



CDC, SK firm ink P4.4-B deal for mixed-use development



CLARK FREEPORT—A premium mixed-use development is joining Clark’s roster of premier hospitality establishments, strengthening the freeport’s award-winning business tourism industry.

Clark Development Corp. and South Korea’s Luxia Corp. sealed the deal on March 24 at the Clark Visitors Center, committing P4.4 billion to Clark’s MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions) economy. The lease will provide a 20,000 sqm lot along Creekside Road for a high-end mixed-use development featuring

a hotel and serviced apartments. “We are considering this as one of the best projects to show that there are very good economic relations between the Republic of Korea and the Republic of the Philippines,” said CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera, noting the development signals a big turn in

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CDC P/CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera and Luxia CEO Ji-won Chae shake hands following the lease signing, with CDC AVP for business development Thelma Ocampo and Luxia managing director Moonhyun Kim as witnesses. **PHOTO: CDC**

Atlu-Bola Bypass Road: As Promised, So Delivered

MABALACAT CITY – Exactly 35 days since the start of construction, the Atlu-Bola Bypass Road connecting the NLEX Sta. Ines Exit to the barangays of Mangalit and Atlu-Bola is officially opened to traffic on March 20, delivering on its promise to alleviate heavy traffic flow to the city proper and its contiguous areas.

Leading the opening of the thoroughfare were Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon, NLEX Corp. president and general manager Luis Reñon, Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin II, and Mayor Geld Aquino, who, during a high-profile site inspection last Jan. 31, committed themselves

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Capitol launches PHL’s first clinic-on-barge

SASMUAN, PAMPANGA – Riverine and coastal areas of Pampanga gained easy access to medical services starting with the maiden voyage on March 27 of the country’s first ever medical clinic fitted on a barge, the Kalingang Kapampangan Floating Clinic, to Barangay Malusac here.

An initiative of the Provincial Government of Pampanga, the 112-square-meter facility offers a wide range of medical services, including laboratory procedures such as blood extraction, ECG, X-ray, and ultrasound, as well as OB-Gyne consultations, dental and ophthalmology services, minor procedures, and pharmacy support.

Manned by personnel of the provincial health office, it can

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Converge inaugurates national digital infrastructure hub in AC

ANGELES CITY — Converge ICT Solutions launched its National Digital Infrastructure on Friday, March 20, at the Converge Angeles City Data Center.

“The foundation is built. The digital backbone is in place. The Philippines is ready,” declared Converge CEO and co founder Dennis Anthony Uy at the launch,

noting that the initiative is the result of years of investment, planning, and execution.

Uy cited Converge’s nationwide fiber expansion, satellite connectivity for remote communities, and international subsea cable systems.

He announced that the Bifrost subsea cable, linking the Philippines

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First Lady Louise Araneta Marcos and Converge CEO Dennis Uy switching on digital infra hub with (L-R) Converge president Grace Uy, Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, DICT Secretary Henry Rhoel Aguda, and Angeles City Mayor Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



AboitizPower funds for P37.4-M mangrove, pawikan conservation

BY ERNIE ESCONDE

ORANI, BATAAN -- AboitizPower has funded for P24 million a mangrove project here and another P13.4 million for the Sagip Pawikan venture in Morong or a total of P37.4 million in the two towns in Bataan.

The projects were the subject of two memoranda of agreement entered into on March 23 by AboitizPower, through private limited partnerships GNPow Mariveles Energy Center (GMEC) and GNPow Dinginin (GNPD).

The first MOA covers the seven-year Orani Mangrove Experimental Forest project. It has expanded AboitizPower's adopted mangrove area by 12 hectares in Barangay Kabalutan, bringing the total adopted mangrove area to 32 hectares.

The second agreement extends the Sagip Pawikan Conservation and Protection project in Morong for another five years.

GMEC-GNPD vice president for corporate services Andrea Mellind

Madrid, representing AboitizPower, Tubo-Tubo Fisherfolks Association in Orani chairperson Rosana Laxa, and Sagip Pawikan Sitio Fuerte Association in Morong president Arnold Mendoza, signed the MOA.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region 3 assistant director Ricky Hernandez, Bataan 1st District Rep. Tony Roman, provincial administrator Alice Pizarro, Morong Mayor Leila Linao-Munoz and Orani Mayor Antonio Arizapa, Jr. were the other

signatories.

"To our partners in DENR, the province and our LGU, maraming salamat po for trusting us. Hindi namin ito magagawa ng kami lang. At sa mga volunteers, kayo talaga ang puso ng programang ito," Madrid said.

"At the end of the day, this is how we define progress. Hindi lang sa pagbibigay ng kuryente kundi sa malasakit. One mangrove, one pawikan, one community at a time," Madrid added.

Photo: AboitizPower

Cong Pogi pushes for 'No-Kill' animal shelters, public vets

ANGELES CITY – Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. wants to strengthen the implementation of the Animal Welfare Act through the establishment of "No-Kill" animal shelters and public veterinary offices in all cities and municipalities in the country.

To be known as the "Public Veterinary Clinics and Animal Shelter Development Act," House Bill No. 8710, which was filed by Lazatin on March 19 calls for the

establishment of local animal shelters and/or pound facilities in every city and municipality that shall implement a strict no animal euthanasia policy.

Rescued animals that remain unclaimed by their owners at the shelter shall be made available for adoption or rehoming, subject to screening standards to be determined by the local veterinary office and implementing rules and regulations.

Likewise, HB No. 8710 also mandates the

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Then-Mayor Pogi Lazatin during the inauguration of the Angeles City Animal Shelter on July 18, 2023, where he is joined by chief adviser IC Calaguas and then-executive assistant Reina Manuel.

FILE PHOTO

MPTC expands KaBiyahé to more Luzon tollways

MANILA -- The Manuel V. Pangilinan-led Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), together with its joint-venture partners, the Bases Conversion and Development Authority for SCTEX and the Philippine Reclamation Authority for CAVITEX, agreed to extend the KaBiyahé Rebate Program to the two expressways.

The extension supports the government's call to provide temporary financial relief to the transportation sector. It aims to stabilize transportation cost for essential goods, support commerce, and economic activity amid rising fuel costs.

As part of this initiative, MPTC shall now implement the KaBiyahé Rebate Program for qualified Class 2 Public Utility Buses (PUBs), and modernized jeepneys, as well as Class 3 vehicles for two months from March 23 to May 22, 2026 for all passages along NLEX, SCTEX, and CAVITEX (R1 Expressway and R1-Expressway Extension). The rebates that will be credited effectively roll back toll rates to their levels prior to the most

recent adjustment.

Eligibility:

Class 3 vehicles

To avail of the program, they must:

- Be a valid Easytrip subscriber in good standing with sufficient load.
- Not be enrolled in any other toll rebate or discount programs on MPTC expressways, such as the Toll Exemption for Agricultural Trucks.

Public Utility Buses (PUBs) and modernized jeepneys

To qualify, they must:

- Enroll in the KaBiyahé program by submitting required documents via email to customer@carer@mptc.com.ph.
- Be accredited operators registered with the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).
- Be an Easytrip pre-paid account subscriber in good standing with sufficient load.
- Not be enrolled in any other toll discount programs on MPTC toll roads. Application Period for Public Utility Buses (PUBs) and modernized jeepneys:
 - March 23 to April 5, 2026

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MAYOR JON THANKS TAXPAYERS AT FIRE TRUCK TURNOVER

ANGELES CITY – Profuse with his thanks to Angeleños who pay taxes and help contribute to the programs and services for the city, Mayor Carmelo "Jon" Lazatin II leads the turnover of the city's new fully equipped fire truck to the Bureau of Fire Protection, traditionally breaking the bottle of bubbly to bring good luck and safety as it begins service in the city. Equipped with a high-capacity water pump, modern hoses, advanced safety features, and a fully automatic transmission system for faster deployment during emergencies, the fire truck ensures safer conditions for Angeleños, neighboring communities, and first responders alike. Present at the turnover were BFP Region 3 acting director FSSupt. Santos C. Gawangna, Pampanga fire marshal FSSupt. Amando C. Elevado Jr, city fire marshal FSupt. Bernard P. Dizon, along with officers from the Commission on Audit and chiefs of city offices. ANGELES CIO

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Toscana Dining Brings Clark's Most Affordable Buffet Experience



AT THE HEART of Clark's dining scene, Toscana Dining in Midori Clark Hotel is quietly redefining the buffet experience. Chef Mark Vincent "Vince" Escueta, a line cook with a clear passion for flavor, explains the shift: unlimited steak is out, but the grill remains hot.

The new "Hot Off the Grill" menu offers U.S. Bone-in Short Ribs, Brazilian Ribeye Cubes, Beef Bacon, and American Pork Ribs — all sizzling, all premium-grade. For lighter appetites, there's crispy golden chicken, fish fillet, and comforting sides. Add-ons like tiger prawns and squid round out the spread.

The buffet itself continues with international selections — Chinese, Japanese, Western — ensuring variety without losing focus. What sets Toscana apart is its positioning: quality meats, global flavors, and affordability.

"So far, the most affordable buffet in Clark," Chef Vince affirms, noting that the restaurant maintains supplier standards to keep quality intact.

The bestseller? U.S. Short Ribs. The chef's personal favorite? The same. It's a dish that embodies Toscana's promise: premium taste at accessible prices.

For diners, the invitation is simple. Step into Toscana Dining, savor the "Hot Off the Grill" buffet, and discover why Clark's newest offering is being hailed as the most affordable buffet in town — proof that great food doesn't have to come at a premium.

Buffet Feast starts at PHP 799++ per person

- Weekday Dinner Buffet | 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
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For inquiries & reservations:

- (045) 308-8888
- Toscana: 0917-868-2217
- Front Desk: 0917-659-5555

BTS Fever Takes Over SM Malls Pampanga

BTS ARMYs gathered for an unforgettable celebration during the Army Fan Fest at SM Malls in Pampanga, united by their shared love for global K pop phenomenon.

The event came alive with high energy activities as fans enjoyed a variety of interactive activities. ARMYs put their knowledge to the test in the Army Quiz, filled with fun facts about the group. Others captured picture perfect memories at the themed photo booth. A nonstop album listening session kept the energy high, while a heartfelt message wall offered fans a space to write notes of love, support, and encouragement for their idols.

