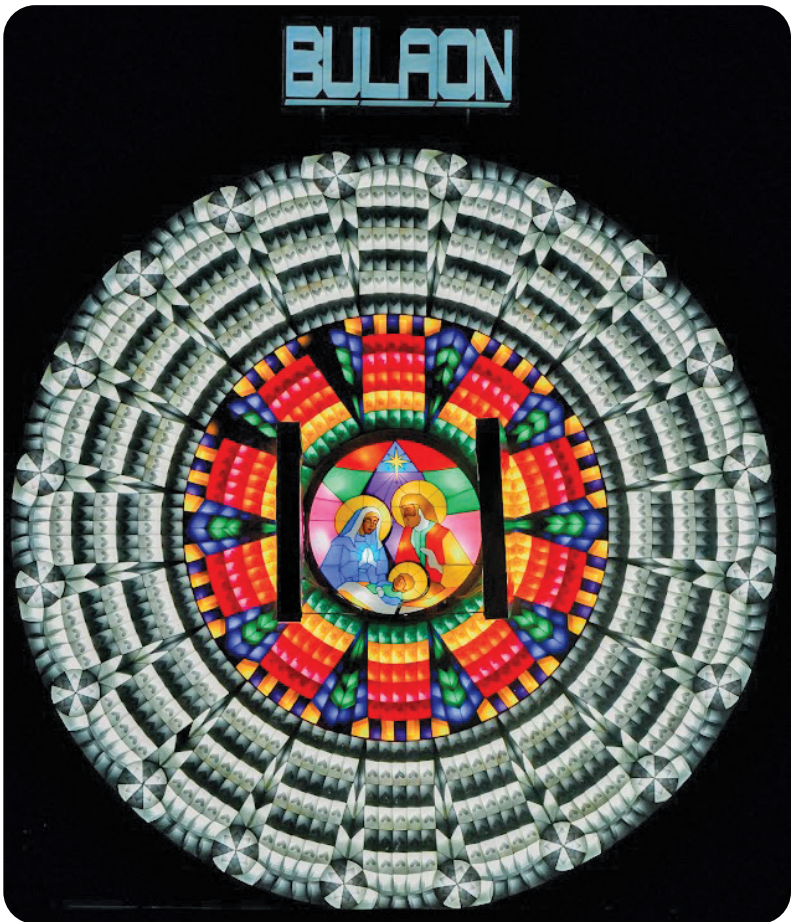


P4-B mixed-use hub set at The Villages

CLARK FREEPORT – A P4-billion mixed-use residential and commercial development in The Villages, a 67-hectare master-planned sports and lifestyle destination here, has been given the green light with the approval by the Clark Development Corp. of an amendment to PKR Corp.’s lease agreement on Dec. 12. **PAGE 15 PLEASE**



CDC PCEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera and PKRC president Daekwon Jung seal agreement with a handshake with CDC VP for business development and business enhancement group Atty. Noelle Mina Meneses and PKRC director Yee Gon Im as witnesses. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



BULAON WINS LIGLIGAN PARUL 2025
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Barangay Bulaon emerged champion in the Giant Lantern Festival 2025 held on Dec. 13 at the grounds of Robinsons Starmills here, with Barangay Sto. Niño as First Runner-up, Barangay Dolores as Second Runner-up, and Barangay Calulut as Third Runner-up. Ligligan Parul in Kapampangan, the Giant Lantern Festival is an annual showcase of the creativity, craftsmanship, and community pride of the participating barangays, highlighting San Fernando’s enduring tradition of spectacular lantern-making. **CSFP-CIO**

Ailing kids get Christmas wish at Pradera Islands



LUBAO, PAMPANGA – A kid’s Christmas wish come true for 52 pediatric cancer patients and liver transplant recipients as Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, and members of the family opened Pradera Islands Theme Park here for a day of fun and wonder on Dec. 16.

Gov Nanay said her family wished the patients to be imbued with the “Christmas is for children” spirit of innocence, wonder and pure joy, as a break from their medical treatments.

And how the children enjoyed various attractions, including arcade games, boat rides, airplane rides, swings, and the carousel. They also took part in a parade featuring cartoon characters and witnessed a musical fountain show and fireworks display.

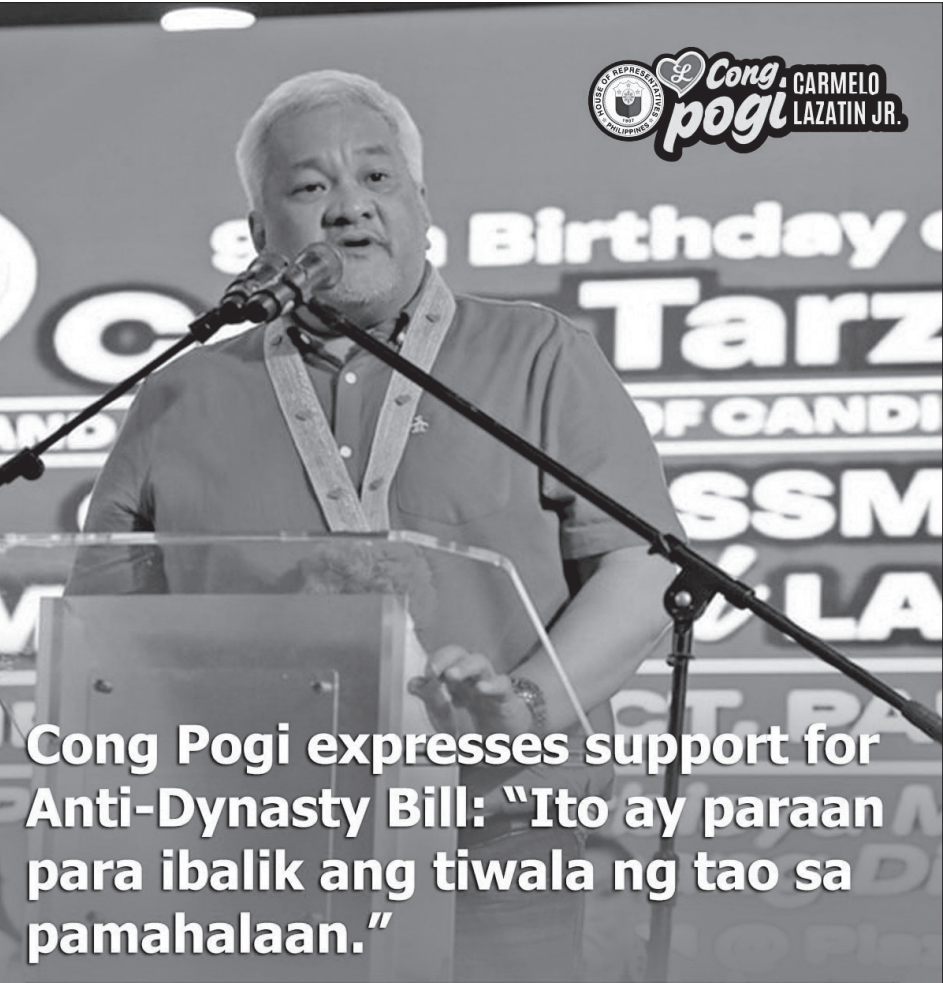
And how the children loved it! Thriving in an atmosphere **PAGE 15 PLEASE**

Faith, heritage shine anew in AC’s Lubenas Ning Pasku



ANGELES CITY — The heritage district here on Dec. 14 lighted up in a testament to deep faith, rich culture, and treasured tradition of the Angeleno in the annual “Lubenas ning Pasku.” **PAGE 15 PLEASE**

Cong Pogi pushes Anti-Dynasty Bill



Cong Pogi expresses support for Anti-Dynasty Bill: “Ito ay paraan para ibalik ang tiwala ng tao sa pamahalaan.”

