



SANTO SUBITO!

First SF bishop on the road to sainthood

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The Most Reverend Cesar Ma. Guerrero, first bishop of both the dioceses of Lingayen and San Fernando is now officially a “Servant of God” after the Holy See granted the request of the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan to start the formal process to establish his virtuous life and holiness.

Ordained a priest in Rome in 1914, Guerrero returned

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CEB chief marketing and customer experience officer Candice Iyog gives update on CRK flights.

PHOTO: BONG LACSON

Cebu Pacific grows CRK hub to 17 destinations

Clark-Hanoi 3X weekly starts May 2

CLARK FREEPORT -- Cebu Pacific (CEB), the Philippines’ leading carrier, further strengthens its Clark hub with more flights and seats as it increases its capacity in the station by 38% for the first half of 2026, enabling the airline to serve more passengers from north and central Luzon while strengthening Clark’s position as a premier gateway to key local and international destinations. PAGE 17 PLEASE

CRK named among World’s Best at Arrivals

CLARK FREEPORT – The Clark International Airport has been chosen as one of only six airports worldwide to receive the Best Airports at Arrivals Globally award at the 2025 Airport Service Quality (ASQ)

Customer Experience Awards, organized by Airports Council International (ACI) World.

“To be named among the world’s Best Airports at Arrivals is a proud moment for Clark

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CDC, Ozoo ink P4-B lease Mixed-use project in ancestral domain

CLARK FREEPORT — The Clark Development Corp. and property developer Ozoo

Development Corp. (ODC) sealed a lease agreement for a 200-hectare integrated mixed-use development under a joint management agreement (JMA) covering

Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) 025-A.

Signed by CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera and ODC chairman Nam Kwan Sik, the lease involves a P4-billion development anchored by a golf resort, with hotel

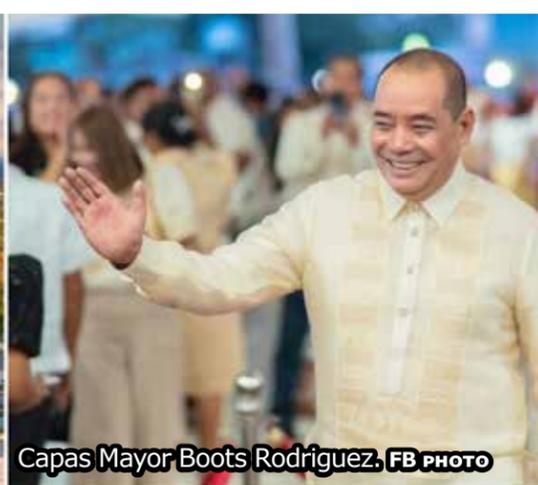
and villa components, and is intended to support tourism, leisure, and long-term investment within the freeport. Once completed, the project is projected to generate approximately 120 direct jobs and 450 indirect jobs.

According to Nam, the development will integrate

smart city technologies and environmentally responsible design, including sustainable infrastructure, efficient resource systems, and regulated land-use practices.

Devanadera said the lease agreement followed

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Capas Mayor Boots Rodriguez. FB PHOTO

BCDA trashed for P4-B waste project

BY BONG Z. LACSON

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- “Ngayon pa lang po ay sinasabi ko na sa inyo, tumutulong po kami.”

Vehement was Capas, Tarlac Mayor Roseller “Boots” Rodriguez in declaring his people’s resistance to the waste-to-energy project the Bases Conversion and Development Authority is impacting in Barangay O’Donnell: the constituency’s

opposition officially embodied in the Capas sangguniang bayan resolution passed at the committee of the whole hearing on Feb. 18. The hearing itself was prompted by an urgent “manifesto of concern” of O’Donnell barangay chair Wendell Mercado over the BCDA “water and dump site project.”

“Para na itong pambabastos sa LGU,” noted Vice Mayor Alex

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Mariveles issues EO vs. illicit cigarette trade

MARIVELES, BATAAN – The Municipality of Mariveles has issued an Executive Order establishing a coordinated local program to address and prevent the trade of contraband and illicit cigarettes, formalizing a unified enforcement and monitoring framework within the municipality.

Mayor Ace Jello C. Concepcion issued EO 008-S-2026 early this month, noting that Mariveles “faces unique vulnerabilities to smuggling activities that require heightened vigilance and coordinated enforcement.”

The order designates the Mariveles Anti-Contraband Task Force, led by the mayor, as the central coordinating body for enforcement operations. It mandates joint inspections, intelligence sharing, and supply chain monitoring across importation, storage, transport, and retail distribution.

Authorities are also directed to prioritize investigations and pursue prosecution not only of couriers but also of financiers and organizers involved in illicit trade. The measure further requires regular reporting of seizures, enforcement actions, and

case outcomes to ensure accountability.

The local initiative comes as illicit trade continues to be flagged as a national enforcement and revenue concern.

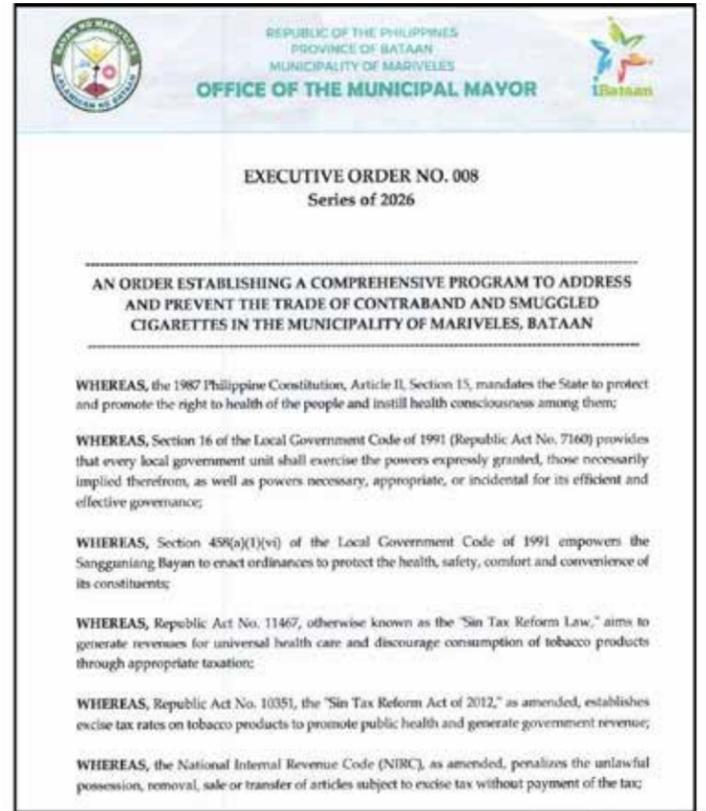
During Senate discussions on illicit trade, Sen. Win Gatchalian warned that conviction rates remain extremely low despite thousands of seizures, noting that weak prosecution reduces deterrence and encourages continued smuggling activity.

Finance Secretary Ralph Recto has likewise emphasized the economic dimension of the issue, saying enforcement must be paired with proper tax policy calibration. “Zero percent tax, zero collection; a hundred percent tax, zero collection,” Recto said in a hearing, noting that excessive tax differentials can create incentives for illicit trade.

Citizen Watch Philippines convenor Orlando Oxales said coordinated local enforcement is essential to addressing the problem at the ground level. He has previously warned that illicit trade undermines public revenues and weakens enforcement credibility if supply chains are not systematically monitored



Atty. Ace Jello C. Concepcion
Municipal Mayor



and disrupted.

The Mariveles order explicitly frames illicit cigarette trade as a revenue crime and directs agencies to quantify losses and pursue appropriate legal and administrative action. It also requires coordinated monitoring of high-risk areas such as ports, warehouses, and distribution routes.

Local enforcement initiatives such as this are increasingly seen as important complements to national anti-smuggling efforts, particularly in areas with active logistics and trade corridors. Officials say the Mariveles framework provides a structured local mechanism to support interdiction, monitoring, and case

build-up as part of broader efforts to curb illicit trade nationwide.

Policy observers note that the Mariveles initiative represents one of the most comprehensive local government responses to illicit cigarette trade in recent years, particularly in the period following the pandemic, when illicit trade activity surged in many

areas.

By aligning enforcement, intelligence, regulatory oversight, and prosecution under a unified command structure, the municipality has established an operational model that other local governments may adopt to strengthen anti-smuggling efforts in their jurisdictions.

Press release

Cong Pogi wants ‘Walang Plastikan’ nationwide

ANGELES CITY – “Isang kilong bigas kapalit ng isang kilong plastic na basura – hindi lang sa Angeles City o sa Unang Distrito ng Pampanga kung hindi sa buong bansa.”

Thus, Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr. predicated House Bill No. 7781, calling for the integration of the “Walang Plastikan, Palit-Bigas” Program in the 10-year Solid Waste Management (SWM) Plan of all provinces, cities, and municipalities in the country, pursuant to RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000).

Filed by Lazatin on Feb. 12, HB 7781 seeks to institutionalize Angeles City’s award-winning Walang Plastikan: Plastic-Palit-Bigas Program that was implemented in the city from 2022 to 2024, during his term as mayor.

Under the program, residents of Angeles City were able to receive one kilo of rice for every kilo of plastic waste that they turned over to the city government.

With HB 7781, Lazatin hopes to bring this program to the entire country.

In addition to addressing hunger among marginalized sectors, the program is intended to

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Poster of environmental program during mayoralty of now-Cong Pogi.



DOTr to speed up NSCR relocation sites construction

MANILA – Families affected by the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) System in various areas in Bulacan and Pampanga have been assured that the Department of Transportation agency is expediting the construction of relocation sites for their new homes.

“Malinaw po ang prayoridad ng pangulo at ng DOTr, na

dapat may maayos na lilipatan ang mga kababayan nating maaapektuhan ng mga proyektong pang-transportasyon. Sisiguraduhin po nating walang maiwang apektadong pamilya,” Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez said, referencing to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.’s order to the DOTr, partner government agencies and local

government units to speed up the construction of relocation sites, including improved housing and community recreational facilities for affected households.

Lopez said the DOTr has partnered with the Calumpit, Bulacan local government for the construction of a relocation site, which can accommodate a

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CL police welcomes new chief

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – The Police Regional Office 3 has formally welcomed its new regional director in a turnover of command ceremony presided over by PNP chief Gen. Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr. at Camp Julian Olivas here on Feb. 24.

The police command transitioned from BGen. Ponce Rogelio I. Peñones Jr. to BGen. Jess B. Mendez, signaling continuity in peace and order efforts across Central Luzon. Peñones Jr. has been

designated as acting director of the PNP Directorate for Operations, where he will oversee nationwide operational policies and strategies.

Mendez brings with him an extensive experience in intelligence and operations having previously served as acting provincial director-OIC of the Nueva Ecija Police Provincial Office, where he supervised provincial law enforcement operations and anti-criminality campaigns. That assignment

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Tarlac celebrates 10th KanLahi (Kanlungan ng Lahi) Festival

STARTING March 2, until March 8, the Province of Tarlac will celebrate the tenth edition of the KanLahi Festival (Kanlungan ng Lahi [Cradle of Races]) that pays tribute to the races that composes the province and to promote the products and tourist spots found in Tarlac.

The seven-day festival that will be celebrated throughout the 17 municipalities and lone city of the province, has a lined-up activities that aim to promote the talent, beauty, skills, craftsmanship, products and the rich diversity of Tarlaqueños. The festival will likewise pay tribute to the men and women that have made Tarlac one of the premiere provinces in the country.

The KanLahi Festival, conceptualized by Governor Susan Areno Yap in 2016, has gained grounds as far as awareness among Filipinos here and abroad is concerned. As a result, the Department of Tourism has included the KanLahi in its must see and must visit festivals making it at par with famous festivals such as the Panagbenga of Baguio City, the Sinulog of Cebu City,



Dinagyang of Iloilo City, Ati-Atihan of Kalibo City and MassKara of Bacolod City.

The KanLahi Festival is unique as it is the only festival in the entire country that is being celebrated province-wide and likewise, it is the only festival that pays tribute to the different races that comprises the province.

Tarlac was founded on May 28, 1873 when municipalities from the provinces of Pangasinan, Nueva Ecija, Zambales and Pampanga were joined together therefore making Tarlac a multi-cultural province composed of Pangasinenses, Ilocanos, Tagalogs, Kapampangans, Muslims, Filipino-Chinese and the indigenous Aetas.

Tarlac is also the home province of several notable Filipinos in the persons of former Ambassador and Tarlac Governor Danding Cojuangco, former Senator and Tarlac Governor Ninoy Aquino, former Presidents Cory and NoyNoy Aquino, former United Nations Secretary-General Carlos P. Romulo, to name just a few.

In cooperation and partnership with the different local government units and local businesses in the province, the 10th KanLahi Festival, the first under the administration of Gov. Christian Tell A. Yap, will surely be another hit not only among Tarlaqueños but with the entire Filipino people as well.—Arvin F. M. Cabalu



10th KANLAHI FESTIVAL
MARCH 2-8, 2026

MARCH 2 (MONDAY)	MARCH 3 (TUESDAY)	MARCH 4 (WEDNESDAY)
Tarlaqueno Fun Run Capitol Grounds 4:00 AM Flag Raising Bulwagang Kanlahi 8:00AM Opening Mass Bulwagan ng mga Gobernador 9:00AM Press Conference Bulwagan ng mga Gobernador 10:00AM Kakanin Festival Maria Cristina Park 8:00AM Kanlahi Trade Fair Rotary Lane 8:00AM Agri Cultura Exhibit Centro Organico 8:00AM Bonsai Exhibit Centro Organico 8:00AM	Tanim ng Iba't Ibang Lahi (Tree Planting Activity) San Isidro Complex 8:00AM Kakanin Festival Maria Cristina Park 8:00AM Kanlahi Trade Fair Rotary Lane 8:00AM Agri Cultura Exhibit Centro Organico 8:00AM Bonsai Exhibit Centro Organico 8:00AM Street Dancing Competition F. Tanedo to Maria Cristina Park 1:00PM	Kakanin Festival Maria Cristina Park 8:00AM Kanlahi Trade Fair Rotary Lane 8:00AM Agri Cultura Exhibit Centro Organico 8:00AM Bonsai Exhibit Centro Organico 8:00AM Kanlahi Zumba Fest Centro Mercado 5:00PM
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		MARCH 8 (SUNDAY)
		Pyromusical Competition Paninaan Bypass Road 7:00PM

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Painful paradox

WHY DO some leaders remain popular even when serious questions are raised about their performance, integrity, or behavior?

The answer is not simple. People do not choose leaders based on facts alone. Often, they choose based on feelings—who makes them feel safe, heard, or represented.

When a leader is seen as “one of us,” criticism can feel personal. So even when issues arise, some will still say, “At least, this leader cares.” This is not a failure of intelligence. It is shaped by experience, fear, and the human desire for security.

Populist leadership is powerful because it tells a compelling story: that there is someone strong enough to fight for ordinary people against perceived enemies. These stories are simple, emotional, and easy to repeat.

Meanwhile, the truth—especially about governance, accountability, and institutions—is often complex and less immediately felt. In a world shaped by social media, what is repeated often begins to feel like truth. As a result, perception can slowly replace reality.

How then do we respond?

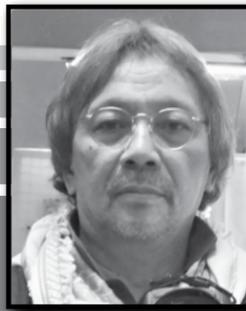
Not with ridicule or contempt. When people feel disrespected, they hold on even more tightly to what they believe. What we need instead is patient engagement—listening, asking questions, and telling better stories grounded in truth.

We must also recover a deeper understanding of strength: not anger or intimidation, but integrity, compassion, and accountability. It is not enough for a leader to appear strong; that strength must also be humane and just.

In the end, this is not only about leaders. It is about the kind of citizens we choose to become. Real change begins in the heart—in the willingness to question, to listen, and to seek what is true.

