

P5.51-B IN 2025

BOC-Clark posts highest annual revenue collection

CLARK FREEPORT -- The Bureau of Customs-Port of Clark achieved its highest annual revenue collection on record, generating P5.51 billion and exceeding its assigned target by more than P654 million or 13.48%.

"This milestone is a result of our team's

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PAMPANGA 1ST DISTRICT

P220-M to fund 68 daycare centers, 13 computer labs

ANGELES CITY – A total of 68 daycare centers and 13 computer laboratories in the 1st District of Pampanga are set to receive a total of P220 million in funding from the Department of Public Works and Highways for year 2026, Rep. Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. announced on Jan. 8.

The cities of Angeles and Mabalacat along with Magalang municipality have been allotted P50 million each for the construction of child development centers in their respective localities.

Mabalacat has been allotted with P40 million and Magalang with P30 million for

the construction of computer laboratories in public high schools.

"Sa tulong ng pondo mula sa DPWH, mauumpisahan nating tuparin ang pangako na ipaayos ang lahat ng daycare centers at magkaroon ng computer labs sa public high schools sa Unang

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Cong Pogi Lazatin in one of his visits to daycare centers in Mabalacat City in July 2025 to personally distribute school supplies to students, funded out of his own pocket. **FILE PHOTO**



Tarlac Gov. Christian Tell Yap.
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Balloon fest eyed to boost Tarlac tourism, inspire aviation education

CAPAS, TARLAC – Tourism, trade, and the local economy in general, as well as youth aviation education are expected to get a big boost with the 26th Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta (PIHABF) to be held at the New Clark City here on Feb. 13-15.

"This will help the

province economically and socially. There is a trickle-down effect on hotels, tour operators, and cottage industries. We want to promote this for better tourism and economic activities in Central Luzon," enthused Gov. Christian Tell Yap, directly referencing to the past stagings of the

event at the Clark Freeport with the huge attendance, hotels filled up to capacity, crowded restaurants, and brisk sales of diverse merchandise on-site.

Dubbed "A Weekend of Everything that Flies," the festival's 2026 edition – the second held here -- will showcase 22 special-

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DOLE doles out P1.3-B to 194-K TUPAD workers

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Some 194,000 Central Luzon residents received a total of P1.3 billion from the Department of Labor and Employment under its Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) program in 2025.

Of the beneficiaries, a total of 29,963 were workers and residents directly affected by tropical cyclones Tino and Uwan.

DOLE Region 3 director Geraldine Pan-

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TUPAD beneficiaries participate in a community cleanup as part of post-disaster rehabilitation efforts, highlighting teamwork and environmental stewardship.

PHOTO: DOLE-3

DOTr posts major ROW gains for NSCR-north, MM subway

MANILA – From only 38 parcels in February, acquired properties of the Department of Transportation for north segment of the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) System increased 1,143 at the end of December 2025, significantly contributing to the department achieving a banner year for right-of-way and site acquisitions (ROWSA).

With its current progress, the DOTr can complete ROW acquisition for NSCR's north segment by mid-2026.

For the south segment of NSCR, four out of the 19 stations ROW are now cleared namely EDSA, Cabuyao and Sta Rosa in Laguna and Banlic depot.

"Noong 2025, talagang banner year para sa right-of-way natin dahil mas binilisan pa natin ang land acquisition para agad na

mapakinabangan ng mga komyuter itong subway at NSCR," noted Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez.

Following the order of direction President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. early last year, the DOTr has acquired a total of 90.76% ROW and properties for the Metro Manila Subway Project (MMSP) as of December 2025, while clearing at least 56% of land for free and buildable right-of-way for the NSCR System north segment.

Under the leadership of former DOTr Secretary Vince Dizon and incumbent Secretary Lopez, the DOTr has addressed MMSP's major bottlenecks, including Varilla Properties, and properties in White Plains, Corinthian Gardens and Metrowalk.

The DOTr accelerated

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2,930 jobs opened for displaced Clark workers, walk-ins

CLARK FREEPORT — "Madali po ang processing dito sa job fair... Naka save po kami ng oras, maraming salamat po sa pagkakataong ito."

So said a grateful Corazon Austria, a displaced worker of the recently shutdown Charter Link Clark Inc., of the job fair organized by the Clark Development Corp. and the Department of Labor and Employment on Jan. 9 at the Clark Events and Conference Hall here.

A total of 2,930 job vacancies were opened during the job fair among 29 locators from tourism, industrial, commercial, aviation,

and service industries, as well as information communications technology. Twenty-five applicants were hired on the spot.

CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera provided the guidance to the initiative, with CDC vice president for administration and finance Jose Miguel de la Rosa representing her during the program.

"Ang welfare ng tao, locators o mga empleyado ay paramount o nangunguna sa interest ng Clark Development Corp.," noted de la Rosa in his opening message.

For her part, DOLE Region 3

director Geraldine Panlilio called for continued collaboration. "Pagkakaisahan po natin ang magagandang programa para sa ikabubuting manggagawang Pilipino at para sa ikasusulong ng mas progresibo at produktibong Clark Development Corp. at Clark Freeport Zone."

The job fair was primarily conceived for former employees of Charter Link Clark, Inc. and La Rose Noire Philippines, Inc.

"The employers here are accommodating and friendly. Madaling madali mag apply. Nakatulong dahil air conditioned ang

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GNPD, GMEC among Top Real Property Taxpayers in Bataan

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

BALANGA CITY -- The provincial government of Bataan on Friday awarded GNPowder Dinginin Ltd. Co. (GNPD) and GNPowder Mariveles Energy Center Ltd. Co. (GMEC) as among the Top Real Property Taxpayers in the province for year 2024.

The awarding was one of the highlights of the 269th Bataan Foundation Day celebration held at the Bataan Tourism Pavilion in Balanga City.

GNPD received the Sinag ng Bataan-Alab Award being the Top 2 Real Property Taxpayer in the Industrial Business category while GMEC ranked Top 4 in the same category.

The tax revenues help in the implementation of various government programs for the benefit of the community.

Photo: GNPD



NE State U in AppliedHE ASEAN 2026 list of top public universities

CABANATUAN CITY -- The Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology (NEUST) has been listed 103rd in the AppliedHE Public University Ranking 2026 among public and private universities across the ASEAN region.

NEUST is one of only 21 public universities in the Philippines included in the ranking.

"NEUST's ranking belongs to every administrator who leads with vision and integrity, every faculty member who teaches with purpose, every researcher who pursues knowledge with rigor, every staff member who serves with commitment, every student who strives to learn and lead, and every stakeholder and partner who continuously supports

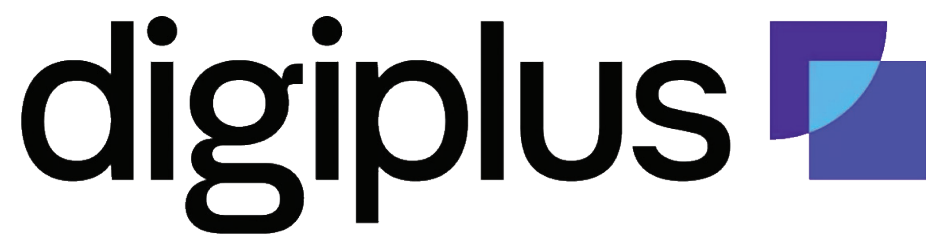
and believes in our shared mission," enthused NEUST president Rhodora Jugo of the recognition.

The inclusion of NEUST in the AppliedHE Public University Ranking affirms the institution's mission to nurture minds, shape character, and serve society, with its impact extending beyond campus boundaries, she added.

The AppliedHE Public University Ranking ASEAN 2026, now in its third edition, features 115 public universities across the ASEAN region, reflecting increased participation among higher education institutions.

The ranking evaluates public and private universities across Asia based on community engagement,

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ArenaPlus statement on malicious, misleading deepfake videos circulating online

ArenaPlus, the flagship sportsbook brand of leading and pioneering digital entertainment company DigiPlus Interactive Corp., strongly denounces the fraudulent fake videos circulating online that misuses the ArenaPlus brand identity.

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To the Point



Abacan: Talking to foul air

“THE RESPONSIBILITY to keep Abacan [river and environs] clean extends beyond LGU programs; it requires active participation from every household and community leader.”

So, underscored city environmental management system chief Francis Pangilinan of the critical role of barangay officials and residents themselves in sustaining the city’s river protection efforts.

“We need the cooperation of all stakeholders—residents, barangays, and local businesses—to ensure these efforts are sustainable and long-lasting.”

So, appealed city environment and natural resources office head Jennifer Castro.

The CENRO and EMS are at the spearhead of Task Force Abacan, launched last year under the leadership and initiative of Mayor Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II, to clean and keep clean the river and its contiguous communities.

These most recent renewed calls – for the nth time – from the two city bodies for collective responsibility in environmental protection came in the wake of Friday’s Abacan River cleanup challenged by tons of all sorts of garbage dumped at multiple points along the waterway.

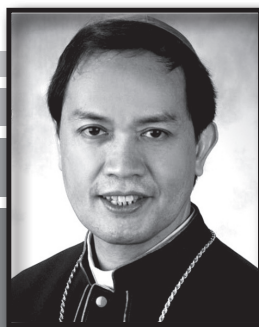
CENRO and EMS may as well have shouted themselves hoarse into the wind. As they have routinely done time and time again.

How long will take for them to come to accept the bitter truth that no amount of appeal for civic responsibility, not even for conscience, can move people along the Abacan River to stop despoiling, much less protect, that ecosystem?

And finally come to the cognition that what is incumbent is a consistent and strict enforcement of the law – sparing no one from penalties and punishment, no matter how draconian.

In sum, it’s all a matter of the political will of city hall.

A simple choice really: Will or Will Not.



Shepherd’s Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

Unsanitary Landfills = Climate Injustice + Public Health Crisis

LET’S CALL a spade a spade.

Most so-called “sanitary landfills” in the Philippines are dumpsites in disguise. Under RA 9003, only residual waste—after segregation, composting, and recycling—should go to landfills. In reality, everything is mixed together: biodegradable, recyclable, toxic, industrial, even medical waste.

The result:

- Methane emissions that worsen climate change
- Leachate that poisons soil, rivers, and coastal waters
- Public health risks, especially for poor communities
- Food insecurity, as seen

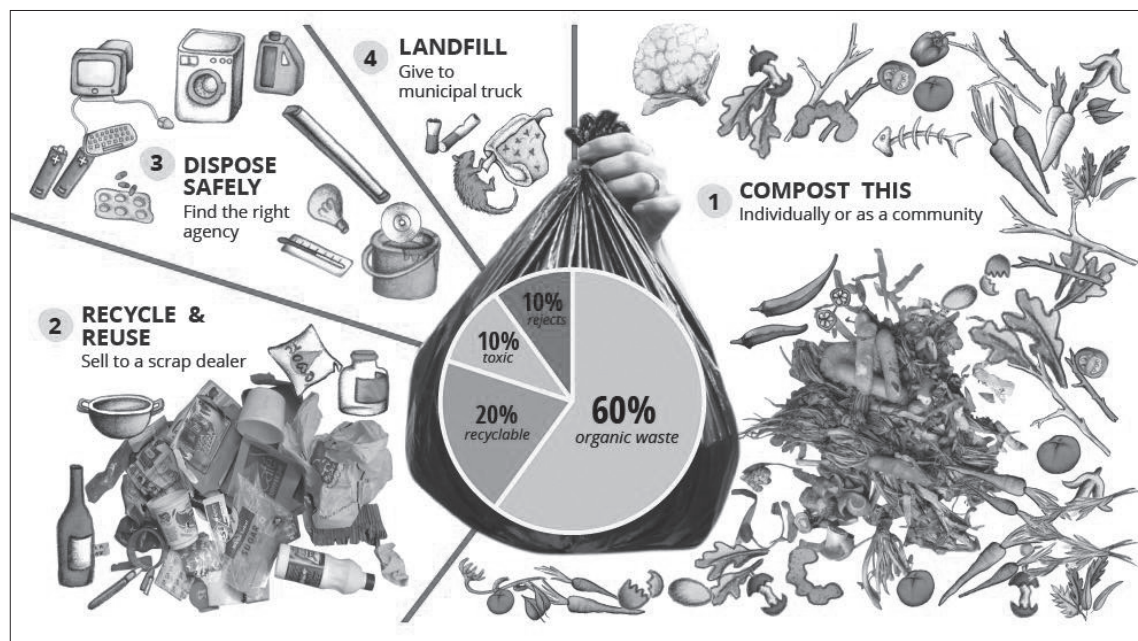
to prevent leachate from contaminating soil and groundwater; and 2) strict controls so that ONLY RESIDUAL WASTE—what remains after proper segregation—ends up there.