Photo from Team Pogi Lazatin

ANGELES CITY – “Ang pagpasa ng Anti-Dynasty Bill ay isang paraan para maibalik ang tiwala ng tao sa pamahalaan. Naniniwala ako na mas magiging inclusive at accountable ang gobyerno pag naipasa ito.”

Thus, Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr. on Dec. 11 categorically declared his full support Anti-Political Dynasty Bill being pushed in the 20th Congress.

On Dec. 9, Malacañang announced that President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. wants Congress to prioritize the Anti-Dynasty Bill, the Independent People’s Commission Act, the Party-list System Reform Act, and the Citizens Access and Disclosure of Expenditures for National Accountability (CADENA) Act.

One of the co-sponsors of the Anti-Dynasty Bill, Lazatin belongs to the third generation of the Lazatin political family.

“Anyone who has followed me throughout my years in public service would know that I have never denied my family’s political history. Doing so is not only hypocritical but also does a disservice to the exemplary record of my father, and his father before him,” Lazatin said.

“Be that as it may, we serve only at the pleasure of the people. If the will of the people I represent is

for this bill to pass, then I support its passage wholeheartedly,” he added.

The solon’s paternal grandfather, Rafael “Apung Feleng” Lazatin, served as municipal mayor of Angeles in 1946, as governor of Pampanga from 1951 to 1959, as Angeles City mayor from 1972 to 1980, and as Batasang Pambansa assemblyman from 1984 to 1986.

His father and namesake, Carmelo “Tarzan” Lazatin, served as Pampanga 1st District representative from 1987 to 1998 and from 2007 to 2013, as Angeles City mayor from 1998 to 2007, and as Barangay Balibago chairman in 2018.

Team Lazatin Media

Roman wants to feel pulse of people on anti-dynasty law



ROMAN

By ERNIE ESCONDE

ORANI, BATAAN – First District Rep. Tony Roman said over the weekend that before commenting he will study first the bill filed in Congress on the anti-political dynasty law and wanted to feel the pulse of the people.

House Speaker Faustino Dy and majority leader and presidential son Sandro Marcos have just filed the bill that Roman said he has not yet read.

“Ang batas di ko pa alam kung ano, bago ko i-define ang dynasty. Ultimately kailangan timbangin. Sinasabi ng Saligang Batas na ang kongreso maaaring magpasa ng batas para ipagbawal ang political dynasty but at the same time, ano kaya iniisip ng taong bayan,” Roman said.

“Kasi sa dulo, nasa kanila ang pagpapasya kung talagang dapat ipagbawal ang dynasty. So, I have yet to study ang panukalang batas na ni-file ni Speaker Dy at saka ni majority leader Sandro Marcos.

Tingnan ko lang kung ano ang saklaw noon. Hindi ko pa nababasa kasi kaka-file lang,” the Bataan solon said.

“Ano ba epekto ng dynasty? Depende kung maganda ang dynasty o hindi. Kaya nga sabi ko ano kaya ang saloobin ng mga tao kung talagang sang-ayon ba sila na ipagbawal. Hindi ko alam depende din sa definition. Dynasty bang successive o dynasty na sabay-sabay?” he furthered.

“To be honest, di pa ako sigurado kasi ang pagpapasya nasa tao kasi kung talagang maganda ang mga namumuno, magaling ang namumuno at nararamdaman nila ang serbisyo ng pamahalaan, hindi ba nagkataon lang na magkakamag-anak?,” Roman added.

“So, we don’t know, so I’m still on the fence kaya I have to wait,” he said.

Roman, a lawyer, is on his first term, winning unopposed in the last elections. He took over the position held for three terms by sister Congresswoman Geraldine Roman.



GARCIA

Garcias to obey anti-political dynasty law when enacted

By ERNIE ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY – Gov. Jose Enrique Garcia III of Bataan said Thursday that they will follow what the anti-political dynasty bill will dictate once it passes into a law but asked that lawmakers consider unity and continuity of projects in the bill.

“Susunod tayo, ang mahalaga lang siguro kahit papaano mapangalagaan sa batas na ito kung paano mapapanatili ang pagkakaisa ng isang probinsiya, ng isang bayan,” said Garcia, a former congressman of Bataan’s 2nd District.

“Dapat maging merit-based ang performance ng naglilingkod regardless kung ka-apelyido ba o hindi. Ang mahalaga nagpe-perform at makaramdam ng pag-unlad ang ating mga kababayan. Kaya nga isinusulong natin ang system of meritocracy para makita ng taong bayan kung ano ba yong ginagawa sa bawat barangay hanggang sa probinsiya,” the governor said.

Aside from his call for unity, Garcia wants the continuity of good programs of previous administrations. “Kahit magkaroon ng anti-political dynasty law, sana may continuity para hindi masayang ang nasimulang

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – “Having found no cogent reason to reverse its findings in the assailed resolution, the Court must perforce deny the prosecution’s motion for reconsideration.”

Thus, the Sandiganbayan affirmed its ruling dismissing graft and malversation charges against former Mexico Mayor Teddy C. Tumang and seven other officials for alleged irregular procurement of construction materials for road repairs in 2009 and 2010.

In its six-page resolution issued on Dec. 12, the Sandiganbayan denied the motion filed by the prosecution to reverse the Sept. 3 ruling that granted the demurrer to evidence filed by Tumang and his co-accused.

With the grant of the demurrer to evidence, Tumang and his co-accused – municipal accountant Perlita T. Lagman, municipal planning and development coordinator Marlon De Leon Maniacup, municipal agriculturist Romeo C. Razon, municipal budget officer Lucila M. Agento, municipal engineer Jesus S. Punzalan, and administrative officer Luz C. Bondoc, along with Buyu Trading and Construction owner William B. Colis -- were cleared of 64 counts of graft and seven counts of malversation of public funds.

They had been accused of conspiring with one another in the purchase of base course materials for a road improvement project in Barangay Eden, Mexico without undergoing public bidding and that the purchased materials did not even reach the intended recipients, therefore causing damage and prejudice to the government.

The prosecution had argued that the anti-graft court erred in ruling that there was no sufficient evidence presented by the prosecution and that the ruling was a “gross misapprehension of facts” which are “unfounded, speculative

or arbitrary.”

Standing pat on its ruling, the Sandiganbayan said: “The Court stands firm on its findings contained in its assailed Resolution. The prosecution failed to adduce new substantive arguments to convince the Court to reconsider and set aside its findings that the prosecution did not provide sufficient and competent evidence to support a conviction.”

