

Professor Bustamante highlighted the significance of the occasion, noting its alignment with SPCF's four decades of service in education. "Today's lighting coincides with our 40th anniversary. For four decades, we have tried our best to give excellence in education. As long as the focus is the students, nothing will go wrong," she said.

Bustamante added that SPCF is preparing for its next step, becoming a university within two years, a move that will expand opportunities for its nearly 12,000 students across Pampanga and Metro Manila.

The evening's atmosphere was made festive with free delicacies for students, including bibingka, puto bumbong, batirol, and Angelina Bakery's signature pandesal, evoking the familiar flavors of a Filipino Christmas.

Extending the celebration beyond the ceremony, SPCF opened its Christmas promenade and bazaar to the public. Featuring lights, décor, food stalls, and local merchants, the promenade runs Thursdays to Sundays, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., until December 25, with free admission.

Contributed photos.

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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,
MUNICIPALITY 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, PCS-03-021004 |
| 4-5-6-7-8-9-10 | SW, NW | ROAD LOT 5, PCS-03-021004 |
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THE POINT: BLBM NO. 1, BO. OF DOLORES, PORAC, PAMPANGA
AREA: THREE 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



PRIVATE PLATE BREAKS GROUND
ANGELES CITY – Ground has been broken for that “space that will inspire celebrations, elevate standards, and contribute to the future of events” in this vibrant city – The Private Plate – led and owned by banker Elizabeth Carlos Timbol, celebrity fashion stylist Jerni Nicdao, marketing-business consultant/event planner-host/theater actor-director Sam Valencia Manuel, and PR maven/eventologist Ces Sanchez. Grand opening in 2026. **PUNTO LIFESTYLE TEAM/ FB PHOTOGRAB**

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RAMON DE LEON HIZON** who died on May 18, 2022 and **MARIA CARIDAD GARCHITORENA HIZON**, who died on March 5, 2021, both in Hospital and Medical Center, Alabang, Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila; executed an Affidavit of Supplemental Extra-Judicial Settlement on his/her estate and more particularly described as follows;

I. SHARES OF STOCKS
Company No. of Shares Par Value
Pasudeco 6 30,000

II. PERSONAL PROPERTIES
BPI Branch: BPI BF Paranaque
Currency & Type of Account: Peso-Savings
Account No.: 8253126338
Amount as of Date of Death: P70,909.45
Amount as of Date of Request: P1,696,309.77

before Notary Public Atty. Gener C. Endona, as per Doc. No. 226, Page No. 47, Book No. 65, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ARSENIO C. LACSON** who died on January 03, 2021 at #8-1 Aranda Avenue, Holy Angel Village Phase I, Barangay Telabastagan, City of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of ExtraJudicial Settlement on his estate and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 306218-R

A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 8 of the subd. Plan Psd-03007878, being a portion of Lot 4339, San Fdo. Cad., LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga; Containing an area of One Hundred Ninety Eight (198) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2013003746

A parcel of land (Lot 36, Blk. 8 of the subd. Plan Psd-03007878, being a portion of Lot 4339, San Fdo. Cad., LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga; Containing an area of One Hundred Ninety Four (194) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Agustin L. Angeles as per Doc. No. 17, Page No. 73, Book No. LXXXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 7, 14 & 21, 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

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

Career Opportunity in EL URBANWORK INC.

Position Title: **FINANCIAL MANAGER (1 Vacancy)**

Job Descriptions:

- Develop and monitor budgets and forecasts
- Analyze financial data to identify trends and risks
- Provide recommendations for cost reduction and revenue growth
- Familiarized in Korean Financial system

Qualification:

- Graduate in Accounting, Financial Management, Economics
- Can communicate in English and Korean Language
- Flexible and multi-tasking

Place of Displacement: **CLARK FREEPORT ZONE, PHILIPPINES**

Application may submit to: **Ms. Katelyn S. Padilla or email your resume at elurbanwork@gmail.com**

| Company/Employer | Name of Foreign National intending to apply |
|---|--|
| EL URBANWORK Inc. The Villages, C.M Recto Hiway,Clark Pampanga 2023 Nature of Business: Real Estate | Name: Bonghoi Koo Address: Mabalacat City,Clark Freeport Pamp. Nationality : Korean Intended Period of Employment: Two(2) years |
| EL URBANWORK Inc. hereby declares that the above-named national/s is/are able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Financial Manager the company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for Alien Employment Permit with the Dept. of labor and Employment-Region 3 located Matalino cor.Mahusay St.,DMGC,Maimpis,City of San Fernando, Pampanga. *If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact DOLE Reginal Office. Any filipino jobseeker who is competent and willing to perform the services for the which the foreign national intended to be hired for,may file an objection at DOLE-Region3 located 3 located Matalino cor.Mahusay St.,DMGC,Maimpis,City of San Fernando,Pampanga after this publication. Please inform DOLE-Region 3, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national. | |

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

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **DIOSALINDA BORDON BORBON**, of legal age, Filipino, married, and a resident of 28 Street Blk 32 Lot 34 Mawaque Resettlemet Sapang Biabas, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; and heirs of **GEORGE BORDON** who died on July 08, 1991 in Jose B. Lingad Memorial Hospital, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and left is a parcel of land consisting of Two Hundred Twenty-Four (224sqm) square meters located in the Barrio of Mamaitang, City of Mabalacat, Province of pampanga, Island of Luzon identified as Lot – A part of Lot 1, Blk 26, Bsd-10196 and more particularly described in thr Transfer Certificate of Title TCT No. 515709-R; before Notary Public Atty. Mary Romero Lopez, as per Doc No. 211, Page No. 16, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FELIFE P. GUECO** and **ZENaida M. GUECO** who died on May 22, 2014 and November 12, 2008, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and at the time of their death left the following real property described as Lot 2-0 of the subd. Plan Psd-03131206 being a portion of Lot 2, Psd-035415-060848, situated at Bo. of Sinura, Porac, Pampanga, containing an area of 200 square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 546737; before Notary Public Atty. Anna Rosette C. Cruz, as per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 22, Book No. XI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO CANLAS EDRALIN** Filipino, who died on May 7, 2013 At Sto. Domingo, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

a.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 199135-R

“A parcel of land (Lot 2-B-4-A-2 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-2165___, being a portion of Lot 2-B-4-A (LRC) Psd-213258, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132) situated in the Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pamp., containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty Eight (258) Square Meters more or less. xxx”

b.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 58608

“A parcel of land (Lot 6, Block 1, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-60415, being a portion of Lot 1, described on plan (LRC) Psd-57235, LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 8714), situated in the City of Angeles, containing an area of Four Hundred Thirty Nine (439) Square Meters more or less. xxx”