Under ecologically sound solid

say that unsanitary landfills and reckless reclamation projects in Manila Bay are criminal acts?

We often boast that the Philippines has excellent environmental laws:

On Solid Waste: RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste



around Manila Bay

This is climate injustice. This is a public health crisis. But here is the biggest missing link in the implementation of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act:

Education, formation, and consciousness-raising.

LGUs spend billions hauling and dumping garbage but invest almost nothing in teaching people how not to produce it. If the largest portion of solid waste budgets were spent on sustained public education, household-level waste segregation, and composting and recycling training, solid waste would be reduced to a bare minimum.

The tragedy in Cebu is not an accident. It is a warning of what happens when laws exist—but minds and habits remain unchanged.

A call to action

Citizens: Practice waste segregation at home. Demand separate collection. Hold LGUs accountable.

LGUs: Shift budgets from dumping to education. Enforce RA 9003 fully. Close unsanitary landfills.

DENR and regulators: Stop approving projects that violate environmental laws.

This is not just about garbage. It is about health, climate justice, and the future of our children.

What’s wrong with so-called “sanitary landfills” in the Philippines?

Almost everything.

To begin with, the sanitary landfill was conceived precisely to replace unsanitary dumpsites, which RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act) explicitly declares illegal.

A real sanitary landfill is designed with: 1) impermeable liners (thick rubber sheets)

waste management (ESWM), the principles are simple: segregate, compost, recycle. But everything hinges on proper waste segregation. Without it, composting and recycling become impossible.

ESWM also presupposes disciplined collection systems: separate days for compostable biodegradables, separate days for recyclables, and separate days for residual waste.

It also requires that toxic, industrial, and medical wastes be collected and treated separately. But what happens in reality?

In most parts of the Philippines, everything is mixed together: biodegradables, recyclables, residuals, toxic waste, industrial waste, medical waste—lahat halo-halo.

So, what we call “sanitary landfills” are, in truth, unsanitary landfills—dignified dumpsites that fill up quickly precisely because they accept everything. [Note the diagram here. How much waste is classified as residual and for disposal in a sanitary landfill? Ten percent! How much is being hauled and dumped in sanitary landfills? Minus home recycled and composted wastes, almost 90%.]

And that’s not even considering proper location for a sanitary landfill, which the law defines very clearly—but which is routinely violated because of corruption and the ease with which Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECCs) are secured.

Where else in the world would you find: 1) fishponds converted into landfills, as in Navotas, whose leachate has poisoned almost all fishponds along Manila Bay, destroyed aquaculture in Navotas, Malabon, Obando, Hagonoy, Paombong, etc., and compromised food security; 2) reclamation areas filled with unsegregated garbage.

At what point do we finally

Management Act of 2000)

On Air Quality: RA 8749 (Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999)

On Water Quality: RA 9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004)

On Hazardous and Toxic Wastes: RA 6969 (Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990)

On Environmental Impact & Compliance: Presidential Decree No. 1586 (Philippine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System)

On Climate Change & Disaster Risk: RA 9729 (Climate Change Act of 2009), RA 10121 (Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010)

On Protected Areas & Biodiversity: RA 7586 (National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992), RA 11038 (Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018)

On Marine and Coastal Protection: RA 8550 (Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998), RA 10654 (Amending RA 8550 (IUU Fishing, stronger enforcement)

On Renewable Energy & Energy Transition: RA 9513 (Renewable Energy Act of 2008)

On Forests & Wildlife: RA 9175 (Chainsaw Act of 2002), RA 9147 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001)

The Philippines does not lack environmental laws. What it lacks is serious enforcement, political will, and ecological education. The painful truth is this: hardly any LGU is fully compliant.

Corruption in our country is not only moral. It is also material—leaking into our soil, our water, our food, and ultimately, our bodies.

The tragedy that happened in Cebu is not an isolated incident. It is a warning.

Until we learn what SANITARY truly means—and enforce it with honesty and courage—the same tragedy is bound to happen again, anywhere in the country.

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Opinion

When classroom observation becomes oppression

THE DEATH of Agnes Buenaflor, a dedicated public high school teacher in Muntinlupa City who collapsed and died during a scheduled classroom observation should not be dismissed as an unfortunate medical incident. It should be treated for what it truly is: a warning sign of a system that has turned teacher evaluation into a source of fear rather than professional growth.

Under DepEd Memorandum No. 089, Series 2025, teachers are required to undergo two full-period classroom observations per school year as part of the Performance Management and Evaluation System, formerly known as the Results-based Performance Management System. These observations must be scheduled at least three days in advance, and the policy has recently introduced short, non-rated “formative walkthroughs” to provide feedback without affecting formal performance ratings

As a private school head for the past 24 years, I am not a big fan of classroom observations. On paper, these observations are “supportive” and “formative.” In reality, many teachers experience them as high-stakes examinations where one class period can define an entire year’s worth of work.

Go ask any teacher what observation day feels like. You will hear stories of sleepless nights, rehearsed lesson “scripts,” borrowed visual aids, and classes that feel more like stage performances than authentic learning experiences. The goal is no longer to teach well, but to perform well for the observer. Evaluating teachers under a checklist or rubric compels them to deliver a 50-minute performance that does not in any way reflect day-to-day teaching realities.

This culture did not develop by accident. School heads, supervisors, and even central office officials have normalized the idea that rigid rubrics, checklist compliance, and flawless delivery matter more than real classroom challenges.

The Muntinlupa tragedy exposes what educators have long whispered: the system prioritizes paperwork over people. It often treats teachers like machines rather than human beings. It measures them without fully accounting

for overcrowded classrooms, limited resources, emotionally vulnerable students, and the personal struggles teachers themselves carry.

Observation, when used properly, can be a powerful tool for growth. But when it becomes a basis for ranking, pressure, and punishment, it loses its educational value and becomes institutionalized stress. It must serve teachers and not burden them.

Secretary Sonny Angara says the DepEd is now reviewing the policy. This is a welcome step, but reviewing procedures alone is not enough. What truly needs reexamination is the mindset behind them.

Why should one observed lesson outweigh months of dedication?

Why are teachers judged more for form than substance?

Why is compliance rewarded more than compassion?

Teachers are not performers in a show. They are second parents, mentors, counselors, coaches and front-liners in shaping the nation’s future. When the system reduces them to data points on a rubric, the cost is not only professional burnout but also physical, emotional, and moral harm. This must stop.

Evaluation should be humane, holistic, and grounded in trust. Classroom observations should focus on coaching, not control. Feedback should build confidence, not fear. All school leaders must remember that authority does not exist to intimidate but to uplift.

The life lost in Muntinlupa must not fade into just another headline. It should become the turning point where education finally chose people over procedures.



KOMENTARYO

2026: Ang Hangganan ng Pagtitimpi

Alex S. Cauguiran

2026 Budget: Hindi pangako ang panlunas sa korupsiyon

SA TUWING tinatalakay ang pambansang badyet—lalo na ang 2026 budget—paulit-ulit nating naririnig ang parehong pangako: lilinisin ang sistema, babawasan ang abuso, at pipigilan ang pakikialam ng mga pulitiko.

Muli ring iginiit ng Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. na ipagbabawal ang political interference sa ayuda at babawasan ang unprogrammed appropriations sa “absolute bare minimum.”

Maganda pakinggan ang ganitong mga pahayag. Ngunit sa isang bansang matagal nang sanay sa magagandang salita at mahihinang resulta, hindi na sapat ang pangako. Ang mas mahalagang tanong ay hindi kung ano ang sinabi—kundi kung sino ang mananagot.

Matagal nang malinaw sa publiko kung saan napupunta ang malaking bahagi ng badyet: sa mga proyektong hindi natatapos, hindi gumagana, o mas masahol—hindi naman talaga

umiiral. Pinakamatingkad dito ang mga flood control projects. Taun-taon ay bilyon-bilyon ang inilalaan, ngunit taun-taon din ay bilyon-bilyon ang pinsalang dulot ng baha. Hindi ito simpleng problema ng kalikasan. Ito ay sintomas ng sistemikong korupsiyon.

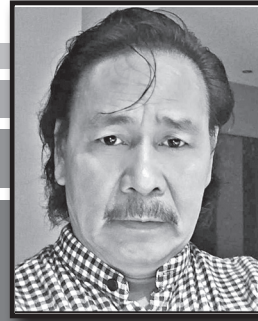
May mga ilog na “nilinis” lamang sa ulat, may mga dike na gumuho bago pa man masubok, at may mga proyektong hanggang tarpaulin lang ang ebidensya. Ngunit sa kabila nito, iisa ang tanong na patuloy na walang malinaw na sagot: nasaan ang mga naparusahan? Nasaan ang mga opisyal at mambabatas na pinanagot sa paglulustay ng pondo ng bayan?

Sa 2026 budget, nananatiling bukas ang mga istrukturang

nagbibigay-daan sa abuso—lalo na sa pamamagitan ng unprogrammed appropriations at mga lihim na bicameral insertions. Kahit bawasan ang halaga ng mga pondong ito, nananatili ang mas malaking problema: hindi sila dumaraan sa ganap at transparent na pampublikong deliberasyon. Sa praktika, nagiging discretionary funds ang mga ito—isang modernong anyo ng pork barrel na legal sa papel ngunit mapanira sa tiwala ng publiko.

Hindi rin bago ang deklarasyong ipagbabawal ang pakikialam ng mga pulitiko sa pamamahagi ng ayuda. Matagal na itong patakaran, at matagal na ring nilalabag.

Hangga’t ang tulong ng gobyerno ay may kasamang



Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Bitay para sa opisyal na corrupt, possible nga kaya na maisabatas?

1. Nang dahil sa lumalalang KORAPSIYON sa ating bansa ilan sa mambabatas ang NAGHAIN ng panukala kamatayan o bitay sa mga taong MASISIBA na sa kaban nitong ating bayan ay NAGPAKASASA kapag ito ay pumasa at NAISABATAS na nga sa’ting mga pulitiko’y may MANGANGAHAS pa kaya?
2. Na sila ay MANGURAKOT sa kaban ng ating bayan na nanggaling sa BUWIS ng pobre nating kababayan walang maglalakas loob na MAKIPAGSAPALARAN na maagang salubungin ang kanilang KAMATAYAN kahit na ang mga GANID at sa pera ay GAHAMAN kapag bitay ang PARUSA takot ang mararamdaman
3. Kapag pumasa ang batas marami ang MATATAKOT hindi lang ang pulitiko na labis kung MANGURAKOT kasama na pati rito mga masasamang loob mga mamamatay tao, rapist at ang mga DRUG LORD dahil sa ating LIPUNAN sila ang siyang nagdudulot ng PIGHATI at LIGALIG sa’ting bayang iniinrog
4. Ngunit mayrong bang PAG-ASA na ito ay maipasa? upang sa saligang batas ganap itong MAPASAMA kung ang mga nakapwesto sa SENADO at KAMARA sa magandang panukala ay hindi MAGKAKAISA dahil hindi naman LINGID na ang ilan sa kanila diumano ay sangkot sa malawakang ANOMALYA
5. Sa mga HONORABLE at magiging na senador at sa mga KONGRESISTA sino kaya ang papabor na ito ay MAIPASA sa darating na panahon upang sa bansa natin ay MATIGIL na ang korupsiyon marahil ang mga taong sangkot sa pekeng FLOOD CONTROL ang maaaring mag ABSTAIN at ang posibleng tumutol
6. Lalo ngayon at may mga PANGALAN ang nababanggit konggresita at senador na pilit IDINADAWIT sa mga katiwalian na ang dulot ay PASAKIT na magpasa hanggang ngayon TINATANGGI pa ring pilit ang kanilang KAUGNAYAN sa mga taong nagdawit sa lahat ng anomalyang TINATAGO pa ring pilit
7. Ang panukalang BITAY ay dapat ng maisabatas upang magbago ang takbo nitong bansang PILIPINAS sa panahon natin ngayong ang korupsiyon ay TALAMAK ito lang ang kasagutan at ang natatanging LUNAS na kung бага sa halaman upang ganap na MAUTAS ay kailangan ng bunutin ang napakalalim na UGAT

mukha, pangalan, at implicit na utang na loob, mananatiling buhay ang patronage politics. At hangga’t walang napaparusahan, ang pagbabawal ay mananatiling simboliko—hindi epektibo.