The resolution was penned by Presiding Justice Geraldine Faith A. Econg with the concurrence of Associate Justices Edgardo M. Caldona and Arthur O. Malabaguio.

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TUMANG



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Din Tai Fung joins Pampanga’s feast with SM Clark debut

BY GERALD GLOTON

DIN TAI FUNG is celebrating ten delicious years in the Philippines with its 10th shop in SM City Clark, just in time to join the Aldo Ning Kapampangan feast. The world-famous Taiwanese xiaolongbao brand arrives at SM City Clark and adds another steaming reason why Pampanga remains the country’s ultimate culinary haven.

The Moment Group brings the beloved Taiwanese icon to mark a flavorful milestone in Northern Luzon. Filipinos have been head over bowls for Din Tai Fung since its first Philippine shop opened in SM Megamall in 2015, where eager diners lined up like soup waiting to burst from a dumpling. The brand continued to rise like perfectly steamed dough as it expanded to Cebu in 2025, drawing

waiting times longer than a noodle pull. Now, the north gets its turn. “We have always focused on Metro Manila for most of our first decade” shares Moment founder Abba Napa. “Seeing diners from different regions embrace Din Tai Fung gives us the confidence to explore places we only imagined before.” In SM City Clark, guests can enjoy

the full Din Tai Fung experience. The open XLB Kitchen lets diners watch shifus handcraft each xiaolongbao with eighteen delicate folds. Interiors blend warm wood and the brand’s iconic crimson tiles to create a welcoming space with 158 seats for hungry fans ready for soupy surprises. “We are wrapping up our 10th year with our 10th shop” says Moment founder Eliza Antonino.

“It is heartwarming to see how diners continue to love Din Tai Fung as much as they did on Day 1. We look forward to bringing the brand to more cities in the Philippines.” From its beginnings as a simple cooking oil shop in Taiwan in the 1950s to becoming a global dumpling legend, Din Tai Fung has grown into a culinary star with 179 shops in 15 countries. Its Xinyi Road shop in Taipei has earned global

praise, and its signature dumplings have been hailed as “The World’s Greatest” and even “small miracles.” With its debut in the province, Din Tai Fung enriches Pampanga’s renowned food landscape. It is a fitting treat for Aldo Ning Kapampangan and a delicious new chapter for diners who know that life tastes better with good food, warm service and a little soup in every bite.



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To the Point

Dy-Marcos bill: Institutionalizing political dynasties

“FOR DECADES, power has been concentrated in the hands of so few political families, and it’s about time, if we want... our country to be a real democracy, [to pass the anti-political dynasty bill.]”

So, Akbayan party-list Rep. Chel Diokno was quoted on Dec. 10, in the wake of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.’s urging Congress to prioritize the passage of a bill that would ban political dynasties in the Philippines, along with other measures that would help “institutionalize transparency and accountability.”

“We cannot underestimate the power of people’s expression of their opinion, and napakalakas ng ugong ng call for an anti-political dynasty bill, and all the moral and legal backing is there,” furthered Diokno. “Corruption and political dynasties are ... intimately connected, and if we address one, we have to address the other.”

Over a dozen years ago, we read an even more euphoric urgency, thus: “Today is a historic moment, if only because for the first time, this was approved at the committee level.”

So declared then Bayan Muna Partylist Rep. Neri Colmenares of Nov. 20, 2013, the day the Anti-Political Dynasty Bill (APDB) was approved – unanimously – by the House committee on suffrage and electoral reforms.

A consolidation of three bills, the approved measure seeks to prohibit relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity to hold or run for both national and local office in “successive, simultaneous, or overlapping terms.”

It also provides for the Commission on Elections to decide through lottery who in the clan would be permitted to run in the election in case none of the candidates in the same family refuses to withdraw.

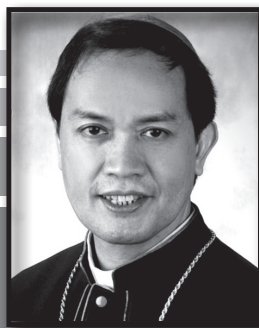
We all rued where that APBD ultimately went – to the dustbin of good riddance in a House ruled by dynasts. So, should we expect anything different from this new minting of the once doomed bill?

Differently worse, from the looks of it.

True, House Speaker Bojie Dy and Marcos Tercero, Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander aka Sandro, jointly filed a bill prohibiting political dynasties on the same day Diokno called out for one.

Immediate was the red-flagging of the Dy-Marcos bill, for at least three perceived infirmities: 1) it does not prohibit cross-level or cross-jurisdiction dynasties; 2) It does not prohibit a dynast from immediately succeeding an incumbent relative in the next election; 3) it is silent on party-list abuse by dynasts.

In effect, Dy-Marcos’ anti-dynasty bill shall instead institutionalize what it intends to abrogate. It is impacting de jure imprimatur to de facto anomaly.



Shepherd’s Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

Stop it now

YOU KNOW, I have a strong feeling that the message supposedly coming from John the Baptist did not really come from him. And I also think that Jesus himself did not believe that the message truly came from John, even if it was delivered by some of John’s disciples. I am referring to the painful question supposedly asked by John while he was in prison:

“Are you really the one we are waiting for, or should we look for someone else?”

In simpler words: “Did I make a mistake in trusting you?”

If that question did not really come from John the Baptist, then where did it come from? My suspicion is that it came from troublemakers—people who wanted nothing more than to destroy the trust between John and Jesus, and between Jesus and John. In short, they wanted to pit them against each other.

That is why we must be careful about disinformation. This is nothing new. Only the technology has changed. Long before digital technology and social media existed, fake news was already widespread. In fact, it was through fake news that Satan deceived humanity and tempted people to eat the forbidden fruit in paradise.

We heard in the opening line of the Gospel that news about the works of Christ reached John the Baptist in prison—Christ meaning the Messiah whose way John had prepared. And based on what he heard, a message was sent to Jesus with that painful question.

Why do I say that Jesus did not believe the message really came from John? Because of how Jesus reacted. If I put his reaction in simple words, it is as if he said:

“Come on—what do you really think of John the Baptist? Do you think he is someone who easily believes rumors? He is not like a reed that bends with every gust of wind. I know him. He is not like that. And he is certainly not someone who pretends to be powerful or passes false judgment.”

So the important question is this: why was Jesus being targeted by intrigue? Because some people were jealous of the trust and respect that John showed toward Jesus. (Recently, a media person wanted to interview me and said, “You are being criticized on social media because of what you said at EDSA. What is your reaction?” I replied, “I will tell my reaction privately to those concerned, not in public.” Sometimes we might be reacting to what we think someone said, without really listening to what was actually said, and we can’t take back our words.)

John held Jesus in such high regard because Jesus himself was deeply humble. In fact, John even pointed Jesus out to his own disciples and called him “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

John clearly understood that Jesus was different.

He was not like prophets who were angry and spoke only words of judgment, threats, and condemnation. Jesus looked for the lost sheep. His message to sinners and those who had lost their way was not punishment, but an invitation to change and return to God.