If we want better leadership, we must also become more discerning, more humble, and more committed to truth. The future of our nation depends not only on those in power, but on all of us who are willing to stand for what is right.

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David



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CONNECTOR ROAD TO NLEX

Can Vilma take a cue from Geld?

NO GHOST project but something of a white elephant is the San Fernando Tourism Road designed to link the MacArthur Highway in Barangay Del Rosario to the NLEX Mexico toll plaza.

Broad and cemented, the road has been practically completed for some time now, but its eastern phase crossing Calulut Centro Ave. has remained closed, leading as it is to nowhere with construction stopped right at its planned terminus abutting the perimeter fence of the NLEX Mexico toll plaza area. Look up Google Map, better yet watch that YouTube reel of moto vlogger Froilan Does (stills in this article) and get a so-near-and-yet-so-far miserable vibe at the forlorn site.

That it took the Pampanga Business Circle to call the attention of Mayor Vilma Balle-Caluag and the Department of Public Works and Highways over government obliviousness to this all-too-obvious “a strategic traffic decongestion measure that will improve road safety, mobility, and economic flow in the area” speaks of negligence, if not indifference, or worst, ignorance of the magnitude of the road in the overall traffic scheme of the city.

As PBC senior fellow Rene Romero noted in his letter to the mayor and the DPWH-3 director, once completed and properly integrated into the NLEX access system, the connector road would “provide a direct and efficient approach to the expressway, divert a significant volume of vehicles away from overloaded intersections, reduce congestion along the Mexico-Calulut corridor and nearby junctions, and improve overall traffic distribution and travel efficiency.”

The business leader is precisely citing the very reason for the conceptualization and construction of the SF Tourism Road.

It is almost a decade ago – in September 2016 – since local media reported then-Department of Tourism Region 3 director Ronnie Tiotuico announcing that his agency funded with some P1 billion the construction of a “new convergence road” to be facilitated by the DPWH.

Dubbed as Tourism Road Infrastructure Project, Tiotuico said the road would traverse Barangays Del Rosario, Sindalan, and Malpitic, connecting the FVR Megadike Road to the NLEX-Mexico Exit.

Enthused then-Mayor Edwin Santiago: “Aside from the development bringing us more tourists, makakatulong din ito sa panawagan natin na i-decongest ang MacArthur Highway at mabawasan ang traffic sa ating major highways.”

The tourism road, Tiotuico said then, was the third to be funded by the DOT after the

Friendship Circumferential Road portion or the “Paning Road” in Barangay Telabastagan and Pandan Road in Angeles City “which are all intended to attract more tourists to the region.”

Tiotuico furthered that the road was expected to be finished and open for motorists by the end of that year, in time for the Christmas season.

That was, again, in September 2016, and indeed the long stretch from MacArthur Highway to the Calulut-Bulaon Road crossing was subsequently opened to motorists.

Less than two years later – in June 2018 – local media again reported that a total of 220 trees, including molave and African Talisay, and Japanese bushes were planted along that operational stretch of the tourism road in observance of that year’s Philippine Arbor Day.

Not much else was reported about the SF Tourism Road thereafter. But for some bikers and motorcycle riders who can squeeze through the concrete and makeshift barricades at the road’s entry going to NLEX, that portion has largely faded from the public consciousness, jolted recently with the PBC letter.

The window of opportunity for the completion of the SF Tourism Road though opened widest, so to speak, with Mabalacat City’s similarly-situated Atlu-Bola Bypass Road, both being connector roads to the NLEX.

It is to Mayor Geld Aquino’s credit – to his singularity of purpose and determined action, not to mention respectful but persistent engagements with the agencies concerned, DPWH, NLEX, Toll Regulatory Board, and Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin Jr. – that in less than six months the Atlu-Bola Bypass Road materialized from conception to construction, and in two more months to completion.

As with the Atlu-Bola Bypass, so with the SF Tourism Road. Mayor Caluag may very well take a page from Mayor Aquino’s playbook... Uh-oh, guess I just shoved my foot in my mouth there.

How insolent of me to even think of propounding that to the honorable Mayor Vilma Balle Caluag, gloriously hailed as “The Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World” by that most prestigious Foundation for Filipina Women’s Network.

Aye, when her mere kembot on Tiktok will do the trick. **Google Map photograb/Road photos: Froilan Does**

COMMENTARY

Trust Earned in the Skies, Vigilance Sustained on the Ground

The Philippine Air Force’s historic performance in the 4th Quarter 2025 Tugon ng Masa Survey—posting 76 percent net trust and 74 percent satisfaction, the highest in its history—speaks to more than favorable public perception. It is a testament to years of disciplined service, principled leadership, and an institution steadfast in its mission to protect the nation.

This milestone reflects a steady rise in public confidence in a force that has proven itself mission-oriented, capability-driven, and values-based. The PAF’s commitment to professionalism, readiness, transparency, and excellence has resonated with the Filipino people, whose trust is both an honor and a responsibility.

Part of this achievement is the Air Defense Command (ADC), the Philippine Air Force’s first line of defense and a cornerstone of national security. Charged with safeguarding the country’s airspace, the men and women of the ADC operate with quiet vigilance and unyielding discipline. Their work—often unseen but always critical—reinforces the credibility of the PAF and underpins the public’s confidence in the institution’s ability

to defend the Republic.

The PAF’s expression of gratitude to its personnel, leadership, and partners is well placed. Equally important is its acknowledgment of the Filipino people, whose trust affirms the value of faithful service and constitutional professionalism. As the Air Force continues to strengthen its capabilities and deliver reliable airpower across all core mandates, the Air Defense Command remains at the forefront—alert, prepared, and resolute.

In these record-high ratings, the nation finds reassurance. In the vigilant watch of the Air Defense Command, that trust is continuously earned—day after day, flight after flight, in steadfast service to the Republic. - **HADC Project Tinta** -



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Opinion

Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

Hustisya, pag-alala, at pagbabalik-loob

SINUSUBAYBAYAN KO ang kasalukuyang nagagabap na mga pagdinig sa International Criminal Court. May isang kapwa Pilipinong matagal nang nanirahan sa Netherlands na nagsabi na tama lang daw ang nangyari noon—na naging mas ligtas daw ang bansa dahil sa kampanya laban sa droga.

Marami na tayong nakarinig ng ganitong paniniwala.

Marami rin ang naniwala.

Pero ibig ko lang magtanong—nang mahinahon pero tapat:

Sa anong halaga? At kaninong buhay ang kapalit?

Sa aming diyosesis, nakaharap ko ang daan-daang pamilya ng mga biktima. Nakita ko ang mga inang walang perang maipambili ng kabaong para sa kanilang anak. May mga pamilyang pinahaba pa ang lamay ng dalawa o tatlong linggo para lang makalikom ng pera mula sa "tong" ng sugal para mailibing ang kanilang mahal sa buhay.

Noong mga panahong iyon, kumita nang malaki ang mga punerarya. Bukod sa mahal na bayad sa serbisyo, may dagdag pang bayad para sa autopsy. May mga bangkay na hindi agad nakukuha dahil walang pambayad ang pamilya. Ang ilan ay napupunta na lang sa mga medical schools para gamitin sa pag-aaral ng anatomiya.

Sinubukan naming tumulong sa pamamagitan ng Caritas Funeral Service—P5,000 lang para sa kabaong, embalming, at libingan. Pero hindi namin kayang tapatan ang mga puneraryang naniningil ng P40,000 o higit pa. May mga balita pa na may komisyon ang ilang pulis kapag sa kanila dinala ang bangkay.

May mga autopsy report na nagsasabing "cardiac arrest" ang sanhi ng kamatayan. Pero nang suriin ng forensic expert na si Dr. Raquel Fortun ang ilang bangkay, malinaw na may tama ng bala mula sa malapitan.

Narinig ko ang mga kuwento ng mga kaanak ng mga taong pinaslang—walang paglilitis, walang depensa, ni hindi man lang nabigyan ng pagkakataong magsalita.

Sabihin na nating may ilan sa kanila ang totoong sangkot sa droga.

Pero kailan naging parusa ng kamatayan ang katapat ng hinala?

Kailan napalitan ng "drug watch list" ang due process?

Kailan nagkaroon ng kapangyarihan ang Estado na pumatay nang walang hatol ng hukuman?

At ang pinakamasakit na tanong:

Kahit totoong ang nakararami ay tumahimik dahil takot, marami rin ang sumang-ayon sa ganitong kalakaran. Bakit?

Oo, nagiging matapang ang isang gobyerno kapag alam nitong suportado ito ng marami. Pero

ang popularidad ay hindi kailanman dahilan para gawing tama ang mali.

Ang pagpatay nang walang due process ay hindi hustisya.

Hindi ito solusyon.

Hindi ito proteksyon.

Ito ay karahasan.

At ang karahasan, kapag tinanggap ng lipunan, hindi lang biktima ang sinisira—kundi ang kaluluwa ng buong bayan.

Hindi lang ang nangyari ang masakit, kundi ang kung gaano kadali na tinanggap ito ng marami.

Pero hindi ako nagsusulat para manghugsa.

Nagsusulat ako dahil may pag-asa pa.

Hindi pa huli ang lahat.

Hindi pa huli para magbago ang puso.

Hindi pa huli para makinig sa mga biktima.

Hindi pa huli para aminin na ang pananahimik o pagsang-ayon ay may epekto rin.

Sinasabi sa atin ng Kasulatan na ang ating mga desisyon ay may epekto hindi lang sa atin, kundi sa mga susunod na henerasyon. Pero mas mahalaga, pinapaalala rin nito na:

Ang Diyos ay maawain.

At tinatawag niya tayo hindi lang sa hustisya—kundi sa pagbabalik-loob.

Dalangin ko na, sa pakikinig natin sa mga kuwento ng mga biktima, unti-unting lumambot ang mga puso.

Na ang mga dating sumang-ayon ay magsimulang magtanong.

Na ang mga tumangga ay magsimulang makakita.

Na ang mga nanahimik ay magsimulang magsalita.

Hindi dahil sa takot—kundi dahil sa katotohanan.

Dahil ang bayang ayaw umalala ay hindi gagaling.

At ang bayang ayaw humarap sa katotohanan ay hindi magkakaroon ng matibay na kinabukasan.

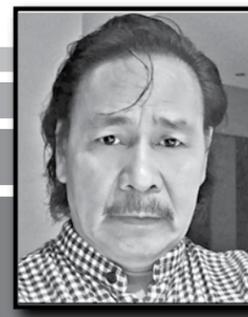
Oo, maaari nating unawain ang ilan na nanahimik—yung naniwala na ang mga biktima ay "nanlaban" diumano, na ang pulis ay napilitang lamang na ipagtanggol ang sariling buhay.

Pero ngayon, huwag na tayong matakot itanong ang mga hindi natin natanong noon:

Ano ba talaga ang nangyari?

At higit sa lahat:

Anong klaseng bayan ba ang ibig nating maging?



Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Natuklasang kontrabando, protektor nga ba'y politiko?

1. Tila yata ang Pampanga ay nagiging paborito na gawing pugad ng mga matitinding sindikato kailan lamang sa San Simon ay may mga kontrabando ang natuklasan sa isang bodegang abandonado sinasabing ang bodega ay ang pagawaan mismo ng mga hinihinalang mga pekeng sigarilyo
2. At ayon sa impormasyon na personall kong nakalap sa Global Aseana park 1 kontrabando'y nakalagak dito ay nakapaloob ang maraming pasilidad na ang nakakasakop ay ang barangay ng dela Paz ang kanilang operasyon ay mayrong pagkakatulad sa dalawa pang bodega na nauna ng nalansag
3. Diuomo, maaaring mayrong mga kongresista na sinasabing sangkot din sa nasabing anomalya kung ito man ay totoo at may mga ebidensiya dapat lang na makasuhan sa kulungan ay magdusa sila'y salot ng lipunan na walang pinagkaiba sa pusakal na kriminal na halang ang kaluluwa
4. Kahit sabihin pa natin na mayrong pangil ang batas ay marami pa rin naman ang dito ay lumalabag bunga nito'y lumalawak antas ng kriminalidad at ng mga sari-saring illegal na aktibidad lalo na kung protektado ng tiwaling mambabatas at ng mangilan-ngilan sa opisyal na matataas
5. Kaya ba naging pugad ng sindikato ang Pampanga? ng pekeng sigarilyo na milyun-milyon ang halaga? dalawang mambabatas lang kaya ang sangkot talaga? o may ibang pulitiko silang mga kasama pa? walang maglalakas loob magsipasok ng probinsiya kung sila'y di protektado ng taong maimpluwensiya
6. DILG secretary puspusan ang pagsisikap upang ang lahat ng sangkot ay mapanagot sa batas mayrong persons of interest na sinasabing kasabwat na mayrong kaugnayan sa illegal na aktibidad sila 'y magsasagawa rin ng mga intelligence build up upang matukoy ang NETWORK at tuluyan ng malansag
7. Nakalulungkot isipin na ang bayan ng San Simon hindi lang sa pulitika naging kontrobersiyal noon ang malawak at maunlad nito na INDUSTRIAL ZONE biglang-bigla'y napasukan na ng sindikato ngayon ano kaya ang gagawin ng butihing acting mayor upang ibangon ang dangal ng bayan at REPUTASYON



Opinion

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Rey Yumang

It's governance, stupid!

WHEN PRESIDENT Ferdinand Marcos Jr. visited Naga on February 21, 2026, many felt a small, unexpected sense of relief. For once, the news wasn't about mudslinging, trolling, or political pettiness. It was simply a president and a mayor, former rivals, standing side by side to talk about dredging rivers, preventing floods, and making life a little easier for ordinary people. It is a scene showing two elected leaders who are actually working.

Quite strangely, some corners of social media acted like the world had ended.

A quick fact check: the meeting between Marcos and Mayor Leni Robredo wasn't a secret alliance, a political love team, or a 2028 campaign trailer disguised as *Oplan Kontra Baha*. It wasn't even connected to Vice President Sara Duterte's early presidential announcement.

This wasn't politics.

This was governance.

Sounds surreal, right? But it still exists.

As mayor of Naga, Robredo

has every reason to welcome national support. Flood control alone like the river dredging and drainage upgrades Marcos inspected costs hundreds of millions. The Department of Public Works and Highways estimates that long-term flood mitigation in Naga requires P1.2 billion in phased funding. Where will a single LGU magically get that?

This is why mayors whether named Robredo or Belmonte or Sotto go to Malacañang, seek funds, or knock on every agency's door. That's not politics. That's their job.

What would have been immature, hypocritical, and downright irresponsible for Robredo was rejecting national aid just because she and Marcos ran against each other in 2022. No parent in Naga cares who won which election. They care that their house won't flood knee-deep when the next typhoon hits. They care that the next generation won't swim to school.

But of course, some Duterte loyalists lost their minds. They suddenly acted allergic to unity not because unity is bad, but because it doesn't fit their

narrative. They accuse Marcos and Leni of "political theatrics," while conveniently forgetting the Vice President's own mess: the P150 million confidential fund fiasco, the unresolved ghost employees, Mary Grace Piattos, etc.

And yet here they are, thinking they are in the best position to point fingers, moralize, and lecture about loyalty.

Where is their anger coming from? It's simple. They can't accept that two adults can disagree politically and still work together for the public good. They've gotten so used to drama, conflict, and victim

narratives that basic governance now looks suspicious to them.

But here's the thing: what happened in Naga is normal in healthy democracies.

It only feels strange because we've tolerated too much immaturity in ours.

Politics ends after elections. Or at least, it should.

Naga needs help. Marcos offered it. Robredo accepted it. Work continues.

If that's offensive to anyone, then the problem isn't the leaders.

Maybe the problem is what some people expect from them.