Dagdag pa rito ang kabiguan ng mga anti-corruption body na madalas ay aktibo lamang sa imbestigasyon ngunit bihirang maghatid ng hustisya. May mga ulat at rekomendasyon, ngunit kakaunti ang nagreresulta sa kaso, at mas kakaunti ang nauuwi sa hatol. Sa mata ng publiko, malinaw ang impresyon: mabilis ang hustisya laban sa mahihirap, ngunit mabagal—kung hindi man imposible—laban sa makapangyarihan.

Sa ganitong kalagayan, mahalaga ang papel ng civil society at ng ordinaryong mamamayan. Kapag ang mga institusyon ay bigong managot ang may sala, ang pagbabantay, mapayapang pagkilos, at tuloy-tuloy na public pressure ay hindi radikal. Ito ay isang demokratikong tungkulin. Ipinapakita ng kasaysayan na walang makabuluhang reporma

ang kusang ibinibigay—ito ay ipinaglalaman at ipinipilit.

Ang tunay na sukatan ng laban kontra korupsiyon ay hindi dami ng veto o talas ng mga pahayag. Ito ay nasusukat sa bilang ng mga nakasuhan, nakulong, at naparusahan; sa dami ng ghost projects na ibinasura; at sa pondong aktuwal na nabawi para sa taumbayan. Hangga’t wala nito, ang mga pangako sa 2026 budget ay mananatiling retorika, hindi reporma.

Sa huli, ang badyet ay hindi lamang talaan ng mga numero. Isa itong moral na dokumento—sumasalamin kung sino ang pinapaboran at sino ang patuloy na napag-iiwanan. Sa isang bansang taun-taong binabaha, malinaw na hindi kakulangan sa pondo ang problema, kundi kakulangan sa pananagutan.

Hindi pangako ang panlunas sa korupsiyon.

Ang panlunas ay hustisyang ipinaglalaman—araw-araw—hanggang may tunay na managot, gaano man siya kalakas o kataas sa kapangyarihan.



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	Hon. Rey T. Pineda	- Member

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 14
Series of 2025

ORDINANCE CREATING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AFFAIRS OFFICE (IPAO) UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, PROVIDING ITS PLANTILLA POSITIONS, FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the same Code authorizes LGUs to establish an organizational structure that ensures the efficient delivery of basic services, consistent with national policies and subject to budgetary limitations;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997, recognizes, protects, and promotes the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) and provides mechanisms for their participation in governance;

HON. MARCOS T. CASTRO JR.

HON. GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO

Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT
Third Judicial Region
Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija
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YOLANDA T. LEE,
Plaintiff,

-versus-

CIVIL CASE NO. 12-23-2137
For: FORCIBLE ENTRY

EDITHA QUINTO, AGUSTINA DE
LEON, SERGIO "JOJO"
ESTARES, JOEL SAYSON, JOSE
"JUN" MANALANG, JR.,
ALFREDO A. ENRIQUEZ, JR.,
SPS. ROGELIO CABRAL AND
GLORIA CABRAL, JOHN DOES
AND JANE DOES, including any
and all persons claiming rights
and interests under them and/or
acting in their behalf or under their
command,

Defendants.

DECISION

The case is a duly verified complaint for Forcible Entry filed by the plaintiff, Yolanda T. Lee. She is seeking to recover the possession of parcels of land located at Barangay Mapalad, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija alleged to have unlawfully occupied by the defendants sometime in the first week of December 2022.

Finding the complaint falling under the Rule on Summary Procedures, summons was issued against all the defendants. However, as per Process Server's Return of Service dated February 8, 2024 copy of the Summons together with the complaint were not served to the given addresses of the defendants despite several attempts as evidence by the Certification dated February 8, 2024 issued by Gregorio Liwanag, Barangay Secretary of Barangay Mapalad, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija stating there was "no point of reference" concerning the names of the defendants.

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Thus, an Ex-parte Motion with Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication was filed by the plaintiff's counsel seeking the publication of the summons and complaint for the service of the same to the defendants pursuant to Sections 16 and 19 of Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Court. The motion was granted by the Court on May 8, 2024.

In compliance with the Order of the Court dated May 8, 2024, the counsel for the plaintiff submitted the Publisher's Affidavit of Joanna Nina V. Cordero of PUNTO a newspaper with general circulation dated October 2, 2024 stating that the summons together with complaint were published in their newspaper. Likewise submitted were Punto newspaper clippings dated September 9 – 14, 2024, September 16 – 21, 2024 and September 23 – 28, 2024 where the summons and complaint were published.

Moreover, the Court also sent copy of the Summons and Complainant to the last known addresses of all the defendants in observance of due process and in compliance with Section 22 of the Rules of Court.

However, despite sending copy of the summons to the last known addresses of all the defendants and the lapsed of the sixty (60) day period from the last day of publication, none of the defendants filed their answer or any responsive pleading to the complaint.

Upon motion of the plaintiff, the Motion to Declare Defendants in default was granted on February 6, 2025, and the case was set for hearing on March 6, 2025.

During the hearing on March 6, 2025, the Court deemed it prudent to submit the case for decision based on the facts alleged in the complaint and judicial affidavits on records. Further, upon motion of counsel for the plaintiff, the Court admitted the judicial affidavit of the plaintiff's reserved witness Teodoro A. Urmatan.

EVIDENCE OF THE PLAINTIFF

In the judicial affidavit of the plaintiff, witness Yolanda T. Lee stated that she is the owner of the parcels of land located at Barangay Mapalad, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija and the subject matter of this case, as follows:

1. TCT No. 041-2019001537 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred seven (31,170) square meters;

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2. TCT No. 041-2019001538 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred seven (31,170) square meters;

3. TCT No. 041-2019001539 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred sixty-nine seven (31,169) square meters;

4. TCT No. 041-2019001540 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred sixty-nine seven (31,169) square meters;

5. TCT No. 041-2019001541 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred sixty-nine seven (31,169) square meters; and

6. TCT No. 041-2019001542 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred sixty-nine seven (31,169) square meters.¹

These parcels of land are declared for taxation purposes in the name of the plaintiff under Tax Declarations Nos. 17-23025-04754; 17-23025-04755; 17-23025-04756, 17-23025-04757, 17-23025-04758, 17-23025-04759². But on account of disparity of plaintiff's residence and the location of the parcels of land, plaintiff designated one Jhoerycar Lachica sometime in 2014 as her caretaker on the properties until Lachica disappearance in the last quarter of 2022, he was replaced by Teodoro A. Urmatan as the designated caretaker of the parcels of land by the plaintiff.

Moreover, after the disappearance of Lachica or sometime on the first week of December 2022, the plaintiff was informed by Urmatan that the defendants through force, intimidation, strategy and stealth occupied the subject landholdings without the knowledge and consent of the plaintiff. In her judicial affidavit, the plaintiff specifically states that the following are the actual possessions³ of the defendants as follow:

Name/s	Title No.	Lot No.
Editha Quinto	TCT No. 041-201900-11537	Lot 2131-A
Agustin De Leon	TCT No. 041-201900-11537	Lot 2131-A

¹ Exhibits A to F, inclusive;

² Exhibits G to I, inclusive;

³ Exhibits N, Relocation Survey

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Sergio "Jojo" Estares	TCT No. 041-201900-11537	Lot 2131-A
Joel Sayson	TCT No. 041-201900-11537	Lot 2131-A
Jose "Jun" Manalang, Jr.	TCT No. 041-201900-11539	Lot 2131-C
	TCT No. 041-201900-11540	Lot 2131-D
	TCT No. 041-201900-11540	Lot 2131-E
	TCT No. 041-201900-11542	Lot 2131-F
Alfredo A. Enriquez, Jr.	TCT No. 041-201900-11537	Lot 2131-A
	TCT No. 041-201900-11538	Lot 2131-B
Sps. Rogelio Cabral and Gloria Cabral	TCT No. 041-201900-11539	Lot 2131-C
	TCT No. 041-201900-11537	Lot 2131-A
	TCT No. 041-201900-11538	Lot 2131-B
	TCT No. 041-201900-11539	Lot 2131-C

Further, the plaintiff stated that the defendants unlawfully constructed fence and introduced improvements on the premises without the corresponding permits from the Office of the Municipal Engineer of the Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija as evidence by Certification⁴ issued by the said office.

The plaintiff also sent Notices to Vacate⁵ to the herein defendants through registered mail for them to vacate and surrender peacefully the possession and use of the premises. However, despite such written demands and their intentional refusal to receive the Notice to Vacate, the defendants refused and continuously refused to vacate the premises they are respectively occupying.

On account of continuous and unjustified refusal of the defendants to vacate and surrender the premises, the plaintiff was constrained to

⁴ Exhibits O to Q, inclusive.

⁵ Exhibits R to EE, inclusive

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secure the services of counsel for the filing of this case with agreed amount of Php100,000.00 and Php10,000.00 per court appearances.

To corroborate the plaintiff's testimony, the plaintiff also submitted the judicial affidavit of Teodoro A. Urmatan.

In his judicial affidavit, Teodoro Urmatan stated that he knew the plaintiff as he was designated by Yolanda Lee as the caretaker of her properties as below described:

1. TCT No. 041-2019001537 - (31,170) square meters;
2. TCT No. 041-2019001538 - (31,170) square meters;
3. TCT No. 041-2019001539 - (31,169) square meters;
4. TCT No. 041-2019001540 - (31,169) square meters;
5. TCT No. 041-2019001541 - (31,169) square meters; and
6. TCT No. 041-2019001542 - (31,169) square meters.

Witness, Urmatan also stated in this affidavit that he knew all the defendants in this case because they were the unlawful possessors of the parcels of land above-mentioned. He alleged that sometime on the first week of December 2022, the defendants, namely: Editha Quinto, Agustina De Leon, Sergio "Jojo" Estares, Joel Sayson, Jose "Jun" Manalang, Jr., Alfredo A. Enriquez, Jr. and Spouses Rogelio and Gloria Cabral and other unknown individuals aggressively entered and took possession of the parcels of land through force and intimidation without the knowledge and consent of the plaintiff.

After the defendants unlawful entered the parcels of land and took possession of it, he immediately informed Yolanda Lee of the unlawful entry of the defendants.

When he tried to exercise his duty and responsibility as the caretaker of the properties, some of the defendants showed aggressions and threatened him and uttered words "Huwag ka nang bumalik sa lugar (at sirabi ng ilan na) huwag akong makialam dahil "wala akong laban sa kanila."" He was also prevented from cleaning and using the parcels of land for whatever purposes. Although Urmatan fearing for his safety, he continues to exercise his duty and responsibility as the caretaker of the plaintiff by trying to talk to some of the defendants when they were destroying the markings and when they were constructing structures thereon without the knowledge and prior consent from the plaintiff.