Look at how he treated Zacchaeus and Matthew—people known for corruption as tax collectors. He did not say, “Your days are numbered! You will be punished!” Instead, he looked up at Zacchaeus, who had climbed a sycamore tree, and said, “Zacchaeus, come down.” And to Matthew he said, “Come, follow me. Let us eat together. Let us talk.” When a woman accused of adultery was dragged before him, he challenged those ready to stone her: “Let the one without sin throw the first stone.” Then he lifted the woman up and said, “I do not condemn you either—but stop living a sinful life.”

I was inspired by the very direct words spoken by Bishop Tony Tobias when he recently celebrated Mass with members of Congress. His tone was gentle and calm, but his message was strong:

“My brothers, STOP IT NOW.”

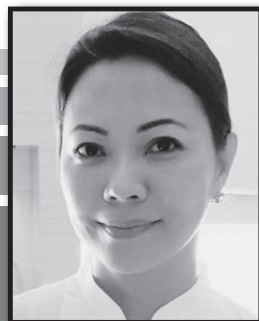
That was not condemnation—it was an invitation. An invitation to admit wrongdoing, if they truly want to free our country from the prison of corruption. It begins with confession, followed by a humble expression of repentance, and by doing what Zacchaeus did: willingly returning what was stolen.

This is not meant to shame, but to invite those who were tempted and who now cannot even face the people. Life is miserable for those who have stolen. They are not to be envied, but pitied. How can you raise your children and grandchildren with honor if you feed them with money stolen from the people—while so many are hungry, lining up for hours just to get an endorsement letter so a sick family member can undergo surgery?

It is true that among those born of women, John the Baptist was great. But Jesus says that the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is even greater. Why? Because for the sake of the poor and the sinners, the Son of God was willing to give his life for their redemption. How can you not change when you look at the cross and hear the one you crucified say:

“I have paid your debt. All I ask is that you turn away from sin.”

(Homily for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 2025)



Holistic Living

Riza Shanti Lim

Christmas Begins Within

The Christmas season often draws our attention to giving gifts wrapped in paper, tied with colorful ribbons, and placed beneath a tree. Yet perhaps this time of year invites a quieter reflection: what might we choose to give up, for the benefit of ourselves and those around us?

I recall a moment that stayed with me deeply. A niece of mine, once asked her young daughter what she wanted for Christmas. Shyly, almost hesitantly, the child replied, “I want mommy to stop getting angry and crying.”

Those words went straight to her heart. She held her daughter close and gently promised that she would try. In that instant, the child’s face brightened and she said, with certainty, “Then I already have the best present for Christmas.”

Life presents each of us with different challenges. Some meet them with grace and calm, others, worn down by their own struggles, respond with resistance and intensity. None of us are spared of these circumstances. What we often forget, however, is that we are not the sole witnesses to our inner storms.

We live and move among others – children,

partners, friends, colleagues – who are quietly shaped by how we respond to life. Our words, moods, and reactions ripple outward, forming memories and influencing wellbeing, for better or for worse. Mindfulness of this impact is not about perfection, but awareness.

Perhaps this season, the greatest gift is not something wrapped, but something released – anger softened, impatience surrendered, harshness replaced with understanding. It is also a great time for the gentle act of forgiveness – of our own shortcomings, and of others who may have caused us discomfort, knowingly or not. When we choose gentleness within, we create a calmer, safer space for those around us.

Most importantly, is remembering to give to ourselves. A Christmas gift to self like time

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Opinion

The Public Space

Jun Sula

Doubt

With a tad over a week before Christmas, the President may not be able to make it to his timeline or deadline to throw into the slammer corrupt officials, big fish or not. Some of them—certainly not all of them – must go to jail, as planned, before noche buena begins, as if it's a political pivot.

“ASK NO QUESTION and you'll be told no lies,” Charles Dickens wrote in the Great Expectation. The time and season for questions and lies were unparallel in a Marcos experience. As the leader of a truth besieged nation, he wants the answer soon not later.

No doubt, he must be doing his best to keep his word. He's on the right and righteous footing. But there are other factors such as evidence, politics, doubt and fairness. After all, as the highest official of the land, he is deemed to give justice to everyone. Nothing exists in a vacuum.

Then there is reasonable doubt which must be fully satisfied before anyone, big or small, is convicted of a criminal offense. In a judicial system that anchors its fairness on the presumption of innocence as opposed to the presumption of guilt, the burden weighs heavily on the court. As to the low-hanging fruits, it may be a different matter, but fairness must still be observed.

“Our doubts are our traitors,” Shakespeare wrote, “and lose the good that we might oft win.” Yeah, were in that dangerous phase.

Since the President blew the whistle of massive corruption in flood infrastructure projects, several probes have been done and pieces of evidence linking people to the unprecedented anomalies have been uncovered. The small fish consists of the ordinary staff in government public works. The big fish are no less than legislators. An independent commission (ICC) created for the purpose has already invited both the small fries and the suspected sharks to give their best possible side. Impression should create perception. But the ICC is mere recommendatory to the Ombudsman. Before the Christmas break, the ICC has closed shop until the new year, which may be a different scenario when it comes back to work.

True to his avowed new zeal as an anti-graft body as opposed to his predecessor which was considered lax or laggard when it came to battling corruption in government, the new Ombudsman has filed cases against erring officials.

So far, so good. The Ombudsman has done his prosecutorial duties, it's up to the court to determine conviction based on evidence. That's what's keeping the President from making his vow on time. Due process takes time. Otherwise, zealotry is tyranny.

Note that the new Ombudsman, when he led the case to probe the 100 missing sabungeros, admitted that what he was up against were the best lawyers that money could buy because big money, not big government, was the issue. To this day, only one person was accused. He is still out of

jail. It's the same thing with flood projects corrupt official who remain free. Cases filed, hohum.

In the meantime, the public is left with jitters hanging on the urgent issue of corruption in public works projects. If the President fails to jail as he promised those corrupt officials this Christmas, he must tell the public what's in his mind. Confusion can breed intolerance, a fertile ground for destabilization. And the President's enemies are opportunists at best, which most politicians are, by definition.

It's a good thing that the former president, which is still the incumbent President's real political rival is waiting in the Hague for his trial for crime against humanity by the International Criminal Court. The political story and the nation's narratives would have been altered if he were released.

So far, the former predecessor supporters are virtually paralyzed by his detention is the Netherlands. There is only so much that they can do to mount their hobby horses versus a sitting President. They can march until their blue, not yellow, in the face but they can run around him to unseat him. Indecisions, however, can be perilous. It's a Machiavellian fear: to be feared is better than to be loved. How does the public look at a soft-spoken, kind commander in chief?

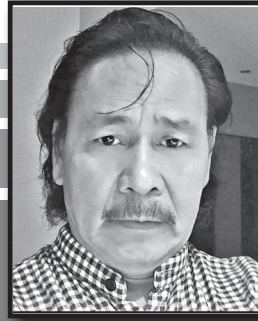
The Ombudsman currently addressing a United Nations forum in the Middle East about what the Philippines is doing vis-à-vis the corruption scandal? It's a public relations job, for whatever it's worth. It will not move the needle until the corrupt are put in jail.