Following the success of the Maxed Out Army Celebrations, SM is taking the fandom experience to even greater heights. SM Cinema opens its doors to fans once more for the must see BTS WORLD TOUR ARIRANG LIVE VIEWING, an experience no fan will want to miss.

Sing louder, cheer prouder, cry harder — feel the comeback on the big screen with fellow ARMY.

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Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

Malasakit

MALASAKIT ANG tawag natin sa Tagalog sa pakikiramay sa masasakit na karanasang pinagdaraan ng mga taong hindi na iba sa atin. Ibang klaseng sakit ang malasakit. Iyung nasasaktan ka kapag nasasaktan ang mga taong may kaugnayan sa iyo. Katulad ng kuwentong narinig natin tungkol sa namatay at muling binuhay na kapatid nina Martha at Maria.

Kay San Lukas, mayroon ding kuwento tungkol sa kanilang magkapatid sa Lk 10:38-42. Ang punong abala ay si Martha. Ang mahilig pumapel bilang tagasalubong at taga-entertain ay si Maria. Pero sa kuwentong narinig natin ngayon, parang bumaligtad. Ano ba ang nangyari?

Nagkasakit daw si Lazaro at nagpasabi agad ang magkapatid na babae kay Hesus, pero hindi nakarating si Hesus. Patay na ito nang, sa wakas, nagdesisyon si Hesus na dumalaw at makiramay. Nailibing na si Lazaro.

Nasa bahay daw ang dalawang magkapatid nang sabihan silang paparating na si Hesus. Sino nga ulit ang mahilig pumapel na tagasalubong at taga-entertain? Pero sino ang sumalubong? Hindi si Maria. Bakit? May kutob ako: nagtatampo siya. Sa totoo lang parehong may tempo ang magkapatid; pero mas malakas lang ang loob ni Martha na maglabas ng saloobin sa kaibigan.

Kaya pagsalubong, mabilis na nailabas ang tampo ni Martha: KUNG NANDITO KA LANG... Marami na akong narinig na nagtampo sa Diyos. Ang reklamo nila ay "Nasaan ka noong kailangan ka namin?" Isang masakit na sumbat. Kaya napaiyak si Hesus. (Hindi na dahil sa kamatayan ni Lazaro kundi dahil sa sakit na dulot nito sa dalawang babae, na ngayon ay masama ang loob sa kanya.) Di na siya humirit para magpaliwanag dahil naiintindihan niya ang tampo ng magkapatid.

Paano niya ipaliliwanag sa kanila na binabalaan siya ng mga otoridad sa Judea? Na kapag nangahas siyang pumasok sa Judea, aarestuhin siya at ikukulong. Na delikado ang buhay niya. Pero dahil hindi matiis na hindi madamayan itong pamilyang malapit sa puso niya, kahit delikado nangahas pa rin siya.

Kaya nga ang tindi ng reaksiyon ng mga alagad nang sabihing tutuloy pa rin sila sa Judea — "Nagpakamatay ka ba? Ba't tayo pupunta roon kung alam mong napakainit ng mata ng mga otoridad sa iyo!" Pero hindi siya masaway. Kaya si Tomas sinabi niya, "Sige na nga, mamatay kung mamatay. Samahan na natin siya."

Pagdating nila, sumbat pa ang unang sasalubong? Di ba masakit iyon? Nilunok na lang ni Hesus. Hindi na siya nangatwiran. Palagay ko niyakap niya si Martha at naiyak siya. Paano niya sasabihin na ang

pagpasok niya sa Judea—ikabuhay man ni Lazaro, ay ikamamatay naman niya? Tapos, uulitin pa ni Maria ang sumbat pagpasok ni Hesus sa bahay. Kaya naiyak siya—nakita niya kung gaano kasakit sa magkapatid ang pagkawala ng kapatid nila. Ito ang tinatawag kong sakit na dulot ng malasakit.

Parang palaisipan ang dulo ng kuwento. Ito na ba ang tinatawag nating muling pagkabuhay—itong gagawin ni Hesus kay Lazaro? Hindi pa. Parang patikim pa lang. Sa Ingles, resuscitation ang tawag diyari, hindi resurrection. Bakit? Kasi namatay siyang muli, sa kalaunan.

Ang sinasabi kong palaisipan ay ang telang pinambalot kay Lazaro. Nabuhay nga si Lazaro pero hindi makahulagpos sa ibinalot na telang lino sa kanya. Inutusan pa ni Hesus ang mga tao na kalagan siya. Bakit palaisipan ito? Kasi ulit sa dulo ng ebanghelyo ang kuwento tungkol kay Hesus matapos siyang ilibing. Ang kuwento sa nangyari nang balikan ang bangkay niya at makitang bukas ang libingan, pero nawawala ang katawan.

Hindi na pareho ang sitwasyon: naroon ang telang pinagbalutan sa kanya—nakarolyo pa rin ito. Pati ang telang pinantakip sa ulo niya—nakatiklop pa rin ito. Naroon ang pinambalot, pero nawawala ang ibinalot na katawan. Ito ang palaisipan na hindi maintindihan ni Pedro. Kung ninakaw nga naman ang bangkay, bakit pag-aaksayahan pa ng panahon na alisin siya sa telang pinambalot sa kanya? At bakit pag-aaksayahan pa nila ng panahon na tiklupin ang mga tela? Pero ang bunsong alagad—pumasok din daw siya, tumingin, at naniwala.

Hindi na ito kapareho ng nangyari kay Lazaro. Nabuhay nga siyang muli pero katawang-lupa pa rin, kaya namatay pa rin. Sabi nga ni San Pablo sa paliwanag niya tungkol sa muling pagkabuhay:

Sa Romans 6:9-11, sinabi niya, "Alam natin na si Kristo'y muling nabuhay at hindi na muling mamamatay. Wala nang kapangyarihan sa kanya ang kamatayan. Minsan lang siyang namatay para sa ating mga kasalanan at nabubuhay siya ngayon para sa Diyos. At dahil na kay Kristo na kayo, ituring ninyo ang inyong mga sarili na patay na sa kasalanan at nabubuhay na para sa Diyos."

(Homiliya para sa Panlimang Linggo ng Kuwaresma, 22 Marso 2026, Juan 11:3-45)

Where water flows, equality grows

THIS YEAR'S World Water Day reminds us that safe water and sanitation play a critical role in supporting the rights and health of women and girls.

When access is lacking, it's women and girls who pay the highest toll, relying on unsafe toilets; caring for family members made sick from contaminated water; and spending hours each day retrieving water from crowded communal sources — a chore that keeps many girls home from school.

But this year's theme points to the solution: "Where water flows, equality grows."

It's time for governments to scale up investment and strengthen national water and sanitation systems, through improved delivery capacities, workforce training and reliable financing.

Developed countries must share the technologies, expertise and financing required to build safe, sustainable and resilient water and sanitation infrastructure. And women must be at the decision-making table to ensure these systems meet their needs.

Too often, water is a source of conflict. But it can also unite people and be a contributor to peace. This year's UN Water Conference will bring the world together to accelerate progress on water and sanitation for all.

Together, let's make water a force for gender equality, and let the benefits flow to every community in the world.

(UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres' message for World Water Day, 22 March 2026)



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KOMENTARYO

Mabuhay ang Kababaihan

SA PAGDIRIWANG ng Buwan ng Kababaihan, buong pagkilala at pagpupugay ang ating iniaalay sa lahat ng kababaihan—mga haligi ng tahanan, katuwang sa paghubog ng kultura, at aktibong tagapagtaguyod ng kaunlaran ng ating bansa.

Sa bawat yugto ng ating kasaysayan, nariyan ang kababaihan—hindi lamang bilang saksi, kundi bilang mga lider, mandirigma, guro, at tagapag-alaga ng ating pagkakakilanlan bilang isang bayan.

Mula sa mga ina na tahimik na nagsasakripisyo sa loob ng tahanan, hanggang sa mga propesyunal, manggagawa, at lingkod-bayan na patuloy na humuhubog sa direksyon ng ating lipunan, malinaw na ang lakas ng bansa ay nakaugat sa lakas ng kababaihan.

Sa larangan ng kultura, ang kababaihan ang nagsisilbing tagapangalaga ng ating mga tradisyon at pagpapahalaga—ang nagpapanatili ng ating pagkakaisa, malasakit, at pagkatao bilang mga Pilipino.

Sa pamilya, sila ang unang guro ng kabutihan, disiplina, at pagmamahal—mga haliging hindi matutumbasan ng anumang institusyon.

Nguniit sa kasalukuyan, kinakaharap ng ating bansa ang panibagong hamon—ang patuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng langis na nagdudulot ng domino effect sa presyo ng mga bilihin at serbisyo. Ang krisis na ito ay direktang sumasapol sa pamilyang Pilipino—lalo na sa pang-araw-araw na pamamahala ng tahanan.

Sa ganitong kalagayan, muling tumitindig ang kababaihan—lalo na ang mga ina—bilang unang sumasalo ng bigat ng krisis. Sila ang nag-aayos ng limitadong badyet, naghahanap ng paraan upang

mapagkasya ang kita, at patuloy na nagtataguyod ng kapakanan ng kanilang pamilya sa kabila ng tumataas na gastusin.

Sa mga komunidad, ang kababaihan ang nangunguna sa pagtutulongan, pagtitipid, at paglikha ng mga praktikal na solusyon upang makaraos sa hirap ng buhay.

Sa iba't ibang sektor—mula sa agrikultura, kalakalan, edukasyon, hanggang sa serbisyong panlipunan—ang kababaihan ay patuloy na lumalaban, umaangkop, at nagsusulong ng katatagan. Hindi sila sumusuko; sa halip, sila ang nagiging sandigan ng pag-asa at katatagan ng ating bayan.

Naniniwala at pinaninindigan natin na ang tunay na pag-unlad ay hindi maisasakatuparan kung walang ganap na pagkilala, paggalang, at pagbibigay-halaga sa papel ng kababaihan—lalo na sa panahon ng krisis.

Ang kanilang boses, karapatan, at kapakanan ay dapat isulong hindi lamang sa salita, kundi sa konkretong aksyon—sa mga polisiyang tumutugon sa tumataas na presyo ng bilihin, mga programang sumusuporta sa kabuhayan, at mga serbisyong tunay na makatarungan at inklusibo.