RULING

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Summons is a procedural tool. It is a writ by which the defendant is notified that an action was brought against him or her.⁶ As an implement of due process, proper service of summons to a party is essential to render a judgment valid.⁷ Violation of due process is a jurisdictional defect. Hence, proper service of summons is imperative.⁸

The purpose of service of summons to the defendant is to acquire jurisdiction over the person of the defendant/respondent, if there is no proper service of summons the court will not acquire jurisdiction over the person of the defendant/respondent.

The proper service of summons is important because it serves to acquire jurisdiction over the person of the defendant or respondent, or to notify said person of the action filed against them and to afford an opportunity to be heard on the claims made against them.⁹ Logically, in order to effect the proper service of summons it is crucial to furnish the correct address of the defendant or respondent in a complaint. The foregoing is in consonance with the doctrine of due process. A violation of this due process would be a jurisdictional defect.¹⁰ Thus, absent the proper service of summons, the trial court does not acquire jurisdiction and renders null and void all subsequent proceedings and issuances in relation to the case.¹¹

In this case, despite efforts exerted by the Process Server, the summons was not served personally to the defendants, and upon motion of the plaintiff, the summons and the complaint was published in a newspaper for three (3) consecutive weeks. But after the lapsed of sixty (60) days, no answer or any responsive pleading was filed by the defendants.

This case of Forcible Entry.

What determines the nature of the action, as well as which court has jurisdiction over the case, are the allegations in the complaint. In ejectment cases, the complaint should embody such statement of facts as to bring the party clearly within the class of cases for which Section 1 of Rule 70 provides a summary remedy, and must show enough on its face to give the court jurisdiction without resort to parol evidence. Such remedy is either forcible entry or unlawful detainer. In forcible entry, the plaintiff is deprived of physical possession of his land or building by

⁶ Sabado v. Sabado, G.R. No. 214270, 12 May 2021.

⁷ Heirs of Mangiat v. Court of Appeals, 584 Phil. 403, 411 (2008).

⁸ People's General Insurance Corp. v. Guansing, 843 Phil. 197, 205 (2018).

⁹ Herrera, O., Remedial Law Vol. 1, 2000 Ed., p. 665, citing Ablaza v. CIR, 211 Phil. 425, 431 (1983); Paramount Insurance Corporation v. Judge Japzon, 286 Phil. 1048, 1055 (1992); Toyota Cubao, Inc. v. CA, 346 Phil. 181, 186 (1997).

¹⁰ De Pedro v. Romasan Development Corp., 748 Phil. 706, 726 (2014).

¹¹ Herrera, O., Remedial Law Vol. 1, 2000 Edition, p. 665, citing Toyota Cubao, Inc. v. CA, 346 Phil. 181, 187 (1997), which cited Keister v. Judge Navarro, 167 Phil. 567, 572 (1977).

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means of force, intimidation, threat, strategy or stealth. In illegal detainer, the defendant unlawfully withholds possession after the expiration or termination of his right thereto under any contract, express or implied.

Rule 70 of the Rules of Court governs actions for ejectment. Section 1 of this Rule provides:

SECTION 1. Who may institute proceedings, and when.

— Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding section, a person deprived of the possession of any land or building by force, intimidation, threat, strategy, or stealth, or a lessor, vendor, vendee, or other person against whom the possession of any land or building is unlawfully withheld after the expiration or termination of the right to hold possession, by virtue of any contract, express or implied, or the legal representatives or assigns of any such lessor, vendor, vendee, or other person, may, at any time within one (1) year after such unlawful deprivation or withholding of possession, bring an action in the proper Municipal Trial Court against the person or persons unlawfully withholding or depriving of possession, or any person or persons claiming under them, for the restitution of such possession, together with damages and costs.

As per judicial affidavit of the plaintiff, she was in prior physical possession of the parcels of land enumerated above, as if fact, she designated Jhoerycar Lachica to be the caretaker of the subject matter of litigation as early as 2014, until he disappeared in the last quarter of 2022 and was immediately replaced by Teodoro Urmatan.

When Urmatan took the responsibility as the caretaker, despite the aggressions and threats of the defendants, he tried to talk to the defendants when they unlawfully entered the parcels of land and started to introducing structures thereto without the knowledge and consent of the plaintiff sometime in the first week of December 2022.

To reiterate, the three elements that must be alleged and proved for a forcible entry suit to prosper are the following:

- (a) plaintiff had prior physical possession of the property before the defendant encroached on the property;
- (b) plaintiff was deprived of possession either by force, intimidation, threat, strategy or stealth by defendant; and
- (c) that the action was filed within one (1) year from the time the plaintiff learned of his deprivation of the physical possession of the property, except that when the entry is through stealth, the one (1)-year

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period is counted from the time the plaintiff-owner or legal possessor learned of the deprivation of the physical possession of the property

In this case, the plaintiff was able to established by preponderance of evidence the three (3) elements to prove a forcible entry suit.

Apparently, plaintiff secured the services of Jhoerycar Lachica as caretaker of the parcels of land, until his disappearance in 2022, and he was immediately replaced by Teodoro A. Urmatan. Thus, prior physical possession was established, until the defendants entered and took possession of the parcels of land sometime in the first week of December 2022.

WHEREFORE, judgment is hereby rendered in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendants as follows:

1. directing Editha Quinto, Agustina De Leon, Sergio "Jojo" Estares, Joel Sayson, Jose "Jun" Manalang, Jr., Alfredo A. Enriquez, Jr. and Spouses Rogelio Cabral and Gloria Cabral and all persons deriving right from them, to vacate, and peacefully surrender the following parcels of land to the plaintiff;

- a. TCT No. 041-2019001537 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred seven (31,170) square meters;
- b. TCT No. 041-2019001538 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred seven (31,170) square meters;
- c. TCT No. 041-2019001539 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred sixty-nine seven (31,169) square meters;
- d. TCT No. 041-2019001540 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred sixty-nine seven (31,169) square meters;
- e. TCT No. 041-2019001541 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred sixty-nine seven (31,169) square meters; and

- f. TCT No. 041-2019001542 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Nueva with an area of Thirty-one Thousand one hundred sixty-nine seven (31,169) square meters.

2. Ordering defendants, Editha Quinto, Agustina De Leon, Sergio "Jojo" Estares, Joel Sayson, Jose "Jun" Manalang, Jr., Alfredo A. Enriquez, Jr. and Spouses Rogelio/Gloria Cabral to pay reasonable monthly rentals in the amount of Php2,000.00 each starting from December 2022;

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3. Ordering the defendants to pay the plaintiff jointly and severally attorney's fees in the amount of Php100,000.00.

SO ORDERED.
April 4, 2025.

Ronald P. Sandoval
RONALD P. SANDOVAL
Presiding Judge

RPS/WCM

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JULIETA GERONIMO MANGIO** who died on February 26, 2023 and **LUCITO SANTOS MANGIO** who died on November 9, 2015; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described a parcel of land (LOT 13-A. OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-03-037173, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 13, BLK. 3. (LRC) PSD-109938, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO OF STA. CRUZ, MUN. OF PORAC, PROV. OF PAMP. BOUNDED ON THE NW, ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 12. BLK 3,(LRC) PSD-109938, ON THE NE, ALONG LINE 2-3 BY RD LOT 1; ON THE SE ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 13-B; AND ON THE SW, ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 14, BLK 3,(LRC) PSD-109938 BEG AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 33 DEG 30'E., 107.00 M. FROM MBM NO. 9, PORAC CAD: THENCE N 28 DEG 05'E, 14.19 M. TO; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2011012833 Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 8922, Page No. 94, Book No. 33, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIA JACINTA D. DE GUZMAN** who died on May 16, 2021 in Martinez California USA; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement and Waiver on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (25082-R)-3020

A parcel of land (lot 26, Block 9 of the subdivision plan Pad-46477, being a portion of lot 779-C described on plan Psd-32788, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampang, Bounded on tha SW., along line 1-2 by lot 25, Block 9 of the subdivision plan; along line 2-3 by lot 779-B of plan Psd-32788 (Esxisting Road); along line 3-4 by Lot 27, Block 9 of the subdivision plan; and along line 4-1 by Lot 14, Block 9 of the subdivision. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan, being S. 25 deg. 29' W., 1082.35 m. from B.M. 35, Angeles Cadastre; thence N. 11 deg. 44' W., 27.80 m. to point 2; thence N.78 deg. 19' E., 15.00 m. to point 3; thence S. 11 deg. 43' E., 27.60 m. to point 4; thence S. 77 deg. 32' W., 15.00 m to tha point of beginning; containing an area or FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN (415) SQUARE METERS,

BANCO DE ORO BANK ACCOUNTS- ATM NO. 5210 6903 1937 9759

CHINABANK BANK ACCOUNTS- ACCOUNT NO. 103-188881-8

before Notary Public Atty. Anthonie K. Langit as per Doc. No. 74, Page No. 23, Book No. LXII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JESUS FAIRBANKS** who died on March 12, 2022 and **CONCEPCION BALLESTEROS** who died on February 05, 2012; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described a parcel of land (Lot 18, Block 19 of the subdivision plan Bsd-10196, Sheet 4 being a portion of lot 740 of the cad, survey of Mabalacat, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Barrio of Mamatitang, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga.... xxx containing an area of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY (280) SQUARE METERS, more or less.. xxx and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 132891 -R (20568-M)**; before Notary Public Atty. Norma U. Tobias-Pagaduan, as per Doc. No. 1696, Page No. 93, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RICARDO P. BASCO** who died on March 29, 2003 at Angeles City and **TRINIDAD PINEDA** who died on April 7, 2021 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described a parcel of land (Lot 14-B of the subdivision plan Psd-03-000695, Being a Portion of Lot 14, Block 17, Psd-3066, L.R.C REC. NO.) situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, City of Angeles., containing an area of One hundred twenty (120) Saquare meters, more or less ; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 49432 Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 4372, Page No. 60, Book No. 127, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **LORRAINE MICHELLE MARUCUT CLARK**, of legal age, American citizen, married and a resident of 5190 Ashley Circle, Lisle, Illinois, 60532, USA; and heirs of **SPS. DIONISIO R. MARUCUT, JR. AND AFRELIDA G. MARUCUT** who died on January 10, 2021 and February 15, 2018; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 248064-R

A parcel of land (Lot 699-B-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-340696, approved as a non-subd. project, being a portion of lot 699-B, Psd-03-003381; LRC Cad Rec. No. 344), situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp. xxx containing an area Eight Hundred One (881) Square meters, more or less, xxx

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 263886-R

A parcel of land (Lot 699-B-2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-340696, approved as a non-subd. project, being a portion of lot 699-B, Psd-03-003381; LRC Cad Rec. No. 344), situated in the Bo. of San Juan, Mun. of Apalit, Prov. of Pamp. xxx containing an area Nine Hundred Forty Nine (949) Square meters, more or less, xxx

Notary Public Olahakeem Abode Muhammad, The State of ILLINOIS, as per No. A25rc138962, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PATRICK H. SUNGA** who died on July 22, 2024 at Sacred Heart Medical Center, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and the deceased died intestate, without leaving any Last Will and Testament, and without any outstanding debt; The Deceased left the following property/ies, to wit:

- a. Saving account #005780016063 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Nepo Mart Branch
- b. Saving account #105780075876 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Nepo Mart Branch
- c. Saving account #105780415294 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Nepo Mart Branch
- d. Time Deposit #357808344265 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Nepo Mart Branch
- e. Treasury placement FXTN-2020 Deal#1190902 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Nepo Mart Branch
- f. Treasury placement FXTN-2020 Deal#1191086 maintained with BDO- Angeles- Nepo Mart Branch