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **DAN KEVIN BERMUDO BERNARDINO** of legal age, Filipino, married, and with residence at Block 33 Lot 20B, Don Mamerto Street, Barangay Balibago, Angeles City; and heirs of **SPS. DANILO CANLAPAN BERNARDINO and BETHSAIDA BERMUDO BERNARDINO** who died on March 25, 2025 and December 28, 2019; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

1. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 75285

*A parcel of land (Lot 20-B, Block 33 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-335461, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 20, Block 33, (LRC) Psd-57373, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, containing an area of One Hundred Fifty Six (156) Square Meters;

2. MOTOR VEHICLE

MAKE : FORD Eco Sport
YEAR/MODEL : 2015
ENGINE NO. : UEAJAFD15462
CHASIS NO. : MPC3XXMXKSF15462
PLATE NO. : ABD 7854

3. BANK ACCOUNT

BANK: BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
BRANCH: 1012-Dau, Mabalacat City Branch, Pampanga
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0129119549
AMOUNT: Four Hundred Twelve Thousand One Hundred Forty Nine Pesos and Sixty Four Centavos (412,149.64)

before Notary Public Atty. Israel C. Forto, as per Doc. No. 28, Page No. 24, Book No. XVII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 8, 15 & 22, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DOMINGO COSME MAGBAG** who died on May 06, 2021 at the age of 78 yrs. old and **EMERENCIANA DIAZ MAGBAG** who died on December 09, 2023 at the age of 77 yrs. old; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1282-A of the Subd. Plan (LRC) Psd-130812, being a portion of Lot-1282, Porac Cadastre (LRC) Rec. No. 372) situated in the Bo. of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Two Hundred Seventy Seven (277sq.m.) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 84581-R; before Notary Public Atty. Princess L. Buan, as per Doc. No. 5914, Page No. 101, Book No. CXXVI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 8, 15 & 22, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GREGORIO M. MASICLAT** and **CELESTINA P. MASICLAT** who died on August 15, 2004 in Balitucan, Magalang, Pampanga and on February 16, 2022 in San Ildefonso, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land located in Barangay of San Ildefonso, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2018001247; with an area of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six (17,786) Square Meters, more or less, together with all the improvements existing thereon, including but not limited to a residential house and other structures; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 0623, Page No. 037, Book No. XXIX, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 8, 15 & 22, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NORMA R. WIMBISH** who died on January 20, 2020 in Angeles City and **RONALD DAVID WIMBISH** who died on April 02, 2022, an American National; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 27, Block No. 11 of the Subdivision Plan Psd-34269; being a portion of Lot No. 684-A of the Cadastral survey of Angeles, G.L.R.C Record No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Municipality of Angeles Province of Pampanga; Containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-63016, Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Cesar Clarence Deang Contreras, as per Doc. No. 1893, Page No. 71, Book No. 09, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 8, 15 & 22, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AMADO CALAGUAS** who died on August 19, 2025 at Rafael Lazatin Memorial Medical Center (ONA) Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 20, Blk. 8 of the subdivision plan, (LRC) Psd-605411, being a portion of lot 3021, Bacolor Cad., LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1515) situated in the Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Six Hundred Twenty Eight (628) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Regina Gopez Agustin, as per Doc. No. 16, Page No. 94, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 15, 22 & March 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JUANITA R. PILAO** who died on January 15, 2021 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as a property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-209922-R located in Barangay San Antonio, Mexico, Pampanga, with an area of 337 square meters, more or less; before Notary Public Atty. Apollo J. Umadhay, as per Doc. No. 338, Page No. 68, Book No. CCXLIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 15, 22 & March 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JUANITA R. PILAO** who died on January 15, 2021 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

- The property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 190627-R located in Barangay San Antonio, Mexico, Pampanga, with an area of 490 square meters, more or less.
- The property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 690861-R located in Barangay San Antonio, Mexico, Pampanga, with an area of 561 square meters, more or less.
- The property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2010009676 located in Barangay San Nicolas and San Lorenzo, Mexico, Pampanga, with an area of 213 square meters, more or less.

before Notary Public Atty. Apollo J. Umadhay, as per Doc. No. 217, Page No. 45, Book No. CCXLIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 15, 22 & March 1, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **KRISTEL ANNE O. BATUL**, of legal age, Filipino, single, and a resident of Mabalacat City Pampanga; and heirs of **JURYCAH CAMILLE O. BATUL**, who died on October 23, 2023, at Angeles University Foundation (AUF) Medical Center, Angeles City, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate, and left the personal property Toyota Vios Sedan with Plate Number CAV 8479; before Notary Public Atty. Chester Clark G. Dula, as per Doc. No. 3764, Page No. 55, Book No. XIV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Department of Transportation LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD Regional Office No III City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Application for **Extension of Validity** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service**.

AVON P. DE LEON
/Applicant **Case No.:2023-00301TNVS**
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service** within **REGION III** accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with the use of **ONE (1) unit/s**, which certificate is valid up to February 12, 2026 In the application filed on January 27, 2026. Applicant requests for the extension of validity of said certificate with the use of the same number of unit authorized.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this **Board on March 09, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** at its office at the above address.

Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least **FIVE (5) days** before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in **REGION III**.

Parties opposed to the granting of the Application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, copy of the same be furnished to the applicant, and may if they so desire appear on the said date and time.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of the records of this case submitted by the parties unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary evidence for the judicious resolution of the same.

WITNESS the Honorable P/Gen. **RICHARD A. ALBANO (ret.)**, **Regional Director**, **this 11th day of February 2026** in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Atty. JENNIFER ANN G. RODRIGUEZ
Hearing Officer
Attorney IV

/ctg
Copy furnished:
-Applicant/s avondeleon06@gmail.com
-File

NOTE: **Please bring the original and photocopy of the required documents**
Kindly visit LTRFB website (ltrfb.gov.ph) for your reference.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22-28, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALBERTO B. TORNO** who died on June 15, 2014 at St. Catherine of Alexandria Foundation and Medical Center, Angeles City and **JOSEFINA L. TORNO** who died on November 06, 2025 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 72717

*A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 21, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-48978, being a portion of Lot 630-A-2, Psd-15855, (LRC) GLRO Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles; containing an area of Four Hundred (400) Square meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 65165

*A parcel of land (Lot 3, Block 20, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-48978, being a portion of Lot 630-A-2, Psd-15855, (LRC) GLRO Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles; containing an area of Four Hundred One (401) Square meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-103865

*A parcel of land (Lot 1-C, of the subdivision plan Psd-035401-052715, being a portion of Lot 1, Block 8, (LRC) Psd-97370, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred Seventy-Two (172) Square meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 120767

*A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 1, of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-03-000481, being a portion of the consolidated Lots 9-13, Block 31, Lots 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15 & 17, Block 33, Lots 1-9, Block 41% Road Lot 22, all of (LRC) Pcs-4875, Lots 13-17, Block R-3, Road Lot 3 & Block R-4, all (LRC) Psd-78758 L.R.C. Cad. Record No.), situated in the Barrios of Sto. Rosario, & Cutcut, City of Angeles; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty-Nine (249) Square meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 302, Page No. 62, Book No. XXI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 15, 22 & March 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FERDINAND ARILLO VILLENA** who died on February 27, 2025 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Deed of Donation on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land situated at Blk 5 Lot 12 Kamansi St., Phase C, Manibaug, Paralaya, Porac, Pampanga; covered by TCT 042-2023004354, measuring seventy square meters; before Notary Public Atty. Tanya G. Lingat, as per Doc. No. 1710, Page No. 70, Book No. X, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 8, 15 & 22, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JUANITA UYLENGCO CARDANO** who died on November 03, 2021 at 271 San Antonio Street, Sto. Domingo, Angeles City and **SALVADOR MORICO CARDANO** who died on November 12, 2021 at Rafael Lazatin, Memorial Medical Center (ONA), Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 7-B, Block 6 of the subdivision plan Psd-03-018002, being a portion of Lot 7, Block 6, Psd-67299, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the barrio of Sto. Domingo, Mun. of Angeles Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Thirty Nine (139) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 75916 Registry of Deeds for Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Tommy De Leon Aquino, as per Doc. No. 709, Page No. 59, Book No. XIV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 8, 15 & 22, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TERESITA SANAPO REYES** who died on September 17, 2007 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

a. The property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 6042 located in Barangay Concepcion, Mexico, Pampanga, with an area of 16,499 square meters, more or less.

b. The property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 6043 located in Barangay Concepcion, Mexico, Pampanga, with an area of 1,678 square meters, more or less.

before Notary Public Atty. Apollo J. Umadhay, as per Doc. No. 216, Page No. 45, Book No. CCXLIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 15, 22 & March 1, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RICHARD ALLEN TOLAND** who died on July 02, 2024 at Angeles University Foundation, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and left a bank accounts with Bank of Commerce, Balibago Branch, Angeles, and the Philippine Retirement Authority under the SRRV Program, and more particularly described as follows;

ACCOUNT NAME: Toland, Richard Allen
ACCOUNT NO.: 019-21-001087-7 USD
BRANCH AND TEL NO.: 019-Balibago, 0453313390/456255586
WITH NOTE: In Lieu of filled passbook 5079209

ACCOUNT NAME: Toland, Richard Allen ITF Toland, Sophia Mariah Nunag
ACCOUNT NO.: 019-21-001322-1 USD
BRANCH AND TEL NO.: 019-Balibago, 0453313390/456255586

ACCOUNT NAME: Toland, Richard Allen and Toland, Rizalyn Nunag
ACCOUNT NO.: 019-21-001412-1 USD
BRANCH AND TEL NO.: 019-Balibago, 0453313390/456255586
WITH NOTE: In Lieu of filled passbook 5079209

ACCOUNT NAME: Toland, Richard Allen ITF Toland, Sebastian Mathew Nunag
ACCOUNT NO.: 019-21-001666-2 USD
BRANCH AND TEL NO.: 019-Balibago, 0453313390/456255586

Requisite Visa Deposit, under SRRV Program under the name of Richard Allen Toland as Certificate of Visa Deposit issued by the Philippine Retirement Authority ANF-RVDC-15-09196, stating among others that as of October 2024, the decedent has a Peso equivalent deposit of Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Seven and 26/100 (Php. 86,557.26)

before Notary Public Atty. Jeselle Ann Vega Dayrit, as per Doc. No. 296, Page No. 75, Book No. XI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 15, 22 & March 1, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SUPREME COURT REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION City of San Fernando, Pampanga

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Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

88 ASIA FINANCE CORPORATION,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

— versus —

E.J.F. No. 193 — 25
Real Estate Mortgage under Act
3135 as amended by Act 4118

SPOUSES MARTE D. CAYANAN and
JOSEPHINE M. CAYANAN,
Respondents-Mortgagors,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA—JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under **Act 3135/1508** filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, **88 ASIA FINANCE CORPORATION**, with office address at 10th Floor Union Bank Center Manila, 208 Dasmariñas St. cor. Quintin Paredes St., Binondo, Manila, against Respondents-Mortgagors, **SPOUSES MARTE D. CAYANAN and JOSEPHINE 111. CAYANAN**, with address at #224 A. Mabini St., Brgy. Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **November 20, 2025** amounts to **PESOS: SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THREE and 00/100 (Php 765,253.00)**, excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **MARCH 18, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the **Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder for **CASH** or **MANAGER'S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2019006812

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A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 28, BLK. 7, OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-03-004931, BEING A PORTION OF BLK. 16, PSD-03-004465, LRC REC. NO.) SITUATED IN THE BO. OF MAIMPIS, MUN. OF SAN FERNANDO, PROV. OF PAMPANGA. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF NINETY TWO (92) SQUARE METERS. x x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 25, 2026, without further notice. Prospective buyers and bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the property described above, and the encumbrance thereon, if any there be.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, February 02, 2026.

Lyndon L. Isip
Sheriff IV / RTC-OCC, CSF(P)

COPY FURNISHED:

- 1) 88 ASIA FINANCE CORPORATION / ROLAND A. JAVIER - 10. FLOOR UNION BANK CENTER MANILA, 208 DASMARIÑAS ST. COR. QUINTIN PAREDES ST., BINONDO, MANILA
- 2.) SPS. MARIE & JOSEPHINE CAYANAN - # 224 A. MABINI ST., BRGY. MAIMPIS, CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA
- 3.) PUNTO CENTRAL UZON

Punto! Central Luzon: February 15, 22 & March 1, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
MACABEBE, PAMPANGA.
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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. 26-0471(M)

JESPER YUMUL FLORES,
Debtor/Mortgagor,

JELLYCA YUMUL FLORES,
Co-Debtor/Co-Borrower

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, as amended, filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., as represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO**, with principal office at Remedial Management Unit, 33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack Wack, Mandaluyong City against **JESPER YUMUL FLORES and JELLYCA YUMUL FLORES**, Attorney-in-Fact, registered owner of **Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 042-2019001060**, residents of No. 026 Castuli, Macabebe, Pampanga and/or Lot 9 Block 21 Road Lot 11 Dreamland Subdivision, Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 4, 2026 amounts to **ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS AND FORTY FIVE CENTAVOS (P1,544,550.45)**, Philippine Currency, including of interest, penalties and other expenses, the Undersigned will sell at public auction on **March 30, 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. 042-2019001060

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARRIO OF COLGANTE, MUN. OF APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 9 BLOCK 21 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 NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 10; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 7, BOTH OF BLK. 21; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 ROAD LOT 11; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 11, BLK. 21, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 40 DEG. 09' E., 580.25 M. FROM M.B.M. 2, APALIT. CAD.; THENCE N. 50 DEG. 59' E., 6.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 39 DEG. 01'E., 10.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE S. 50 DEG. 59"W., 6.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 39 DEG. 01' 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. 15X40 CM. BEARING TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY FEB. 1919-MAR. 1920 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION SURVEY NOV. 15-30, 2010 AND WAS APPROVED ON FEB. 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 **April 6, 2026** also at the same time and place without further notice.

Macabebe, Pampanga, February 16, 2026.

MICHAEL B. MANANSALA
Sheriff IV

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

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as represented by
LEINE A. DE CASTRO
Remedial Management Unit
33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center
No. 12 ADB Avenue
Wack Wack, Mandaluyong City

Jasper Yumul Flores and Jellyca Yumul Flores
No. 026 Castuli, Macabebe, Pampanga
And/or
Lot 9 Block 21 Road Lot 11 Dreamland Subdivision
Colgante, Apalit, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF
ENTRY IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH
OF MARIMEL BAUTISTA NOBLE WITH
REGISTRY NO. 91-05227, under Rule 108 of
the Rules of Court

MARIMEL BAUTISTA NOBLE, SPECIAL PROCEEDING CASE No.
Petitioner, R-ANG-26-00535-SP

-versus-

THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,
THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, OFFICE
OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, CITY CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF MABALACAT*, PAMPANGA,
AUGUSTO B. NOBLE, JOSHEPINA P.
BAUTISTA, MARCOS B. NOBLE, MARIO
B. NOBLE, MARJON B. NOBLE, MARLY B.
NOBLE, MANNY B. NOBLE, MARIBEL B.
NOBLE, MARISSA B. NOBLE, MARICEL B.
NOBLE, and all other person with adverse with
adverse interest against this petition.
Respondents.

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ORDER

A verified Petition filed by petitioner, through the Public Attorney's Office, praying that an Order be issued directing the Philippine Statistics Authority "to effect the correction in the Certificate of Live Birth (with registry no. 91-05227) of petitioner so that it will reflect the true and correct entry in Entry No. 3 thereof from 19 February 1973 to February 19, 1967 and in the 2nd page (Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth)."

It appearing to be sufficient in form and in substance, let this Petition be set for hearing on **July 29, 2026, and August 5, 2026, both at 1:00 in the afternoon** at the sala of this Court, Hall of Justice, Regional Trial Court, Branch 116, Angeles City. Any interested person may appear on said date, time, and place, to show cause, if there be any, why the said petition should not be granted.

The petitioner is hereby directed to, at her expense, publish a copy of this Order for three (3) consecutive issues of a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Mabalacat City, Pampanga in accordance with P.D. 1702 before the date of hearing.

Likewise, the Solicitor General is hereby directed to enter his or her appearance in this case for the State within seven-two (72) hours from receipt of this Order.