Sa panahong ito ng mga hamon at pagbabago, patuloy nating itaguyod ang isang lipunang kumikilala sa dignidad ng bawat babae—ligtas, pantay, at may sapat na pagkakataon upang maabot ang kanilang



Opinion

The Public Space

Jun Sula

Sleepwalking

"Whatever was written in the past, Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "was written for our own instruction that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

In this time of unmitigated crisis, felt by most people as not just as a noun but as an adjective, hope is top of mind, like the recent survey that has kept people at a loss as to why the ratings make the public confused and incredulous but not the pollster.

And people want answers, a.k.a. solutions, not sleepwalking ideas. Sleepwalking is another name for multi-tasking, popular in corporate setting and government schemes. At the end of the day, practitioners of the game eventually find out what professionals refer to as Peter Principle: people always rise to the level of incompetence.

It's no consolation at all that most powerful leader in the world, which some in the Senate believe is in China, given some sleepwalking theory that the West Philippine Sea or parts thereof as suggested are not owned by the Philippines. One wonders then why lawyers passed the bar but failed history. Doctor juris, we are sick call another doctor or lawyer very quick.

Surely, we do not lack the instructions of history, noun or adjectives, to woefully miss the rightful motivation on endurance and encouragement as a nation. The highest leader of the land is Exhibit A, Your Honors. History buffs will certify this as okay in form and substance. There are two sitting senators who can easily recite verbatim ad literstim Scriptural verses. One of them is seriously implicated in a flood control funding mess; another is a strong ally, if not the number one, of a former president now waiting an unknown fate at the Hague. The active suspicion is that there was crime against humanity during the war on drugs in the former leader's watch. There must be sufficient proof of the death of between 6,000 to 30,000 victims. Or the innocent will come home after 60 days, not when the cows come home. Or someone was sleepwalking

The current oil crisis is not new to us, when the oil-producing countries realized what black gold meant, they formed a cartel now known as OPEC or Organization of Oil Producing Countries. It was a double whammy for the Philippines when oil prices suddenly rose and martial law was surreptitiously raised. About that time, there was also a big flood that nearly engulfed Central Luzon.

So it's not fair to tell the nation that there is no oil crisis. Been there, done that. That argument has the moral equivalent of the vice president's reply to the House impeachment complaint. Both have no moral suasion. The taste of the pudding is in the eating. In the vice president's case, there is the tantalizing promise of a majority in the Senate that looks forward to an easy acquittal. Be careful what

you wish for.

The lawmakers who fearlessly push for her impeachment are confident, maybe even feel arrogant, about their case. "Out, damned spot, out, I say," Lady Macbeth cried. The lawmakers believe that here's the smell of blood. "All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand."

"To bed, to bed. There's knocking at the gate. Come, come, give me your hand. What's done, cannot be undone."

In the meantime, the general mood is hope for the best, expect the worst. The President can't seem to make up his mind about the crisis that many think is simply mindless sleepwalking. No word yet on the suspension of the excise tax and other powers related to the oil crisis because the bill has yet to arrive. Baloney or malarkey, you're right either way. The former dictator's son is proving to be anti-Machiavellian in practice. He's certified loyalist. So far, fare hikes for public utility transport vehicles are postponed while waiting for the war against Iran to end anytime sooner or later. Drivers know exactly, automatically what to do: strike.

Sleepwalking has made hostage his promise to put in jail before last Christmas those involved in the historic, massive flood flooding scam. The Lenten season is nigh, and the rainy season will resurrect the flooding issue again. What's the President's new timeline?

The late dictator probably thought his regime would end happily in his time. The problem then, according to the late Dr. Alran Bengson, a Cory Aquino political lieutenant, was perceived as political. It turned to be renal and eventually political after the dictator was ousted from power unexpectedly.

2028 is still years afar off. But bells of bad news are ringing resonantly for the need to right and timely actions from the President and his allies, not confusing, obvious mental dishonesty that can only compromise his office by not calling a spade a spade.

The oil crisis, compounded by the unsolved moral crisis in government, has negatively affected the President's ability to govern well. His priorities have now become crowded. In the minds of some people, this will only make his leadership suffer.

Will the President wake up to reality?

The political wolves are not far behind. The crisis at hand can only boost their eagerness to be in power. The surveys are now serving as a lamppost to hold to keep them on their feet. In times of crisis, people turn to their weakness to keep them alive and kicking.



Opinion

Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Where have all the rice fields gone?

IF YOU have driven through Central Luzon lately, you have likely noticed something unsettling. The wide, green rice fields that once stretched for miles are slowly disappearing. In their place rise warehouses, factories, and rows of housing developments. To many, these signal progress, opportunity, growth or even development.

Perhaps they do. But at what cost?

Central Luzon has long been known as the country's "rice bowl," producing nearly a fifth of the nation's rice supply. For decades, it has helped feed millions of Filipino families. Today, however, that identity is quietly slipping away, not because of typhoons or drought, but because of unchecked land conversion.

A 2022 study presented at the 12th International Conference on Computer Science and Engineering pointed to a clear

trend: "agricultural lands are steadily being turned into commercial, industrial, and residential spaces due to rapid urbanization." As cities expand, farms shrink. Farmers sell their land or are pushed out. Many leave agriculture entirely, in search of more stable income elsewhere.

The consequences are already unfolding.

Data from the Department of Agriculture show that rice production in Central Luzon dropped by more than 10 percent in 2024. Nationwide, palay output

fell to around 19.1 million metric tons, the lowest in four years. More troubling is the reality that local production is no longer enough to meet demand. The country is relying more heavily on imported rice.

That should concern all of us.

Rice is not just another product on the shelf. It is on every Filipino table, every single day. It provides about a third of our daily calorie intake. When local supply weakens, prices become unpredictable. When imports increase, we become vulnerable



Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Halalan ng PELCO director sa Bayan ng San Simon

1. Halalan na namang muli para sa pagka-director ng PELCO 3 para dito sa may bayan ng San Simon sa darating na Sabado itinakda ang eleksiyon March 28 alas otso hanggang alas tres ng hapon at ito ay gaganapin sa San Simon Central School tapat ng seven eleven sakop mismo ng Poblacion
2. Ang dalawang maglalaban para sa nasabing pwesto si mister Emilio Cortez at si direc "vroom vroom" Bravo ang kanilang kapalaran ay depende sa boboto dahil sila ang pipili ng kanilang iboboto kung sino man sa dalawa ang papalaring manalo sana naman ibigay ang nararapat na serbisyo
3. Wag na sanang maulit ang nangyari sa nakalipas na kung saan ang ilan sa mga miembro'y napahamak nang sila ay magoyo ng trabahador ng Metrolight sub-contractor ng PELCO 3 na tila magkakasabwat nag-alok sa mga tao ng kuryenteng de-kalidad na kung saan diumano ay mayrong 10 percent discount
4. Natural ang mga miyembro ay makumkumbinsi nila sa alok ng mga itong sadyang nakakahalina nagbayad ang mga tao na kanilang nabiktima diumano dahil na rin sa makakatipid sila di naglaoon, ay sila rin ang magpapahuli pala na kung pakaiisipin ay HULIDAP nga talaga
5. Ang lahat ng nahulidap sa ngayon ay nagbabayad ng backbilling na sa tao na hinuli ay pabigat kung di sila tatalima kakasuhan nilang lahat ang kanilang biktima ng kasong anti-filperage act at ang nakapanlulumo wala man lamang naglunsad masusing imbestigasyon upang ito ay masiyasat
6. malay ba ng mga taong gagalawin ang kontador nitong mga kontratista na may kagagawan noon ang mga taong biktima sa may bayan ng San Simon ang inaasahang tutulong ay di man lamang umaksiyon sana man lang nagsagawa sila ng imbestigasyon o kaya ay nangalap ng importanteng impormasyon
7. Sa lahat ng consumer sa beinte otso ng Marso piliin ng mahusay kung sino ang dapat iboto hindi yung puro salita na hindi naman totoo na sila ay maglilingkod ng tapat sa mga miyembro ang dapat na tangkilin maging director ng PELCO ay yung may paninindigan at matatag na prinsipyo

to global market shifts beyond our control.

So, we must ask: what exactly are the short-term gains when we continue to sacrifice farmlands?

Industrial parks bring jobs. Housing projects respond to population growth. Infrastructure promises better connectivity. These are important. But none of them can replace food. We cannot eat concrete. Neither can we import true food security.

This is no longer just about land use. It is about survival.

Can a nation afford to lose one

of its most productive agricultural regions? Can we still call Central Luzon the "rice bowl" when the bowl itself is slowly being emptied?

Development should never force us to choose between progress and food security. It should demand that we protect both with equal urgency.

Because once rice fields are paved over, they do not come back.

And when that happens, the real cost will not be counted in pesos, but in the number of empty plates we could have prevented.



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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LINA RAYMUNDO ALARDE** who died on April 29, 2011, in Porac, Pampanga and **BEATO G. ALARDE JR.**, who died on June 24, 2025, in Porac, Pampanga executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 198860-R

A parcel of land (Lot 8, Block 1 of the subd, plan Psd-61963, being a portion of Block 3 described on plan (LRC) Psd-12839, L.R.C. Rec. No. 372), situated in the Bo. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Nine (239) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 198861-R

A parcel of land (Lot 9, Block 1 of the subd, plan Psd-61963, being a portion of Block 3 described on plan (LRC) Psd-12839, L.R.C. Rec. No. 372), situated in the Bo. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Nine (239) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 175864-R

A parcel of land (Lot 12, Block 1 of the subd, plan Psd-61963, being a portion of Block 3 described on plan (LRC) Psd-12839, L.R.C. Rec. No. 372), situated in the Bo. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Nine (239) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 142496-R

A parcel of land (Lot 11, Block 1 of the subd, plan Psd-61963, being a portion of Block 3 described on plan (LRC) Psd-12839, L.R.C. Rec. No. 372), situated in the Bo. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Nine (239) Square Meters;

That Beato G. Alarde Jr. left behind PHP 278,462.46, representing his share in a Joint Bank Deposit, particularly described as follows;