before Notary Public Atty. Archie Paul C Muyrong, as per Doc. No. 180, Page No. 37, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CEFERINO C. ARCILLA** who died on July 05, 1995 at Santa Trinidad, Angeles City and **ROSITA S. ARCILLA** who died on November 15, 2010 at San Nicolas, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 115403, being a portion of Lot 8, Block 8, described on plan Psd-25092, situated in the barrios of Pampang, San Nicolas and Lourdes, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred Twenty Five (125) Square Meters, more or less and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 68834; before Notary Public Atty. Maria Teresa L. Alarcon, as per Doc. No. 181, Page No. 38, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EMILIANO MENDOZA SANTOS** who died on January 19, 2025 at the Makati Medical Center, located at 2 Amorsolo Street corner Legaspi Street, Barangay San Lorenzo, Makati City, Metro Manila; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; leaving a certain Unit Investment Trust Funds (UITF) with the Bank of the Philippines Islands (BPI), Makati Main Branch, with an outstanding balance of One Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Six Pesos and 94/100 (P1,892,636.94), under Account No. 00000000366917; before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 9448, Page No. 94, Book No. 78, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FELIPE M. OCAMPO** and **AQUILINA PASION OCAMPO** who died on July 28, 2001 and March 25, 2020 in San Nicolas Sta. Ana, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 2-CC-2, of the subd. Plan, Psd-03-121434, being a portion of Lot 2-CC, Psd-03-078884, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of San Nicolas, Mun. of Sta. Ana, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Three Hundred Two (302) Square Meters, more or less and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 521498-R; before Notary Public Atty. Gener C. Endona, as per Doc. No. 179, Page No. 37, Book No. 65, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **HECTOR C. OCERA, JR.** who died on December 01, 2012 in Villa Gloria Subd., Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1-A of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-34528, being a portion of Lot 1, (LRC) Pcs-3121. L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Angeles City; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 131064; before Notary Public Atty. Raenan B. Malig, as per Doc. No. 1015, Page No. 17, Book No. 24, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JORGE ALFONSO** who died on January 03, 1997 in San Francisco, Macabebe, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation/Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land Lot No. 1146, Cad. 378-D beginning at a point marked “1” of lot 1146, Cad 378-D, xxx containing an area of One Thousand and Ninety (1,090) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 8243; before Notary Public Atty. Rowena S. Cunanan Mundo, as per Doc. No. 456, Page No. 93, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOSEFA B. GUECO** who died on April 26, 1997; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 46, Blk. 75 of the cons./ subd. plan, Pcs-03-007496, being a portion of Lots 173, 178, 182 and 190, Mabalacat, Cad., lot 600-A, Psd-6280; lots 600-B-1 and 600-B-2 (LRC) Psd-136720 and Lot 2 (LRC) Psd-7142, L.R.C. Record No.), situated in the Brgy. Madapdap, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 416398 of the Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga and registered under the name of Mt. Pinatubo Commission; before Notary Public Atty. Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 201, Page No. 42, Book No. XVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ISMAEL REYES GOZUN** who died on August 25, 2024 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights/Donation on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 20768

Registry of deeds for the Province of Pampanga

“A parcel of land (Lot 12 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-018166 (OLT) being a portion of lot 364, Cad. 72 Mexico Cadastre L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of San Isidro, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga, containing an area of Seven Thousand Two (7002) Square Meters more or less. xxx”

TCT NO. 20782

Registry of deeds for the Province of Pampanga

“Lot : 1, Psd-03-018166 (OLT)
PORTION OF LOT : 364, San Isidro, Mexico Cadastre
LOCATION : San Isidro, Mexico, Pampanga
BOUNDARIES : SE., along line 1-2... Lot 26, Psd-03-018166 (OLT)
SW., along lines 2 to 5 ... Lot 2, "
NW., along line 5-6..... Lots 25, "
NE., along line 6-1 Lot 365-C, Mexico Cad.
AREA : Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Eight (2,138) Sq. M. xxx”

TCT NO. 17368

Registry of deeds for the Province of Pampanga

“Lot : 31, Psd-03-125102 (AR)
PORTION OF LOT : 362-D Psd-035413-057613
LOCATION : Brgy. San Isidro, Laug Mexico, Pampanga
BOUNDARIES : SE., along line 1-2... Lot 32, Psd-03-125102 (AR)
SW., along lines 2-3 by lot 30, "
NW., along line 3-1 by lot 364, Mexico Cad., " xxx
AREA : Forty Three (43) Sq. M. xxx”

TCT NO. 17367

Registry of deeds for the Province of Pampanga

“Lot : 34, Psd-03-125102 (AR)
PORTION OF LOT : 362-D Psd-035413-057613
LOCATION : Brgy. San Isidro, Laug Mexico, Pampanga
BOUNDARIES : NW., along line 1-2 by lot 30, Psd-03-125102 (AR)
NE., along lines 2-3 by lot 33, "
along line 3-4 by lot 39
SW., along line 5-5 by lot 35, "
Along line 5-7 by lot 28."
NW., along line 7-1 by lot 29;" xxx
AREA : Six Hundred Sixty Six (666) Sq. M. xxx”

before Notary Public Atty. Rowena S. Cunanan-Mundo, as per Doc. No. 514, Page No. 104, Book No. 3, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

REVOCATION OF SPECIAL POWERS OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

I, **CHARLES RIGO M. PANGAN**, of legal age, single, Filipino citizen, and a resident of San Juan, San Simon, Pampanga, do hereby declare that:

1. I am the principal who previously executed one or more Special Powers of Attorney (SPAs) in favor of CHRISTFRENHOWER CINCO HIDALGO, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Emsora Events Place, Buensuceso, Arayat, Pampanga, and MADELYN PEREZ, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of San Juan, Mexico, Pampanga (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Attorneys-in-Fact”);

2. Under said Special Powers of Attorney, the aforementioned Attorneys-in-Fact were granted authority to act, sign, and perform certain acts and transactions in my name and on my behalf;

3. For reasons personal to me and at my sole discretion, I have decided to revoke, cancel, and withdraw absolutely and unconditionally all authority, powers, and rights heretofore granted to said Attorneys-in-Fact, whether embodied in a single or multiple instruments, and regardless of the nature, scope, or purpose thereof;

4. By virtue of this instrument, any and all acts, transactions, or representations heretofore or hereafter made by CHRISTFRENHOWER CINCO HIDALGO and/or MADELYN PEREZ pursuant to said revoked Special Powers of Attorney are hereby declared unauthorized, null, void, and without legal force or effect;

5. All persons, government agencies, financial institutions, and private entities concerned are hereby formally notified of this Revocation of Special Power of Attorney, and are directed to cease and desist from recognizing, honoring, or giving effect to any power, authority, or representation previously conferred upon said Attorneys-in-Fact;

6. To ensure public notice and due compliance, this Revocation of Special Power of Attorney shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, at my instance and expense;

7. I am executing this instrument to attest to the foregoing facts and to serve as a formal and public notice of the complete cancellation and withdrawal of all powers and authority previously delegated to CHRISTFRENHOWER CINCO HIDALGO and MADELYN PEREZ.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this th day of NOV 21, 2025, at City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

CHARLES RIGO M. PANGAN

Principal

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Republic of the Philippines)
City of San Fernando, Pampanga) SS.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga on this day of NOV 21, 2025 at City of San Fernando, Pampanga personally appeared:

NAME

Charles Rigo M. Pangan

VALID ID

DL C10-19-004569

known to me and to me known to be the same person who executed the foregoing Revocation of Special Power of Attorney consisting of two (2) pages including this page on which the Acknowledgment is written and acknowledged to me that the same is his free and voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL at the date and place first above written.