We have agreed to waive our right and share in the aforementioned property/ies in favor of **EMILIA G. SUNGA**

before Notary Public Atty. Eldren Jay T. Bautista, as per Doc. No. 1395, Page No. 21, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MAYLENE MAGTOTO ANUNCIACION** who died on August 25, 2025 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/ her estate; and that said deceased died intestate, without Any Will Testament and without leaving any debts whatsoever; That said deceased left the following Motor vehicles, to wit:

UNIT	ENGINE NO.	CHASIS NO.	PLATE NO.	CR NO.
2008 HONDA TMX155T	KB508E068020	KB508068002	QN9630	7743681-1
2004 HONDA TMX155RT	KB505046052204E	KB505046052204	QE3509	9037892-3
2003 HONDA	KB504032000560E	KB504032000560	QL2616	14035019-5
2003 HONDA NI	KB505033011815E	KB505033011815	QL2614	7255801-0
2003 HONDA NI	KB505034013077E	KB505034-013077	6455RV	14495763-2
2010 HONDA TMX1559	KB509E134848	KB509134844	6453RV	14495764-3
2008 HONDA TMX1559	KB509E000870	KB5090000857	4287CY	11595762-3
2007 HONDA TMX155T	KB508E042254	KB508042253	9592CN	185143545
2025 HONDA	KB505047054654E	KB505047054654	QD2335	8143230-4
2025 RUSI MACHO TC 175	RF162FMKCS6071580	RFCPCLXJOSYO71580	C821NK	86714499
2010 HONDA TMX1559	KB509E122020	KB509122015	QN5003	14495854-2

before Notary Public Carlota Dela Cruz Manalo, as per Doc. No. 4, Page No. 2, Book No. 117, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 4, 11 & 18, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ESTER DELA ROSA RUEDA** who died on July 20, 2022 at 380 Macapagal St., Sto. Cristo, Angeles City, Pampanga and **EMINIANO DELA ROSA** who died on March 11, 2002 at Dr. Amado L. Garcia Medical Center, Inc. and **ADELAIDA MACAM DELA ROSA** who died on May 10, 1988 at Dr. Taruc Medical Hospital, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described a parcel of land Un terrono (Lote No. 56, Block No 44 del plano de subdivision, Psd-3066, parte del Lote No. 590 del la medicion catastral de Angeles, G.L.R.O Cad Record No. 124), situado en al barrio de Lourdes Municipio de Angeles, provincia dela Pampanga...xxx... midiendo una extension superficial de **DOS CIENTOS CUARENTA METROS CUADRADOS (240)** mas o menos.. xxx; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 14542 Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Eldren Jay T. Bautista, as per Doc. No. 1395, Page No. 21, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOLITA DEL MUNDO MUÑOZ.**, who died on August 5, 2025 in San Nicolas I,Magalang Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and at the time of her death, the Decendant left bank deposits with the Rural Bank of porac (Pampanga) inc. (PoracBank), Magalang Branch – Magalang, Pampanga under the name "MUÑOZ, LOLITA DEL MUNDO OR MUÑOZ, AURELIO DEL MUNDO" and covered by Account No. 3835-002-01-109199-3 with **cash deposits amounting to ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY-NINE PESOS AND 46/100 (P107,029.46)**; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 6030, Page No. 89, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NESTOR DAVID CRUZ JR.**, who died on May 11, 2025 in Golden Pavilion Healthcare, San Mateo California, USA; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Speacial Power of Attorney on his/her estate; and that the deceased left a Peso Deposit Account with Bank of the Philippine Island, under Account No. 9683-0507-57, with a balance of approximately **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR PESOS EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS & 84/100 ONLY (P124,850.84).**; before Notary Public Atty. Tommy De Leon Aquino, as per Doc. No. 3790, Page No. 96, Book No. XII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALEJANDRO FAUSTINO GOTIANGSCO** who died on September 10, 2005 at 0463 Rose St. Pineda Subd. Dau Mabalacat Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 175513-R

A parcel of land (Lot 13 Block 2 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd 95901, being a portion of lot 127-D-3, described in plan (LRC) Osd 95714, LRC Cad.Rec.No. 132). Situated in the Bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pamp. bounded on the NE., along line 2-3 by road lot 2 of the subd. plan; on the SE; pts. 4 to 1 by lot 14 on the SW., pts 1 to 2 of the subd., by lot 13; on the NE.; Pts 2 to 3 by lot 10 all blk 2 of the subd. Plan., beggining containingan area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters, more or less.

TCT NO. 204736-R

A parcel of land (Lot 10-3 of the subd. plan pad-03-032465, being a portion of lot 10, Blk. 2 (LRC) Psd-95901; LRC Rec. No.) situated in the bo. of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat Pampanga, bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by lot 10-a of the subd. plan; on the NE., along line 2-3 by road lot 2, (LRC) Psd-95901; on the SE., along line 3-4 by lot 12. Blk. 21 on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 11 Blk. 2. (LRC) Psd-95901; Beg.at a pt., marked "1" on plan being S.62 deg. 25'E., 478.04 m from BLBM 1 Mabt. Cad., Thence N.75 deg. 00'E' S. 20.00 m to pt.2; thence s.15 deg.oo'E 20.00 m to pt. 4; thence N.15 deg.00 'W. 3.40 m to the pt of beg., containing an area od Sixty Eight (68) square meters. All pts referred tp are indicated on plan and are markes don the ground by PS. Ctyl. Conc. Mon.; bearing True; Date of the orig. Survey Feb-Sept. 1916 and that subd. survey June 11, 1989 and was approved on July 1989. Covered with TCT No. 204736-R'.

before Notary Public Atty. Roseller B. Abad, as per Doc. No. 418, Page No. 17, Book No. VI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOLITA TULLAO SICAT-MALDO** who died on October 12, 2020 at St. Raphael Foundation and Medical Center, Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and the heirs herein adjudicate unto themselves the estate of the deceased **LOLITA TULLAO SICAT-MALDO**, a parcel of land with improvements located at Lot No. 2C, Block No. CA, Sta, Lucia 3 Resettlement Site, Magalang, Pampanga as evidence by the Certification No. SLC-0026 issued by the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council Pinatubo Project Management Office (HUDCC-PPMO); before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 5726, Page No. 29, Book No. XXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

BDO UNIBANK, INC., REPRESENTED BY
LEINE A. DE CASTRO,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE NO. 184-25

-versus-

SPOUSES JANICE S. PASCUAL
AND HENRY G. PASCUAL,
Respondents-Mortgagors.

X ----- X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., Mortgagee**, with postal address at **33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas No. 12, ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City**, against **SPOUSES JANICE S. PASCUAL AND HENRY G. PASCUAL, Mortgagors**, with postal address at No.269 Maharlika St., Del Pilar, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and/or Lot 17, Barangay San Antonio, Mexico, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **November 17, 2025**, amounted to **FIVE MILLION ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY PESOS AND 84/100 (PHP 5,110,480.84)** Philippine Currency, excluding penalties. Attorney's Fees and expenses of the foreclosure, the undersigned authorized Sheriff IV, will sell at public auction on **March 4, 2026 at 9:00 in the morning** or soon thereafter at the **Regional Trial Court, City of San Fernando, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder in **CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2016007654

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BO. OF SAN ANTONIO, MUN. OF MEXICO, PROV. OF PAMPANGA, IS. OF LUZON, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 17 OF THE SUBD. PLAN (LRC) PSD-139638, BEING A PORTION OF BLK. 4, DESCRIBED ON PLAN LRC PSD-137206, LRC CAD. REC. NO. 125), SITUATED IN BO. OF SAN ANTONIO, MUN. OF MEXICO, PROV. OF PAMPANGA, IS. OF LUZON x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY NINE (469) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. x x x."

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

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **March 11, 2026** at same time and at the same place mentioned above without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, December 26, 2025

REGINALDO D. SERRANO
Sheriff IV
(Regional Trial Court Br.48)

Copy furnished:

BDO UNIBANK, INC. — 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas No. 12, ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City

Spouses Janice S. Pascual and Henry G. Pascual- No.269 Maharlika St., Del Pilar, City of San Fernando. Pampanga and Lot 17, Barangay San Antonio, Mexico, Pampanga
Punto Central Luzon

Punto! Central Luzon:
December 28, 2025 - January 4 & 11, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
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Contact No. 09206243436

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

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

- versus -

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
CASE NO. 25-0462(M)

SPOUSES JAYSON PUNO REYES AND DALIA MENDOZA REYES,
Debtors-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act. No. 3135, as amended filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, as represented by **LEINE A. DE CASTRO** with principal office at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, against **SPOUSES JAYSON PUNO REYES AND DALIA MENDOZA REYES**, registered owners of Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 042-2019019960 and 042-2019019961, with postal address/es at (1) No. 408 San Gabriel, Macabebe, Pampanga; and (2) Lot 15 Block 20 Road Lot 9 Dreamland Subdivision, Barangay Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga, and (3) Lot 16 Block 20 Road Lot 9 Dreamland Subdivision, Barangay Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 17, 2025 amounts to **THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE PESOS AND THIRTY TWO CENTAVOS (Php3,605,291.32)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **February 16, 2026 at 10:00 in the morning, at the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Macabebe, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder, for cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2019019960

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 15, BLK. 20 OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION PCS-03-017578, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATED LOTS 1 & 2, PCS-03-014772 L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF COLGANTE, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY ROAD LOT 9; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 14, BLK. 20, BOTH OF THE CONS. & SUBD. PLAN; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 1213, APALIT CAD.; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 16, BLK. 20 OF THE CONS. & SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 41 DEG. 48' E., 525.83 M. FROM M.B.M 2, APALIT CAD.; THENCE S. 47 DEG. 08' W., 6.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE N. 42 DEG. 52' W., 10.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 47 DEG, 08' E., 6.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 42 DEG. 52' W., 10.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUNDS BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15x40CMS. BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, FEB. 1919-MAR 1920 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION SURVEY NOV. 15-30, 2010 AND WAS APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2010.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2019019961

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 16, BLK. 20 OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION PCS-03-017578, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATED LOTS 1 & 2, PCS-03-014772 L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BARRIO OF COLGANTE, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 15, BLK. 20 OF THE CONS. & SUBD. PLAN; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 1213, APALIT CAD.; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 17, BLK. 20; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY ROAD LOT 9, BOTH OF THE CONS. & SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 41 DEG. 48' E., 525.83 M. FROM M.B.M 2, APALIT CAD.; THENCE N. 42 DEG. 52' W., 10.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE N. 47 DEG. 08'E., 6.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE S. 47 DEG, 08' W., 6.00 M. TO POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING AN AREA OF SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUNDS BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40CM. BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY, FEB. 1919-MAR. 1920 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION SURVEY NOV. 15-30, 2010 AND WAS APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2010.

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

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 23, 2026 at the said time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, January 5, 2026.