Bank: BPI BANK
Branch: Nepo Mart Complex, Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Angeles City
Account Name: Beato G. Alarde Jr. or Heherson Raymundo Alarde
Account No: 0733471514
Total Deposit: Php 278,462.46

before Notary Public Atty. Marcelino A. Pineda Jr., as per Doc. No. 207, Page No. 76, Book No. XXX, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LUZ S. MANIALUNG** who died on August 21, 2020 at Angeles University Foundation Medical Center, Mcarthur Highway, Angeles City, Pampanga, and **MEDARDO M. MANIALUNG** who died on February 03, 2023, at Rafael Lazatin Memorial Medical, Center (ONA) Angeles City Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot EEE-5 of the subd., plan Psd-03-27884, being a portion of Lot EEE, Psd-03-015890, LRC. Rec. No.), situated in the Balite, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Eighty (180) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 272207-R; before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 199, Page No. 41, Book No. CXVII, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NARCISO P. MUÑOZ** who died on February 22, 2026, at 20 Brgy. Camias, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land located in Barrio of Buensuceso, Municipality of Arayat, Province of Pampanga, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 451749-R, with an area of Two Thousand (2,000) square meters; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 1760, Page No. 055, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANGELINA PINEDA DE LEON** who died on February 11, 2023 at the Philippine Heart Center, East Avenue, Quezon City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5-C, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-082499, being a portion of lot 5 (LRC) Pcs-7654, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Santiago and San Pedro, Mun. of Lubao, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Four Thousand Three Hundred Three (4,303) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 426476-R; before Notary Public Atty. Chastinne Mae M. Limson, as per Doc. No. 210, Page No. 43, Book No. 20, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CHONA SANTOS TITULAR** who died on November 13, 2023 at 19 eme Paris, France; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 52 Block 4 of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-186011, being a portion of Block 25-D, Psd-03-176231, L.R.C. Record No. 11824) situated in the Barangay Sta. Maria, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Forty Three Square Meters and Twenty Square Decimetres (43.20); covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 045-2025006328; before Notary Public Atty. Ma. Danela Q. Yalung, as per Doc. No. 85, Page No. 12, Book No. II, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EMINIANO DELA ROSA** who died on March 11, 2002 in Angeles City and **ADELAIDA DELA ROSA** who died on May 10, 1988 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10-D of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-293809, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 10, Bolck 9, Psd-52364, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in Barrio Sto. Cristo, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred (100) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 62919; and that the above property is subject to an SSS Housing Loan under REL Account No. 01-0062798-5, with an outstanding balance of Php 363,814.09 as of June 1, 2022; before Notary Public Atty. Eddalaine M. Figueroa, as per Doc. No. 225, Page No. 45, Book No. 47, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
ANGELES CITY**

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

FC CASE NO 2025-0209
-for-
Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No 3135, as amended

Versus

ALVIN CHRISTIAN MAGSINO ROMAN, represented by **ALYSSA FAITH ASAIS ROMAN**, Attorney-in-Fact, Debtor/Mortgagor,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon application for extra-judicial foreclosure of mortgage under Act 3135, as amended filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, against **ALVIN CHRISTIAN MAGSINO ROMAN**, represented by **ALYSSA FAITH ISAIS ROMAN**, Attorney-in-Fact with postal addresses at 1) No 919 San Jose Street, San Ignacio Subdivision, Barangay Pandan, Angeles City, Pampanga, and 2) Lot 11 Block 16 SMDC Cheerful Homes, Barangays Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 19, 2025, amounts to **ONE MILLION TWENTY THOUSAND NINETY FIVE PESOS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTAVOS (₱1,020,095.38)**, Philippine Currency, principal plus whatever interest, penalties, the cost of sale and custody of the property foreclosed, and cost of suit on the filing of this foreclosure and other charges allowed by law, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on **May 6, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the **Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) of Mabalacat City, Branch 1 located at Bldg. 2 Unit 33, Great Mall of Central Luzon, Tabun, Mabalacat City, 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. 045-2023000084

LOT NO: 11, BLOCK NO: 16, PLAN NO: PCS-03-021923
PORTION OF: LOT 2 TO 9, PCS-03-012744, LOT 188-D-7, PSD-03-083529,

LOT 188-D-8-G AND LOT 188-D-8-I, (LRA) PSD-414557 AND

LOT 13, (LRA) PCS-E2013000109
LOCATION: STA. MARIA, MABALACAT, PAMPANGA, LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	NW	LOT 12, BLOCK 16, PCS-03- 021923
2-3	NE	ROAD LOT 18 (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-03-021923
3-4	SE	LOT 10, BLOCK 16, PCS-03- 021923
4-1	SW	LOT 81, BLOCK 16, PCS-03- 021923

TIE POINT: BBM NO 13, CAD 93, MABALACAT CADASTRE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	N. 10° 34' W	273.70 M.
1-2	N. 62° 32' E	9.00 M.
2-3	S. 27° 28' E	4.00 M.
3-4	S. 62° 32' W	9.00 M.
4-1	N. 27° 28' W	4.00 M.

AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), MORE OR LESS.

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 June 3, 2026, same time without further notice.

Angeles City, January 6, 2026.

RONALD A. ESPERAS
SHERIFF IV

Copy furnished:

BDO UNIBANK INC.,
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, NO. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

ALVIN CHRISTIAN MAGSINO ROMAN, rep. by ALYSSA FAITH ISAIS ROMAN,
1) No. 919 San Jose Street, San Ignacio Subdivision, Barangay Pandan, Angeles City, Pampanga

2) Lot 11 Block 16 SMDC Cheerful Homes, Brgys. Sta Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FLORINDA B. MANGALINDAN** who died on December 31, 2025 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 22, Blk. 2 of the subd. plan, Psd-03-004903, being a portion of lot 4171-A, Psd-03-004647, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Saguin, Mun. of San Fernando, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 042-2024024466, Registry of Deeds for the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Alejandro N. Buan, as per Doc. No. 20, Page No. 11, Book No. XVI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JULIETA SABALBORO GUEVARRA** who died on February 10, 2026 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on her estate; and leaving as her estate an account no. 8593-0648-17 amounting to P136,210.65 as of February 23, 2026 at the BPI located at Marquee Mall, Angeles City Branch; before Notary Public Atty. Ronald Joseph II C. Zipagan, as per Doc. No. 347, Page No. 7, Book No. V, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VICENTER R. RABANO** who died on September 16, 2016, in Angeles City Pampanga, and **CELSO A. REYES** who died on August 08, 2020, in Angeles City Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with General Renunciation of Inheritance on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot No. 71, Block No. 40, of the subdivision plan Psd-3066, being a portion of Lot No. 590 from the Cadastral survey of Angeles, G.L.R.O Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Lourdes, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty Two (242) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 184732; before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 274, Page No. 56, Book No. CXVII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 8, 15 & 22, 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**.

ARLENE Q. SOLIMAN
/Applicant

Case No.:2018-00116TNVS

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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 **PAMPANGA** accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s, which certificate is valid up to **April 23, 2026** In the application filed on **February 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 **April 16, 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 **17th day of March 2026** in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Atty. CARL SHA JEMIMAH F. MARBELLA
Hearing Officer

/ctg
Copy furnished:
-Applicant Arlene_quiroz@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: March 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 Certificate of Public Convenience to Operate a **TH Freight Truck service**.

RUSSEL S. TIAMSON
Sto. Domingo, Angeles City, /Applicant

Case No. 2026-00133

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NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Applicant filed on **February 12, 2026**, Applicant request authority for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TH Freight Truck service** within **ANGELES CITY** and from said to any point in the island of **LUZON** accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with the use of **EIGHT (8)** units.

NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this Board on **April 16, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.** at its office at the above address.

Applicant is hereby ordered to publish this Notice at least **TEN (10)** days before the above date of hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in **LUZON**.

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 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 and the documentary evidence submitted by the parties unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable P/Gen. RICHARD A. ALBANO (ret.), Regional Director, this 27th day of February 2026 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Atty. CARL SHA JEMIMAH F. MARBELLA
Hearing Officer
Attorney IV

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-Applicant/s forprint0246@gmail.com
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NOTE: **Please bring the original and photocopy of the required documents**
Kindly visit LTRFB website (ltrfb.gov.ph) for your reference.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 22-28, 2026



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

Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
REPRESENTED BY
LEINE A. DE CASTRO, E.J.F. No. 16-26
Petitioner-Mortgagee, Real Estate Mortgage Under
Act 3135 as Amended by Act

4118
-versus-

SPOUSES HOWELL MATEO
MANARANG AND
IRENE A. MANARANG,
Respondents—Mortgagors,
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135/1508 filed by **BDO UNIBANK, INC., REPRESENTED BY LEINE A. DE CASTRO** Mortgagee, with principal office at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, against **SPOUSES HOWELL MATEO MANARANG AND IRENE A. MANARANG** Mortgagors, with residence and postal address at No. 68 D M. Lozada St., Sta. Rosario, Pateros to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 4, 2026 amounts to **FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY PESOS and 26/100 (Php 5,631,970.26)** excluding penalties, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on **April 15, 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. 042-2023025301

“ IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in **BARANGAY PANIPUAN, & CALULUT, MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO & SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON**, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 5, BLOCK NO: 5, PLAN NO: PCS-03-021501
PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 4073-B-2-B, PSD-03-214544, LOTS 4073-C TO 4073-E, (LRC) PSD-112134, LOTS 2-A & 2-B, PSD-03-216436, LOTS 1-TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION: MEXICO & CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON
x x x
AREA: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50) , MORE OR LESS. x x x

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2023025302

“ IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in **BARANGAY PANIPUAN, & CALULUT, MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO & CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON**, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 6-A, OF SUBDIVISION PLAN: (LRA) PSD-E2020008474
PORTION OF: LOT 6 BLOCK 5 PCS-03-021501
LRA (GLRO) RECORD NO : 12207 & 12208
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
A & 1-B, PSD-03-216435, LOTS 4073-G-1 & 4073-G-3, PSD-035416-061901, LOTS 2604-B TO 2604-D, (LRC) PSD-112133, LOTS 2604-G-1 & 2604-G-2, PSD-035413

LOCATION: BARANGAY PANIPUAN & CALULUT, MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO & SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON

x x x
AREA: ONE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS (100) , MORE OR LESS. x x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 22, 2026, without further notice.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, March 3, 2026.