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ATTY. JEAN RAE D. DAVID

NOTARY PUBLIC

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES GREGORIO MANALANG CANLAS** and **SIMONA SAMANIEGO CANLAS** who both died on February 25, 1980 and June 23, 1993 in Bacolor, Pampanga, **SPS. ELISA CANLAS PATDU** and **JULIO PATDU** who both died on August 31, 1985 and March 11, 2001 in Balas, Bacolor, Pampanga, **SPS. QUINTIN S. CANLAS** and **MILAGROS CANLAS** who both died on May 17, 1968 and October 3, 2014 in Balas, Bacolor, Pampanga and Mabalacat City, Pampanga, **IGNACIO S. CANLAS** who died on February 28, 1981 in Bacolor, Pampanga, **CEFERINO S. CANLAS** who died on September 7, 2008 in Bacolor, Pampanga and **ELENA B. CANLAS** who died on November 9, 2024 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga, **ALBERTO S. CANLAS** and **LUTGARDA G. CANLAS** who both died on January 1, 2007 and July 21, 200 in Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampaga, **PEDRO S. CANLAS** and **CARMELITA M. CANLAS** who both died on July 10, 2014 and May 31, 2021 in Bacolor, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Transfer of Rights on his/her estate and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 29868-R

A parcel of land (Lot 8, of the cons-subd., plan, (LRC) Pcs-983, being a portion of cons. Lots 2855-C & 2855-D, Psd-16924 LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 151), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Barbara, Bacolor, Pampanga; containing an area of One Thousand Ninety-Seven (1,097) Square Meters;

TCT NO. 108108-R

A parcel of land (Lot 2855-B-1, of the subd., plan, (LRC) Pcs-189256, being a portion of lot 2855-B, Psd-16924 LRC Cad. Rec. No. 151), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Barbara, Bacolor, Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Nine (109) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Joseph Ashley S. Dee, C.P.A, as per Doc. No. 115, Page No. 24, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROQUE PANISALES ELECHOSA** and **CONSUELO BAUTISTA ELECHOSA** who died on January 20, 2022 and March 16, 2025 in Floridablanca, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver and Renunciation of Rights on his/her estate and more particularly described as follows;

A. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2016010411

A parcel of land (Lot 36 Blk. 2 of the cons. Subd. Plan Pcs-03-013709, being a portion of lots 2203-W-1-B & 2203-WV-1-C, Psd-03-098745, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 127), situated in the Bo of San Rafael, Mun. of Mexico, Pampanga; Containing an area of Forty-Eight (48) Square Meters;

B. BANK DEPOSIT

Bank: Bank of Commerce 028-Cubao Branch
Account Name: Elechosa, Consuelo Bautista
Account No.: 028-20-001273-1
Total Amount: P 13,071.75 (P 13,065.04 and P 6.71)

before Notary Public Atty. Sancho M. Abas, Jr., as per Doc. No. 108, Page No. 22, Book No. XCIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **OSCAR A. GUNGON** who died on July 17, 2020 at Valley Hospital Medical Center, Las Vegas, NV U.S.A.; executed an Affidavit of Extra-Judicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5 of the consolidation plan (LRC) Pcs-11097, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 2,4,6,8,10,12,14 and 16, all of blocks 4; (LRC) Psd-17442, L.R.C. Record No. 8715), situated in the Dist. of Sto. Domingo, City of Angeles; Containing an area of Two Hundred Forty-Eight (248) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 54507; Notary Public Brian Cutler Clark, The State of Nevada, Carson City, Nevada, U.S.A, as per No. N251118362002, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ENIOLINA QUIÑONES** who died on September 13, 2014 in Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of ExtraJudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 395-F-2 of the Subdivision Plan Psd-03-162671 being a portion of Lot 395-F, (LRC) Psd-48214 L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the barrio of Faitan (San Vicente), Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, containing an area of Four Hundred Twenty Nine (429) Square; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 184708; before Notary Public Atty. Kristine Keith N. Colle, as per Doc. No. 1244, Page No. 36, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EMILIANO MENDOZA SANTOS** who died on January 19, 2025 at the Makati Medical Center, located at 2 Amorsolo Street corner Legaspi Street, Barangay San Lorenzo, Makati City, Metro Manila; executed an Affidavit of ExtraJudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate and leaving an account with the Land Bank of the Philippines bearing Account No. 1789-0093-48 with an outstanding balance Twenty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollors and Seventeen Cents US Dollars (\$29,988.17), Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 9435, Page No. 91, Book No. 75, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MACARIO R. COMBOY** who died on February 03, 2021 in Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Special Power of Attorney on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land situated in Ayala, Magalang, Pampanga; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 103309 and Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) No. 64047, containing an area of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four (19,834) Square meters, more or less; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 6130, Page No. 4, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: November 30, December 7 & 14, 2025

Republic of the Philippines

City Civil Registry Office

Province of Pampanga

City of San Fernando

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of RA 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **NICOLAS NALUZ DUAY** filed with this office a petition to **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **JOEL to NICOLAS** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NICOLAS NALUZ DUAY** who was born on JUNE 1, 1994 at San Fernando, Pampanga, and whose parents are **ELENA S. NALUZ** and **ROSAURO S. DUAY**

RIMANDO B. UMALI

City Civil Registrar

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





CELEBRATING KAPAMPANGAN ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORY
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda opens Pamamuge Keng Kalalangan Art Exhibit featuring sculptures and paintings of Kapampangan artists led by presidential awardee for ecclesiastical art Willy Layug at the SM City Pampanga Event Center on Dec. 7. To last until Dec. 10, the exhibit is part of the ongoing celebration of the 454th Aldo Ning Kapampangan. **PUNTO! LIFESTYLE TEAM/PHOTOS: GERALD GLOTON**

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. Quarteros, 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 N. 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 Orhinal 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

ARO, KATIMIAS NA NITANG DALAGA



CLARK FREEPORT – The native ditty celebrating Kapampangan pulchritude finds manifest in KARIKTAN: A Fashion Show featuring the designs of prominent Kapampangan couturiers Mak Tumang, Mich Viray, Ditta Sandico, Philip Dizon Torres, Rhon Balagtas, Marlon Tuazon, Frederick Policarpio, and Adrian Sahagun held at the Royce Hotel and Casino here on Dec. 5.

A brainchild of Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda to highlight world class Kapampangan couture, KARIKTAN forms part of the ongoing celebrations of the 454th Aldo ning Kapampangan.

Punto Lifestyle Team/Photos: CLMA-Pampanga



SSA Alumni Association Spreads Christmas Cheer Through Annual “Operation Joy” Outreach



THE OPERATION JOY outreach project of the SSA Alumni Association of San Fernando brought early Christmas cheer to 200 children from nearby communities as SSA alumni and Jubilarians for SSA Alumni Homecoming 2026 Batch 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, volunteers, and partners gathered at St. Cecilia's Covered Court in St. Scholastica's Academy San Fernando for this year's celebration.

Led by Liberty Tanglao Reyes, President of the SSA Alumni Association of San Fernando, together with project head Rosh Eusebio, the event once again showcased the association's commitment to service and community engagement.

True to its name, Operation Joy reflects a mission to bring happiness and hope to children in need. This year, the beneficiaries included 200 children from Brgy. Maliwalu and Brgy. Lara, as well as children from Brgy. Quebiawan who are part of Tulong Dunong, the alumni's weekly supplemental learning program to underserved students.

Held annually every December, the outreach embodies the spirit of the Christmas season through meaningful activities, shared experiences, and the distribution of gifts and treats.

The success of the project was made possible through the generosity of alumni sponsors, the support of partners from the business community, and the steady guidance of Sir Ernie Deguilo, SSA SIP Head, whose dedication has helped steer the alumni throughout the entire initiative.