EMERSON S. LACAP
Sheriff IV

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

Copy furnished:
BDO UNIBANK INC., as represented by
LEINE A. DE CASTRO
Remedial Management Unit
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City

Spouses Jayson Puno Reyes and Dalia Mendoza Reyes
No. 408 San Gabriel, Macabebe, Pampanga, and
Lot 15 to 16 Block 20 Road Lot 9 Dreamland Subdivision,
Barangay Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
Mortgagee-Petitioner,

Extra-Judicial foreclosure of real
estate mortgage under Act no. 3135
as amended by Act no. 4118

- versus -

F.C. Case No. 2025-0194

SPOUSES MERRILL ADDISON IGNACIO
PARAS AND ABIGAEEL SHEENA LUSPO
PARAS,
Borrowers/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by the Mortgagee, **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**, with principal office at Tower One, Ayala North Exchange, **6796 Ayala Avenue Corner, Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City** and with branch office of Bank of the Philippine Islands Pampanga Retail Loans Center, BPI San Fernando Hi-way Main Branch Building, Olongapo-Gapan Road, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga against the Mortgagors, **SPOUSES MERRILL ADDISON IGNACIO PARAS AND ABIGAEEL SHEENA LUSPO PARAS**, with residence, collateral and postal addresses at (1) BLK 13 LOT 4 PHASE 2, MALAMBING STREET, TABUN, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA; (2) LOT 5, DON BOSCO COMPOUND, MABIGA, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA and (3) 1157 AGATE ST., GOLDEN LAND SUBD., BRGY. MABIGA, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA and in order to satisfy the outstanding mortgage debts which as of November 12, 2025 amounts to **TEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 83/100 (Php 10,854,930.83)** Philippine currency, principal inclusive of penalties and other charges, thereto, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **February 5, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning**, at the **Municipal Trial Court In Cities, Branch 1, Mabalacat City, Pampanga** located at the **Bldg. 2 Unit 33 Great Mall of Central Luzon (formerly Xevera Commercial Complex) Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga 2010** will **SELL** at public auction for **CASH** and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land/real property/ies with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TCT NO. 045-2024002882

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 5, OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN PCS-03-008387 BEING A PORTION OF CONSOLIDATED LOTS 64 TO 73, BLK. 16, PCS-03- 007976, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF MABIGA, MUN. OF MABALACAT, PROV. OF PAMP. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 11 (ROAD WIDENING); ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 6, BOTH OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN; ON THE NE., ALONG LINES 3-4-5 BY 1 LOT 8, BLK. 3, PCS-03-007976; AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 4 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) square meters, more or less. x x x

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

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **March 5, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, November 26, 2025.

MICHAEL ANGELO F. SEGISMAR
Sheriff IV

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RANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
Tower One, Ayala North Exchange
6796 Ayala Avenue Corner Salcedo St.,
Legaspi Village, Makati City

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS PAMPANGA RETAIL
LOANS CENTER, BPI San Fernando Hi-way Main Branch
Building, Olongapo-Gapan Road, Dolores, City of San Fernando,
Pampanga

ATTY. NOEL C. QUIOC
Room 208, Plaza Garcia BLDG., Dolores
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

SPOUSES MERRILL ADDISON IGNACIO PARAS AND ABIGAEEL
SHEENA LUSPO PARAS

(1) Blk 13 Lot 4 Phase 2, Malambing Street, Tabun, Mabalacat City
(2) Lot 5 Don Bosco Compound, Mabiga, Mabalacat City
Pampanga, and
(3) 1157 Agale St., Golden Land Subd., Brgy. Mabiga, Mabalacat
City, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: December 28, 2025- January 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROLAN M. RAMOS** who died on September 12, 2023 in Quezon City, Metro, Manila; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described a parcel of land located at Pulong Santol, Porac, Pampanga, consisting of **EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-SIX (896) square meters**, more or less; and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2012008535 Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga**; before Notary Public Atty. Joseph M. Dimalanta, as per Doc. No. 2, Page No. 87, Book No. XI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NARCISO CURA OCAMPO** who died on August 18, 2024 at City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described a parcel of land located in Barangay Planas, Municipality of porac, containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND (1000) SQUARE METERS**, more or less; and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2023004692**; before Notary Public Atty. Kristine Keith N. Colle, as per Doc. No. 871, Page No. 76, Book No. V, Series of 2024

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2026

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
Third Judicial Region
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GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM,

Mortgagee,

- versus - **FREM Case No. G-25-2550**

ROSEMARIE UMLAS married to MONICO S. UNILAS,
Mortgagor,

x ----- x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS)**, mortgagee, with principal office at GSIS Headquarters, Financial Center, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, against mortgagors, **ROSEMARIE UMLAS married to MONICO S. UMLAS**, with postal address at San Antonio, Sasmuan, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness mentioned which as of October 31, 2025, amounts to **FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN PESOS and 34/100 (P5,767,737.34)** Philippine currency excluding foreclosure expenses, attorney’s fees, and other charges up to the date of sale, the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court, Guagua, Pampanga, thru **Sheriff SERAFIN D. SERRANO, JR.** will sell at public auction on **February 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the entrance of the of the Municipal Trial Court of Lubao, Pampanga, to the highest bidder in cash and in Philippine currency the here-in-below described real property with all existing improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 521470-R

A parcel of land (Lot 5 of the cons.-subd plan (LRA) Pcs-32631, approved as a non-subd project, being a portion of cons. of lots 13 to 16 Blk. 6, Psd-035408-052748 (LRC) Rec. Bo. 13584), situated in the Bo. of Baruya, Mon. of Lubao, Prov. of Pamp. Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., pts. 2 to 3 by Rd. Lot 3 (8.00 or wide) on the SE., pts. 3 to 4 by lot 17, Blk. 6, Psd-035408-052749; on the SW, pts. 4 to 1 by lot 5; and on the NW., pts 1 to 3 by lot 3. Both of the cons.-subd. plan. Containing an area of One Hundred Twenty (120) square meters, more or less.

The Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and will be posted in three (3) conspicuous public places prior to the date of sale for the information of the public in general and of the interested parties in particular.

Prospective bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and the encumbrances existing thereon if any there be.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 19, 2026 also at 10:00 a.m. and at the same place mentioned above without further notice.

Guagua, Pampanga, January 5, 2026.

SERAFIN D. SERRANO, JR.
Sheriff IV

Publication:

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Government Service Insurance System
GSIS Headquarters, Financial Center,
Roxas Buolevard, Pasay City

Rosemarie Umlas married to Monico S. Umlas
San Antonio, Sasmuan, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: January 11, 18 & 25, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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IN RE: PETITION FOR THE CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT OF MARIETA GADDI TOLENTINO BEFORE THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF MACABEBE, PAMPANGA UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 92-178,

MARIETA GADDI TOLENTINO, **SPEC.PRO.NO.25-1072(M)**
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE MACABEBE, PAMPANGA, THE NATIONAL STATISTICIAN AND CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA), THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, RUBEN TOLENTINO, ROMMEL GADDI TOLENTINO, ROSELLE GADDI TOLENTINO, RUBY ANN GADDI TOLENTINO, RIO GADDI TOLENTINO, RYAN GADDI TOLENTINO, AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THIS CASE, Respondents.

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ORDER

This is a verified Petition, dated 4 November 2025, filed by petitioner,through the Public Attorney’s Office, represented by Atty. Tristan D. Lampa,praying that after notice and hearing, an Order be issued directing the public respondents to make the necessary corrections in the Marriage Contract under Registry Number 92-178 of the petitioner by changing/correcting all the names of Marcela Gaddi to Marieta Gaddi.

Pursuant to Section 4 of Rule 108 of the Rules of Court, let this petition be set for hearing on **25 March 2026 at 8:30 in the morning** before this Court located at the Hall of Justice,Macabebe, Pampanga.

All persons interested in the petition may appear at the aforesaid date of hearing and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

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

Furnish the Office of the Solicitor General, the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, the Local Civil Registrar of Macabebe, Pampanga, Public Prosecutor Marie Josephine Angeli P. Pelayo-Robledo, the petitioner and her counsel a copy of this Order and the Petition.

SO ORDERED.

Macabebe, Pampanga, 4 December 2025.

KATHERINE M. LEGARDA-PAJARON
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

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134 Amorsolo Street,
1229 Legaspi Village, Makati City
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Prosecutor Marie Josephine Angeli P. Pelayo-Robledo
Hall of Justice, Capitol Compound
City of San Fernando
2000 Pampanga
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The Local Civil Registrar of
Macabebe, Pampanga,
Office of the Local Civil Registrar (y)

National Statistician and
Civil Registrar General of the Philippines
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Pampanga(y)

Ruben Tolentino
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2018 Macabebe, Pampanga (y)

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Ruby Ann Gaddi Tolentino
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Rio Gaddi Tolentino
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2018 Macabebe, Pampanga (y)

Ryan Gaddi Tolentino
307 Centro 2, Saplad David,
2018 Macabebe, Pampanga (y)

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Note:

In compliance with OCA Circular No. 265-2024, the parties/government agencies/counsels are furnished through:

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Bulacan, top performing province sa agrikultura

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS -- Kinilala ng Department of Agriculture ang Bulacan bilang Top Performing Province (Rank 1) sa Gitnang Luzon noong 2025 sa pagpapatupad ng mga programa, proyekto, at gawain ng ahen-

sya. Ang lalawigan ay consistent sa top performance sa rice production program tulad ng pinakamataas na porsyento ng mga magsasakang sumusunod sa mga praktikang pang-ekolohiya sa pagsasaka, pinakamataas na porsyento ng mga magsasakang sumailalim sa pagsasanay sa makabagong teknolohiya sa agrikultura, at pinakamataas na pagtaas ng ani sa mga magsasakang tumanggap ng tulong teknikal. Nagtala rin



ang Bulacan ng pinakamataas na porsyento ng mga magsasakang kasapi sa programa ng pageseseguro sa pananim, pinakamaraming magsasaka na sumasali sa farmer field schools, at pinakamataas na porsyento ng mga magsasakang matagumpay na nag-diversify ng kanilang pananim. **PIA-3**

**STA. MONICA PAWNSHOP, INC.**
Notice of Public Auction
Date: January 15, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Contact no: (045) 961-3540
Branches Covered:
B. Mendoza St., Brgy. Sto. Rosario, CSFP
Unit H, Essel Commercial Center, Brgy. Telebastogan, CSFP
Emerald Business Center, McArthur Hwy, Brgy. Dolores, CSFP
Stall# 118 Jumbo Jenra Mall, McArthur Hwy, Brgy. Sindalan, CSFP
No. 1 Maligaya St., Brgy.Sindalan, CSFP
Stall 02, Sonza Bldg., San Vicente, Apalit, Pampanga
Blk 84 Lot01, Stall B-2 Bldg., Bulaoan Public Market, Bulaoan Resettlement, CSFP
No. 1 Paralaya St., San Matias, Stoa. Tomas, Pampanga
Blk155 Lot65, Madapdap Resettlement, Mabalacat City, Pampanga
Blk 23 Lot 3, Brgy. Pandacaqui Resttlement, Mexico, Pampanga
F. Macapagal Bldg., 626 J.M. Espino St., Manga Cacutud, Arayat, Pampanga
Stall 01, 076 First St., OG Road, Brgy. Parian, Mexico, Pampanga
Stall 02, Candaba Business Center, Brgy. Buas, Poblacion, Candaba, Pampanga
Stall #1, 123 C. Dizon Ave. Poblacion, San Joaquin, Sta. Ana, Pampanga
#4 Coldz Building, San Matias, Guagua, Pampanga
Stall 02, Poblacion Plaza Burgos, Guagua, Pampanga
Stall no. 3, J. Locap St. Masantol Public Market, Brgy. Sta. Niña, Masantol, Pampanga
Unit 1, Mc Arthur Highway, Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Minalin, Pampanga
Stall #2, 203 Gen. Luna St. Congatba, Porac, Pampanga
No. 11 Magalang Road, Salapungan, Angeles City, Pampanga
Stall #1 Fred-Lucila Dela Cruz Stalls, Corner Mawaque Road, Mabiga, Mabalacat, Pampanga
Rice & Noodles Bldg., B. Mendoza St. Barangay Stoa. Rosario, CSFP
Municipal Annex Stall 15B Unit, Brgy. Apalit, Floridablanca Resettlement, Floridablanca, Pampanga
Aurora Arcade Building, JP Rizal St., Sta Cruz, Lubao, Pampanga
#075 Georgie's Arcade, Purok Payapa, Brgy. Sta Lucia, Sasmuan, Pampanga
Stall #6, Calumpit St.Peter Commercial Center Inc., Corazon, Calumpit, Bulacan
Sta. Rosario (Poblacion), Macabebe, Pampanga
G/F Lapuz Building, Plaza Nanan, Poblacion, Baliwag, Bulacan
Pariancillo St., Brgy. Sta Niña, Malolos City, Bulacan
Macabulos St., Poblacion, Floridablanca, Pampanga
1942 Purok Pau, Calulut, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
Unit 2 Agtives Building, Gosico St., Brgy. San Vicente, Sta. Rita, Pampanga
#2107 Floridel Street, Lourdes Sur, Angeles City, Pampanga
Stall 3, 840 Purok 3, Manibaug Paralaya, Porac, Pampanga
(ALL UNREDEEMED LOANS GRANTED FROM NOVEMBER 1-30, 2025, ARE ALREADY SUBJECT FOR AUCTION.)
Lahot ng mga nangang magmula NOYEMBER 1-30, 2025 na hindi pa natutubos ay kasama sa na subasta sa ENERO 15, 2026.
Please! note pa ang tubuan ay mga ito ng may karampatang interest at penalty hanggang sa ENERO 14, 2026.