MARK EPHRAM Y. ZAPANTA
Sheriff IV
Family Court - 9(III), CSF(P)

CC:
1. **BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**
- 33' Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City

2. **HOWELL MATEO MANARANG AND IRENE A. MANARANG**
- No. 68 D M. Lozada St., Sta. Rosario, Pateros
- Lot 5, Block 5, Phase 1, Montana Views(Quincy), Brgy. Calulut & Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga
- Lot 6(A) Block 5, Phase 1 Montana Views(Quincy), Brgy. Calulut & Panipuan Mexico, Pampanga

3. **PUNTO C.L.**

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIA LUISA LISING PESIGAN** who died on November 21, 2025, in Angeles City, Philippines; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; Whereas , the Decedent left as part of her estate, a Savings Account with Philippine National Bank- Sto. Rosario Branch, Angeles City, more particularly described as follows;

Account Number: 202610002724
Product and Currency Code: 300-PHP
Account Name: Pesigan, Maria Luisa L.
Depository Branch: 2026-Angeles Sto. Rosario
Issuing Branch: 2026-Angeles Sto. Rosario

before Notary Public Atty. Eldren Jay T. Bautista, as per Doc. No. 762, Page No. 42, Book No. XI, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FIDEL Q. AYSON** who died on February 21, 2020 at 208 Manibaug Libutad, Porac, Pampanga, and **ROSITA ALIMURONG AYSON** who died on September 08, 2020 at 208 Purok 3, Manibaug Libutad, Porac, Pampanga, **ERNESTO Q. AYSON** who died on May 07, 2020 at 0848 Manibaug Paralaya, Porac, Pampanga and **LUCIA SAGUN AYSON** who died on June 21, 2022 at Province Hospital, West Triangle, Quezon Ave., Quezon City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009693
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 9, BLOCK NO: 13, PLAN NO: PCS-03-003179;
LOCATION: Barrio of Maimpis, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Two Hundred Seventy (270) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2020006765
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 11, BLOCK NO: 23, PLAN NO: (LRC) PCS-5321;
LOCATION: Barrio of Santol, City of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Three Hundred Fifty (350) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2020006766
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 10, BLOCK NO: 1, PLAN NO: (LRC) PCS-5321;
LOCATION: Barrio of Santol, City of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: One Thousand One Hundred Four (1,104) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2020006761
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 10, BLOCK NO: 23, PLAN NO: (LRC) PCS-5321;
LOCATION: Barrio of Santol, City of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Three Hundred Fifty (350) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2020006803
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 2, BLOCK NO: 1, PLAN NO: PCS-03-011699;
LOCATION: Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Four Hundred Nine (409) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2020006803
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 1, BLOCK NO: 1, PLAN NO: PCS-03-011699;
LOCATION: Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Six Hundred Thirty Seven (637) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 043-2020009384
Registry of Deeds for Province of Tarlac

LOT NO: 1986-A-3, PLAN NO: PSD-03-004605;
LOCATION: Barrio of San Manuel, Municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Three Hundred Eighty Seven (387) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 043-2020009385
Registry of Deeds for Province of Tarlac

LOT NO: 1986-A-9, PLAN NO: PSD-03-004605;
LOCATION: Barrio of San Manuel, Municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Three Hundred Fifty Seven (357) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 043-2020009386
Registry of Deeds for Province of Tarlac

1. LOT NO: 1986-A-10, PLAN NO: PSD-03-004605;
LOCATION: Barrio of San Manuel, Municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Three Hundred Thirty Three (333) Square Meters.

2. LOT NO: 1986-A-11, PLAN NO: PSD-03-004605;
LOCATION: Barrio of San Manuel, Municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four (21,664) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 043-2020009383
Registry of Deeds for Province of Tarlac

LOT NO: 12, BLOCK NO: 10, PLAN NO: (LRC) PCS-3720;
LOCATION: Barrio of Maliwalo, Municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Five Hundred Forty (540) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 043-2020009489
Registry of Deeds for Province of Tarlac

LOT NO: 2571 of the Cadastral Survey of Victoria
LOCATION: Municipality of Victoria, Province of Tarlac;
AREA: Six Hundred Twenty Seven (627) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 043-2020009488
Registry of Deeds for Province of Tarlac

LOT NO: 2755-C, PLAN NO: (LRC) PSD-333179;
LOCATION: Barrio of San Nicolas, Municipality of Victoria, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Three Hundred Seven and Fifty Square Decimeters (307.50).

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009679
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 8 BLOCK NO: 1, PLAN NO: (LRC) PSD-12839;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Two Hundred Forty Five (245) Square Meters.

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JESUS MACASPAC DIWA** who died on December 10, 2011 at Mother Theresa of Calcutta Medical Center Csp and **CONSOLACION DAVID DIWA** who died on November 18, 2011, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Medical Center of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and at the time of his death, the said deceased left a certain sum of money deposited at the closed San Fernando Rural Bank Inc. at San Fernando, Pampanga under Final Asset Distribution Plan (FADP), which are particularly describe as follows;

NATURE OF CLAIM	SHARE IN THE DISTRIBUTION		TOTAL
	Cash	In-kind	
Residual Assets	P32,145.72	P69,735.29	P101,881.01

before Notary Public Atty. Ma. Luisa C. Muñoz, as per Doc. No. 303, Page No. 62, Book No. XIII, Series of 2026.

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009683
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 9, BLOCK NO: 1, PLAN NO: (LRC) PSD-12839;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Two Hundred Forty Six (246) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009682
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 10, BLOCK NO: 1, PLAN NO: (LRC) PSD-12839;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Two Hundred Sixty (260) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009680
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 1213 of the Cad. Survey of Porac;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Eight Hundred Twenty Nine (829) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009681
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 1212 of the Cad. Survey of Porac;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Four Hundred Seventy Two (472) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009697
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 1211 of the Cad. Survey of Porac;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Six Hundred Ninety Nine (699) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009698
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 1234 PLAN NO: PSD-03-006723;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Nine Hundred One (901) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2022006611
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 1210 of the Cad. Survey of Porac;
LOCATION: Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Four Hundred Four (404) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009695
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOCATION: Barrio of Pulung Maba, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: 6.9077 Hectares.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009690
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 6 BLOCK NO: 1, PLAN NO: PCS-03-003152;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Three Hundred Twenty Four (324) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009691
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOT NO: 8 BLOCK NO: 1, PLAN NO: PCS-03-003152;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug-Pasig, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Three Hundred Twenty Four (324) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009694
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug-Pasig, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen (8,818) SQ.M.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2020009696
Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga

LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug-Pasig, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Thirty Two Thousand Two (32,002) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 166732-R
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

LOT NO: 1200-B, PLAN NO: (LRC) PSD-36987;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Five Hundred Ninety One (591) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 134988-R
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

LOT NO: 22, PLAN NO: (LRC) PSD-54430;
LOCATION: Barrio of Manibaug, Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Two Hundred Forty Five (245) Square Meters.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 165202
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Tarlac

LOT NO: 1986-A-8, PLAN NO: PSD-03-004605;
LOCATION: Barrio of San Manuel, Municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon;
AREA: Two Hundred Sixty One (261) Square Meters.

before Notary Public Atty. Apollo J. Umadhay, as per Doc. No. 403, Page No. 82, Book No. CCXLIII, Series of 2025.

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

Bataan river bags 2nd place in DENR awards

By ERNIE ESCONDE

PILAR, BATAAN – A river in Bataan bagged second place in the Recognizing Individuals/Institutions Towards Vibrant and Enhanced Rivers (RIVERS) for Life Awards of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The Talisay River, a 13-kilometer river system between the City of Balanga and the town of Pilar in Bataan, got the award. It supports Bataan's drainage system, livelihood and eco-tourism. It is one of the 17 principal river systems within the Manila Bay watershed area.

DENR Region 3 Executive Director Ralph Pablo and Bataan Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) Raul Mamac received the award on Thursday from DENR Assistant Sec. for Environment Jacqueline Caanacan in Manila.

Mamac said the Talisay River has for its tributaries the Abo-Abo River, Tiawir River, Pantingan River and Catmon River that aside from serving as the main drainage system of Pilar and Balanga City also provides irrigation water to farmlands and fishponds.

It stretches from Barangay Liyang in Pilar and drains into Manila Bay through Barangays Tortugas and Puerto Rivas Ibaba in Balanga City. The awarded Balanga City Wetland and Nature Park, home to some species of migratory birds, is located at the mouth of the Talisay River in Tortugas.

Mamac said entries to the RIVERS for Life Awards were evaluated based on the activities and interventions undertaken by the concerned PENROs for their nominated rivers.

These include, he said, aesthetic water quality improvement, solid waste management, partnership and community mobilization, information and education campaigns, and innovations.



NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FILEMON YANDOC CATAUTAN** who died on April 04, 2003, in Zone 1 San Antonio Bacolor, Pampanga, Philippines and **MARINA NACPIL CATAUTAN** who died on February 27, 2014, at Zone 1 San Antonio Bacolor, Pampanga, Philippines Porac, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land under National Housing Authority (NHA) (Lot 16, Blk. 76 of the cons.-subd. plan Pcs-03-007486, being a portion of Lots 173-178-182 & 190, Mabt. Cad. Lot 600-A, Psd-6280; Lots 600-B-1 & 600-B-2 (LRC) Psd-7142, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Madapdap, Municipality of Mabt., Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Ninety Two (92) More or less; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 416414-R; before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 301, Page No. 62, Book No. CXVII, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **RUTH B. RICO Vda. De Rivera**, of legal age, Filipino citizen, widow, and a resident of #4 Espiritu St., Phase I, Holy Angel Village, Telabastagan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and heirs of **ALBINO GAMBOA RIVERA** who died on June 14, 2024, in Sacred Heart Medical Center, Sto. Domingo, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land, and it became our conjugal ownership when his married the deceased, that said property is covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 475951-R, of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampang Lot No. 1-F-4-D, Plan No. Psd-03-011926, portion of Lot 1-F-4, Psd-03-009888; situated in Barrio Maisac, Municipality of Mabalacat, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Seven (1,157) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Maria Margarita G. Rances, as per Doc. No. 516, Page No. 105, Book No. V, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LEOPOLDO BUJALA ALLAS** who died on October 13, 2018 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 8, Block 8, of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-4548, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 99-D, 99-E and 99-F described on plan SWO-7750, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Fifty Two (352) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 68425; before Notary Public Atty. Willie B. Rivera, as per Doc. No. 335, Page No. 76, Book No. CL, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **QUINTIN T. DIMALANTA** who died on July 10, 2013 in Porac, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10-D of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-293809, approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 10, Bolck 9, Psd-52364, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124) situated in Barrio Sto. Cristo, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred (100) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 62919; and during his lifetime, the decedent obtained an SSS Housing Loan under REL Account No. 01-0062799-8, using the aboved-described as collateral as of June 1, 2022, the outstanding balance is Php 423,932.81; before Notary Public Atty. Eddalaine M. Figueroa, as per Doc. No. 226, Page No. 45, Book No. 47, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RAFAEL CALALO** who died on May 01, 2007 at Greenville Subd., San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 47-C of the subd. plan, Pcs-03-098808 being a portion of Lot 47, Psd-03-001618, LRV. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Sebitanan, Mun. of Mexico, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Five Hundred (500) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 467729; before Notary Public Atty. Francis C. Guino, as per Doc. No. 4445, Page No. 32, Book No. 37, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RAYMUNDO LIMAC SALVADOR & PATROCINIA SANTOS SALVADOR** who died on November 2, 2004 and January 1, 1989 were both residing at Angeles City, Pampanga at the time of their death; 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. 62196