Operation Joy continues to serve as a powerful reminder of compassion in action—uniting the SSA community in its mission to uplift children and spread hope during the Christmas season. **Contributed photos/PR**



Holiday Gift Packs



ULTIMATE Holiday Treat



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BERNADINE CUNANAN MARCELO,
herein represented by his Attorney-in-Fact
MARIA CECILIA DIZON,

Petitioner,

-versus-

R-ANG-25-02263-SP

For: Petition for Correction/
Cancellation of Erroneous Entry in the Certificate
of Live Birth of
Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo
Pertaining to the Year of His Date of Birth in the
Civil Registry

**-THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF PORAC, PAMPANGA,
-THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL (PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY) MANILA,
-ZENaida ABAD MARCELO,
-LEONIDA P. CUNANAN,
-BERNARD ANGELO A. MARCELO,**

and any all persons who have or claim any interest,
Respondents.

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ORDER

In a verified Amended Petition, petitioner states the following:
"xxx

1. Petitioner is of legal age, married, Filipino, and a resident of Block 28, Lot 61, Model Community, Pio, Porac, Pampanga, Philippines, herein represented by his Attorney-in-Fact, **MARIA CECILIA DIZON**, of legal age, married, Filipino, and with residence at Block 55, Lot 20, Malakas Street, Phase 2, Fiesta Communities, Manibaug, Paralaya, Porac, Pampanga, by virtue of a Special Power of Attorney notarized by Atty. Israel C. Forto, dated 16 July 2025, with Doc No. 555, Page No. 70, Book No. XV, Series of 20251, where she may be served with summons and processes of this Honorable Court.

2. Respondents, The Local Civil Registrar of Porac, Pampanga and The Civil Registrar General (Philippine Statistics Authority), Manila, are public offices in possession and custody of petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth sought to be corrected and may be served with summons and processes of this Honorable Court at Porac Municipal Hall, General Luna Street, Porac, 2008 Pampanga and PSA Headquarters, PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines 1101, respectively.

3. Respondent Zenaida Abad Marcelo is the wife of the petitioner and is of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Block 28, Lot 61, Model Community, Pio, Porac, Pampanga, Philippines, where she may be served with summons and processes of this Honorable Court.
1 Attached as Annex "A" and series is a copy of the Special Power of Attorney, dated 16 July 2025, to form the same as an integral part hereof."

4. Respondents Alejandro C. Marcelo (deceased) and Leonida P. Cunanan are the parents of the petitioner and both are of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of Block 28, Lot 61, Model Community, Pio, Porac, Pampanga, Phippines, where she may be served with summons and processes of this Honorable Court.

5. Respondent Bernard Angelo A. Marcelo, of legal age, Filipino, with address at PO BOX 501696 CK Saipan, Mariana Pacific 96950, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Island, where he may be served with summons and processes of this Honorable Court.

6. Petitioner was born on 16 May 1970 in Sepung Bulaan, Porac, Pampanga, to Alejandro C. Marcelo and Leonida P. Cunanan of Sepung Bulaan, Porac, Pampanga and was delivered by "hilot".

7. From the time he came to knowledge and up to the present, he has been known with a sex/ gender of a Male and has been using 16 May 1970 as his true and correct date of birth, as evidenced by his Certificate of Marriage², Philippine Passports³, Certificate of Completion for Elementary Education⁴, Secondary Student's Permanent Records⁵, College Official Transcript of Records⁶, National Bureau of Investigation Clearance⁷, National Police Clearance⁸, Certificate of Residence⁹, Barangay Identification Card¹⁰, Pag-IBIG Member's Data Form¹¹, Overseas Filipino Worker Medical Card¹², Medical Certificates¹³, Clinical Chemistry Reports¹⁴, Hematology Reports¹⁵, Radiologic Reports¹⁶, Radiographic Report¹⁷, Prescription Sheet¹⁸, and Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement¹⁹.

2 Attached as **Annex "B"** and series is a copy of the Certificate of Marriage of Spouses Bernadine C. Marcelo and Zenaida L. Abad, dated 15 June 2011, solemnized by Julia Heidemann, Consul General of Philippine Consulate General of Saipan CNMI, with Registry No. SPN-073-2011 and a copy of their Report of Marriage issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority, dated 19 June 2021, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

3 Attached as **Annex "C"** and series are copies of the Philippine Passports of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued 4 March 2013, 15 March 2014, 11 March 2009, and 15 March 2004, with Passport Nos. P08952399, E0605341, YXX203194, and M464253, respectively, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

4 Attached as **Annex "D"** and series is a copy of the Certificate of Completion for Elementary Education of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 2 December 2024, issued by the Office of the Principal of Guagua Elementary School, to form the same as an integral part hereof.
5 Attached as Annex "E" and series is a copy of the Secondary Student's Permanent Record of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 22 November 2004, issued by Julie B. Domingo, MBA, Principal/Registrar of Guagua National Colleges, Inc., to form the same as an integral part hereof.

6 Attached as **Annex "F"** and series is a copy of the College Official Transcript of Record of Bernadine C. Marcelo, dated 14 May 2007, issued by the Office of the Registrar of Guagua National Colleges, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

7 Attached as **Annex "G"** and series is a copy of the National Bureau of Investigation Clearance of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 26 November 2024, issued by the National Bureau of Investigation of the Republic of the Philippines, with NBI ID No. M624EBPE07-R31548917, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

8 Attached as **Annex "H"** and series is a copy of the National Police Clearance of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 4 December 2024, issued by the National Police Commission of the Republic of the Philippines, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

9 Attached as **Annex "I"** and series is a copy of the Certificate of Residency of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 4 July 2025, issued by the Office of the Punong Barangay of Barangay Pio, Porac, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

10 Attached as **Annex "J"** and series is a copy of the Barangay Identification Card of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued by the Municipality of Porac, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

11 Attached as **Annex "K"** and series is a copy of the Pag-IBIG Member's Data Form of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, with Pag-IBIG MID No. 112523206169, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

12 Attached as **Annex "L"** and series is a copy of the Overseas Filipino Worker Medical Card of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 26 November 2024, with Serial No. A0241211205343, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

13 Attached as **Annex "M"** and series is a copy of the Medical Certificate of Bernadine Marcelo, dated 9 April 2019, issued by the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

14 Attached as **Annex "N"** and series are copies of the Clinical Chemistry Reports of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 15 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark, to form the same as integral parts hereof.

15 Attached as **Annex "O"** and series are copies of the Hematology Reports of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 15 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark, to form the same as integral parts hereof.

16 Attached as **Annex "P"** and series is a copy of the Radiologic Report of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 16 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

17 Attached as **Annex "Q"** and series is a copy of the Radiographic Report of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 16 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

18 Attached as **Annex "R"** and series is a copy of the Prescription Sheet of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 17 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

19 Attached as **Annex "S"** and series is a copy of the Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement, dated 3 April 2025, issued by the United States Social Security Administration, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

8. On or around 2024, petitioner secured a copy of his Certificate of Live Birth from the respondent Philippine Statistics Authority and to his shock and dismay, he discovered that his date of birth and his sex/gender are erroneous. It appears in his Certificate of Live Birth that the petitioner's date of

birth is 16 August 1969, instead of 16 May 1970, which is his true and correct date of birth. It also appears in his Certificate of Live Birth that the petitioner's sex/gender is Female instead of Male which is his true and correct sex/gender. These erroneous entries are evidenced by the erroneous Certificate of Live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority²¹.