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **NICODEMUS DEM DEM B. SOLANO** of legal age, married, Filipino citizen, and a resident of 8 Jose Rizal St. Pillar Village, San Fernando, Pampanga; and heirs of **ELY DANTE B. SOLANO**, who died on August 19, 2022 in Brgy. Dolores, San Fernando, Pampanga and **BEATRIZ B. SOLANA**, who died on November 3, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 243469-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 1, of the consolidation and subd. plan, Pcs-03-001253, being a portion of the consolidated lots 4-A, 4-B & 4-C, PSD-03-013067, LRC Rec No.) situated in the Municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga. Bounded on the SW, along Lin 1-2 by Lot 3, on the NW, along line 2-3 by Lot 6, both of Block 15; on the NE, along line 3-4 by lot 2; on the SE, along line 4-1 by Lot 4, is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name ELY DANTE B. SOLANO, of legal age, containing an area of ONE HUNDRED FORTY SQUARE METERS (140) square meters, more or less."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.243472-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 4, of the consolidation and subd. plan,Pcs-03-001253, being a portion of the consolidated lots 4-A, 4-B & 4-C,PSD-03-013067, LRC Rec No.) situated in the Municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga. Bounded on the SW, along Line 1-2 by Lot 1, along line 3-4 by lot 2, along line 4-5 by Lot 3 Block 15; on the NE, along line 5-6 by Road Lot 16; on the SE, along line 6-1 by Lot 2, Block 15, is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name ELY DANTE B.SOLANO, of legal age, married to BEATRIZ B. SOLANO, and resident of J.P ST, Pillar Village, San Fernando, Pampanga,containing an area of ONE HUNDRED TWELVE SQUARE METERS (112) square meters, more or less."

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.404862

"A parcel of land (Lot 3605 of the Cadastral Survey of Gerona) situated in the Municipality of Gerona, Province of Tarlac. Bounded on the N, by Lots No. 3606 and 3610; on the SE, by Lot No. 3602; on the Sw, by Lot No. 3602 and Tarlac River, is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of ELY DANTE B. SOLANO and BEATRIZ B. SOLANO,of legal age, Filipinos, and residents of Solano Compound, Don Manuel Solano St. Pob 2, Gerona, Tarlac, Philippines, containing an area of FOURTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (49,828) square meters, more or less."

before Notary Public Atty. Ma. Consolada V. Ben, as per Doc. No. 219, Page No. 45, Book No. 1, Series of 2025.

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JDN REALTY CHAMPIONS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Comelec opens voter registration at Newpoint Mall

ANGELES CITY – JDN Realty Group has taken a civic stride with Newpoint Mall officially designated as satellite venue for voter registration by the Commission on Elections-Angeles City. For the first time, the mall opens its doors to Filipinos ready to take part in one of the most basic rights of citizenship.

Starting Jan. 12, eligible voters may register at the Lower Ground Floor Atrium of Newpoint Mall from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is open not only to residents of Angeles City, but to all

qualified individuals who wish to make their voices heard and be part of shaping the country's future.

To better serve the community, voter registration will be available on selected dates throughout the coming months. These include Jan. 12 to 14, Feb. 20, 21, and 23, March 26 to 28, and April 8 to 10, 2026.

By hosting this initiative, JDN Realty Group reaffirms its core value that building communities goes beyond business. Creating spaces for people also means opening doors to participation,

responsibility, and shared nation-building. Newpoint Mall becomes more than a place to shop or gather. It becomes a place where civic action can begin.

The partnership with Comelec-Angeles City reflects a simple but powerful idea: When opportunities to participate are made more accessible, more people step forward. Bringing voter registration into a familiar and convenient setting helps remove barriers and encourages more Filipinos to take part in the democratic process.

Change begins with participation. Every registration matters, and every voice plays a role in shaping the future we share. This initiative is not just a service. It is a commitment to empowering communities through action.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Lower Ground Floor Atrium of Newpoint Mall during registration hours and take part in this important civic responsibility. Every registration counts, and every voice helps shape the future.

Press release



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the ROWSA process through several key initiatives, including the appointment of Assistant Secretary for ROWSA IC Calaguas who oversees the acquisition of necessary lands for these projects.

The agency likewise augmented its ROWSA personnel from 200 to 900 to expedite the land acquisition process, while also holding capacity building and training programs to enhance workforce knowledge and skills.

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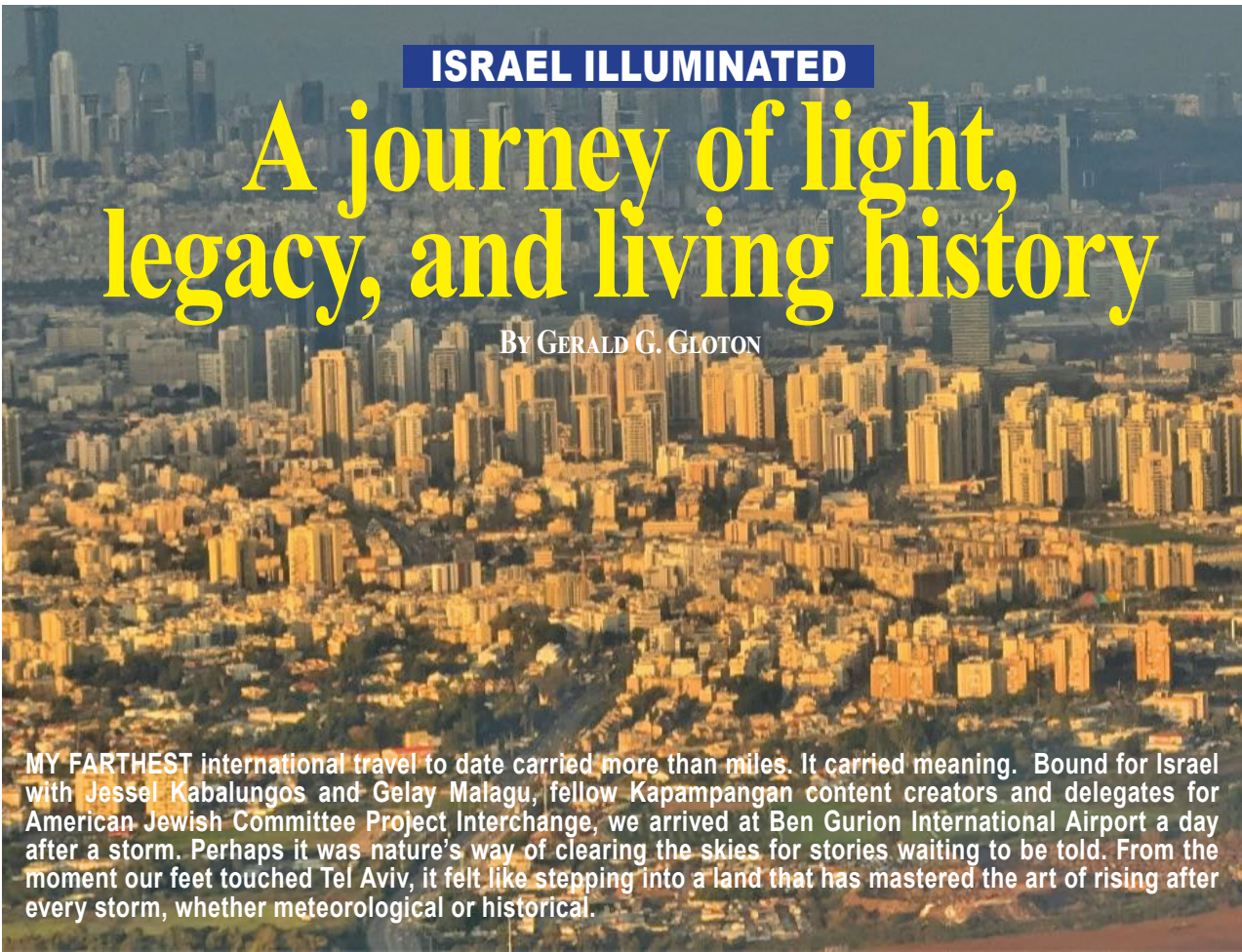
In Loving Memory of

THEA SMITH KENNEDY

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of **Thea Smith Kennedy**, who left this world peacefully on **April 10, 2022**, at the age of 74. Born on **February 16, 1948**, he lived a life marked by kindness, resilience, and devotion to family and friends. **Thea** was a beloved father, grandfather, and friend. His kindness, wisdom, and laughter touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished in our memories.

He is survived by his beloved wife, **Lucy O. Kennedy**, whose love and partnership were a source of strength and joy throughout their years together. He also leaves behind his children: **Cynthia, Dechen**, and **Ai-chin**, who will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

Rest in Peace



MY FARTHEST international travel to date carried more than miles. It carried meaning. Bound for Israel with Jessel Kabalungos and Gelay Malagu, fellow Kapampangan content creators and delegates for American Jewish Committee Project Interchange, we arrived at Ben Gurion International Airport a day after a storm. Perhaps it was nature’s way of clearing the skies for stories waiting to be told. From the moment our feet touched Tel Aviv, it felt like stepping into a land that has mastered the art of rising after every storm, whether meteorological or historical.

Tel Aviv was breathtaking. The Mediterranean Bay shimmered beside bold, progressive city life, all facing Jaffa, the ancient port city that has seen centuries come and go. Here, history does not sit behind glass. It walks beside you, orders coffee with you, and jogs along the beach at sunrise.



Author gifts PH Ambassador Aileen Mendiola with his Parul photo

NAZARETH: SACRED BEGINNINGS

Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus, was part of our sojourn. We explored the Basilica of the Annunciation, surrounded by prayers etched in stone from around the world. Rare rainfall gently blessed the city. In Israel, every falling drop is a gift, a quiet reminder of faith, hope, and sacred beginnings.



Street in Nazareth

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, SHARED HOPES

Our first day coincided with the opening of Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the miracle of a single day’s supply of oil that burned for eight days. It is a powerful symbol of faith, resilience, and light triumphing over darkness. As menorahs were lit across the city, I could not help but draw parallels with our own Christmas traditions back home, especially the Kapampangan parol, our radiant lantern of hope. Different cultures, same flame.

Speaking of Kapampangan pride, we were generously hosted for dinner by Philippine Ambassador to Israel Aileen Mendiola, who hails from Arayat, Pampanga. In her abode, she shared with the delegation an array of sumptuous Filipino dishes and drinks. It was Filipino hospitality at its finest, warm, sincere, and deeply grounding.