Perhaps, the Ombudsman can make his friends in the UN facilitate the arrest of former Congressman Zaldy Co and his deportation and the enforcement of a red notice flag on former Secretary Harry Roque. These are not miracles and can be achieved by this administration, now not later.

While at it, the President can also certify as urgent, not as a priority, an honest-to-goodness anti-political dynasty. To be sure, the presidential son has a filed similar measure in the House of Representatives. But legislators have found the bill that will only result in making current dynasties permanent. Where's the beef, Mr President?

The President still has eight days to go before Christmas day. And he has a promise to keep. To parse the American poet Robert Frost, a miles to go before he sleeps. 2028 is still afar off. In politics, that's still a long time. It can make the President sleepless for eight nights. Or make the compelling case before the courts that putting the corrupt behind bars on Christmas Day is also D-Day for the nation.

Cross your fingers.



Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Anti-Political Dynasty Bill, kailangan nang paigtingin

1. May PANUKALANG BATAS ng sa kongreso inihain na ang anti dynasty bill ay kanilang TALAKAYIN sa panahon natin ngayon dapat lamang BIGYANG PANSIN ang usapin hinggil dito ay kailangang PAIGTINGIN political dynasty na UMIIRAL dito sa'tin di na dapat pang maghari't nararapat ng BUWAGIN 2. na kung saan KAPAMILYA lang at mga KAMAG-ANAK ang mga NAGPAPALITAN sa tungkulin gumaganap sa pwesto ay KAPIT-TUKO at ayaw ng magsilayas kahit nalalaman nilang sila'y hindi NARARAPAT mga dapat humalili tao na may INTEGRIDAD ay walang pagkakataon MAKAPAGLINGKOD ng tapat 3. Ang POLITICAL DYNASTY walang buting idudulot mithi nating kaunlaran, bumabagal, NAUUDLOT dahil ito ang ugat ng matinding PANGUNGURAKOT na TALAMAK ngayon sa'ting inang-bayang iniilog kailan kaya MAGWAWAKAS, hanggang kailan MATATAPOS ? ganyang uri ng sistemang sa atin ay DUMADAGOK 4. Sa'ting mga kongresista sino kayang SASANG-AYON ? ganoon din sa hanay ng MAGIGITING na senador itong anti dynasty bill nitong mga NAGSUSULONG na ito'y MAISABATAS sa darating na panahon kung may mga tila ayaw MAGSIALIS sa posisyon mga PULITIKONG GANID sa panahon natin ngayon 5. Magpipinsan, mag-iina, o kaya'y MAGKAKAPATID na lamang ang nakikita nating NAGPAPALIT-PALIT matitinong pulitiko na dapat sanang PUMALIT sa kanila'y hindi nila HAHAYAANG makasingit ang ganitong sistema ba ay di kaya PANGGIGIPIT ? ng mga nasa posisyong sarili ang INIISIP 6. Ang political dynasty pag ito ang NANATILI wala ng pagkakataon na tayo ay MAKAPILI ng lider na matitinong sa atin ay KAKANDILI tungo sa PAG-UNLAD na siya nating pinakamimithi katulad sa nakaraan na tayo ay NAKATALI sa KADENA ng dayuhan na sa atin umaglahi 7. May pag-asa pang mabago itong BULOK na sistema na NAGHAHARI sa ngayon dito sa'ting bansang ina sa anti dynasty bill ay kailangang MAGKAISA mga mambabatas natin na ito ay WAKASAN na ito ay nagpapadumi sa ngalan ng PULITIKA na kung saan mamamayan at bayan ang NAGDURUSA



Opinion

Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Simbang Bengi na

I CAN no longer recall whether I was in fourth or fifth grade when I first started attending the 4:00 a.m. *Simbang Bengi* in my hometown, but I remember clearly how it began.

It started, quite innocently, as a childish bet among my brothers and playmates as to who among us could last all nine dawn Masses, including the *Maitinis* on the evening of December 24.

What began as a game slowly became something deeply personal, a devotion I carried with me long after the novelty wore off.

Long before alarm clocks and phone reminders ruled our mornings, we woke up guided by roosters, routine, and a quiet

sense of faith.

Rising in the cold, we left the warmth of the *banig*, and chose a dark road over extra sleep. This felt less like hardship and more like a small sacrifice we willingly offered.

The walk to the church became part of the prayer itself with each step a reminder of why we were doing this in the first place.

The *Simbang Bengi* of my youth was never a solitary act.

Families walked together, and my friends and I waited for one another, turning sleepiness into laughter and shared resolve.

Elders led the way while children followed half-awake, unknowingly inheriting a faith that asked for effort before reward.

I know now that there was no guaranteed spiritual formula to it, but I grew up believing that completing all nine Masses meant our prayer petitions would be

answered. We prayed for sick parents, for good harvests, for struggling siblings, for peace at home.

This was long before social media, so there was no urge to document the moment. Faith was not performed; it was lived.

There was no audience, no validation needed, only sincerity.

After Mass, the church patio came alive as neighbors lingered, sharing greetings, laughter, and warmth in the early morning chill.

The air carried the unmistakable aroma of *bibingka*, *puto bumbong*, *suman*, and *salabat*, lovingly prepared by barrio folks who had been awake even earlier than we were.

Each delicacy took time and patience; extra personal care was folded into every serving.

For the vendors, *Simbang Bengi* was more than extra income; it was where faith and livelihood met at dawn.

Coins changed hands, quietly

sustaining both community and tradition.

No one worried about outfits or matching shoes. Warmth and comfort mattered more than appearance.

We went home sleepy but fulfilled, carrying not just food but a deep sense of purpose.

Today, *Simbang Bengi* often feels hurried, commercialized, and curated for the camera.

Remembering the old ways reminds us that devotion was once slower, quieter, and deeply personal.

Faith then was shaped not by social media posts, poses and reels, but by persistence and presence.

And perhaps, in recalling how our elders prayed before sunrise, we are not forced but gently invited to return.