9. Petitioner is bewildered by the fact that there are erroneous entries in his Certificate of Live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority considering that there were no erroneous entries when his mother, Leonida C. Marcelo, submitted to the Office of the Local Civil Registrar his Late Registration of Birth²¹. Further, when he secured a copy of his Certificate of Live Birth back in 2011 from the National Statistics Office, there were also no erroneous entries in his Certificate of Live Birth, as evidenced by a copy of his Certificate of Live Birth issued by the National Statistics Office²².

10. Upon learning the aforesaid erroneous entries in his Certificate of Live Birth issued by the respondent Philippine Statistics Authority, petitioner immediately filed a Petition for Correction of Clerical Error in the Certificate of Live Birth before the respondent Local Civil Registry Office of Porac, Pampanga, seeking correction of the clerical error in his Certificate of Live Birth, particularly Item Nos. four (4) and six (6), described as child's sex/gender and child's date of birth (month and day), from Female to Male and from 16 August to 16 May, respectively, as evidenced by a copy of the Petition for Correction of Clerical Error in the Certificate of Live Birth²³.

11. On 28 June 2025, respondent Philippine Statistics Authority issued a copy of petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth containing an annotation for the correction of the erroneous entries of sex/ gender and the month of the date of birth of the petitioner, the annotation states:
"PURSUANT TO THE DECISION RENDERED BY MCR EVA S. MANALASTAS-NUCUP DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2025 AND AFFIRMED BY CRG UNDER CROC NO. 25-2734723, THE CHILD'S SEX IS HEREBY CORRECTED TO "MALE"; AND THE CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH IS LIKEWISE CORRECTED TO "MAY 16, 1969."

as evidenced by a copy of the petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth²⁴ issued by the respondent Philippine Statistics Authority, dated 28 June 2025.

12. Petitioner is grateful that the erroneous entries for the sex/gender and month of his date of birth in his Certificate of Live Birth have been corrected. However, the entry for the year of his date of birth in his Certificate of Live Birth remains erroneous²⁵.

²¹ Attached as **Annex "T"** and series is a copy of the erroneous Certificate of Live Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority of the Republic of the Philippines, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

²¹ Attached as **Annex "U"** and series is a copy of the Late Registration of Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 23 February 1987, submitted to the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Porac, Pampanga, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

²² Attached as **Annex "V"** and series is a copy of the Certificate of Live Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued by the National Statistics Office of the Republic of the Philippines, dated 11 May 2001, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

²³ Attached as **Annex "W"** and series is a copy of the Petition for Correction of Clerical Error in the Certificate of Live Birth, dated 2 December 2024, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

²⁴ Attached as **Annex "X"** and series is a copy of the Certificate of Live Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, with annotations, dated 18 June 2025, issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority of the Republic of the Philippines, to form the same as an integral part hereof.

²⁵ See Annex "Y" and series.

13. In the case of Dr. Ruben C. Bartolome vs Republic of the Philippines²⁶ the Supreme Court summarized the rules in Correction of Erroneous Entries, the Supreme Court held that:
"x x x

In 2012, Republic Act No. 9048 was amended by Republic Act No. 10172. In addition to the change of the first name, the day and month of birth, and the sex of a person may now be changed without judicial proceedings. Republic Act No. 10172 clarifies that these changes may now be administratively corrected where it is patently clear that there is a clerical or typographical mistake in the entry. It may be changed by filing a subscribed and sworn affidavit with the local civil registry office of the city or municipality where the record being sought to be corrected or changed is kept.

The foregoing rules may be summarized as follows:

1. A person seeking 1.) to change his or her first name, 2.) to correct clerical or typographical errors in the civil register, 3.) to change/correct the day and/or month of his or her date of birth, and/or 4.) to change/correct his or her sex, where it is patently clear that there was a clerical or typographical error or mistake, must first file a verified petition with the local civil registry office of the city or municipality where the record being sought to be corrected or changed is kept, in accordance with the administrative proceeding provided under R.A. 9048 in relation to R.A. 10172. A person may only avail of the appropriate judicial remedies under Rule 103 or Rule 108 if the aforementioned entries after the petition in the administrative proceedings is filed and later denied.

2. A person seeking 1.) to change his or her surname or 2.) to change both his or her first name and surname may file a petition for change of name under Rule 103, provided that the jurisprudential grounds discussed in Republic v. Hernandez are present.

3. A person seeking substantial cancellations or corrections of entries in the civil registry may file a petition for cancellation or correction of entries under Rule 108. As discussed in Lee v. Court of Appeals and more recently, in Republic v. Cagandahan, R.A. 9048 "removed from the ambit of Rule 108 of the Rules of Court the correction of such errors. Rule 108 now applies only to substantial changes and corrections in entries in the civil register."
x x x" (emphasis ours)

14. Considering that the aforesaid erroneous entries includes an error in the year of the date of birth of the petitioner, such erroneous entry if substantial as shifting the birth year of the petitioner significantly alters his age. Thus, a petition for cancellation or correction of entries under Rule 108 is proper. Section 1 and 2 of Rule 108 of the Rules of Court states:
"RULE 108

Cancellation or Correction of Entries in The Civil Registry
Section 1. Who may file petition. - Any person interested in any act, event, order or decree concerning the civil status of persons which has been recorded in the civil register, may file a verified petition for the cancellation or correction of any entry relating thereto, with the Court of First Instance of the province where the corresponding civil registry is located."
26 Dr. Ruben C. Bartolome vs. Republic of the Philippines, G.R. No. 243288, 25 August 2019.

Section 2. Entries subject to cancellation or correction. – Upon good and valid grounds, the following entries in the civil register may be cancelled or corrected: (a) births; (b) marriage; (c) deaths; (d) legal separations; (e) judgments of marriage; (f) judgments declaring marriages void from the beginning; (g) legitimations (h) adoptions; (i) acknowledgments of natural children; (j) naturalization; (k) election, loss or recovery of citizenship; (l) civil interdiction (m) judicial determination of filiation; (n) voluntary emancipation of a minor; and (o) changes of name.
x x x"

15. In view of the foregoing, petitioner humbly submits that there is a need for this Honorable Court to issue an Order to correct/cancel the erroneous entry in order to show the true facts of the petitioner's date of birth and to avoid confusion.

PETITIONER'S WITNESSES

16. The petitioner, Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, by his Judicial Affidavit, a copy of which is hereto attached. Particularly, the petitioner shall be presented to prove the material allegations in his petition and to identify documentary exhibits relative thereto.

17. Maria Cecilia Pineda Dizon, by Judicial Affidavit, a copy of which is hereto attached. Particularly, the witness shall be presented to prove the year of birth of the petitioner.

18. Representative from the Local Civil Registrar of Porac, Pampanga, by subpoena duces tecum and ad testificandum to testify and bring certain documents to be identified and presented in court.
19. Petitioner reserves the right to present additional witnesses for good cause shown and as may be warranted under the circumstances.