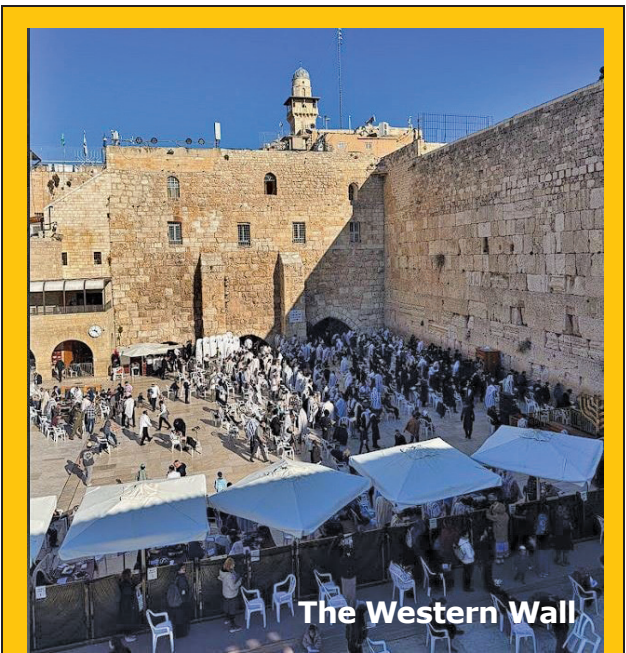
Entering Christ’s burial shrine

THERE IS LIFE IN THE DEAD SEA

Our journey continued south to the historic Masada Fortress, built by King Herod and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rising dramatically from the desert, Masada stands as a symbol of resilience and resolve. We then floated on the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth. Rich in minerals such as magnesium, potassium, and calcium, its waters are known for their therapeutic and healing properties. Floating felt effortless and restorative.

Guided by Jake and Orit Benzaken, tour guides and life partners, we learned that the Dead Sea is shrinking at an alarming rate, losing water equivalent to 600 Olympic-sized swimming pools a day. For 11 years, they have served as guardians of the Dead Sea, advocating for its protection.

(First of two-part feature)



The Western Wall

At the Western Wall, silence spoke louder than words. We pressed our palms and foreheads against ancient stones polished smooth by centuries of prayer. We whispered our hopes and placed handwritten wishes into the crevices of the wall. It was deeply personal, humbling, and profoundly human.

We walked the Via Dolorosa, retracing the path of Christ’s suffering, which led us to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The historic restoration of Jesus’s burial shrine stands as a testament to preservation, faith, and continuity across generations.



Golan Heights

GOLAN HEIGHTS: WHERE GEOGRAPHY MEETS GRACE

We were honored to experience a geostrategic helicopter flight, soaring above Tel Aviv, crossing the Sea of Galilee, and landing in Majdal Shams. From above, borders soften, and the land reveals itself as a living map shaped by history and strategy.

Over lunch, we were warmly welcomed by the Druze community, hosted by Sheikh Taher Abu Saleh, head of the community, and his son Atty. Murray Abu Saleh. Hospitality here was generous and sincere, served alongside wisdom, laughter, and cultural pride.



Masada ruins



KALINGANG NANAY SA PAMILYA NG OFW

LUNGSOD NG SAN FERNANDO -- “Maraming salamat po, ‘Nay, sa tulong. Mula po nang mamatay ang anak ko, hindi po ninyo kami pinabayaan. Napakalaking tulong po nito sa amin.” Ito ang nasambit ni Purita Bascon kay Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda sa gitna ng patuloy na pagdadalamhati sa pagkamatay sa lung cancer ng kanyang anak na si Sheryl na nagtrabaho bilang hair stylist sa Dubai. Nitong Lunes sa Kapitolyo, personal na tinanggap ni Purita mula kay Gov Nanay ang tsekeng nagkakahalaga ng P50,000 mula sa Overseas Workers Welfare Administration bilang tulong pinansyal para sa naiwang pamilya ng yumaong OFW.Ayon kay Purita, malaking ginhawa sa kanilang pinagdaraanang ang tuloy-tuloy na malasakit na kanilang natanggap mula sa pamahalaang panlalawigan, OWWA, Department of Migrant Workers at iba pang mga ahensya ng gobyerno. Isa lamang si Purita sa mga patunay ng patuloy na pagkalinga ng pamahalaan sa mga migranteng manggagawa at kanilang mga mahal sa buhay.

Pampanga PIO/Photos: Daniel Ombina, Gerald Gloton

P220-M to fund...

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Distrito,” enthused Lazatin.

In August last year, Lazatin revealed that would request the DPWH for P260 million to fund the rehabilitation of all 173 daycare centers and another P200 million to fund the construction of computer labs in 19 public high schools in the First District in 2026. These projects were discussed during the solon’s meeting with District Engineer Arnold Ocampo of the DPWH Pampanga 3rd District Engineering Office facilitated by Lazatin’s chief adviser IC Calaguas and chief political

affairs officer Reina Manuel.

The repair of the daycare centers shall include the installation of two HP air-conditioners and a smart TV – at least 55 inches in size – in each day care center.

Currently, there are 78 daycare centers in Angeles City, 62 in Mabalat City, and 33 in Magalang town.

According to Lazatin, funding for the remaining daycare centers not included this year will be requested in next year’s national budget.

“It is always my intention to make learning more conducive

by providing a better learning environment, especially to our pre-schoolers,” Lazatin said. “Even back when I was a city mayor, my priority has always been schools and learning institutions. This is why it is also our priority in requesting for national funding.”

During his mayoralty, Lazatin spearheaded the repair of day care centers, amounting to P5 million, and the construction of 16 computer laboratories in various public high schools in Angeles City worth P50 million.

Team Lazatin Media

DOLE doles out...

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lilio reported that the agency released P187.6 million in November 2025 alone to sustain emergency employment interventions in disaster-stricken areas.

“During Tropical Cyclone Tino, DOLE provided P51 million in wages to 8,227 beneficiaries in Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, and Bataan,” Panlilio noted.

Assistance for communities recovering from Tropical

Cyclone Uwan amounted to P136 million, benefitting 21,736 individuals in Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, and Tarlac, she added.

In Aurora, one of the hardest-hit provinces, DOLE distributed P33 million to 5,463 beneficiaries who were engaged in post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation activities.

In Bulacan, where several coastal and low-lying areas experienced flooding, 5,279 residents received emer-

gency employment assistance amounting to more than P32 million.

Under the TUPAD program, beneficiaries were employed in various community-based rehabilitation projects, including the construction of temporary bamboo bridges and access roads, repair of evacuation shelters, clearing of canals, and other activities aimed at accelerating recovery efforts and ensuring community safety.

Aldrin Joshua P. Mallari/PIA-3

BOC-Clark posts...

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dedication and our stakeholders’ growing compliance with customs laws,” enthused BOC-Clark district collector Jairus S. Reyes. “With the guidance of Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno, we will continue to strengthen revenue efforts while ensuring efficient trade facilitation.”

Clark’s sustained revenue growth—from P4.29 billion in 2023 to P5.11 billion in 2024, and an additional 8% increase in 2025—reflects consistent operational excellence, noted Reyes, attributing it

to strict compliance with customs valuation and tariff classification standards, enhanced enforcement measures, and the continued support and cooperation of stakeholders.

BOC-Clark’s revenue surplus directly supports the national development agenda of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., contributing to the funding of key government programs in education, infrastructure, public services, and social welfare, Reyes added.

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Balloon fest eyed...

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shaped hot air balloons from seven countries.

Aside from the festival staples of early morning balloon flights and night glow experience, there will also be a 550-drone show, and a Hoverbike (man-carrying drone) by Filipino inventor Kyze.

Competitions in paragliding accuracy, paramotor beach, FPV drone racing, drone soccer, paper airplane and kite flying will also be held.

Also on slate are RC airplanes

games, ultra-lights, and helicopter flight demonstration by the Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine Navy, offering both entertainment and educational value.

“We need to start young kids to think of aviation as a career – whether in management or administration. It educates us. Helps build the industry and create a better career,” noted PIHABF lead organizer Capt. Joy Roa of the education aspect of the festival.

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2,930 jobs...

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venue. Sulit ang time at energy. Pagdating mo rito, maraming employer ang naghihintay. Pipili ka na lang kung saan ka mag aapply,” added Hershey Figueroa, also from Charter Link.

Walk in applicant Jervy Guevarra was among those hired immediately. “Madali at mabilis lang ang hiring

process — mga 30 minutes lang po. Masaya ako at may estabilidad na ako sa trabaho para sa pamilya ko.”

The fair also featured booths for SSS Unemployment Insurance Benefits, the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program, the Emergency Employment Program, labor advisory, and help desk services.

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employability, student satisfaction, research excellence, internationalization, and peer recognition.

NEUST earned a total score of 28.28 across the six evaluation dimensions used in the AppliedHE

Public University Ranking.

The inclusion further strengthens NEUST’s standing as a key public higher education institution advancing academic excellence, public service, and innovation in Nueva Ecija.

Maria Caroline A. Lopez/PIA-3

Career Oppurtunity in : KANG NAM TRAVEL AND MONEY CHANGER INC.	
POSITION TITLE: MARKETING CONSULTANT	
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Job Description: The Marketing Consultant is responsible for developing and implementing effective marketing strategies to promote the company's travel packages, visa assistance services, and foreign exchange offers. The position focuses on increasing brand visibility, attracting new clients, and maintaining strong relationships with existing customers and partners.	
Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training): Strong communication, presentation, and negotiation skills. Knowledge of social media marketing and customer relationship management. Creative, goal-oriented, and able to work independently.	
Place of Deployment: Angeles City, Pampanga	
Application may be sent to: RACHELL ROSE F.EUGENIO seoulempirecorporation@gmail.com	
Company/Employer	Name of foreign Natinal intending to apply for the position
Company Name: KANG NAM TRAVEL AND MONEY CHANGER INC. Company Address: Blk 2 Fil-Am F-ship Hiway, Anunas Angeles City, Pampanga 2009 Nature of Business TRAVEL AND MONEY CHANGER	NAME: Yu, Yongsu Address: Angeles City, Pampanga Nationality: Korean Intended period of employment: Three (3) years
KANG NAM TRAVEL AND MONEY CHANGER INC. hereby declares that the above-named foreign national Yongsu Yu is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Marketing Consultant. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.	
Any Filipino jobseeker who is competent, able and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national is intended to be hired for, may file an objection at Department of Labor and Employment - Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St. DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando , Pampanga after this publication.	
Please inform Department of Labor and Employment - Region III, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national.	

BingoPlus Wraps up 2025 with ₱450 Million Worth of Prizes Awarded

BINGOPLUS, the country's most comprehensive digital entertainment platform, made the holiday spirit even merrier as BingoPlus gave away prizes worth ₱450,000,000 during the Light Up the Christmas Tree, which ended in January.

The Light Up the Christmas Tree was introduced last December during the four-day mall show activation where the Sexbomb Girls, an iconic Filipino all-female dance and singing group, made the crowd even more ecstatic. Furthermore, three lucky winners took home ₱500,000 each, another hit the road with ₱1,000,000, and two more winners left with a staggering ₱2,500,000 and ₱5,000,000 that day.

As the brand's effort to give a fair share of the holidays, the culmination ran in two phases; the first phase officially started on December 19 and ran until December 25, and the second phase began on December 26 and ran until January 1. Each star is refreshed after every phase so players can get a fresh start to collect and win.

Throughout the

campaign, players collected stars by completing a series of tasks, specifically daily missions, playing a featured game, and inviting their friends to join the celebration. As the mission progresses, a star lights up a portion of the Christmas tree that contributes to the entire community getting closer to great rewards. The player who earned the most stars at the end of each phase got the bigger share of the prize pool, making it fair for everyone who joined the event.

In 2025, BingoPlus Light Up the Christmas Tree brought together the pleasure of competition, the merriment of prizes, and the real magic of the holiday season. As we welcome another year of giving quality entertainment to the Filipino people, BingoPlus would like to give thanks to everyone who joined the festivities and congratulate the winners of cash prizes, gadgets, and a brand new car.

Ngayong taon mga ka-BP, asahan niyo ang mas-exciting at mas malaki pa na mga papremyo! Dahil sa BingoPlus, Bingo sa saya, Plus sa panalo!



The Sexbombs Girls during the four day mall show of BingoPlus highlighting the Light Up the Christmas Tree that run from December 19 to January 1.