Finally, furnish a copy of this Order, together with the copy of the petition and its annexes, to the following: 1) Solicitor General; 2) the Civil Registrar of Mabalacat City; 3) the City Prosecutor Angeles City; 4) the Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City; and 5) respondents Augusto B. Noble, Joshepina P. Bautista, Marcos B. Noble, Mario B. Noble, Marjon B. Noble, Marly B. Noble, Manny B. Noble, Maribel B. Noble, Marissa B. Noble, Maricel B. Noble.

SO ORDERED.

Angeles City, February 18, 2026.

ERICK A. SADURAL
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

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Pampanga (*Order and petition)

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(*Order only)

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
ANGELES CITY
BRANCH 118

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IN THE MATTER OF
INTESTATE ESTATE OF
DECEASED JOSE GOMEZ
PARAS, JR, AND THE
ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF
ADMINISTRATION IN FAVOR
OF RAYNONATO PARAS LA
MADRID, **R-ANG-24-02764-SP**

RAYNONATO P. LA MADRID,
Petitioner,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On December 1, 2025, a Resolution was issued by this Court appointing **RAYNONATO P. LA MADRID** as Administrator of the Intestate Estate of Jose Gomez Paras, Jr. who died on April 20, 2023, and granted the issuance of Letters of Administration, in accordance with Section 6, Rule 78 of the Rules of Court as amended.

Pursuant to Sections 1 and 2, Rule 86 of the Rules of Court, **NOTICE is hereby given to any and all persons having money claims against the decedent JOSE GOMEZ PARAS, JR.,** which claims shall be filed before the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court, Angeles City, **within a period of six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice.** In case a creditor fails to file his/her claim within the prescribed period before an Order of Distribution is entered, the Court may, for cause shown on such terms as are equitable, allow such claim to be filed within a time not exceeding one (1) month thereafter.

The herein appointed Administrator is directed to cause the publication of this Notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga and Angeles City, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and the same be posted for the same period in four (4) public conspicuous places in the Province of Pampanga and in two (2) public conspicuous places in Angeles City, where the decedent last resided.

Within ten (10) days after this Notice is published and posted, the Administrator Raynonato P. La Madrid shall file with this Court a printed copy of the Notice accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the dates of the first and last publication thereof and the name of the newspaper in which the same was printed.

The Administrator is directed to enter an accounting of her administration within one (1) year from the time of issuance and receipt of the Letters of Administration pursuant to Rule 78 of the Rules of Court as amended.

After the lapse of the period of one (1) year from the time this Notice has been published and no creditor had filed his/her claim against the estate of the decedent, only then will the distribution and partition of the estate can proceed, pursuant to Rule 90 of the Rules of Court as amended.

WITNESS, the **HON. RENE E. REYES**, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 16th day of February 2026 at Angeles City, Philippines.

WILLIAM A. BAUTISTA
Branch Clerk of Court V

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

Never Bitin! Unli Success with PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid

MANAGING internet usage often means balancing data limits with a daily budget. PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid's new video campaign brings to life a reality that most families deal with and how affordable and unlimited fiber can offer a practical option for home connectivity.

PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid's latest video dubbed "Bitin" reflects a common reality for many Filipino households who rely on volume-capped data for home use. Whether it's learning new skills, watching online content, or livestreaming from home, PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid

highlights in the video how unlimited fiber can remove everyday limits and enable success at home.

PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid lets you enjoy unlimited and reliable internet that's ideal for multiple device and household use. Because it runs on fiber, the connection is built for shared household activity, supporting multiple devices at once, even for heavy bandwidth activities such as video calls, online classes, streaming, and uploading large files or content.

PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid also offers budget flexibility with no monthly bills or long-term lock-in

contracts, so users may opt to load only when they need to. In practical terms, a 30-day unlimited fiber load works out to under P23.30 a day, a cost level comparable to what many households already budget for recurring data but applied to a dedicated home connection.

For P999, PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid comes with a device and 30 days of free unlimited fiber with speeds of up to 50 Mbps. Flexible loading options are available at P50 for one day, P199 for seven days, P399 for 15 days, and P699 for 30 days. Reloading is easy and accessible via

the PLDT Home website, Maya, GCash, SM, and Smart loading partners nationwide.

PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid reinforces a simple message: home internet should keep up with everyday life—without limits, without pressure, and without surprises.

Families never have to deal with "bitin" moments at home because PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid delivers unlimited fiber internet with flexible loading solutions.

Watch the latest video here and learn more about PLDT Home Fiber Prepaid at <https://pldthome.com/fiberprepaid>. **PR**



Career Opportunity in **EL URBANWORK INC.**

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

Job Descriptions:

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

Qualification:

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

Place of Displacement: CLARK FREEPORT ZONE, PHILIPPINES

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

Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National intending to apply
EL URBANWORK Inc. The Villages, C.M Recto Hiway, Clark Pampanga 2023 Nature of Business: Real Estate	Name: Bonghoi Koo Address: Mabalacat City, Clark Freeport Pamp. Nationality: Korean Intended Period of Employment: Two(2) years

EL URBANWORK Inc. hereby declares that the above-named national/s is/are able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Financial Manager the company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for Alien Employment Permit with the Dept. of labor and Employment-Region 3 located Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

***If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact DOLE Regional Office.**

Any Filipino jobseeker who is competent and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national intended to be hired for, may file an objection at DOLE-Region 3 located 3 located Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga after this publication.

Please inform DOLE-Region 3, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CARLOS SILVESTRE MACATULA** who died on July 09, 2023 and **ELIZA QUIAMBAO MACATULA** who died on July 03, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and the said deceased are the absolute and registered owner of a property Building/Improvement as per TAX DECLARATION NO. B-040018-02911R located at Barangay Tabun, Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Cesar Clarence Deang Contreras, as per Doc. No. 407 Page No. 75, Book No. 11, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EDGAR C. DAVID** who died on December 13, 2019 in the City of Kuwait; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and the decedent had left his rights and interest over a certain property with improvements thereon identified as Block 05 Lot 61 (Phase III), Sta. Lucia Resettlement Project in Magalang, Pampanga and was awarded by the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council-Pinatubo Project Management Office (HUDCC-PPMO), now, National Housing Authority (NHA) covered by TCT No. 045-2014004529 consisting of (68 square meters, more or less); before Notary Public Atty. Michael C. Yabut, as per Doc. No. 2, Page No. 1, Book No. XCIII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

ArenaPlus feted at PSA Awards Night

THE COUNTRY'S number one PAGCOR-licensed online sportsbook ArenaPlus received a Special Award from the Philippine Sportswriters Association during the PSA Awards Night held last Monday at the Diamond Hotel in Manila.

A co-presenter of

professional leagues, international events, and athletes as part of a commitment to advancing meaningful and sustainable initiatives that create lasting impact for the nation," cited the PSA Special Award for ArenaPlus.

Meanwhile, PSA President Francis Ochoa

limelight they deserve. It is huge for us to slow down the news cycle and give the athletes the chance to shine and give them their night, which we don't get a lot."

Philippine Sports Commission chairman Patrick "Pato" Gregorio was recognized as the PSA Executive of the Year,

while PBA champion coach Yeng Guiao received the President's Award for his notable contribution to Philippine sports.

For Ochoa, the PSA's efforts gain greater reach and impact when partners like ArenaPlus, known for its continuous support of local sports

development, step in to back their initiatives.

"As sports journalists, we always appreciate the efforts of companies such as ArenaPlus who come in and consistently support from the ground up. It is a bet that athletes are going to succeed. It inspires them knowing that people

are betting on them to succeed," he said.

"We are really thankful for the continued support of ArenaPlus. We would be thankful for more partnerships."

Indeed, bigger and better things are up ahead with ArenaPlus backing the local sports scene.



the annual awards night, ArenaPlus sponsored the gathering of Philippine sports media, athletes, and personalities for the third consecutive year. It also co-presented the Athlete of the Year honors to Olympic gold medalist Carlos Yulo and tennis ace Alex Eala.

"For its unwavering support to Philippine sports through generous sponsorship—a corporate social responsibility backing sports programs,

stressed the crucial role that ArenaPlus plays in the Philippine sports landscape.

"Without a doubt, it is one of the biggest things we have been really thankful for, the support of ArenaPlus. I think it is not just the support for the PSA, it is the support for what we do for the Athletes," said PSA President Francis Ochoa.

"Every time ArenaPlus comes in and supports us, we get a chance to put these athletes in the



NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **JOSE MEDINA LASTIMOSA**, of legal age, Filipino, married to **GINA D. LASTIMOSA**, with residence address at 188 Macapagal Village, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; and heirs of **LYDIA MEDINA LASTIMOSA** who died on July 28, 2020 at Mabalacat City and **CELEDONIO V. LASTIMOSA** who died on September 15, 1994 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **JOAQUINA M. LASTIMOSA** who died on August 18, 2009 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Donation on his/her estate, and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 426144 (Registry of Deeds for Tarlac)

"A parcel of land (Lot 1-F-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-157562 being a portion of the lot 1-F (LRC) Psd-143811 LRC Rec. No. 11144) situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon; containing an area of Two Hundred Nine (209) square meters, more or less,"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 426149 (Registry of Deeds for Tarlac)

"A parcel of land (Lot 1-F-2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-157562 being a portion of the lot 1-F (LRC) Psd-143811 LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Poblacion, Municipality of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon; containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty (250) square meters, more or less,"

before Notary Public Atty. Sancho M. Abas, Jr., as per Doc. No. 153, Page No. 31, Book No. XCIII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MARIA BRIGILDA D. MIRANDA**, of legal age, Filipino citizen, and presently residing at 903 San Jose St., Ignacio Subd., Phase I Pandan, Angeles City; and heirs of **SPOUSES OLIMPIO T. MIRANDA** and **NACENCIANA D. MIRANDA** who both died on September 27, 2018 and January 9, 2024, who both died at San Jose St., Pandan Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate, and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 28, Block 2 of the Cons Subd. Plan Pcs-03-002661, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 2913-K-12, Psd-03-023751, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Sapang Maisac, Mun. of Mexico, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) square meters, more or less,"

before Notary Public Atty. Michael C. Yabut as per Doc. No. 310, Page No. 62, Book No. XI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LUDECIA SINGIAN MANTIBE** of legal age, Filipino, and was married to **CALIXTO BALDO MATEO** in 1965, and died on September 21, 2010; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and at the time of his death left a one real property covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 690910-R; before Notary Public Atty. Francis C. Guinoo, as per Doc. No. 7179, Page No. 054, Book No. 42, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROBERTO DIMACALI** and **GREGORIA DIMACALI** who died February 10, 2000 and January 15, 1998 both in Laug, Mexico, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

NO.	TCT NO.	LOT NO.	AREA (in sq.m)
01	042-2023028076	499-A	5,046
02	042-2023028077	499-B	1,164
03	042-2023028078	499-C	1,119
04	042-2023028079	499-D	997
05	042-2023028099	499-X	49
06	042-2023028100	499-Y	3,297
07	042-2023028096	499-U	641
08	042-2023028098	499-W	951
09	042-2023028095	499-T	513
10	042-2023028097	499-V	101

before Notary Public Atty. Miguelito S. Pama, as per Doc. No. 375, Page No. 76, Book No. 18, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JULIET D. DAVID** who died Feb September 05, 2022 at Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH), Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and left a Bank accounts maintained with BDO-Angeles-Nepo Mart Branch, more particularly described as follows;

Type of Account	Account Name	Account No.	Balance
Peso Savings Account	Juliet David	005780323500	Php 69,321.11 plus interest accruing
Dollar Savings Account	Juliet David	105780380601	USD 7,758.65 plus interest accruing
Dollar Savings Account(Join Or)			
(Leticia David or Juliet David)		105780380628	USD 505.56 (representing 1/3 share) plus interest accruing

before Notary Public Atty. Princess L. Buan, as per Doc. No. 4673, Page No. 34, Book No. CVIII, Series of 2024.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **OFELIA G. TUBIL** who died on August 30, 2025 in Angeles City, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and that during her lifetime, the deceased maintained joint "OR" bank accounts at the Land Bank of the Philippines – Dau Branch, and more particularly described as follows;

a. Passbook Savings Account No. 1971113665 with a balance of Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Pesos and 74/100 (Php 56,687.74);

b. Certificate of Bank Time Deposit (Foreign Currency) in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred US Dollars (US\$2,500.00);

before Notary Public Atty. Alfredo O. Abarillo, as per Doc. No. 276, Page No. 131, Book No. LVI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RENATO QUILOP** and **ROSALINDA D. QUILOP** who died in Toronto Ontario, Canada on March 26, 2012 and Angeles City, Pampanga on February 02, 2025; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

1. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2018008161

"A parcel of land situated in Brgy. Arenas, Municipality of Arayat Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Four (20,364) Square Meters More or Less"

2. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2018010907

"A parcel of land (Lot 127-C-1-C of the subdivision Plan (LRC) Psd-136882, being a portion of Lot 127-C-1, LRC Psd-126437, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 128), situated in the Barrios of Talimudoc, & Sta. Cruz, Municipality of Magalang, Pampanga; containing an area of One Thousand Two Hundred Eight (1,208) Square Meters More or Less"

3. Bank deposits with the RCBC Bank, San Fernando, Pampanga Branch with Savings Account No. 0000001125034362;

4. Bank deposits with the RCBC Bank, San Fernando, Pampanga Branch with Savings Account No. 0000009008103031;

5. Share in the bank deposits with the RCBC Bank, San Fernando, Pampanga Branch with Savings Account No. 0000009028534987;

before Notary Public Atty. Milani L. Irisari-Reyes, as per Doc. No. 177, Page No. 40, Book No. 49, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RENIA G. TIMBOL** who died on June 05, 2020, at 2137 Centro, Brgy. Sapalibutad, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 148-A-47 of the subd. plan, Psd-03-095891 being a portion of lot 148-A (LRC) Psd-340138 L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Sapa Libutad, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred forty One (141) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Marcelino A. Pineda Jr., as per Doc. No. 231, Page No. 82, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2026.6.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ELERLYN A. SICAT** who died on June 02, 2021 and **ELIZABETH S. AYSON** who died on May 30, 2020; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Sale on his/her estate; and left a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Milla, Porac, Pampanga; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1649-HHHH-3 Psd-03-125360, being a portion of Lot 1649-HHHH Psd-03-009773 LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Milla, Porac, Province of Pampanga; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 535269-R of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Eighteen Thousand Forty Nine (18,049) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Carlota Dela Cruz-Malano as per Doc. No. 506, Page No. 103, Book No. 110, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

Career Opportunity in : **Orange Global Business Corp.**

POSITION TITLE: **Operation General Manager**

VACANCY - **1 Position Only**

Job Description:

The Business Operation General Manager will be responsible for overseeing and optimizing the daily administrative and operational functions of the company. Key duties include:

- Directing daily business operations and administrative processes to ensure maximum efficiency across the Asian market.
- Developing and implementing operational policies and strategic plans to improve organizational efficiency
- Overseeing all departments to ensure seamless coordination.
- Managing company assets, procurement processes, and resource allocation for various corporate projects.
- Bridging communication gaps between Korean-speaking stakeholders/headquarter, English, and Tagalog-speaking teams to ensure accurate directive implementation.
- Monitoring financial reports and budgets to ensure the company's operational sustainability.
- Ensuring company compliance with local government regulations and corporate permit
- Managing workplace culture by integrating Korean corporate standards with Filipino work ethics to maintain a harmonious and productive office environment
- Formulating and implementing localized operational policies and strategic plans that respect both corporate standards and Philippine cultural nuances.

Qualification (Education, Experience, Professional License, Skills Certification, Specialized Training):

- Graduate of any Bachelor's Degree in **Linguistics, Languages, Business**, or a related field.
- Significant leadership experience overseeing business operations, specifically within the **Asian region**.
- Has experience in Administrative management and Sales Executive roles.
- Multilingual fluency is a must—highly proficient in Korean, Mandarin, English, and Tagalog (verbal and written).
- Extensive knowledge of Philippine culture and local work ethics, vital for managing and motivating a local workforce.
- Excellent negotiation, problem-solving, and organizational leadership skills.
- Candidates with a **Filipino spouse** or long-term domestic ties are highly preferred, as this ensures a profound grasp of local customs and a long-term commitment to Philippine operations.