LOT NO.: Lot 3 Block 15
PLAN NO.: Psd-03-000441
PORTION OF: Consolidated Lot 1 and 3 (LRC) Pcs-1544
LOCATION: Brgy. Sapangbato, Angeles City, Pampanga
AREA: Two Hundred Sixty Eight (268) Square Meters, more or less

before Notary Public Atty. Rodolfo T. Tobias, as per Doc. No. 986, Page No. 88, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SALVADOR C. CUNANAN** who died on March 25, 2025 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **ISAGANI T. CUNANAN** who died on December 04, 1998 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Blk. 63 of the cons.-subd. plan, Pcs-035409-005501 being a portion of cons. lots 142-B, Psd-03-041949, lot 140-B-3, Psd-041946, lot 140-A-1, Psd-035409-057498 & lot 140-A-2-A, Psd-035409-058146, LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Mauaque & Sapang Biabas, Mun. of Mabt., Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Ninety Three (93) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 582444-R; before Notary Public Atty. Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 39, Page No. 9, Book No. XXII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 15, 22 & 29, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 54
MACABEBE, PAMPANGA
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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.

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LR 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 Ring 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 “H-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

Mladj

Copy furnished:

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALEXANDER TOLENTINO BUENAVENTURA** who died on December 17, 2017 in Ospital Ning Angeles, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 7, Block 8, of the subdivision plan Psd-03-028713, being a portion of Lot 86-B-3-D-9, Psd-03-006412, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Pandan, City of Angeles; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 102023; before Notary Public Atty. Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 111, Page No. 24, Book No. XV, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **CONRADO TIMBOL DIZON** who died on April 18, 2022 in America U.S.A; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 191682-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 23, Blk. 5 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-45019, being a portion of Lot 3695, of the Cad Survey of Porac, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 372), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz, Mun. of Porac, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Ten (210) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 116094-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 24, Blk. 5 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-45019, being a portion of Lot 3695, of the Cad Survey of Porac, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 372), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz, Mun. of Porac, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Ten (210) Square Meters;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 95778-R

"A parcel of land (Lot 25, Blk. 5 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-45019, being a portion of Lot 3695, of the Cad Survey of Porac, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 372), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz, Mun. of Porac, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Ten (210) Square Meter;

before Notary Public Atty. Salvador P. Salcedo, as per Doc. No. 229, Page No. 68, Book No. XLII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JOHN TULABUT GANADEN** who died on November 21, 2025 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Medical Center, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; Left a certain real property together with all of the existing improvements standing thereon, located at Block 28 Lot 16 Townhomes, Brgy. Panipuan, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; consisting of forty-one (41) square meters; before Notary Public Atty. April Elenor C. Juco, as per Doc. No. 227, Page No. 47, Book No. VII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MERLINA M. MAGTUBO**, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and left a personal property consisting of a (2) car vehicle, more particularly described as follows;

- Make/Brand: Toyota Vios 2021 model
- Plate Number: NFI 2749
- Make/Brand: Toyota Fortuner
- Plate Number: NBF 1517

before Notary Public Atty. Angeli Alyssa S. Andan, as per Doc. No. 592, Page No. 55, Book No. VII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 22 & 29, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FORTUNATO BALUYOT PAGUIO** who died on February 13, 1987 at City of San Fernando, Pampanga and **EMERITA INFANTE PAGUIO** who died on June 26, 2023 at Barangay Natividad, Guagua, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 19, of the subd. plan, Psd-60670, Sheet 2, being a portion of Lot 21 of the plan Psu-62892, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Natividad, Mun. of Guagua, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Three (1,153) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 199216-R; before Notary Public Atty. Chastinne Mae M. Limson, as per Doc. No. 196, Page No. 41, Book No. 20, Series of 2026.

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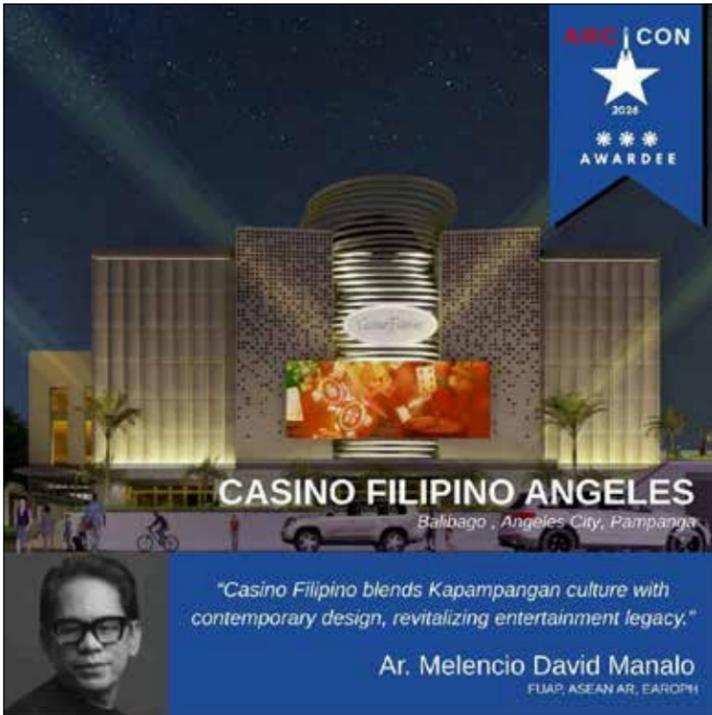
Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **RENE M. MANGUNE** who died on January 08, 2011 at along Pandan, on the way to A.U.F Medical Center, Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 7, Block 5 of the subdivision plan (LRA) Psd-367551, approved as non-subdivison project, being a portion of Lot 87-B, Psd-03-000208, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Tabun, City of Angeles; containing an area of Eighty (80) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Number 147348; before Notary Public Atty. Jan Rez D. Pineda, as per Doc. No. 308, Page No. 32, Book No. IX, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: March 22, 29 & April 5, 2026

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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VIPIN KANTILAL JOSHI** who died on August 15, 2025 at his residence located at Block 58, Lot 52, Calle 35, Xevera Subdivision, Calibutbut, Bacolor, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 52, Block 58 of the Cons. Subd. Plan, Pcs-03-015720, being a portion of Lots 3008-P-4, 3008-P-5, 3008-P-7, Psd-0141126, 3008-P-6-A to 3008-P-6-H, Psd-03-159018, L.R.C. Rec. No. 151), situated in the Bo. of Calibutbut, Mun. of Bacolor, Prov. of Pamp. Island of Luzon; containing an area of Forty Five square meters and Fifty square decimeters (45.50); and covered by Technical Description of Transfer Certificate of Title Number 042-2013014422 Registry of Deeds for San Fernando, Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Bryant R. Canasa, CPA as per Doc. No. 930, Page No. 74, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2026.

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KAPAMPANGAN ARCHITECT WINS ARC ICON 100 2026 AWARD. MANILA – Another feather in the cap of multi-awarded Kapampangan architect Menchi D. Manalo is the recognition of his Casino Filipino Angeles design as one of the ARC ICON 100 2026 Awardees at the WORLDBEX – the country’s leading building and construction exposition – held on March 12-15 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila and SMX Convention Center Manila. Described as “a contemporary structure that integrates Kapampangan cultural elements into its modern aesthetic,” the Casino Filipino Angeles design “creates a vibrant social hub that honors the local heritage of Angeles City while providing a world-class entertainment experience.” Manalo is known for “championing the integration of cultural storytelling into commercial and institutional architecture.”
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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VICTORIA O. WAJE** who died on November 27, 2022 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 18, Block 18, of the cons-subd. Plan, Pcs-03-001470, being a portion of the cons. Lots 4247, San Fdo. Cad. And lot 4339-A, Psd-03-0007878, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Mun. of San Fdo., Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 430268-R; before Notary Public Atty. Michael C. Yabut, as per Doc. No. 301, Page No. 61, Book No. XCIII, Series of 2026.

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(IN ENGLISH)
NOTICE OF TRANSFER TANGLAW PAWNSHOP (BAYANIHAN BRANCH)

Date of Transfer: MARCH 28, 2026
Old Address: STALL NO. BS 43 BAYANIHAN COMMERCIAL STALL, FIELDS AVENUE, BALIBAGO, ANGELES CITY, PAMPANGA
New Address: CLARK VIEW SQUARE, DON JUICO ST., COR. NARCISO ST., MALABANIAS, ANGELES CITY, PAMPANGA

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PAUNAWA SA PAGLIPAT / ABISO NG PAGLIPAT TANGLAW PAWNSHOP (BAYANIHAN BRANCH)

Petsa ng Paglipat: MARCH 28, 2026
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PRESENT:	Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr.	- Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
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ABSENT:	Hon. Noelito B. Castro	- Member
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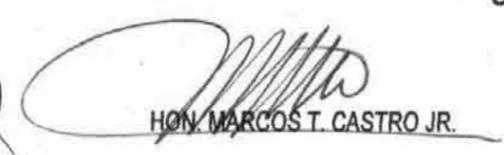
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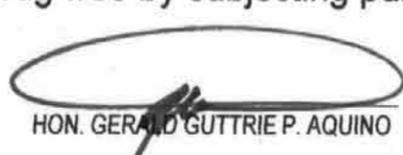
ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MABALACAT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF

Sponsored by: Hon. Victor Rene V. Ong

Whereas, Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Act of 2002", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Dangerous Drug Board (DDB) Regulation No. 13, series of 2018 mandate the creation of drug-free workplace policies in all government offices, especially local government units, including the conduct of authorized drug testing to ensure that all public officers remain drug free and that the general public be assured of effective and efficient service from the government;

WHEREAS, Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 13, series of 2017 ensures that government agencies remain drug-free by subjecting public


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officials and employees to random mandatory drug test, as a condition for continuous employment. It also prescribes the conduct of mandatory drug test as a pre-requisite for employment to ensure that only those qualified candidates shall be screened and recruited in the government service;

WHEREAS, as part of our commitment to safeguard the well-being of our employees and to provide a safe environment for everyone, the CITY GOVERNMENT OF MABALACAT, established a "DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY AND PROGRAM";

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ORDAINED as it is hereby ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mabalacat City, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY IN MABALACAT CITY".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF THE POLICY. The City is committed to create and maintain a drug-free workplace to ensure effective and efficient public service, free from the hazards of drug use in the workplace.