PETITIONER'S EVIDENCE

20. Petitioner's evidence shall consist of the following:

Marking Document

Annex "A" and series

(Exhibit "A" and series) Special Power of Attorney, dated 16 July 2025

Annex "B" and series

(Exhibit "B" and series) Certificate of Marriage of Sps. Bernadine C. Marcelo and Zenaida L. Abad, dated 15 June 2011, solemnized by Julia Heidemann, Consul General of Philippine Consulate General of Saipan CNMI, with Registry No. SPN-073-2001 and a copy of their Report of Marriage issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority, dated 19 June 2001

Annex "C" and series

(Exhibit "C" and series) Philippine Passports of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued on 4 March 2013, 15 March 2014, 11 March 2009, and 15 March 2004, with Passport Nos. P0895239B, EC0560341, XX3203194, and MM462534, respectively

Annex "D" and series

(Exhibit "D" and series) Certification of Completion for Elementary Education of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 2 December 2024, issued by the Office of the Principal of Guagua Elementary School

Annex "E" and series
(Exhibit "E" and series) Secondary Student's Permanent Record of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 22 November 2024, issued by Julie B. Domingo, MBA, Principal/Registrar of Guagua National Colleges, Inc.

Annex "F" and series
(Exhibit "F" and series) College Official Transcript of Record of Bernadine C. Marcelo, dated 14 May 1992, issued by the Office of the Registrar of Guagua National Colleges

Annex "G" and series
(Exhibit "G" and series) National Bureau of Investigation Clearance of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 26 November 2024, issued by the National Bureau of Investigation of the Republic of the Philippines, with NBI ID No. M624EBPE07-R31548917

Annex "H" and series
(Exhibit "H" and series) National Police Clearance of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 4 December 2024, issued by the National Police Commission of the Republic of the Philippines
Annex "I" and series

(Exhibit "I" and series) Certificate of Residency of Bernadine C. Marcelo, 4 July 2025, issued by the Office of the Punong Barangay of Barangay Pio, Porac
Annex "J" and series

(Exhibit "J" and series) Barangay Identification Card of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued by the Municipality of Porac

Annex "K" and series
(Exhibit "K" and series) Pag-IBIG Member's Data Form of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, with Pag-IBIG MID No. 1212523206169

Annex "L" and series
(Exhibit "L" and series) Overseas Filipino Worker Medical Card of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 26 November 2024, with Serial No. A-20241211205243

Annex "M" and series
(Exhibit "M" and series) Medical Certificate of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 9 April 2019, issued by the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Annex "N" and series
(Exhibit "N" and series) Clinical Chemistry Reports of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 15 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark

Annex "O" and series (Exhibit "O" and series) Hematology Reports of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 15 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark

Annex "P" and series (Exhibit "P" and series) Radiologic Report of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 15 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark

Annex "Q" and series (Exhibit "Q" and series) Radiographic Report of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 16 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark

Annex "R" and series (Exhibit "R" and series) Prescription Sheet of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 17 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark

Annex "S" and series (Exhibit "S" and series) Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement, dated 3 April 2025, issued by the United States Social Security Administration

Annex "T" and series (Exhibit "T" and series) Erroneous Certificate of Live Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority of the Republic of the Philippines

Annex "U" and series (Exhibit "U" and series) Late Registration of Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 23 February 1987, submitted to the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Porac, Pampanga

Annex "V" and series (Exhibit "V" and series) Certificate of Live Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued by the National Statistics Office of the Republic of the Philippines, dated 11 May 2001

Annex "W" and series (Exhibit "W" and series) Petition for Correction of Clerical Error in the Certificate of Live Birth, dated 2 December 2024

Annex "X" and series (Exhibit "X" and series) Certificate of Live Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, with annotations, dated 18 June 2025, issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority of the Republic of the Philippines

Annex "Y" and series (Exhibit "Y" and series) Judicial Affidavit of Bernadine C. Marcelo

Annex "Z" and series (Exhibit "Z" and series) Judicial Affidavit of Maria Cecilia Pineda Dizon

21. Petitioner reserves the right to mark and present additional evidence for good cause shown and as may be warranted under the circumstances.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises considered, it is most respectfully prayed of unto this Honorable Court that, after due notice of publication and hearing, judgment be rendered granting this petition and consequently direct the respondents Philippine Statistics Authority and the Local Civil Registrar of Porac, Pampanga to make the necessary correction/cancellation on the Certificate of Live Birth of BERNADINE CUNANAN MARCELO [Annex "X" and series (Exhibit "X" and series)] pertaining to the year of his date of birth which is recorded as 1969 and change the same to 1970, which is the true and correct year on the date of birth of the petitioner.

Other reliefs, just and equitable under the premises, are likewise prayed for.

x x x"

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the case for hearing on 26 JANUARY 2026 at two (2) o'clock in the afternoon. Other persons having or claiming any interest in this petition shall appear and show cause why, if any, the petition shall not be granted.

Pursuant to OCA Circular No. 108-2010 (Guidelines for the Temporary Replacement of Clerk of Court in the Handling of Case/s from which they are Disqualified under Section 1, Rule 137 of the Rules of Court, as amended), the parties and counsel(s) are hereby directed to file written manifestations, under oath, declaring as to whether or not they are related to the Branch Clerk of Court Atty. Russel Anne C. Bundoc, stating therein the degree of relationship by affinity or consanguinity within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this Order.

The petitioner, at his expense, is hereby ordered to cause the publication of this Order once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City before the date of the hearing.

Petitioner is likewise ordered to serve copies of the Petition and its annexes upon the Office of the Solicitor General; Philippine Statistics Authority; and the Civil Registrar of Porac, Pampanga, and to submit before this Court proof of compliance within fifteen (15) days from completion thereof.

Lastly, as to respondent Bernard Angelo A. Marcelo pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 251-2020 in relation to OCA Circular No. 163-2002 and OCA Circular No. 121-2022, and considering that extraterritorial service through the Hague Convention is necessary in the service of this Order since he is a resident of Saipan, Mariana Pacific Islands, a territory of the United States of America, and said country is a signatory of said convention, thus, the petitioner is hereby directed to comply with the aforementioned circular within thirty (30) days from receipt of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, 12 September 2025.

BENIGNO C. ABILA

Presiding Judge

cc:

1. Office of the Solicitor General

2. Office of the City Prosecutor of Angeles City

3. LCR, Porac, Pampanga

4. PSA

5. OCC-RTC, Angeles City

6. Maria Cecilia Dizon (AIF of Petitioner) – Block 55, Lot 20, Malakas Street, Phase 2,

Fiesta Communities, Manibaug, Paralaya, Porac, Pampanga

7. Porto Law Office (Counsel for Petitioner) – Unit D FIAT Building, Gueco St., cor. Tarlac St., Mt. View, Balibago, Angeles City

8. Zenaida Abad Marcelo (Respondent) – Block 28, Lot 61, Model Community, Pio, Porac, Pampanga

9. Leonida P. Cunanan (Respondent) – Block 28, Lot 61, Model Community, Pio, Porac, Pampanga

² Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 251-2020 dated 11 September 2020 (Guidelines on the Implementation in the Philippines of the Hague Service Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters)

³ OCA Circular No. 121-2022 dated 26 May 2022 (Requests for Extraterritorial Service of Judicial Documents from the Philippines to Other State Parties [Outbound Requests for Service] under the Hague Service Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters)

Punto! Central Luzon: December 7, 14 & 21, 2025



Pagkilala ng kapitolyo sa 4,226 purok leaders

LUNGSOD NG SAN FERNANDO – Binigyan ng kaukulang pagkilala ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Pampanga ang 4,226 purok leaders mula sa iba’t ibang bayan at lungsod ng lalawigan bilang mahahalagang katuwang sa pamamahala sa komunidad.