Place of Deployment: Angeles City, Pampanga

Application may be sent to:
NAME: MELANIE JULIAN
EMAIL: manage@orangegbc.com

Company/Employer	Name of foreign Natinal intending to apply for the position
Company Name: ORANGE GLOBAL BUSINESS CORP	NAME: JEONG YONGDEOK Address: Angeles City, Pampanga Nationality: Korean Intended period of employment: Three (3) years
Company Address: LOT 1 BLK 77, FIL-AM FRIENDSHIP HIGHWAY CUTCUT ANGELES CITY PAMPANGA	
Nature of Business Manufacturing and Distributor	

ORANGE GLOBAL BUSINESS CORP hereby declares that the above-named foreign national **JEONG YONGDEOK** is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for **Operation General Manager** 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.

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consultations with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and local leaders, consistent with the governance framework for ancestral domains.

"This is a triumph of what we are fighting for – progress in the CADT area. Beyond investors and CDC, the true beneficiaries are the owners of CADT. Kaya ngayon, mayroon tayong tagumpay. Ito ang hangad natin para sa lahat," Devanadera said. "Let us take care of this program. Make sure we take care of progress."

The JMA governing CADT 025-A was originally signed on Dec. 6, 2007 but remained unimplemented for nearly 17 years. On March 19, 2024, the agreement was operationalized under the leadership of Devanadera following the signing of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the JMA and the Land Use Management Plan by CDC, the NCIP, and the Ayta indigenous community.

These documents form part of the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP), which serves as the framework for the development and protection of ancestral lands.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by CDC chairperson Atty. Edgardo Pamintuan and members of the CDC board of directors Jose Philip Panlilio, Atty. Manuel Feliciano, Atty. Pablo de Borja, Sharon Faye Malapitan-Bautista, and Atty. Helen Nicolette Henson and other members of the senior management of CDC.

Also present were representatives of the Indigenous Political Structure led by Oscar Rivera of the Pinanlupuyan Mamuun, and NCIP Region3 OIC director Atty. Roman Antonio.

Nam cited the coordination among CDC, NCIP, and the Pinanlupuyan Mamuun throughout the process. "From the bottom of my heart, I want to say something very important, it's the harmony. Because only through harmony can this project be a success. Through the leadership of CDC, of course Ayta and NCIP, we finally have this ceremony today. Our

long wait has a successful conclusion."

For his part, Rivera said the project would benefit the Ayta community. "Ako po, masaya ako dahil ito ay project na naman, ito po ay kapaki-pakinabang sa buong Ayta," Rivera said.

Under the JMA framework, CDC and the recognized Indigenous Political Structure jointly manage and authorize developments within ancestral domains, ensuring that investments proceed with respect for Indigenous governance, legal safeguards, and regulatory processes.

CDC-PR

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Transportation
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No III
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Application for **Extension of Validity** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service**.

GUILERMO S. CANLAS JR.
/Applicant
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Case No.:2023-00252TNVS

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service** within **REGION III** accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s, which certificate is valid up to **February 14, 2026** In the application filed on February 10, 2026. Applicant requests for the extension of validity of said certificate with the use of the same number of unit authorized.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this Board on **March 09, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.** at its office at the above address.

Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least **FIVE (5)** days before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in **REGION III**.

Parties opposed to the granting of the Application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, copy of the same be furnished to the applicant, and may if they so desire appear on the said date and time.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of the records of this case submitted by the parties unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary evidence for the judicious resolution of the same.

WITNESS the Honorable **P/Gen. RICHARD A. ALBANO (ret.)**, Regional Director, this **24th day of February 2026** in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Atty. FREDERICK L. VALERO
Hearing Officer

/ctg
Copy furnished:
-Applicant/s canlas_jay@yahoo.com
-File

NOTE: **Please bring the original and photocopy of the required documents Kindly visit LTRFB website (ltrfb.gov.ph) for your reference.**

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22-28, 2026

BCDA trashed...

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Espinosa of the BCDA equipment already on site without any prior coordination with the barangay or the local government.

Rodriguez himself took the BCDA to task for its apparent consultative deficiency. "Ang sinasabi naman po sa Local Government Code, it's clear, whatever the project of the national agency, that will affect the environment and the community, that there should be a prior consultation."

"What you told us before, it's not a prior consultation. Inabisuhan niyo po kami noon na itatayo na. So, it's not a consultation," the mayor told BCDA representatives during the hearing, referencing to a previous BCDA visit to his office where he was presented with printed Google maps of the site that did not show nearby houses and barangays, and was told they would first secure the barangay chairman's approval before returning for further discussions.

Apparently, the BCDA reneged on its word as Barangay O'Donnell chair Mercado told the hearing that BCDA personnel have been conducting activities in the area almost weekly despite his calls for suspension pending discussion: "Ang sabi ko nga po sa kanila na huwag munang magde-draining, pag-usapan muna namin pero patuloy pa rin po yung pagde-draining nila, napakakulit po nila."

Mayor Rodriguez has officially requested BCDA to remove all equipment from the site and halt all activities there to ease the fears of residents.

No permit?

Citing the need for the residents' acceptance of the project, a representative of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-CENRO Capas disclosed that they have not issued any permit to BCDA for the project, reported the online publication **Tarlakenyo**.

"Sa part naman po ng DENR, once na meron po silang social acceptability, doon na po kami papasok," the representative was quoted as saying. "Pero ang unang-una po yung social acceptability of the residents, 'yun po muna ang ating kukunin."

To which, the sangguniang bayan reacted that absent compliance with the DENR requirements mandated by RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act), "the project is illegal."

"Napakaliwanag na di porke't pare-parehas na nasa gobyerno, ay hindi na tayo susunod sa mga kakailanganing dokumento na hihingiin ng batas. Sana ay mag-comply po kayo," one councilor noted.

BCDA inconsistency

Capas municipal environment and natural resources officer Gener Tanhueco raised what he said were inconsistencies in BCDA planning, recalling that at the March 2023 anniversary celebration

of the Metro Clark Waste Management Corp., BCDA officials were present when the then-Kalangitan sanitary landfill operator announced they would construct a waste-to-energy project in their area.

"So, how come, after two...three years, biglang pinasara ang Metro Clark? Hindi kinonsider ang waste-to-energy na pino-propose nila. Tapos biglang-bigla, yun nga magtatayo [ng waste-to-energy project] sa Barangay O'Donnell?" asked Tanhueco.

MCWMC's operation of the Kalangitan landfill ended in 2024 after a contentious legal battle with the BCDA, maintaining that "a sanitary landfill is no longer consistent with the government's vision of transforming New Clark City into a premier investment and tourism destination."

While Mayor Rodriguez conceded that the community had already accepted the closure of the sanitary landfill, concerns persist over its long-term impact on the environment.

Asking the BCDA thus: "Ang tanong po namin sa ngayon, doon po ba sa Kalangitan landfill nakapag-submit na po ba or meron na po ba kayong closure plan sa landfill doon? Alam naman po natin na ang landfill kapag iniwan na, 30 years po ang hihintayin bago magiging maayos yung lupa."

Like much of the queries from the sangguniang floor, Rodriguez's went unanswered, the BCDA representative identified as one Fatima de Jesus apologizing for the absence of any technical personnel in their team, assuring the council that the concerns raised would be relayed to BCDA management, and requesting of another hearing.

Oblique response

On Feb. 23, five days after the Capas hearing, the BCDA posted on its FB page: **WTE GAINS DENR SUPPORT**, unleashing a torrent of PRs whitewashing, by happenstance if not by intention, the town's opposition to the planned facility, to wit:

a) DENR Secretary Raphael P. M. Lotilla expressed support for the development of the country's first large-scale waste-to-energy (WTE) facility in New Clark City.

b) A consultation was recently held among DENR, BCDA, the project consortium, and representatives from the academe to discuss the planned project, which is positioned primarily as a modern waste management solution to address growing solid waste challenges in the region.

c) BCDA president and CEO Joshua Bingcang emphasizing: "This project

directly contributes to the national agenda of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. by strengthening environmental protection, supporting energy security, and introducing modern waste management systems. It demonstrates how infrastructure development can deliver long-term environmental and economic value for the country."

Which, in effect, bared more contradictions and infirmities in the actions of the national government on the issue, to wit:

a) How can Lotilla support the WTE that his own people in Capas said did not have the reglementary social acceptability pursuant to the issuance of a permit?

b) A consultation was indeed held among the WTE proponents with the academe for obvious cosmetics, but not among the people of Capas, they who shall bear with the social and other costs of the planned facility, that which is mandated in the Local Government Code. This is discrimination, if not classism, of which BCDA is turning to be a master: think of the Aetas in NCC, the shareholders brouhaha in John Hay, and yes, the highhandedness in the case of the Kalangitan landfill.

c) While the WTE project may contribute to the national agenda of President Marcos, its pursuit by the BCDA is a total negation of the president's express policy for government agencies to secure local government unit approval before implementing national government-funded projects, to wit:

"Dati, ang sistema, pagka may project sa isang lugar, halimbawa, mayor ako na may project ng DPWH o contractor doon sa lugar ko, magkokonsulta sa local government," Marcos Jr. had said during the inspection of flood control projects in Tuba, Benguet in August last year. "Hindi lang, 'pag malaki ang project, hini-hearing 'yan from barangay to municipal to province. Walang ganon. Walang ganon na ginawa dito sa lahat na ito [flood control projects]. We are bringing that back because it was removed in the last administration. We are putting it back since it is one of the best safeguards we have."

Is BCDA discarding that "best safeguard" in its pursuit of the P4-billion waste-to-water facility in Barangay O'Donnell, Capas, Tarlac?

That, ultimately, is the proverbial P400-million question, so to speak in the Filipino context, rising out of the Capas SB hearing.

(Sources:

Sangguniang Bayan ng Capas FB Page, Tarlakenyo, BCDA Group FB Page)

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. ALBERTO L. DIAZ** who died on May 30, 2023 at Brgy. San Juan, San Luis, Pampanga and **CARMELITA DE GUZMAN DIAZ** who died on March 15, 1987 at Nepo Subd., Cutcut, Angeles City and; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 21-A of the subd. plan, (LRC) Psd-322706 approved as non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot-21, Blk. 27, Pcs-4557 LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Province Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty Nine and Fifty (159.50 sq.m.) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 58, Page No. 13, Book No. LXX, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: February 22, March 1 & 8, 2026

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF DECREE NO. 332106 COVERING LOT NO.4160 RE-ISSUANCE OF A NEW DECREE AND ISSUANCE OF AN ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE PURSUANT TO THE RE-ISSUED DECREE

PEDRO A. MANIEGO SR., as represented by GLORIA D. MANIEGO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF PAMPANGA and LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY and all other persons claiming interest over the subject property,
Respondents.

LRC NO.25-1348(M)

ORDER

The Order, dated 5 June 2025, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

AMENDED ORDER

This is a verified Petition, dated 17 March 2025, filed by petitioner, through Atty. Airah Noreen L. Valencia, praying for a judgment be issued: (1) directing the LRA to cancel Decree No. 332106 covering Lot No.4160; (2) directing the LRA to issue a new decree covering Lot No. 4160; and (3) directing the LRA to issue a corresponding Original Certificate of Title pursuant to the re-issued decree.

The petition alleged as follows:

"...

3. Romulo Maniego Sr is the absolute owner of a parcel of land located at Apalit, Pampanga known as Lot No. 4160, consisting of 2351 square meters. A copy of the Relocation Plan is herein attached as Annex "B".

4. Upon the demise of Romulo Maniego Sr., their children Lutgarda Maniego, Nora M. Dimalanta, and Romula L. Maniego Jr; succeeds in his rights to the subject property.

5. On 29 February 2012, the children of Romulo Maniego Sr. executed a document donating the subject property the Petitioner Pedro Maniego Sr. copy of such document is herein attached as Annex "C".

6. In 2024, Petitioner instructed his son, Gaudencio Maniego to facilitate the transfer of ownership of the property However, upon inquiry with the Registry Deed of Pampanga, it was discovered that no Original Certificate of Title(OCT) had been issued for Lot No. 4160.

7. Further inquiries with the LRA yielded a Certification dated 7 February 2024 confirming that Decree No. 332106 was issued on 27 April 1928 for Lot Na 4160, A copy of said Certification is hereto attached as Annex "D".

8. Upon further verification, the LRA issued another Certification dated 26 February 2024, stating that Decree No. 332106 is not among the salvaged decrees and is presumed lost or destroyed due to World War II A copy of the Certification is attached as Annex E

9. Inquiry before the Office of the Clerk of Court yields the same result-there is no existing records with regards to Lot No. 4160 A copy of the Certification dated 26 March 2024. Is herein attached as Annex "F".

10. The issuance of Decree No. 332106 remains undisputed despite the unavailability of records from the relevant government agencies.

11. Despite the issuance of the Decree, there is no Original Certificate of Title issued in pursuant thereto A copy of the Certification dated 10 September 2024 attests to this fact and is attached hereto as Annex "6".

12. As such, and pursuant to the provisions of the Property Registration Decree (PD 1529), there is a need to cancel Decree No. 332106 covering Lot Na 4160, to re-issue a new decree, and to issue the corresponding Original Certificate of Title.

13. Section 39 of Presidential Decree No. 1529 or the "Property Registration Decree " contemplates that an OCT should be an exact replica of the decree, to quote:

"... The original certificate of title shall be a true copy of the decree of registration. x x x..."

14. In Republic vs. Heirs of Sanchez, the Supreme Court emphasized the necessity of filing a petition for the cancellation of the old decree and its re-issuance if no OCT had been issued pursuant to the original decree to quote:

"Under the premises, the correct proceeding is a petition for cancellation of the old decree, re-issuance of decree and (or) issuance of OCT pursuant to that re-issued decree"

15. Similarly, in Teofilo Chaco vs. Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court affirmed that a petition for cancellation of the old decree, its re-issuance, and the subsequent issuance of an OCT is the proper remedy when the Court resolved to remand the case to the lower court, ordering the latter to accept the amended petition, and to hear it as one for re-issuance of decree. The Court stated.

"Considering the doctrines in Sta. Ana vs. Menla, 1 SCRA 1297 (1961) and Heirs of Cristobal Marcos vs. de Banuvar, 25 SCRA 315 [1968], and the lower court findings that the decree had in fact been issued, the omnibus motion should have been heard as a motion to reissue the decree in order to have a basis for the issuance of the titles and the respondents being heard in their opposition."

16. By virtue of legal succession and then subsequent donation, the Petitioner has the right to institute this Petition.

17. Petitioner had continuously exercised actual possession and ownership over the property and has fulfilled his tax obligation by paying real property taxes Copies of the Real Property Tax Receipts are attached hereto as Annexes "H" and "I-1".

"..."

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for initial hearing on 3 June 2026 at 8:30 in the morning before this court located in the Hall of Justice, Macabebe, Pampanga. All interested persons in the petition may appear at the aforesaid date and time of hearing and show cause, if any, why this petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published for two (2) successive issues of the Official Gazette at the expense of the petitioners and in the newspaper of general circulation in the province of Pampanga at the expense of the petitioner. Likewise, petitioners are directed to furnish copies of petition and its annexes to the Office of the Solicitor General, the Administrator, Land Registration Authority in East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, and the Office of the Register of Deeds of Pampanga, five (5) days from receipt of this Order and to secure from the Land Registration Authority, a Report relative to the present petition and to submit a compliance to this court after the completion of the said undertaking. The Office of the Solicitor General, the Land Registration Authority, and the Office of the Register of Deeds of Pampanga are hereby directed to submit their comment within five (5) days to the instant petition.