Thus, the following are explicitly prohibited:

1. Use, possession, solicitation for, or sale of dangerous drugs on the work premises or while performing an assignment/official field work or travel;
2. Being impaired or under the influence of dangerous drugs away from the work premises, even if such impairment or influence does not adversely affect the employee's work performance, the safety of the employee or of others, or put at risk the City's reputation; and
3. The presence of any detectable amount of dangerous drugs in the employee's system while at work, while on the premises of the City or while

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security or consultancy services where no employer-employee relationship exists; piece work or intermittent job of short duration not exceeding six (6) months on a daily basis; all of which are not covered by Civil Service law, rules and regulations, but covered by the Commission on Audit rules; and the public officials and employees involved do not enjoy the benefits received by government employees, including, but not limited to, personal economic relief allowance, cost of living allowance, and representation and travel allowance.

Dangerous Drugs – Include those identified and listed in RA No. 9165 on its annexes, subject to any reclassification, addition or removal of any drug from said list by the Dangerous Drugs Board, in accordance with Section 93 of RA No. 9165.

Drug Dependency Examination – Refers to the examination conducted by an accredited physician to evaluate the extent of drug abuse of a person and to determine whether he/she is a drug dependent or not, which includes history taking, intake interview, determination of the criteria for drug dependency, mental and physical status, and the detection of dangerous drugs in body specimens through laboratory procedures.

Drug Test – The process undertaken to determine the presence of dangerous drugs in a person's system, to include both screening test and confirmatory test.

Employee Assistance Program – A program that offers assistance to government officials or employees who have alcohol or drug-related issues and problems that may affect work performance. It shall be jointly

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on official business. "Dangerous Drugs" include those listed in the Schedules annexed to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and in the Schedules annexed to the 1971 Single Convention on Psychotropic Substances as enumerated in the attached annexes of RA 9165.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Authorized Drug Testing – The testing done by drug testing laboratories accredited by the Department of Health (DOH). It shall employ, among others, two (2) testing methods, the screening test, which will determine the positive result as well as the type of the drug used, and the confirmatory test, which will confirm a positive screening test.

Challenge Test – A drug test conducted as a result of a challenge filed by a public official or employee who tested positive for drug use in a confirmatory test.

Chronic User / Drug Dependent – A person identified for using drugs / other substances (mind-altering or not) without medical need, in an amount large enough or over a period long enough to threaten the quality of life or health and safety of the user or others.

Confirmatory Test – An analytical test using a device, tool or equipment with a different chemical or physical principle that is more specific which will validate and confirm the result of the screening test.

Contract of Service/Job Order – Refers to employment covered by a contract pertaining to lump sum work or services such as janitorial,

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implemented by the agency, the employees, and employees' union/association.

Experimenter – A person whose drug use began through exploration with limited exposure and no development of regular use or any related harm.

Mandatory Drug Testing – Compulsory submission of a public officer or prospective employee to drug testing as mandated by the Act or by the drug-free workplace program of the City.

Occasional User – A person who indulges in drug use to create or enhance experience in any social setting.

Public Officials and Employees – Include any person holding or performing a public function in the legislative, executive or administrative office in the government, regardless of status of employment (elected, co-terminous, permanent or temporary).

Random Drug Testing – A method of drug testing where the selection process results in equal probability that any employee from a group of employees will be tested, and without any prior notice of the date and venue.

Reasonable-suspicion drug testing – A drug testing based on a belief that an employee is using or has used drugs in violation of the drug-free workplace policy.

Rehabilitation – A dynamic process including aftercare and follow-up treatment directed towards the physical, emotional/psychological,

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vocational, social and spiritual change of a drug dependent to enable him/her to live without dangerous drugs, enjoy the fullest life compatible to his/her capabilities and potentials, and become a law abiding and productive member of the community.

Screening Test – A rapid test performed to establish potential/presumptive positive result. It refers to the immunoassay test to eliminate a “negative” specimen, i.e. one without the presence of dangerous drugs, from further consideration and to identify the presumptively positive specimen that requires confirmatory test.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE COMMITTEE. The City shall create a **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE COMMITTEE** which is composed of the following:

- City Mayor
- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member – Chairman of the Committee on Peace and Order, Public Safety and Fire Protection
- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member – Chairman of the Committee on Laws, Rules, Internal Government and Human Rights
- City Administrator
- City Human Resource Management Officer
- Employees’ Association President

SECTION 4.1 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE COMMITTEE shall have the following responsibilities:

4.1.1 The Committee shall assist the City Mayor in drafting and implementing the provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Policy and Program.

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Committee. Any applicant found positive for drug use shall be denied to be employed/hired to the City.

SECTION 6. MANDATORY DRUG TESTING.

1. The City shall conduct mandatory, random and suspicionless drug testing of all officials and employees as a condition for retention in government service at a period determined by the Committee.
2. Any official or employee may be required to submit to reasonable-suspicion drug testing recommended by the Committee. Reasonable suspicion may be drawn from specific objective and articulable facts and reasonable inference drawn from those facts in light of experience. Among other things, such facts and inferences may be based upon:
 - Observable phenomena while at work, such as direct observation of drug use or of the physical symptoms or manifestation of being under the influence of a drug;
 - Abnormal conduct or erratic behavior while at work or a significant deterioration in work performance;
 - A report of drug use, provided by a reliable and credible source;
 - Evidence that an individual has tempered with a drug test during his or her employment with the current employer; or
 - Evidence that an employee has used, possessed, sold, solicited, or transferred drugs while working or while on the work premises or while using official vehicle, machinery or equipment.
3. Subsequent random testing shall be periodically conducted in an interval not to exceed two (2) years.
4. The City shall conduct the drug tests in accordance with the

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4.1.2 The Committee shall create an **ASSESSMENT TEAM** which is composed of the following:

- City Health Officer
- City Social Welfare and Development Officer
- City Human Resource Management Office Staff

SECTION 4.2 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ASSESSMENT TEAM shall have the following responsibilities:

- 4.2.1 The Team shall assist in the conduct of substance abuse awareness and prevention programs. The City shall ensure that members of the Team undergo regular training.
- 4.2.2 The Team shall be actively involved in the implementation of the Employee Assistance Program.
- 4.2.3 A public officer, prior to the conduct of authorized drug testing, may seek proper intervention in coordination with the Employee Assistance Program, which shall provide referrals and additional services to the public officer concerned. A drug dependency examination shall be conducted in order to determine the level of Substance Use Disorder and the applicable intervention. This type of assistance shall not apply to public officers who are found to be positive for drug use after the conduct of a confirmatory test in an authorized drug testing activity.

SECTION 5. PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TESTING. In consonance with Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 13, s. 2017, drug testing shall remain a requirement for initial entry to government service for appointive public officials and employees and those under Job Order (JO) and Contract of Service (COS) in the recommended drug testing center of the

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procedures set forth by the DDB, to include but not limited to the following:

- a. The drug test shall only be conducted by a government drug testing laboratory or by a drug testing laboratory duly authorized and accredited by the Department of Health (DOH) recommended by the Committee.
 - b. The randomly selected officials and employees will fill up and sign a chain of custody form issued to them.
 - c. The specimen bottles must be properly labelled and taking of specimen samples for screening test must be done in an area where manipulation (e.g. adding of water) is not possible.
 - d. Specimen samples found positive in the screening test shall be submitted for confirmatory testing within the same day.
5. The City shall inform the official or employee who was subjected to a drug test of the test results whether positive or negative.
 6. A positive drug test result from the confirmatory test shall immediately be made known to the City Mayor, or to the person designated by the City Mayor, who shall then notify the concerned official or employee. Said official or employee shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of notice to challenge the result of the confirmatory test. The challenge test shall be conducted, using the same specimen, by a government drug testing laboratory or by a drug testing laboratory duly authorized and accredited by the DOH. Failure to file a challenge within the prescribe period shall make the positive drug test result from the confirmatory test final and the City shall then take the appropriate action as provided in the succeeding section.
 7. A positive drug test result from the challenge test is deemed final and the official or employee shall be immediately subjected to the provision in the succeeding section.

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The drug test result shall be attached to the 201 file of the official or employee. All drug test results and records must strictly be held confidential as provided for under the pertinent provisions of RA No. 9165.

SECTION 7. ADVOCACY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM. In line with the City's commitment to promote a safe, healthy, and drug-free environment, the City shall implement a Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention Program as an integral component of this Policy. This Program shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Information and Education Campaigns – Regular conduct of seminars, workshops, and learning sessions for all officials and employees to raise awareness on the dangers of substance abuse, healthy coping mechanisms, and available support services.
2. Advocacy Activities – Launch of information drives, distribution of IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) materials, observance of special events such as Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week, and promotion of positive lifestyle choices.
3. Capacity-Building and Training – Conduct of training for supervisors, department heads, and committee members on early detection of substance abuse, referral mechanisms, and supportive interventions.
4. Peer Support and Counseling Services – Strengthening the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) by providing access to counseling, peer-support groups, and referrals to appropriate rehabilitation or medical services.
5. Community Collaboration – Partnership with national government agencies (DILG, PDEA, DOH), civil society organizations, schools, and faith-based groups in implementing prevention and awareness activities.
6. Wellness and Resilience Programs – Integration of health and wellness

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effectiveness of the EAP to ensure its alignment with the needs of employees and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 9. INTERVENTIONS

1. Public officials and employees (elected, co-terminus, permanent or temporary status) who are found positive of dangerous drugs at the first instance after the challenge test, or after positive drug test result from a confirmatory test that was not challenged, shall undergo a Drug Dependency Examination conducted by the DOH or by any medical practitioner accredited by the DOH to conduct said examination and shall be subjected to following treatment and rehabilitation program:
 - a. Experimenter – outpatient, guidance counselling for six (6) months
 - b. Occasional User – outpatient, guidance counselling and regular monthly drug testing for six (6) months which shall be at the personal expense of public official or employee concerned
 - c. Chronic User/Drug Dependent – mandatory continuous treatment and rehabilitation for a minimum period of six (6) months in a government rehabilitation center, or through a community rehabilitation program sanctioned under the rules of the DDB.
- Contract of Service and Job Order personnel, meanwhile, shall be subject to termination of contract.
2. A public official or employee found to be an Experimenter shall shoulder the expenses of his/her guidance counselling. The same

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initiatives such as stress management workshops, fitness programs, and team-building activities to promote a holistic, drug-free lifestyle.