Ginagampanan nila ang mahalagang tungkulin bilang tulay sa pagitan ng mga residente at barangay officials. Sila ang tumutulong sa pagpapatupad ng mga programa, pagpapanatili ng kaayusan, pag-

oorganisa ng mga proyektong pangkalinisan at seguridad, at pagsuporta sa paghahatid ng mga serbisyo sa bawat purok.

Nanguna sina Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, dating pangulo at ngayo’y Congresswoman Gloria Macapagal Arroyo at Lubao Mayor Esmie Pineda sa personal na pangungumusta at pamamahagi ng tulong sa mga purok leaders.

Tumanggap sila ng P3,000 cash assistance, hotdog, manok, at libreng maintenance medicines

bilang pagkilala sa kanilang serbisyo.

“Lubos po kaming nagpapasalamat sa pamasko ninyo sa amin,” ani Mario Martin, purok leader mula sa Floridablanca.

Kasama rin sa pamamahagi sina board members Christian Halili, Cherry Manalo, at Lucky Labung, special assistant to the vice governor Angelina Blanco, social welfare and development officer Fe Manarang, at mga kawani ng probinsiya.

Pampanga PIO/ Photos: Gerald Gloton, Daniel Ombina

Yokohama’s Christmas outreach to Aeta kids

CLARK FREEPORT – Some 200 Aeta children had an early Christmas celebration with the Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc. (YTPI) on Dec. 4 at the Villa Maria Elementary School in Porac, Pampanga.

Gifts of backpacks, slippers, umbrellas, towels, tumblers, and vitamins, among others were enthusiastically received by the IP kids

from Kinder to Grade 5, equally enjoying parlor games and food meals from Jollibee.

And in true Christmas spirit, cheerfully sang and danced with the YTPI representatives and employee-volunteers.

Organized by the Public Relations-Community Service Relations Team led by corporate planning and business operations

department manager Geraldine Bautista and vice president for administration division Angelina Casasola and joined by employee-volunteers, the activity is YTPI’s second Christmas outreach program for the Aeta community since last year, continuing its commitment to corporate social responsibility.

Punto News Team/ YTPI FB page



FIRB cites CDC for full use of FIRMS digital system



CLARK FREEPORT— The Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB) has commended the Clark Development Corp. for its advanced digitalization initiatives, particularly its full use of the FIRB Incentives Monitoring System (FIRMS).

The recognition came after CDC presented investment updates and shared its experience in implementing the system during the 1st Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) Forum held from Dec. 2 to 5 in Boracay, Aklan. FIRB officials noted that CDC is the only investment promotion agency that fully utilizes all modules of the FIRMS platform, a key requirement under the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act and the CREATE More law.

“This recognition from FIRB shows that Clark Freeport is not only compliant but also ahead in digital innovation. By fully

integrating our systems with FIRMS, we ensure transparency, efficiency, and investor confidence — strengthening Clark’s role as a premier investment destination,” enthused CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera.

During the forum, CDC also highlighted its Electronic Business Application and Registration (eBAR) system, which automates locator registration, permit processing, and incentives administration. The integration of eBAR with FIRMS has resulted in faster compliance, secure data sharing, and more accurate reporting of investor information.

The CDC delegation was led by assistant vice president for business development Thelma Ocampo and assistant manager Erwin C. Pattau, along with senior account officer Danilo Duarte, account officer Kate Moira Mendoza, and trade analyst John Paul Relevo. **CDC-PR**

COMPANY NAME: DONGGWANG CLARK CORPORATION
ADDRESS: ODE County Building, C.M. Recto Highway, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Developer
POSITION: Director (Marketing Department)
JOB DESCRIPTION:
1. Utilize marketing and sales tools; coordinate with other team leaders' projects.
2. Supports and direct the Marketing Team in contributing to the overall management and upkeep, direct and support creative development for the projects.
3. Facilitate company social media accounts to custom audiences and segmentation with clients.
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Speak fluently in at least two languages (Korean and English Language).
2. Confident and has a capacity to make logical decisions.
3. Ability to work under pressure in fast-paced environment.

PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT: SunValley Projects (Jose Abad Santos Avenue, CFZ, Pamp.)
SALARY RANGE: Php 80,000.00 to Php 90,000.00
NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL: LEE, SEONGGI (South Korean)
ODE County Bldg. C.M. Recto Highway,
Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Intended period of employment: one (1) year

Application may be sent to: jhoanne.c.torres@gmail.com (Jhoanne C. Torres – ADMIN Supervisor, Business Operations Department) Tel. No. 045-499-1166

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

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



CL COPS GET 11 BRAND NEW CARS
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Police Regional Office 3 director BGen. Ponce Rogelio I. Peñones Jr. leads the turnover and blessing of eleven brand-new Toyota Innova units at the Camp Olivas Parade Ground on Dec. 8. The multi-purpose vehicles will be appropriated for field operations, personnel transport, and rapid response across Central Luzon, in adherence to PNP Focused Agenda and PRO3’s 3Ps: Protect the People, Pursue Peace and Order, and Promote Professionalism. **PRO-3**



[From L-R]: SAVP for Mindanao Marketing Russell D. Alaba and SAVP for North Luzon Marketing Jefferson S. Suarez proudly represent SM Supermalls at the 2025 International Business Awards in Lisbon, Portugal, where the company earned recognition for its community-centric campaigns.



SM Supermalls Dominates International Business Awards with All Community-Centric Wins

SM SUPERMALLS once again proved its global excellence and heart for community as it clinched seven major awards at the 2025 International Business Awards (IBA) held in Lisbon, Portugal — an unbeatable victory that shines a spotlight on its community-driven programs and campaigns. The awards reaffirm SM Supermalls' purpose-driven commitment to uplifting communities through meaningful initiatives that combine creativity, compassion, and innovation.

A clean sweep of community-centered honors
SM Supermalls bagged

top honors across multiple categories, winning two Gold, four Silver, and one Bronze trophies — all dedicated to its social good and sustainability efforts.

- SM Supermalls earned Gold Awards for its 100 Days of Joy campaign, recognized as the Branded Content Campaign of the Year, and for SM Art Market, which won Art, Entertainment & Public – Art Event of the Year.
- The company also took home Silver Awards for Building a Greener Philippines under Sustainability Leadership in Asia, Australia, and New

Zealand; SM Cares' Mall for All as CSR Program of the Year; SM Cares' Coastal Cleanup for Sustainability Initiative of the Year in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand; and Tribe Marketing Revolution and Its New Era of Consumer Connection for Best Use of Data to Drive Brand Strategy.

- Rounding out the wins, SM Supermalls received a Bronze Award for SM Cares' Book Nook under Achievement in CSR.

Celebrating community through purpose and impact
The all-community-centered win underscores SM Supermalls' belief that business success is best measured by the positive impact it makes on people's lives. From championing sustainability and inclusivity to empowering local creatives and promoting data-driven connections, SM continues to lead with purpose at every level.

"These awards are a reflection of our deep commitment to serving communities beyond retail," said SM Supermalls Executive Vice President for Marketing Joaquin L. San Agustin. "Every program we create is rooted in our core mission — to bring joy, care, and positive change to every Filipino we reach."