Let copies of this Order be posted in four (4) conspicuous places, namely: at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, Pampanga at the Municipal Hall of Apalit, Pampanga, the Barangay Hall of Balucuc, Apalit, Pampanga, and in the Bulletin Board in the premises of this court at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of hearing.

Lastly, furnish copy of this Order to the Office of the Solicitor General, Land Registration Authority, the Register of Deeds of Pampanga, the Bureau of Lands, and the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga for them to appear before this court on said time and date of hearing and show cause, why this petition should not be granted.

SO ORDERED.

Macabebe, Pampanga, 10 February 2026.

KATHERINE M. LEGARDA-PAJARON
Presiding Judge

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Beauty, Luck, Harmony

Inside Beatedérm's Chinese New Year Gathering

BY THE TIME the drums fell silent and the last lantern settled into its glow at Beatedérm's headquarters in Angeles City, it was evident that this was not merely a Chinese New Year celebration: but a statement of success, beauty, and confidence. The day carried the ease of tradition, yet beneath the red and gold was a quiet assertion of momentum, the kind that marks enterprises that know where they are headed.

Held on February 17, 2026, the celebration brought together Beatedérm's ambassadors, media partners, influencers, and business partners in what has become an annual ritual for the company. More than a festive gathering, it served as a moment of reflection, on growth earned, partnerships sustained, and a brand steadily building its own ecosystem of loyalty and shared success.

For Beatedérm founder Rhea Anicoche-Tan, the occasion was deeply symbolic. Marking the third Chinese New Year celebration in the company's Angeles City headquarters, the event stood as a reminder of progress measured not only in scale, but in stability.

"This is also the third Chinese New Year celebration in this building," Anicoche-Tan noted, calling it "a meaningful reminder of how far we've come and how blessed we have been."

"The power of the horse brings rapid success, bold movement, and great adventure," she said. "The horse symbolizes strength, passion, and determination."

For a company that has grown from a niche beauty brand into a diversified group of companies, the symbolism was fitting. In Chinese tradition, the horse is associated with momentum and endurance—qualities Anicoche-Tan said define what she calls the Beatedérm family.

Unlike many corporate Chinese New Year events that function as polite socials, Beatedérm's celebration carried the unmistakable tone of a business milestone. The gathering was as much about gratitude as it was about signaling confidence—in people, partnerships, and the brand's trajectory.

"To our Ambassadors, our media friends, influencers, and partners, thank you for your love, loyalty, and belief in Beatedérm," Anicoche-Tan said. "You inspire us to dream bigger and achieve more each year," she added.

The presence of Beatedérm's high-profile ambassadors underscored that message.

Actor and singer Dennis Trillo, attending his first Chinese New Year celebration with the company, spoke not



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EVANGELINA CALMA CORTEZ,
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 Sps. ROBERTO P. SAN DIEGO and
 BENILDA B. SAN DIEGO, and
 VICTORIA S. MIRANDA,
 herein represented by
 OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC and herself,
Plaintiffs,

CIVIL CASE No. 0025-25
 FOR: Judicial Partition of
 Real Property with
 Ancillary Reliefs

- versus -

Sps. VIRGILIO H. TALAO, JR. and
 GERARDINA S. TALAO,
Defendants.

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S U M M O N S
 (Service by Publication under the 2019 Rules of Civil Procedure)

To: Sps. VIRGILIO H. TALAO, JR. and GERARDINA S. TALAO,

GREETINGS:

In the Order dated January 26, 2026, leave of court was granted to the plaintiff pursuant to *Section 18, Rule 14 of the 2019 Rules of Civil Procedure* in relation to *Section 17* hereof to effect service of summons by publication to you as it satisfactorily appearing to the court that the *Summons* cannot with reasonable diligence be served upon you since you are considered residents temporarily out of the Philippines.

In accordance with *Section 17* thereof, you are hereby required to file with this Court and serve upon the plaintiff your **VERIFIED ANSWER** to the complaint, copy of which, together with the annexes, was sent to you, via registered mail, in your last known address, within **NINETY (90) CALENDAR DAYS** after service of this summons upon you by publication, attaching therein your **Judicial Affidavit** and the **Judicial Affidavits** of your witnesses including the original or certified copies of documents attached to the Answer or **Judicial Affidavit/s**, as well as genuine photocopy of object evidence, if any.

You are hereby reminded of the provisions on prohibited motions under *Section 12, Rule 8, 2019 Rules of Civil Procedure*. If you intend to file a motion based on any of the four (4) grounds allowed under the said *Rule*, it shall be accompanied by supporting affidavits and other papers to prove the facts alleged therein.

If you fail to answer within the time fixed, the plaintiff will take judgment by default and the court may grant the reliefs applied for in the *Complaint*.

WITNESS the Honorable Richard G. Evangelista, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 26th January 2026.


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herein represented by OFELIA CORTEZ
 TARUC and herself
Plaintiffs,

-versus-

SPOUSES VIRGILIO H. TALAO, JR. and
 GERARDINA S. TALAO,
Defendants.

COMPLAINT
 (For Judicial Partition of Real Property with
 Ancillary Reliefs)

PLAINTIFFS, through the undersigned Counsel, and unto this Honourable Court, most respectfully allege that:

I
PARTIES, CAPACITY, AND VENUE

1. Plaintiffs are Filipinos, of legal age, and residents of San Luis, Pampanga:

1.1 **EVANGELINA CALMA CORTEZ**, widow of the late Constantino T. Cortez (death certificate herein attached), Filipino citizen, and a resident of Sta. Cruz, Poblacion, San Luis, Province of Pampanga; For purposes of this case, she may be served through her daughter, **OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC** (birth certificate herein attached), who is hereby duly authorized as her Attorney-in-Fact¹ to file the present complaint at 234 Sta. Cruz, Poblacion, San Luis, Pampanga, Philippines 2014.

1.2 **OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC**, of legal age, Filipino, residing at 234 Sta. Cruz, Poblacion, San Luis, Pampanga 2014.

1.3 **SPOUSES ROBERTO P. SAN DIEGO and BENILDA B. SAN DIEGO**, residents of Sta. Cruz, Poblacion, San Luis, Pampanga, who have constituted **OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC** as their Attorney-in-Fact² for this case.

1.4 **VICTORIA S. MIRANDA**, resident of 224 Trinidad St., Sta. Cruz, Poblacion, San Luis, Pampanga, 2014, who has constituted **OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC** as her Attorney-in-Fact³ for this case.

2. Defendants **SPOUSES VIRGILIO H. TALAO, JR. and GERARDINA S. TALAO**, both of legal age, and residents of 19 Sto. Tomas, San Luis, Province of Pampanga, Philippines,

¹ Death Certificate of Constantino T. Cortez as **"Exhibit A"**.
² Birth Certificate of Ofelia Cortez as **"Exhibit B"**.
³ Special Power of Attorney of Ofelia Cortez Taruc for Evangelina Calma Cortez is attached as **"Exhibit C"**.
⁴ Special Power of Attorney of Ofelia Cortez Taruc for Sponsors Roberto and Benilda San Diego are attached as **"Exhibit D"**.
⁵ Special Power of Attorney of Ofelia Cortez Taruc for Victoria S. Miranda is attached as **"Exhibit E"**.

where they may be served with notices and other processes of the court;

3. Venue properly lies in this Honorable Court as the property is situated in San Luis, Pampanga, and the defendants reside therein. The assessed value of the property is Fifty-Five Thousand Ten Pesos (P55,010.00), thus within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the Municipal Trial Court in real actions per Section 33(3) of B.P. 129 as amended by RA 11576.

II
THE SUBJECT MATTER

4. This is a Complaint for Partition of a parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 643416-R issued on 27 November 2006 by the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga, registered in the name of GERARDINA S. TALAO, of legal age, Filipino, married to VIRGILIO H. TALAO, and which is more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 643416-R
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

A parcel of land (Lot No. 67-A (LRC) Psd-44357 of the Cadastral Survey of San Luis, Cad. Case No. 52, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1972), situated in the Barrios of Sto. Tomas, San Sebastian, and Poblacion, Mun. of San Luis, Province of Pampanga, Bounded on the NE xxxx

5. The foregoing technical description of the title was copied from the Certified True Copy of the Owner's Duplicate of the title and properly supported by the duly issued Technical Description issued by the Land Registration Authority and the approved plan⁴:

⁴ Certified true copy of the Owner's Duplicate of TCT No. 643416-R is herewith attached as **"Exhibit F"**, **"F-1"**, **"F-2"**, and **"F-3"**.
⁵ The Technical Description of the property is attached as **"Exhibit G"**, **"Exhibit G-1"**, and **"Exhibit G-2"**. The approved plan is **"Exhibit H"**.

6. Transfer Certificate of Title No. 643416-R is covered by the Tax Declaration⁶ with an assessed value of P55,010.00 and an area of 1,528 sq. meters. The real property taxes on the land are paid up to the current year, as evidenced by hereto attached Tax Clearance Certificate⁷ with a tax receipt issued by the Treasurer's Office of the Municipality of San Luis, Pampanga.

III
JURISDICTIONAL ALLEGATIONS

7. This is a real action for partition and ancillary reliefs. The latest Tax Declarations show that the property has an area of One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Eight (1,528) square meters;

8. The aggregate assessed value is P55,010.00, which does not exceed P400,000.00; hence, this Honourable Court has exclusive original jurisdiction. Plaintiffs attach tax declarations to fix jurisdiction, in line with: "an action for partition... falls under the jurisdiction of either the first or second level courts depending on the amounts specified... [and] a failure... to indicate the assessed value... is dismissible..." In the case of *Agarrado, et al v. Librando-Agarrado, et al*, G.R. No. 212413 (June 6, 2018), the Supreme Court has held that the case involves a petition for partition of a real estate property in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental. The petitioners, the children of the late spouses Rodrigo and Emilia Agarrado, sought to challenge the Court of Appeals' decision affirming the partition of the property among the co-owners. The main issue raised is the failure to indicate the assessed value of the property in the complaint filed before the Regional Trial Court. The Supreme Court ruled that the complaint lacked jurisdiction and should be dismissed

⁶ The Tax Declaration of the property is attached as **"Exhibit J"**
⁷ Tax Clearance and Tax Receipt attached as **"Exhibit K"** and **"Exhibit J-1"**.

without prejudice to its re-filing in the proper court. The decision of the Court of Appeals and the Regional Trial Court were both set aside. Statutory thresholds – Based on internal knowledge of Philippine law (B.P. Blg. 129, Sec. 33(3), as amended by R.A. 11576).

IV
APPLICABLE LAWS

9. The applicable law is found under **Rules of Court, Rule 69, Sec. 1**, which states:

Section 1. Complaint in Action for Partition of Real Estate.

"A person having the right to compel the partition of real estate may do so... setting forth in his complaint the nature and extent of his title... and joining as defendants all the other persons interested in the property." – **Rules of Court, Rule 69, Sec. 1.**

10. If the parties cannot agree, the Court appoints up to three commissioners; upon agreement or report, the Court confirms the partition and records it in the Registry of Deeds: **Rules of Court, Rule 69, Secs. 2-3; 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 69, Secs. 2-3; cf. Act No. 190, Secs. 183-184.**

11. In the case of *Manarin vs. Manarin, et al*, G.R. No. 247564, **January 11, 2023**, which states that: "The petitioner, Serafin Manarin, filed a Complaint against respondent heirs for not including him in an extrajudicial settlement of estate for a property located in Carmona, Cavite. A compromise agreement was reached, and despite the final and executory decision of the court, there were issues regarding the possession and surrender of the owner's duplicate certificate of title. The Regional Trial Court issued several orders to

clarify the situation, which were subsequently nullified by the Court of Appeals. However, the Supreme Court found that the orders were necessary for the execution of the final decision and were in accordance with the law. Therefore, the CA decision was reversed, and the RTC orders were reinstated.

12. In implementing partition when the owner's duplicate title is withheld (ancillary relief often pleaded with partition):

"The RTC did not err in... directing the surrender of the owner's duplicate certificate of title, since it is essentially in accordance with Sec. 107 of P.D. No. 1529... If the person withholding the duplicate certificate is not amenable... the court may order the annulment... and the issuance of a new certificate of title in lieu thereof."
 – *Manarin vs. Manarin, et al*, G.R. No. 247564, **January 11, 2023**,

13. In the case of *Agarrado, et al v. Librando-Agarrado, et al*, G.R. No. 212413 (June 6, 2018), the Supreme Court has held that: "An action for partition of real estate is at once an action for the determination of the co-owners... and an action for the eventual conveyance... While this subject matter is incapable of pecuniary estimation, the proper court... would still depend on the subject property's assessed values in accordance with Secs. 19(2) and 33(3) of [B.P. 129]."

"Clearly, therefore, jurisprudence has ruled that an action for partition... falls under the jurisdiction of either the first or second level courts, depending on the amounts specified in Secs. 19(2) and 33(3) of B.P. 129, as amended. Consequently, a failure by the plaintiff to indicate the assessed value... is dismissible because the court which would exercise jurisdiction... could not be identified."

14. In the case of *Barrido vs. Nonato*, G.R. No. 176492, October 20, 2014, the Supreme Court has held that: "since the property's assessed value was only P8,080.00, it clearly fell within the MTCC's jurisdiction."

15. In the case of Vidal-Plucena vs. Balmes, Jr., et. al, G.R. No. 253531, July 10, 2023, the Supreme Court has held that: "what determines jurisdiction is assessed value of the 'property involved' or 'interest therein'... The assessed value of the entire... property... could not be the basis..."

**III
PLAINTIFFS' TITLES/INTERESTS AND POSSESSION**

16. Plaintiffs lawfully acquired undivided portions of the property from defendants, as follows:

16.1 Evangelina Calma Cortez and her late husband Constantino T. Cortez purchased 224 sq. meters from the defendants pursuant to a Deed of Absolute Sale¹⁰ with acknowledgment receipt dated April 29, 2011;

16.2 Ofelia Cortez Taruc purchased 102 sq. meters pursuant to a Deed of Absolute Sale¹¹ with acknowledgment receipt dated April 29, 2011;

16.3 Spouses Roberto P. San Diego and Benilda B. San Diego purchased 136 sq. meters per Deed of Absolute Sale¹² dated June 15, 2012;

16.4 Victoria S. Miranda purchased 800 sq. meters per the Agreement of Purchase and Sale¹³ dated July 21, 2008.

17. Since their respective purchases, plaintiffs have been in actual, peaceful possession and use of their portions. The subject property has no known encumbrance and has not been otherwise sold, mortgaged, or encumbered by defendants in favor of third persons.

IV

¹⁰ Deed of Absolute Sale dated April 29, 2011, with Acknowledgment receipt, for Spouses Constantino and Evangelina Cortez attached as **Exhibit "K" and Exhibit "K-1"**.

¹¹ Deed of Absolute Sale for Ofelia Cortez Taruc, with Acknowledgment Receipt dated April 29, 2011, is hereto attached as **Exhibit "L" and Exhibit "L-1"**.

¹² Deed of Absolute Sale for Spouses Roberto and Benilda San Diego is hereto attached as **Exhibit "M"**.

¹³ Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Victoria S. Miranda is hereto attached as **Exhibit "N"**

11. To facilitate transfer and registration, Plaintiffs Evangelina and Ofelia secured in 2011 the Capital Gains Tax (CGT) Return¹⁴, Documentary Stamp Tax (DST) Return¹⁵, and the Certificate Authorizing Registration (CAR)¹⁶. Plaintiffs acknowledge the need to revalidate due to expiry and will submit a current Certificate.