May every *Simbang Bengi* find its truest light not on a screen, but in the simple, faithful decision to rise, walk, pray and believe.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION Branch 117, Angeles City Email Address: rtc1ang117@judiciary.gov.ph Contact No.: 0931-099-0645 ***** BERNADINE CUNANAN MARCELO, Herein represented by his Attorney-in-Fact. MARIA CECILIA DIZON, Petitioner, 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 -versus- -THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF PORAC, PAMPANGA, -THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL (PHILIPPINES STATISTIC AUTHORITY) MANILA, -ZENaida ABAD MARCELO, -LEONIDA P. CUNANAN, -BERNARD ANGELO A. MARCELO, and any and all persons who have or claim any interest, Respondents, X-----X ORDER In a verified Amended Petition, petitioner states the following: “xxx 1) Petitioner is of legal age, married, Filipino, and 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 2025 1, 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 Statistic 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, Philippines, 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 Bulaon, Porac, Pampanga, to Alejandro C. Marcelo and Leonida P. Cunanan of Sepung Bulaon, 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 Passport3, Certification of Completion for Elementary Education4, Secondary Student's Permanent Records5, College Official Transcript of Record6, National Bureau of Investigation Clearance7, National Police Clearance8, Certificate of Residency9, Barangay Identification Card10, Pag-IBIG Member's Data Form11, Overseas Filipino Worker Medical Card12, Medical Certificate13, Clinical Chemistry Reports14, Hematology Reports15, Radiologic Report16, 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 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, 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 on 4 March 2019, 15 March 2014, 11 March 2009, and 15 March 2004, with Passport Nos. P0895239B, EC0560341, XX3203194, and MM462534, respectively, to form the same as an integral part hereof. 4 Attached as Annex “D” and series is a copy of the 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, 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 2024, 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 College Official Transcript of Record of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 14 May 1992, issued by 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 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. 121253206169, 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. A-20241121105243, 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 Cunanan 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 Clinic Chemistry Reports of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 14 April 2019, issued by the Department of Laboratories of The Medical City Clark, to form the same as an integral part 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 an integral part hereof. 16 Attached as Annex “P” and series is a copy of the Radiologic Report of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, dated 15 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 Statistic 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 Certificate of Live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority20. 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 copy of his Certificate of Live Birth back on 2011 from the National Statistics Office, there were also no erroneous entries in 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 Items 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 ORCG 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 petitioner's Certificate of Live24 issued by the respondent Philippine Statistics Authority, dated 28 June 2025. 12) Petitioner is grateful that the erroneous entries for the sex/gender and the 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. 20 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 of 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 of hereof. 22 Attached as Annex “V” and series is a copy the Certificate of Live Birth of Bernadine Cunanan Marcelo, issued by the National Statistics Office of the Republic of 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 “X” 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: “xxx 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.)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 id 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 in the aforementioned entries after the petition in the administrative proceedings is filed and late 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.” xxx” (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, 28 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) judgements of marriage; (f) judgements declaring marriages void from the beginning; (g) legitimations; (h) adoption; (i) acknowledgements 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. xxx” 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 Annex “A” and series (Exhibit “A” and series) Annex “B” and series (Exhibit “B” and series) Document Special Power of Attorney, dated 16 July 2025 Certificate of Marriage of Sps. Bernadine C. Marcelo and Zenaida L. 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Marcelo 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, judgement 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. xxx” Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the case for the 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 of Clerk of 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. 163-20202 and OCA Circular No. 121-20223, 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. Forto Law Office (Counsel for Petitioners) – Unit D FIAT Bldg., 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 in 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
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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. 000000000366917; 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

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. Agustín L. Angeles as per Doc. No. 17, Page No. 73, Book No. LXXXVI, Series of 2025.

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

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The Bookstop Project Opens at The Creative Park, Filinvest Mimosa+ Leisure City

FILINVEST MIMOSA PLUS officially opened The Bookstop Project at The Creative Park in Clark, a community library developed in collaboration with WTA Architecture + Design Studio. The initiative aims to create an accessible public space that encourages reading, learning, and community engagement.

Present during the ribbon-cutting ceremony were (from left to right) Leah Creus Jollain, President and Owner, Maple Bear Clark, Inc., Atty. Noelle Mina Meneses, Vice President for Business Development and Business Enhancement Group of Clark Development Corporation, Don Ubaldo, Head of Townships, Filinvest Alabang Inc., Matthew Sarmiento, Senior Manager of WTA Architecture and Design Studio, and Mary Bagasid, Principal and Owner Maple Bear Clark, Inc.

The program also featured a book reading session led by students from Maple Bear Clark, Inc., reinforcing the project's goal of fostering a culture of learning in Clark.

The Bookstop Project operates on a simple and inclusive concept: visitors may donate a book and, in turn, take a book they would like to read. This exchange system encourages continuous sharing, allowing the library to grow and evolve through the community's participation.

Filinvest Mimosa Plus invites the community to support the "Give a Book, Get a Book" initiative. Book donations may be dropped off at The Creative Park, with further details available through the Filinvest Mimosa Plus page.





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From Soil to Soul

Meet Nueva Ecija's Guardians of Green Progress

Nueva Ecija, the “Rice Granary of the Philippines,” is rich not just in harvests, but also in people. In this installment of NLEX’s “Humans of the North,” meet three innovative stewards from Central Luzon —Clarice Azarcon-Kong, Dr. Dana Vera Cruz, and Kaiselle & Elmer Atun—who are redefining agriculture by sowing seeds of sustainability and empowerment.



Clarice Azarcon-Kong:
Cultivating a New Era in Farming

Clarice Azarcon-Kong left the airline industry to co-found Grovest Greenfield Corporation in 2019, specializing in premium Japanese melons and mushrooms, focusing on eco-friendly, farmer-centric practices. “We can finally give farmers real benefits—what they truly deserve,” Clarice shares, aiming to show the younger generation that farming can be a dignified and fulfilling career. Grovest prioritizes low-impact techniques to ensure farmer safety, efficiency, and stable livelihoods.



Dr. Dana Vera Cruz:
The scholar with a sweet idea

At Central Luzon State University (CLSU), faculty researcher Dr. Dana G. Vera Cruz turns innovation into tasty nutrition. Concerned about the low fish consumption among Filipino children, Dr. Vera Cruz and her team developed a creative solution: Daerrys Tilapia Ice Cream. This product provides up to 46% of the daily recommended protein intake without any fishy taste. “We’re not just innovating—we’re helping farmers, too,” she says. Her award-winning work, including tilapia ice cream sandwiches and cookies, earned international recognition, including the Innovation Gold Award at SIAL ASEAN Manila (2016).

Kaiselle & Elmer Atun: Returning Home to Empower Farmers

Former overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) Kaiselle and Engineer Elmer Atun Jr. returned from Qatar to establish Desmond Farm and Partners Inc. (DFPI) in Pantabangan, promoting eco-resilient farming and farmer support. “What began as our personal dream has become a platform for empowering other farmers and OFWs,” Kaiselle notes. Their Farm Ridge agri-tourism hub features organic cacao, shade-sharing agroforestry, and solar irrigation, while profits are reinvested in farmer training. Visitors also enjoy Sierra 360, a hexagonal restaurant, and educational tours highlighting sustainable practices.



The Heart of Central Luzon

The journeys of Clarice’s fair-pay fields, Dana’s protein-rich desserts, and the Atuns’ empowering farm reveal a shared truth: when innovation, empathy, and sustainability come together, agriculture—and its communities—flourish. *The NLEX “Humans of the North” series honors the people who bring life to every destination. Discover more by following @NLEXLakbayNorte on Facebook and Instagram.*

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P4-B mixed-use hub...

FROM PAGE 1

The development highlights Clark's aggressive push to attract big-ticket investments and strengthen its position as Asia's Leading Meetings and Conference Destination, a title awarded by the recent World Travel Awards.

The revised terms give PKR 30 months to complete construction and include strict performance safeguards to ensure timely delivery. CDC president

Faith, heritage...

FROM PAGE 1

Angeles City is among the very few towns still observing this pre-Christmas celebration that derived its name from the Latin novena, a Catholic devotion of nine consecutive days of prayers leading to a sacred feast day.

Held with the official sanction of the Pisamban Maragul (Holy Rosary Parish Church), Lubenas is spearheaded by the city's tourism office and participated in by the barangays

Ailing kids...