The International Business Awards is one of the world's most prestigious business recognition programs, celebrating organizations that demonstrate excellence, innovation, and social impact.

Through its sweeping victory in Lisbon, SM Supermalls reinforces its standing as a global leader with a heart — proving once again that when business and purpose come together, communities thrive.

To learn more, visit www.smsupermalls.com and follow @SMSupermalls on social media for the latest updates.

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20 individuals...

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The annual recognition highlights individuals and institutions whose achievements have significantly contributed to their fields of endeavor and brought pride and honor to Pampanga nationally and globally.

Honored as this year’s cream of the Kapampangan crop are:

Police Lt. Col. Aris B. Gonzales – Law Enforcement

Marissa P. Fajardo – Education

Oliver S. Tumang – Sports

Lany L. Manaloto – Government Service

Engr. Joliber P. Mapiles – Entrepreneurship

Jose Irwin M. Nucum – Music

Jayson G. Pabalan – Performing Arts

Richard G. Gabriel – Visual Arts

Jose Antonio Miguel R. Melchor – Culinary Excellence

Joel P. Mallari – Culture and Heritage

Dr. Richard S. Torno – Agriculture

Mudiekeewis D. Santos – Science and Technology

Kara Patria David-

HAU confers...

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here on Dec. 5.

“The heart of our mission here at Holy Angel University is contained in the University’s name to be God’s message of love for His people, to create spaces where celestial dreams encounter what is deeply human, to prepare the table of abundance where the bread of goodness satisfies all hunger, and the cup of salvation heals all wounds,” he said of the university’s very article of faith.

Concluding his speech with a message of hope and purpose: “We don’t need thousands of angels, we only need one angel to show up at the right moment to change the course of history... Believe that each one of you is also called to be an angel to someone today.”

The conferment

2-K scholars...

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ceremonies at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center here on Dec. 4.

The beneficiaries rendered 20 days of service as encoders for various programs of the provincial government. Each P12,300, with 60% funded coming from the Capitol and 40%

SM Cares...

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Provincial Learning and Resource Center. These individuals were honored for their invaluable efforts in promoting reading,

cultivating lifelong learning, and inspiring their communities to grow through knowledge.

This milestone is more than a celebration—it’s a

The Public Space

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just as vital, perhaps even existential.

Which means a linear, tactical approach to dealing with the nation’s malaise may not be enough , not even meeting the objective of finishing 2028 successfully. Nation building is a continuum. His late father,a former dictator who once dreamed a of a new society, must have instilled that vision in him. Every now and then, the son, less than a disciple of Machiavelli, now repeats the idea, nowhere more emphatically than in his state -of- the- nation spiels.

The son may not be as cerebral, the sister senator showing she may have

Cancio – Mass Media

John Roniel A. Canimo – Youth Service

Atty. Aris L. Gulapa – Judicial Service

Michael M. Manio – Outstanding Kapampangan OFW

Maria Teresa F. Sanchez-Tolosa – Medicine

Gerardo D. Legaspi – Public Health

Ar. Normandy N. Canlas – Architecture (Emerging Category)

Simplicio P. Umali Jr. – Business Leadership (Emerging Category)

Aguman Kalalangan Sulat Kapampangan –

curriculum.

The University Chorale, accompanied by Dr. Joseph Esquivel of the School of Computing, rendered an intermission performance of “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place.”

Atty. Erika Ana Andrea Nepomuceno, corporate secretary of the HAU BOT, read the board resolution, followed by the reading of the conferment text by university president Leopoldo Jaime Valdes.

The Ritual of Conferment was solemnly administered by Prof. Leonida Africa, vice chair of the HAU BOT, together with President Valdes and Dr. Maria Teresa Salta, supervising education program specialist, representing Dr. Maura Consolacion Cristobal, Commission on Higher Education Region 3 director.

The program closed

from P15,000 to P30,000.

“These initiatives underscore our commitment to investing in our youth and empowering our small entrepreneurs. Education and livelihood development remain at the core of our programs to build a stronger Pampanga,” Governor Pineda said.

promise. SM Cares remains dedicated to empowering future generations through literacy and learning. Through initiatives like Book Nook, we aim to nurture

The right opportunities came when the other side, as expected, wanted more than it could chew, which is usually normal politics.

Alas, the political appetite shown it went beyond what was normal. There were threats to personal, family safety. There were hints of medical issues as a result of alleged drug use since power became heady for a former dictator family. Of late, n o less than a sibling, a sitting senator, sang the same song of addiction that runs through the family. Time to end the nightmare for the nation, so the drumbeat echoed.

What could be worse than a president who pretended to fight massive corruption but actually was

The Shepherd’s Call

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And we see the consequences everywhere.

Where in the world do fishponds become garbage pits? In the Philippines.

In Navotas, where leachate from these “unsanitary landfills” has poisoned aquaculture, killed livelihoods, and threatened food security. The sea that once fed our people is now choking with plastic washed down through our canals, creeks, and rivers by torrential rains into the ocean. We did this—to ourselves, to our neighbors, to our children.

We love to blame government, or corporations, or the informal waste sector. But the truth is harder: RA 9003 failed because we, as a nation, refused to change our daily habits. Because we did not have the discipline to segregate. Because too many LGUs opted for the easy way out—hauling and dumping—as if “out of sight” meant “out of responsibility.” Because corruption fattened itself on hauling contracts and tipping fees rather than investing in real waste reduction,

Ad Lib

FROM PAGE 5

your faith.

Back then, Christmas morning had its own kind of magic. After Mass, children formed little armies and went house to house, greeting elders with “*Siklod pu, makipamasku kami pu!*” The aguinaldo was never large, just enough for candies, marbles, or a comic book; but the joy was in the journey. Laughing with friends, comparing envelopes, counting the day’s “earnings” before sundown. It wasn’t about money. It was childhood, friendship and Christmas all wrapped into one incomparable and unforgettable wonder.

And back then, communities felt closer. Neighbors shared ingredients and delivered a *llanera* of

Commentary

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mayor na nagpasimuno na gawing Syudad ang Angeles? Wala ba tayong mga tanyag na Angelenyo na nagpatingkad sa

Apparently, PBBM and his camp were prepared for it. Besides, others are watching how it will complicate the geopolitical status in the West Philippine Sea.

In fact, without this last important factor, there would have been a real change in the regime. No doubt, PBBM has played its cards well. The other side simply could not show theirs. In other words, it’s a trump card we cannot bet on.

To drive home a point, historically, on the last date a huge rally was staged against corruption, the appeal by a former president for an interim release, against the charge of crime against humanity



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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GIANT LANTERN FESTIVAL COMPETITION

December 19, 2025 | 4 PM

Capital Town Pampanga

LIGLIGAN IPAROL

EXHIBITION NIGHTS

December 14-23, 2025 | 6 PM

ROBINSONS STARMILLS PAMPANGA

December 27-28, 2025 | 6 PM

MARQUEE MALL

December 24, 2025 | 9 PM

INFRONT OF CITY HALL

December 29-30, 2025 | 6 PM

CITY TOWN CENTER, CALULUT

December 25, 2025 | 6 PM

ROBINSONS STARMILLS PAMPANGA

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December 26-28, 2025 | 6 PM

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January 1, 2025 | 6 PM

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