**V
PRIOR DEMAND; REFUSAL**

18. On January 31, 2018, plaintiffs Evangelina and Ofelia, through counsel, sent a demand letter¹⁷ to respondents requiring surrender of the duplicate of the title and cooperation in effecting transfer and partition within five (5) days from receipt;

19. Respondents received the demand letter but failed and refused, and continue to fail and refuse, to surrender the duplicate certificate of title without any lawful cause;

**VI
BARANGAY CONCILIATION**

20. On July 2, 2025, plaintiffs Evangelina and Ofelia secured a Certificate¹⁸ to File Action from the Barangay Sta. Cruz Poblacion of the Municipality of San Luis to comply with the Barangay Justice System requirement;

¹⁴ Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P9,272.32 is attached as **Exhibit "O" and "O-1"**; Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P7,500 is attached as **Exhibit "P" and "P-1"**; Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P4,163.40 is attached as **Exhibit "Q" and "Q-1"**

¹⁵ Documentary Stamp Tax Declaration/Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P2,320 is attached as **Exhibit "R" and "R-1"**; Documentary Stamp Tax Declaration/Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P1,875 is attached as **Exhibit "S" and "S-1"**; Documentary Stamp Tax Declaration/Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P1,050 is attached as **Exhibit "T" and "T-1"**;

¹⁶ Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 with DST No. 08432001, and 08432021 is attached as **Exhibit "U" and Exhibit "V"**;

¹⁷ Demand Letter dated January 31, 2018, is attached as **Exhibit "W"**. The acknowledged date with the defendant's signature is attached as **Exhibit "W-1"**.

¹⁸ Certificate to File Action is attached as **Exhibit "X"**.

**VII
CAUSE OF ACTION; RIGHT TO PARTITION**

21. Plaintiffs, as purchasers and possessors of undivided portions of the property, are co-interested in the same and have the right to compel partition as prescribed by Rule 69, Section 1 of the Rules of Court. If parties do not agree on partition, the Court shall appoint commissioners to make the partition (Rule 69, Sec. 3). Upon confirmation, the partition and court order shall be recorded with the Registry of Deeds (Rule 69, Sec. 2), Rules of Court (1964). The Civil Code governs effects of partition and delivery of titles (Arts. 1087-1092) Civil Code (1949). The Supreme Court, in Logrosa v. Azares et al., G.R. No. 217611, March 27, 2019, directed the trial court to issue an order of partition after finding co-ownership.

"Petitioner Rogelio Logrosa filed a Petition for Review on Certiorari assailing the dismissal of his complaint for partition by the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and the Court of Appeals (CA). The subject properties include eight parcels of land. The CA held that the evidence presented by petitioner Logrosa was insufficient to prove co-ownership, but the Supreme Court found that he is a co-owner based on the certificates of title and a notarized Deed of Absolute Sale. The Court also found that the respondents failed to provide convincing evidence to repudiate co-ownership. As a result, the decision of the RTC and CA was reversed, and the RTC was directed to issue an Order for the partition of the subject properties."

**VIII
ANCILLARY RELIEFS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE PARTITION**

13. To implement partition, ancillary orders are warranted:

(a) appointment of not more than three (3) competent, disinterested commissioners;

(b) authority to cause a relocation/subdivision survey by a licensed geodetic engineer;

(c) upon confirmation, direction to the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga to cancel TCT No. 643416-R and issue new titles to the parties for their adjudicated portions; and

(d) an order requiring defendants to produce/surrender the owner's duplicate certificate of title to the Court/Registry of Deeds for cancellation and issuance of derivative titles.

**IX
NO OTHER SUITS; CONDITION PRECEDENT**

14. Plaintiffs have not commenced any other action involving the same issues and parties; they undertake to submit a verified Certification against Forum Shopping, Verification, and copies of Judicial Affidavits, per the Judicial Affidavit Rule.

**V.
TESTIMONIAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

15. The Attorney-in-fact of all the Plaintiffs, and representing herself as plaintiff in this case, Ofelia Cortez Taruc, shall testify in this case to support the allegations in the complaint and identify the documents in support thereof. The Judicial Affidavit of each plaintiff, as represented by Ofelia Cortez Taruc and representing herself, is hereto attached as Annex "A", "B", "C", and "D".

16. The following documentary evidence shall be presented:

ANNEX	Nature of Document	Purpose
A	Judicial Affidavit of OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC	To serve as the direct testimony of OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC and to testify on the material

ANNEX	Nature of Document	Purpose
		allegations as embodied in the petition.
B	Judicial Affidavit of EVANGELINA CALMA CORTEZ as represented by Ofelia Cortez Taruc	To serve as the direct testimony of EVANGELINA CALMA CORTEZ and to testify on the material allegations as embodied in the petition.
C	Judicial Affidavit of SPOUSES ROBERTO P. SAN DIEGO and BENILDA B. SAN DIEGO as represented by Ofelia Cortez Taruc	To serve as the direct testimony of SPOUSES ROBERTO P. SAN DIEGO and BENILDA B. SAN DIEGO and to testify on the material allegations as embodied in the petition.
D	Judicial Affidavit of VICTORIA S. MIRANDA as represented by Ofelia Cortez Taruc	To serve as the direct testimony of VICTORIA S. MIRANDA and to testify on the material allegations as embodied in the petition

EXHIBIT	Nature of Document	Purpose
A	Death Certificate of Constantino T. Cortez	To prove that EVANGELINA CALMA CORTEZ is widow and the wife of the late Constantino T. Cortez
B	Birth Certificate of Ofelia Cortez Taruc	To prove that Ofelia C. Taruc is the daughter of Evangelina C. Cortez and the late Constantino T. Cortez
C	Special Power of Attorney executed by Petitioner EVANGELINA CALMA CORTEZ, in favor of OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC	To prove the authority of OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC as Attorney-in-Fact of the Petitioner, EVANGELINA CALMA CORTEZ to file and

EXHIBIT	Nature of Document	Purpose
		prosecute the present complaint.
D	Special Power of Attorney executed by SPOUSES ROBERTO P. SAN DIEGO and BENILDA B. SAN DIEGO, in favor of OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC	To prove the authority of OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC as Attorney-in-Fact of the SPOUSES ROBERTO P. SAN DIEGO and BENILDA B. SAN DIEGO to file and prosecute the present complaint.
E	Special Power of Attorney executed by VICTORIA S. MIRANDA, in favor of OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC	To prove the authority of OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC as Attorney-in-Fact of VICTORIA S. MIRANDA to file and prosecute the present complaint.
F, F-1, F-2, and F-3	Certified true copy of the owner's duplicate of TCT No. 643416-R	To show that the owner's duplicate of the title is in the possession of the respondents.
G; G-1; and G-2	Technical Description of the lot	To show that there is an approved technical description of the subject property
H	Approved Plan containing the lot	To show that the lot was part of an approved plan by the LRA
I	Tax Declarations on the land and improvements	To show that the subject lot has been declared for taxation purposes
J; J-1	Tax Clearance and Tax Receipt	To prove that all the tax dues pertaining to the lot have been paid and settled
K; K-1	Deed of Absolute Sale dated April 29, 2011, for Spouses Constantino and Evangelina	To show that the plaintiff lawfully purchased the subject lot

EXHIBIT	Nature of Document	Purpose
	Cortez; and Acknowledgment Receipt	
L; L-1	Deed of Absolute Sale dated April 29, 2011, for Ofelia Cortez Taruc; and Acknowledgment Receipt	To show that the plaintiff lawfully purchased the subject lot
M	Deed of Absolute Sale for SPOUSES ROBERTO and BENILDA SAN DIEGO	To show that the plaintiff lawfully purchased the subject lot
N	Agreement of Purchase and Sale for VICTORIA S. MIRANDA	To show that the plaintiff lawfully purchased the subject lot
O; O-1	Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P9,272.32	To show compliance with tax and regulatory requirements
P; P-1	Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P7,500	To show compliance with tax and regulatory requirements
Q; Q-1	Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P4,163.40	To show compliance with tax and regulatory requirements
R; R-1	Documentary Stamp Tax Declaration/Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P2,320.00	To show compliance with tax and regulatory requirements
S; S-1	Documentary Stamp Tax Declaration/Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P1,875.00	To show compliance with tax and regulatory requirements
T; T-1	Documentary Stamp Tax Declaration/Return dated 04/29/2011 for the amount of P1,050.00	To show compliance with tax and regulatory requirements

EXHIBIT	Nature of Document	Purpose
U	Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 with DST No. 08432001	To show compliance with tax and regulatory requirements
V	Capital Gains Tax Return dated 04/29/2011 with DST No. 08432021	To show compliance with tax and regulatory requirements
W and W-1	Demand Letter dated January 31, 2018, with acknowledged date and respondent's signature	To prove that the defendant cannot deny knowledge of the demand, and the signature and the date establish that they were formally notified of their obligation to surrender the duplicate title
X	Certificate to File Action	To prove that the plaintiffs complied with the jurisdictional requirement that the dispute must first be brought before the Barangay Lupon for conciliation.

17. Should there be additional documents that may be required from the plaintiffs for the allowance of this complaint, the plaintiffs undertake to submit such additional documents as may be required during the trial of this case or at such time as may be required by the Court or government agencies concerned.

VI.

EMAIL ADDRESS AND STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP

The plaintiffs and undersigned counsels may be served with notices, orders, motions, pleadings, and other papers and are amenable to an online hearing with notice at:

officemglaw@gmail.com

The plaintiffs and undersigned counsels are not related in any way, by consanguinity or affinity, to any of the Branch Clerks of Court of the Municipal Circuit Trial Court of the Municipality of Mexico-San Luis, Pampanga.

PRAYER

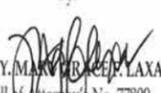
WHEREFORE, it is most respectfully prayed for this Honorable Court that judgment be rendered:

- FINDING that plaintiffs have the right to compel partition of the real property covered by TCT No. 643416-R, with an area of 1,528 sq. meters, located in San Luis, Pampanga;
- ORDERING the PARTITION of the property among all parties in interest according to their respective shares/interests as established in evidence;
- IF the parties cannot agree on partition, APPOINTING not more than three (3) competent and disinterested COMMISSIONERS to make the partition pursuant to Rule 69, with authority to cause a relocation/subdivision survey and to submit a report within the period fixed by the Court;
- UPON confirmation of the commissioners' report or a partition by agreement, DIRECTING the Registry of Deeds of Pampanga to CANCEL TCT No. 643416-R and ISSUE new certificates of title to the parties for their respective adjudicated lots, upon presentation of the owner's duplicate and compliance with registration requirements;
- DIRECTING defendants to PRODUCE/SURRENDER the owner's duplicate of TCT No. 643416-R to the Court/Registry of Deeds for the implementation of the judgment;
- Ordering the defendants' SPOUSES VIRGILIO H. TALAO, JR. and GERARDINA S. TALAO to pay the plaintiffs One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) as Attorney's Fees and Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per court appearance; and litigation, expenses, and costs amounting to Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Pesos and Eighty Centavo (Php62,999.80).

Plaintiffs pray for such other reliefs as may be deemed just and equitable under the circumstances.

October 29, 2025, Angeles City, for San Luis, Pampanga.

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VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION AGAINST FORUM SHOPPING

A. VERIFICATION

I, OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC, of legal age, Filipino, with residence and postal address at 234 Sta. Cruz, Poblacion, San Luis, Pampanga, Philippines, 2014, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state that:

- That I am the Attorney-In-Fact of the following Plaintiffs in this case: (a) EVANGELINE CALMA CORTEZ; (b) SPOUSES ROBERTO P. SAN DIEGO and BENILDA B. SAN DIEGO; and (c) VICTORIA S. MIRANDA, by virtue of Special Powers of Attorney (SPAs) duly executed in my favor. Certified copies of said SPAs are attached to the Complaint as Annexes "SPA-C," "SPA-D," and "SPA-E," respectively.
- By these SPAs, I am expressly authorized to file and prosecute suits on their behalf, to sign and execute the verification and certification against forum shopping, and to represent them before courts and government offices.
- That I caused the preparation of the Complaint for Partition of Real Property with Ancillary Reliefs. I have read and understood its allegations, which are true and correct, based on my personal knowledge and/or based on authentic documents in our possession.
- This pleading is not filed to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; and the factual allegations have evidentiary support, or, if specifically identified, will have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

B. CERTIFICATION AGAINST FORUM SHOPPING

- On behalf of said Plaintiffs and under my SPAs:
 - We have not commenced any action or filed any claim involving the same issues in any court, tribunal, or

quasi-judicial agency; to the best of my knowledge, no such action or claim is pending therein;

- If there is such other pending action or claim, a complete statement of its current status will be promptly submitted; and
- If we hereafter learn that the same or similar action or claim has been filed or is pending, I undertake to report that fact within five (5) calendar days to this Honorable Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 29 day of October, 2025 at Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines.


OFELIA CORTEZ TARUC
Affiant
Attorney-in-Fact of:

- EVANGELINA CALMA CORTEZ
- SPOUSES ROBERTO P. SAN DIEGO & BENILDA B. SAN DIEGO
- VICTORIA S. MIRANDA (per attached SPAs)

OCT 29 2025
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 29 day of October 2025 at Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines, Affiant exhibited to me her Unified Multi-Purpose ID- CRN-0002-1779696-1.

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total of 637 families from Calumpit and Malolos in Bulacan, and Apalit and Minalin in Pampanga.

The road embankment leading to the relocation site has been completed, with construction works set to begin in April this year and is expected to be completed

in 2027. The Calumpit local government will oversee social preparations for the relocating families.

The project will feature six four-story buildings with community facilities, including a basketball court, parks and playgrounds.

Currently, three relocation sites are being developed

for the northern portion of the NSCR, with two located in the City of San Fernando in Pampanga, and one in Cutud, Angeles City. A total of 4,515 informal settler families will be relocated in the north, while 12,210 families will be relocated in the south.

Assistant Secretary for Right of Way and Site

Acquisition (ROWSA) IC Calaguas said the DOTr-ROWSA office is committed to addressing issues concerning right-of-way for the timely completion of the relocation sites and the NSCR project.

“Napakalaki po ng suporta ng ating Pangulo at ni Secretary Lopez sa

mga proyekto natin, kaya kumpyansa po kaming maaayos natin lahat ng issues sa right-of-way, at mabibigyan natin ng maayos na relocation ‘yung mga apektadong residente,” Calaguas said.

Calumpit Mayor Glorime Faustino, Calaguas, local government department heads

and city councilors recently inspected the relocation site.

Meanwhile, other relocation sites are being developed in collaboration with the National Housing Authority, Social Housing Finance Corp., and Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development. **DOTr-PR**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Application for **Extension of Validity** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service**.

AVON P. DE LEON
/Applicant Case No.:2023-00304TNVS
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service** within **REGION III** accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s, which certificate is valid up to **February 12, 2026** In the application filed on **January 27, 2026**. Applicant requests for the extension of validity of said certificate with the use of the same number of unit authorized.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this **Board on March 09, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** at its office at the above address.

Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least **FIVE (5)** days before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in **REGION III**.

Parties opposed to the granting of the Application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, copy of the same be furnished to the applicant, and may if they so desire appear on the said date and time.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of the records of this case submitted by the parties unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary evidence for the judicious resolution of the same.

WITNESS the Honorable **P/Gen. RICHARD A. ALBANO (ret.)**, Regional Director, this **11th day of February 2026** in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Atty. JENNIFER ANN G. RODRIGUEZ
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Punto! Central Luzon: February 22-28, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Transportation
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No III
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Application for **Extension of Validity** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service**.

EL NINO B. TIBE
/Applicant Case No.:2023-00847TNVS
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service** within **REGION III** accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s, which certificate is valid up to **February 14, 2026** In the application filed on **January 22, 2026**. Applicant requests for the extension of validity of said certificate with the use of the same number of unit authorized.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this **Board on March 02, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** at its office at the above address.

Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least **FIVE (5)** days before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in **REGION III**.

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Application for **Extension of Validity** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service**.

JENNIFER L. CORTEZ
/Applicant Case No.:2023-00863TNVS
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service** within **REGION III** accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s, which certificate is valid up to **February 15, 2026** In the application filed on **January 28, 2026**. Applicant requests for the extension of validity of said certificate with the use of the same number of unit authorized.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this **Board on March 26, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** at its office at the above address.

Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least **FIVE (5)** days before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in **REGION III**.

Parties opposed to the granting of the Application must file their written oppositions supported by documentary evidence on or before the above date, copy of the same be furnished to the applicant, and may if they so desire appear on the said date and time.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of the records of this case submitted by the parties unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary evidence for the judicious resolution of the same.