FROM PAGE 1

of fun and laughter at the arcade games, boat rides, airplane rides, swings, and the carousel. Staying up and about through the park parade featuring cartoon characters, magnificent musical fountain show, and spectacular fireworks display as nighttime came.

Many of the children experienced a theme park visit for the first time,

and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera said the amendment reflects CDC's commitment to investor confidence and efficient project execution.

"With this agreement, we ensure that it is a good place for everyone to go and with our coordination, we want to be able to maintain that area [The Villages], an area of preference, where people can reside and really be part of the community," enthused Devanadera.

with lanterns bearing specific designs: the cross-shaped lantern at the lead symbolizing Jesus Christ, followed by 12 star-shaped lanterns called "batuin" in two rows representing the 12 Apostles, and the fish-shaped lantern – the ichthys, a secret symbol meaning "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" in Greek used to identify early Christian communities at the time of the Roman persecution.

Images of the individual barangay's

making the occasion especially memorable for both the patients and their families.

"Sobrang saya niya ma'am, first time niya sobrang tuwa po niya. Maraming salamat po sa pamilya Pineda kasi, hinding-hindi nila po kami pinapabayaan, lagi po silang nandyan handang umagapay at tumulong sa mga katulad nami," said

PKRC president Daekwon Jung welcomed the move: "We are honored to take part in Clark's growth and with CDC as our partner, we will deliver this development in Clark."

PKRC is a subsidiary of Kyeryong Construction Industrial Co., Ltd., a South Korean firm engaged in building, civil, residential, and infrastructure projects. The company has been recognized nationally and locally for safety, technology, and workplace

patron saints in decorated carros are processed along with the lanterns. This year's participating barangays included Cutcut, Malabantias, Pampang, Pandan, Pulungbulu, Sta. Teresita, Sto. Domingo, Sto. Rosario, and San Nicolas.

The evening concluded with a collective blessing of all Lubenas lanterns, the distribution of certificates of participation, and special recognitions, including Most Disciplined Delegate,

Richard Acyatan of his child.

In addition to the recreational activities, the Pineda family provided meals for the children and extended financial and material assistance. Each beneficiary received ₱15,000 in cash assistance, a ₱2,000 food and souvenir allowance, milk and food items based on the children's requests,

practices, including awards from the Korea Expressway Corp., the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and Daejeon Metropolitan City, according to Kyeryong Construction Industrial Co., Ltd. official website.

The project is part of CDC's broader strategy to accelerate investments, promote well-planned communities, and create a business-friendly environment that attracts global and local investors.

honoring the reverence and order observed throughout the procession.

Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin expressed appreciation for the collective efforts of the barangays, church partners, and organizers, noting that Lubenas ning Pasku continues to serve as a powerful reminder of unity, faith, and shared identity among Angeleños, most especially during the Christmas season.

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and an additional ₱15,000 quarterly subsidy from the Provincial Capitol to help support ongoing medical needs.

Vice Gov. Delta said the activity was organized to help ease the financial burden of chemotherapy and medical treatments, while also giving the children an opportunity to momentarily set aside the difficulties brought about by their illness.

Hann Casino...

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Rod Hackman, Vice President for Gaming Operations, and Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera. Guests were also invited to experience Aristocrat Gaming's iconic Buffalo floor activation, featuring live entertainment, interactive experiences, and exclusive giveaways. The activation will continue in the coming weeks, enhancing guest engagement across the newly expanded gaming floor.

Culinary destination within

Beyond gaming, Hann Casino Expansion elevates the resort's

Garcias...

FROM PAGE 2

programa ng previous administration."

He said that all laws depend on the implementation and hope that the bill filed in congress once turned into a law will be

lifestyle offering with two distinctive food and beverage concepts:

THE CANYON Café & Winery. A refined space for artisanal coffee, pastries, and light bites by day, transforming into a sophisticated winery by night. Designed to seat 52 guests and operate 24 hours a day.

THREE WOKS. A standout addition to Clark's dining scene, Three Woks delivers a casual and late-night dining East Asian experience inspired by Chinese, Japanese, and Korean cuisines. Featuring dim sum, sushi, and Korean barbecue, the restaurant seats 148 guests and operates 24 hours a day. **--PR**

for the benefit of the citizens.

Aside from the governor, also in the government service are his two siblings – current 2nd District Rep. Albert Garcia and 3rd District Rep. Maria Angela Garcia.

mabigat na gamututan ay kahit papaano ay napasaya natin sila," he said.

Gov. Nanay, meanwhile, encouraged parents to remain hopeful and steadfast in supporting their children, assuring them of the continued assistance and support of the provincial government and the Pineda family.

Pampang PIO/Photos: Daniel Ombina

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JOSEPH PORQUIREÑO SANCHEZ who died on November 28, 2025 at Floridablanca Doctor's Hospital, Inc.-Valdez, Floridablanca, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and left his ATM Card with Bank of thePhilippine Islands (BPI) under Account No. 4304-0226-18 Cash and Carry Mall Makati Branch; before Notary Public Atty. Daniel Ben M. Custodio, as per Doc. No. 520, Page No. 105, Book No. 92, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of LEONORA ADRIANO VALDEZ who died on September 19, 2018 at City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;
MAKE & TYPE: TOYOTA INNOVA 2.8 E DS MOTOR NO.: 1GD0281775 CHASSIS NO.: PA2JA8EM9H0023437 MODEL YEAR: 2017 PLATE NO.: CAE3921
before Notary Public Atty. Mylene A. Yturralde-Chan, JD, REB, as per Doc. No. 1561, Page No. 10, Book No. LVII, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of LUNITA CRUZ who died on August 28, 2025 at Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Unilateral Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025009496 Registry of Deeds for Angeles City
LOT NO: 3-E, PLAN NO: PSD-03-282525 PORTION OF: Lot 3 Psd-03-012696 LOACTION: Barangay of San Ildefonso, Magalang, Pampanga, Island of Luzon AREA: Five Hundred (500) Square Meters, more or less
before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 454, Page No. 92, Book No. LXVIII, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of RODOLFO S. SANGA who died on August 17, 2021 at Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 32, Blk. 11 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-127969, being a portion of Lot 1 (LRC) Pcs-10073 LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 145) situated at Bo. Dolores, Mun. of San Fernando, Pampanga; containing an area of Four Hundred (400) square meters; before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 65, Page No. 14, Book No. CVIII, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION
Notice is hereby given that MR. JUAN S. NEPOMUCENO III , of legal age, with address at Teresa Avenue, Sto. Rosario, Angeles City, Pampanga, duly represented herein by his Attorney-in-Fact, Mr. Emmanuel Joseph M. Nepomuceno, of legal age, Filipino, with address at 13 Cauliflower Street, Valle Verde 5, Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines; and heirs of MAMERTO G. NEPOMUCENO who died on March 30, 2002 and YOLANDA S. NEPOMUCENO who died on May 23, 2011; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication with Donation on his/her estate; and is the registered co-owner representing Three Over Twenty One (3/21) share in two (2) parcels of land: first, located at Brgy. Santo Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109692 with an area of 77,304 square meters; and, second, located at Brgy. Pulung Bulu, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109694 with an area of 34,411 square meters; both of the Registry of Deeds of Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Marie Eugenie Lourdes B. Abeleda, as per Doc. No. 288, Page No. 97, Book No. IX, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of AURORA N. VALDEZ who died on October 14, 2016 at Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and is the registered co-owner representing Three Over Twenty One (3/21) share in two (2) parcels of land: first, located at Brgy. Santo Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109692 with an area of 77,304 square meters; and, second, located at Brgy. Pulung Bulu, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109694 with an area of 34,411 square meters; both of the Registry of Deeds of Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Marie Eugenie Lourdes B. Abeleda, as per Doc. No. 289, Page No. 97, Book No. IX, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JUAN REMEGIO T. NEPOMUCENO who died on March 08, 1989 in Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and is the registered co-owner representing One Over Twenty One (1/21) share in two (2) parcels of land: first, located at Brgy. Santo Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109692 with an area of 77,304 square meters; and, second, located at Brgy. Pulung Bulu, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109694 with an area of 34,411 square meters; both of the Registry of Deeds of Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Marie Eugenie Lourdes B. Abeleda, as per Doc. No. 287, Page No. 96, Book No. IX, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs TERESITA N. WILKERSON who died on November 26, 2019 at Angeles City, Pampanga and DARREL C. WILKERSON who died on September 27, 1996; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and is the registered co-owner representing Three Over Twenty One (3/21) share in two (2) parcels of land: first, located at Brgy. Santo Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109692 with an area of 77,304 square meters; and, second, located at Brgy. Pulung Bulu, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109694 with an area of 34,411 square meters; both of the Registry of Deeds of Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Marie Eugenie Lourdes B. Abeleda, as per Doc. No. 297, Page No. 99, Book No. IX, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION
Notice is hereby given that PATRICK JAIG NEPOMUCENO , of legal age, with address at 13 St. Joseph Street, Villa Teresa, Angeles City, Pampanga, duly represented herein by his Attorney-in-Fact, Maria Rita Josefina V. Chua, of legal age, Filipino citizen, married, with address at 19 St. Joseph Street, Villa Teresa, Angeles City, Pampanga; and heirs of CARMELO G. NEPOMUCENO who died on March 21, 2022 and CONCEPCION PISON NEPOMUCENO who died on November 29, 2020; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication with Donation on his/her estate; and is the registered co-owner representing Three Over Twenty One (3/21) share in two (2) parcels of land: first, located at Brgy. Santo Domingo, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109692 with an area of 77,304 square meters; and, second, located at Brgy. Pulung Bulu, Angeles City, Pampanga covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109694 with an area of 34,411 square meters; both of the Registry of Deeds of Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Marie Eugenie Lourdes B. Abeleda, as per Doc. No. 290, Page No. 97, Book No. IX, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of JOSE P. CORTEZ who died on March 10, 2017 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation on his/ her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10, Blk. 21 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-4557, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 5-A-1, Psd-49213 and Lot 246, Angeles Cadastre, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty One (251) square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 61650 Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Michael C. Yabut, as per Doc. No. 40, Page No. 8, Book No. LXVII, Series of 2025.
Punto! Central Luzon: December 14, 21 & 28, 2025

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

Hann Casino Resort: New Expansion Area Now Open



The nature-inspired interiors featuring canyon-influenced architecture.

CLARK FREEPORT – A new 1.22-hectare expansion area designed to redefine luxury gaming, lifestyle, and entertainment opened on Dec. 12 at Hann Casino Resort here.

Now in its fourth year, Hann Casino Resort continues to grow bigger and stronger, anchored by its core values of customer orientation, innovation, and collaboration. Central Luzon's first fully integrated resort has steadily evolved into a dynamic destination shaped by commitment to elevating guest experience.

This latest expansion introduces a bold, nature-

inspired environment that seamlessly blends sophisticated design, cutting-edge technology, and immersive guest experiences, setting a new benchmark for integrated resorts in the region.

The new gaming area draws its inspiration from the grandeur and drama of natural canyons. The interiors feature tiered layouts, soaring ceilings, and intricate pathways, creating an environment of exploration and discovery for every guest. The design showcases a refined material and color palette, with earthy tones of sandstone, warm browns, and



Hann Casino expansion gaming floor



State-of-the-art slot machines inside the Hann Casino expansion.



Ceremonial ribbon-cutting with (L-R) SVP Dennis Andreaci, CDC PCEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera, Hann chairman and CEO Daesik Han, and VP for gaming operations Rod Hackman.



Hann Resorts chairman and CEO Daesik Han and SVP of casino operations Dennis Andreaci, with the Aristocrat Team.

muted gold, complemented by textured stone, wood, and ambient lighting. This combination reflects the rugged beauty of a canyon while maintaining the sophistication and vibrance that Hann Casino Resort is renowned for.

Lighting plays a key role in enhancing the immersive experience, with strategically

a 12,208.20-sqm extension of the main casino floor. The first-floor gaming area accommodates up to 446 guests, featuring 584 state-of-the-art slot machines and 34 table games, set within a visually striking and meticulously designed environment that sets a new entertainment standard in the region. A major highlight

strategic partnerships with world-class gaming providers. "Hann Casino Resort is one of the go-to entertainment destinations in the Philippines, and we are proud to bring our content, like Dragon Link, to the casino floor. We congratulate Hann Casino Resort on this milestone and look forward to our continued partnership",



The Canyon Cafe

placed fixtures that mimic sunlight streaming through canyon aperture, highlighting pivotal gaming areas, and creating striking visual focal points. Driving this landmark expansion is Hann Casino Resort's vision to lead the evolving Asian gaming landscape.

"Whenever we venture into something new, there are no guarantees of success. But what drives us forward is the courage to innovate and the unwavering support of the people who believe in our vision. Tonight, I am deeply grateful to have all of you here as we celebrate another significant milestone for Hann Casino Resort, the launch of our new expansion," enthused Daesik Han, chairman and CEO of Hann Resorts.

Hann Casino Expansion is

of the expansion is the addition of 270 brand-new slot machines from Aristocrat Gaming, introducing iconic fan-favorite titles such as Dragon Link™, Buffalo Gold™, and Bao Zhu Zhao Fu™ Chapter 2, as well as the Philippine debut of Tian Ci Jin Long™, reinforcing Hann's commitment to delivering world-class gaming experiences.

Making its first appearance in the local market, Tian Ci Jin Long™ features an Asian-inspired theme with dragons, coins, and mystical symbols, offering five levels of Hold & Spin gameplay. Players collect dragon orbs to unlock free games with enhanced multipliers and exciting bonus opportunities.

This milestone is further strengthened through

said Lloyd Robson, SVP of Aristocrat Gaming for Asia and EMEA.

Combined with the existing casino, Hann Casino Resort now offers a total of 1,721 slot machines, 274 table games, and 72 electronic games, solidifying its position as Clark's premier gaming destination. Hann Casino Expansion seamlessly enhances the overall gaming portfolio, delivering an elevated experience for both seasoned players and leisure-driven guests alike.

To celebrate the official opening of the expansion area, a ceremonial ribbon-cutting was held, hosted by chairman and CEO Daesik Han, SVP for casino operations Dennis Andreaci, VP for gaming operations