WITNESS the Honorable **P/Gen. RICHARD A. ALBANO (ret.)**, Regional Director, this **13th day of February 2026** in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

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Punto! Central Luzon: February 22-28, 2026

Ano ang Septage Management Program?

Ito ay pambansang programa sa ilalim ng Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 o Republic Act No. 9275. Layunin nito na mapanatili ang kalidad at kalinisan ng tubig na ating iniinom at ginagamit. Kasama dito ang masinop na pamamahala sa ating septage o maruming tubig mula sa mga indibiduwal na septic tanks o pozonegro.

Bakit ito mahalaga at dapat ipatupad?

Isang paraan ang septage management upang masiguro na hindi ma-kontamina ang tubig sa ilalim ng lupa at maging sa mga kailugan. Tandaan na dito natin kinukuha ang suplay ng tubig na ating iniinom at ginagamit araw-araw. Kapag ang tubig ay kontaminado, ito ay nagiging sanhi ng iba't-ibang mga sakit.

Ano-ano bang sakit ang nakukuha natin kapag marumi ang tubig na ating iniinom o ginagamit?

Ang mga karaniwang sakit dala ng kontaminadong tubig ay diarrhea o viral gastroenteritis, cholera o acute diarrheal infection, typhoid fever, amoebiasis, Hepatitis A, dysentery, at iba pa. Ang mga bacteria o virus na sanhi ng mga sakit na ito ay nabubuhay sa maruming tubig.

Paano tayo makakatulong upang mapanatiling ligtas at malinis ang ating tubig?

Makipagtulungan sa pamahalaan at sa ating mga water suppliers o septage service providers. Ipalinis ang ating pozonegro kapag puno na at siguraduhing hindi tatagas sa lupa at sa ating aquifer (pondohan ng tubig sa ilalim ng lupa) ang maruming tubig. Ang mahalagang paalalang ito ay hatid ng **BALIBAGO WATERWORKS** at ng **SOLIMAN E.C.**

BingoPlus backs Belle Cup with Prime Hole sponsorship

THE COUNTRY'S number one digital entertainment platform BingoPlus continues to strengthen its presence in the Philippine golf community after serving as a Prime Hole sponsor at this year's Belle Cup, held from February 15 to 21 at the Tagaytay Highlands Country Club in Batangas.

The Belle Cup is among the country's annual golf tournaments organized by the Belle Corporation. Established in the 1990s, the event is known for hosting golf competitions across the fairways of Tagaytay Highlands and the nearby Midlands course.

"BingoPlus sponsoring the Belle Cup golf tournament is a win-win. It gives BingoPlus great exposure to a golf-loving, leisure-focused crowd. The partnership also helps boost the profile of golf and sports events in the Philippines," said event organizers of the Belle Cup.

Recognized as one of the more tradition-rich tournaments on the local calendar, the Belle Cup gathered corporate teams, leisure players, and competitive golfers for a weeklong golf tournament.

BingoPlus' presence at the tournament is part of its ongoing efforts to support a wide range of sports, including community-driven events and major leagues such as the Asian Tour and the International Series Philippines (ISP).

As a Prime Hole Sponsor, the brand also entertained guests with a booth activation, where players received exclusive BingoPlus merchandise, including Pro V1 golf balls.

DigiPlus' participation, alongside its flagship product BingoPlus, demonstrated its drive to foster connections across various sporting disciplines at the golf event. DigiPlus and BingoPlus will continue to support golf events throughout 2026.



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International Airport and for the Philippines. This recognition reflects the hard work of our team and partners who ensure that every passenger is welcomed with efficiency, comfort, and genuine Filipino hospitality," enthused Noel Manankil, president and CEO of Luzon International Premiere Airport Development Corp., the manager and operator of CRK.

"We believe that an airport should give the first positive experience to visitors to our country, and we remain committed to giving this positive arrival experience as traffic grows globally," he added.

ASQ is the only global benchmarking program that measures passenger satisfaction in real time while travelers are at the airport. Nearly 707,000 passengers worldwide were surveyed across all operating hours, days, and months using scientifically designed sampling methods.

The 2025 ASQ results show that passengers increasingly value clean, welcoming airport environments and smooth, human-centered interactions. Improvements in Border and Passport Control highlight the critical role of frontline staff in reducing stress and uncertainty at key moments of the journey.

The Customer Experience Awards were announced by ACI World amid sustained global air traffic growth. Global passenger volumes are expected to reach 9.8 billion in 2025 and rise further to 10.2 billion in 2026, placing increasing pressure on airports worldwide to deliver efficient and high-quality services at scale.

Despite continued traffic growth, global passenger satisfaction increased in

2025. Border and Passport Control recorded the largest satisfaction gains, while airport ambience and cleanliness emerged as the strongest drivers of overall passenger satisfaction.

"Airports are demonstrating that passenger satisfaction can continue to rise despite growing pressure," said Justin Erbacci, director general of ACI World. "These awards reflect the collective efforts of airport teams and stakeholders worldwide. As we celebrate the ASQ program's 20th Anniversary, we recognize two decades of trusted insights and recognition that have helped airports create better and more memorable journeys. Congratulations to all the ACI ASQ Customer Experience Award winners for their unwavering dedication to passenger experience."

The 2025 ASQ Customer Experience Awards Ceremony will be held during the ACI World Airport Experience Summit in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 31 August to 4 Sept. 2026. The annual summit brings together more than 800 airport executives, customer experience experts, and industry professionals to discuss strategies shaping the future of airport operations worldwide.

In total, 100 airports worldwide will be recognized for excellence in passenger experience, with 195 awards presented across all categories and regions. These include Best Airports at Departures, Best Airports: Most Dedicated Staff, Best Airports: Easiest Airport Journey, Best Airports: Most Enjoyable Airport, Best Airports: Cleanest Airport, and Best Airports at Arrivals. Eight airports will also receive the ACI World Director General's Roll of Excellence award.

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Cong Pogi wants...

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promote segregation at source; increase diversion through reuse, recycling, and recovery; and reduce the volume of residual waste requiring disposal.

Under the proposed bill, all provinces, cities, and municipalities, through their respective Local SWM Boards, shall integrate the Walang Plastikan Program as a component of their ten-year SWM Plan and shall adopt implementing guidelines appropriate to local conditions, including eligibility requirements, exchange rates or point systems, collection schedules, and coordination with barangay materials recovery facilities or other authorized facilities.

The program was started in Angeles City in 2022, with P90 million allocated in the City's Annual Investment Program (AIP) for its implementation. Another P100 million was allocated in 2023, and P90 million for 2024.

From January to December 2022, the Angeles City Government was able to distribute 1,693,213 kilos of rice to city residents in exchange for an equal amount of plastic waste; 932,863 kilos from January to December 2023; and 299,555 kilos from January to March 2024 – a total of 2,925,631 kilos.

The plastic waste collected

by the city was then delivered to Holcim Philippines – Angeles City's partner organization for the program – in exchange for cement that was then used by the city engineer's office for construction and maintenance.

Some of the plastic wastes were also used by the city engineer's office to produce its own sustainable brick pavers.

The Walang Plastikan Program also helped the beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) with 3,356 out of 3,858 (87%) 4Ps beneficiary families availing themselves of the Walang Plastikan Program.

In 2024, the Walang Plastikan Program was included among the 17 national finalists in the Walang Gutom Awards of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and Galing Pook Foundation.

During the final panel presentation for the award, Lazatin emphasized the contribution of the Walang Plastikan Program in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

"Walang magugutom. Walang kalam ang tiyan. No one goes to bed hungry," Lazatin said.

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Cebu Pacific...

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Starting March 29, CEB will add more flights to Coron, El Nido, and Naga from Clark International Airport following the full transfer of turboprop operations from Ninoy Aquino International Airport. By May 2, direct flights between Clark and Hanoi, Vietnam — the newest international destination from Clark — will also begin operations, with a 3x-weekly schedule.

This expansion will further expand CEB's network in Clark to 17 destinations — 12 domestic and five international — giving the airline the widest network among all carriers operating at the hub.

At the same time, this will boost CEB's Clark hub capacity in the first

half of 2026 to 1.2 million seats from around 900,000 seats in the same period last year and allow the airline to operate more than 9,100 flights, up from around 5,300 flights — a 72% increase.

For April 2026, the airline will operate a diverse network of domestic and international flights with varying weekly frequencies. Among domestic destinations, flights will serve Bohol three times weekly, Boracay (Caticlan) 14 times weekly, and Cebu 17 times weekly. Services to Coron will operate 33 times weekly, while Davao will have seven weekly flights. El Nido will receive the highest frequency with 66 weekly flights, followed by Siargao with 12 weekly services. Meanwhile, Iloilo,

Masbate, Naga, Puerto Princesa, and San Jose will each be served between three and four times weekly

For international routes, the airline will operate 10 weekly flights to Bangkok, 14 weekly flights to Hong Kong, four weekly flights to Singapore, and seven weekly flights to Tokyo (Narita). Additionally, flights to Hanoi will operate three times weekly beginning May 2, 2026.

"The transfer of turboprop operations from Manila to Clark is a major opportunity to grow the hub, with passenger traffic to El Nido, Siargao, and Coron alone potentially reaching 255,000 travelers — a 372% increase from current levels. This creates real momentum for Clark to become a leading gateway

to the world's best island destinations, especially for foreign travelers looking for a quick escape to the Philippines' top tourist spots," said Candice Iyog, CEB's chief marketing and customer experience officer.

To encourage travel, CEB is rolling out a seat sale until Feb. 28, allowing passengers to book their flights to select domestic destinations for as low as PHP 99 one-way base fare, exclusive of fees and surcharges, for trips until July 31, 2026.

CEB operates in 37 domestic and 26 international destinations spread across Asia, Australia, and the Middle East.

Book your flights now at www.cebupacificair.com.

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First SF bishop...

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to the Philippines to serve as assistant parish priest in Binondo in 1915, and later as chaplain of the Hospicio de San Jose in 1917.

He was appointed first bishop of Lingayen in February 1929, where he planned to establish the seminary subsequently named after Mary, Help of Christians.

Bishop Guerrero was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Manila, receiving the Titular See of Limisa in December 1937. In 1939, he organized the Catholic Action of the Philippines and became its first director.

Accused of collaborating with the Japanese in World War II, he was charged before the People's Court for treason after the war, but his case was summarily dismissed in 1946, after which he retired to a

convent in San Francisco del Monte. On May 14, 1949, Bishop Guerrero was reinstated to become the first prelate of the Diocese of San Fernando, where he propagated the devotion to the Virgen de los Remedios evolving into the Cruzada de Penitencia y Caridad, famously noting "Aqui en la Pampanga hay mucha piedad pero poca caridad (In Pampanga, there is much piety but little charity.)"

On July 4, 1950, Bishop Guerrero established the diocesan Mater Boni Consilii (Mother of Good Counsel) Seminary that has produced bishops of its own including San Fernando Archbishop Emeritus Paciano B. Aniceto, current Archbishop Florentino Lavarias, the later Bishop Victor Ocampo, Bishop Roberto Mallari, and Pablo

Virgilio Cardinal David.

He resigned from the See of San Fernando on March 14, 1957 due to poor health but was made an assistant to the papal throne with the rank of papal count. He stayed at the old Hospicio de San Jose where he began his priestly ministry to live a contemplative life with the orphans and the aged.

Presaging his own death, Bishop Guerrero had a tombstone made inscribed with an epitaph -- "Caro dabitur veribus" (the flesh will be given to the worms)—two ays before his fatal heart attack. He sent word to the Carmelite convent in Angeles that he wished to be buried there.

On March 27, 1961, Holy Monday, he died at the age of 76 of a sudden heart attack. His remains were laid in state in his

native Ermita Church where Rufino Cardinal Santos sang the Requiem Mass. The next day, the body was transferred to San Fernando where after a morning pontifical requiem Mass at the then-Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption (Metropolitan Cathedral of San Fernando), the faithful "begged to defer the funeral in the afternoon so that more people could pay their last respects to the bishop who left all that he had for the two seminaries in Pangasinan and Pampanga, and for the Carmelite convent in Angeles."

Bishop Cesar Ma. Guerrero was interred, together with the bones of his mother Aurora, at the Carmelite Monastery grounds in Angeles City.

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specially gives him familiarity with the operational landscape of Central Luzon.

Immediately before this designation to PRO3, Mendez served as Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief, PNP, providing direct executive support in strategic coordination, policy implementation, and operational oversight.

Beauty, Luck, Harmony...

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as an endorser, but as someone newly folded into what Beatederm calls its "family."

"Ito po ang aking pinaka unang Chinese New Year dito sa Beutederm. Maraming salamat po [Rhea Tan] dito sa sa chance na maging parte ng pamilya Ninyo," Trillo said. "Gusto kong sabihin na maraming salamat sa pag aalaga ninyo sa aming lahat, napaka swerte ko na mapasali dito, sa opportunity na ito, maraming salamat po sa pagtitiwala."

Actor Ejay Falcon echoed the sentiment, addressing Anicoche-Tan with familiarity that reflected a long-standing relationship.

"Tita Rhei, lagi siyang blessing sa aming lahat [Beutederm Ambassadors], sana maraming pang blessing na dumating," he said.

Award-winning actress Lorna Tolentino, a fixture in Philippine cinema and a respected voice across generations, framed the celebration in her own warm, candid way.

"Ang ating siyobe, Boss siyobe, ang tawag ko sa kanya for this affair sa beauty guru ay, always naman eh, always naman, luckily, nandito ko ako happy Chinese New Year sa

law enforcement actions aligned with the PNP Focused Agenda.

Among his priority thrusts are the sustained campaign against illegal drugs, loose firearms, illegal manufacturing of cigarettes, and the intensified manhunt operations against wanted persons. He also reiterated his commitment to internal cleansing, ensuring

inyo and more luck, more happiness more prosperity, more wealth and on! Thank you!"

What sets Beatederm apart, Anicoche-Tan suggests, is its deliberate blending of ritual and enterprise. The Chinese New Year celebration has become an annual tradition, not as a branding exercise, but as a pause for reflection.

"Each year, we gather not only to welcome prosperity, but to give thanks," she said.

In the language of business, momentum matters. In the language of culture, timing matters. And for Beatederm, the Year of the Horse appears

discipline within the ranks and strengthening public trust in the organization.

He stressed that PRO3 will continue to move forward under the banner of "Pulis Central Luzon" delivering Serbisyon Tapat, Mabilis, at Nararamdaman — firm in operations, fair in actions, and responsive to the needs of the community.

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to offer both—forward motion powered by community, loyalty, and belief.

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CDC chief cites continuity, values as leadership anchor at JCI Angeles rites

CLARK FREEPORT — Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera highlighted continuity and values-driven leadership as key institutional anchors during the 74th Induction and Turnover Ceremonies of JCI Angeles Culiati held at the Widus Hotel Clark on Feb. 21.

Speaking before outgoing and incoming officers, Devanadera said JCI's 74-year history illustrates leadership that is sustained beyond fixed terms.

"Leadership doesn't end in every term," she said, noting that in JCI, leadership continues as values and responsibilities are carried forward from one set of officers to the next.

She linked leadership discipline to Clark's economic performance, citing the freeport's 1,256 locators and workforce of about 149,000. She also pointed to Pampanga's low poverty incidence, attributing it to steady economic activity supported by an entrepreneurial base and organized governance.

The CDC chief also encouraged JCI members to play a broader role in society, describing them as potential influencers across communities and institutions.

She also said that about 6,000 delegates are expected

for the JCI World Congress in November, with CDC supporting preparations for the event in Clark.

The induction formally installed Allen Jeil Gerona as 2026 local organization president, alongside a new set of officers who will oversee the chapter's programs for the coming year.

JCI Angeles City Culiati, founded in 1952, is part of the global Junior Chamber International network, which, according to its official publications, focuses on leadership development programs designed to enable young people to create positive change through community-based initiatives.

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