The Committee, through the Assessment Team, shall ensure that advocacy and prevention programs are sustained, inclusive, and evaluated periodically to measure effectiveness and continuously improve implementation.

SECTION 8. ENHANCED EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP). The City shall establish and continuously strengthen an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to support employees dealing with substance abuse and related personal issues that may affect their work performance and well-being.

The EAP shall include the following components:

1. Confidential Counseling – Provision of confidential counseling services to employees experiencing substance-related or personal concerns.
2. Referral Services – Assistance in referring employees to accredited medical facilities, rehabilitation centers, or professional practitioners for further intervention and treatment.
3. Reintegration Support – Guidance and support for employees returning from treatment or rehabilitation to help them successfully reintegrate into the workplace.
4. Family Involvement – Where appropriate, involve family members in the intervention, treatment, and recovery process to ensure holistic healing and support.
5. Continuous Training – Capacity building of HR staff, supervisors, and peer counselors to effectively implement the EAP and manage cases with empathy and confidentiality.
6. Monitoring and Evaluation – Regular assessment of the

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rule shall also apply to a public official or employee found to be an Occasional User, who shall undergo the guidance counselling and regular monthly drug testing. Time spent for counselling and regular monthly drug testing, if done during office hours, shall be charged against public official or employee's leave credits. For this purpose, the public official or employee's leave credits shall be utilized and when exhausted, vacation leave credits may be utilized for the purpose. If all leave credits are used, absence shall be on leave without pay.

As proof of successful completion of the intervention program, public official or employee assessed as an Experimenter or Occasional User shall secure a certification of completion issued by the attending guidance counsellor.

3. Any public official or employee found to be a Chronic User/Drug Dependent, based on the results of the Drug Dependency Examination, and who will undergo a mandatory rehabilitation program for a minimum period of six (6) months shall be considered on sick leave for the entire period of his/her rehabilitation. When the concerned public official or employee's sick leave is exhausted, his/her vacation leave credits may be utilized for the purpose. If all leave credits are used, his/her absence shall be on leave without pay.

The public official or employee shall undertake the processing of his admission to a rehabilitation center in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 9165 and existing rules of the DDB.

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The public official or employee concerned shall shoulder the expenses of his/her rehabilitation, which shall commence within fifteen (15) days from receipt of Drug Dependency Examination results, to give way to the processing of the necessary clearances.

The public official or employee concerned shall secure a certificate of completion of his/her rehabilitation program and clearance from his/her attending physician that he/she has been successfully rehabilitated and is now fit to return to work. Said public official or employee shall not be allowed to report back to work without first submitting said certification and clearance to the City Human Resource Management Office.

SECTION 10. ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY

- Public officials and employees found to have used dangerous drugs during the prescribed period of their intervention or rehabilitation shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct punishable by dismissal from the service.
- Public officials and employees who are not issued a certificate of completion (in the case of experimenter and occasional user) or a certificate of completion with clearance (in the case of a chronic use/drug dependent), shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct punishable by dismissal from the service.
- Any public official or employee who, after being tested positive of drug use, shall refuse to undergo treatment or rehabilitation, or fails to complete his/her treatment or rehabilitation program, shall be

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charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct.

The charge of Grave Misconduct shall be grounded on the fact that said public official or employee was tested positive of drug use and not on his/her refusal to undergo or failure to complete his/her treatment.

- Any public official or employee who refuses, without any valid reason, to submit himself/herself for drug testing, shall be charged with the administrative offense of Gross Insubordination punishable by suspension of six (6) months and one (1) day to one (1) year for the first offense and dismissal from the service for the second offense or termination of contract (if JO/COS).
- Public officials and employees who for the second time have tested positive in a random drug test after completion of his/her treatment and/or rehabilitation program or shall be found to have used dangerous drugs during the prescribed period of intervention or rehabilitation, shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct.
- Any official or employee found to have tampered the result of a drug test or interfered in the conduct of the drug test or in the release of drug test results shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct or termination of contract (if JO/COS).
- While the City understands that employees and applicants under a physician's care are required to use prescription drugs, abuse of the

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same shall be dealt with the same manner as the abuse of illegal substances.

- Repeated drug use even after ample opportunity for treatment and rehabilitation shall be dealt with the corresponding penalties under RA 9165 and is a ground for dismissal.
- Officials and employees caught using or peddling drugs shall be charged with the administrative offense of Grave Misconduct or termination of contract (if JO/COS), without prejudice to the filing of appropriate criminal charge/s under RA No. 9165 and other pertinent laws.

SECTION 11. RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Team shall prepare a regular report on the conduct of drug tests and number of officials and employees who tested positive for drug use for review of the Committee and submit to the DDB.
- The City undertake to conduct the necessary DOH trainings for physicians in the City on administering the Drug Dependency Examination.
- The City undertakes to increase the awareness and education of its officials and employees on the adverse effects of dangerous drugs through continuous advocacy, education, and training program/activities to all its officers and employees.
- All officials and employees shall be required to undergo an orientation/education program which shall include the following topics:

- Salient Features of Republic Act 9165;

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- Adverse effects of abuse and/or misuse of dangerous drugs on the person, workplace, family and the community;
- Preventive measures against drug abuse; and
- Steps to take when intervention is needed, as well as available services for treatment and rehabilitation.

5. The City shall ensure that the workplace policies and programs on the prevention and control of dangerous drugs, including drug testing, shall be disseminated to all officers and employees. The City shall obtain a written acknowledgement from the employees that the policy has been read and understood by them.

6. The City shall bear the expenses for the conduct of the screening and confirmatory drug test of its employees, subject to existing budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations except to those new entrant personnel.

However, drug test conducted as a result of a challenge to a positive drug test result from the confirmatory test shall be charged to the personal expense of the concerned official or employee.

SECTION 12. CONSEQUENCES OF POLICY VIOLATIONS.

Any official/employee who uses, possesses, distributes, sells or attempts to sell, tolerates dangerous drugs or otherwise commit other acts as defined under Article II of RA No. 9165 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations shall be subject to the pertinent provisions of the said Act.

SECTION 13. MONITORING AND EVALUATION.

The implementation of these policies and programs shall be monitored and evaluated periodically by the Committee and the Team to ensure a drug-free workplace.


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SECTION 14. CONFIDENTIALITY.

All information, reports, statements, memoranda, and drug test results, written or produced as a result of this drug testing program are confidential and may not be used or received in evidence, or disclosed in any public or private proceedings. Exceptions may be made only where required by law, in case of overriding public health and safety concerns; or where such exceptions have been authorized in writing by the person concerned.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent authority, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE.

City Ordinance No. 18, Series of 2020 is hereby repealed. And all other ordinances, resolutions, or executive issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after publication in a newspaper of general or local circulation within Mabalacat City.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mabalacat City, this 22nd day of January, 2026.

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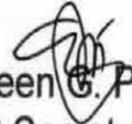
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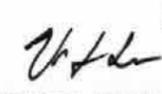

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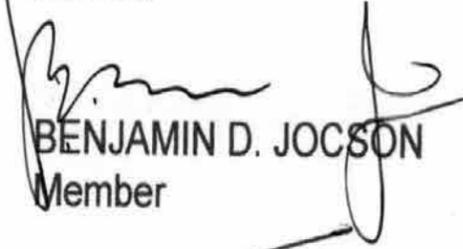

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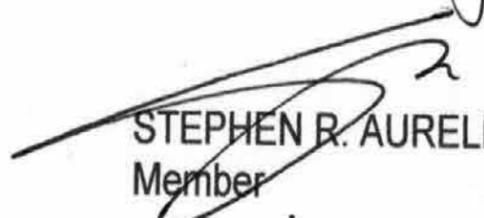

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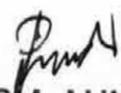

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MINUTES OF THE 31st REGULAR SESSION OF THE 5th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA UNDER R.A. 10164 FOR THE TERM JUNE 30, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2028 HELD ON FEBRUARY 05, 2026 AT THE MABALACAT CULTURAL CENTER, POBLACION, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

PRESENT:	Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr.	- Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
	Hon. Ignacio Miguel M. Morales II	- Member
	Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee	- Member
	Hon. Victor Rene V. Ong	- Member
	Hon. Eroll Jake C. Soliven	- Member
	Hon. Benjamin D. Jocson	- Member
	Hon. Marjorie Grace M. Sambo	- Member
	Hon. Stephen R. Aurelio	- Member
	Hon. Elizabeth R. Pineda	- Member
	Hon. Paul Andre P. Tiongco	- Member
	Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito	- Member

ABSENT:	Hon. Noelito B. Castro	- Member (On leave)
	Hon. Patricia Anne Acorda	- Member (On leave)
	Hon. Rey T. Pineda	- Member

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ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND FROM AGRICULTURAL USE TO RESIDENTIAL USE LOCATED AT BARANGAY BICAL, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA, COVERED BY TCT NO. 045-2016000137, WITH AN AREA OF 24,800 SQUARE METERS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 20 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

WHEREAS, Section 20 of Republic Act 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991) grants cities and municipalities, through an ordinance passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan, the authority to reclassify agricultural lands into non-agricultural uses, subject to limitations and requirements under existing laws, rules and regulation;

WHEREAS, the subject property, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. 045-2016000137, with an area of 24,800 square meters, situated in Barangay Bical, Mabalacat City, Pampanga is presently classified as agricultural land;

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WHEREAS, the registered owner/developer has formally applied for the reclassification of the subject property from agricultural to residential use for the purpose of developing a housing subdivision project;
WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted the necessary documentary requirements, attached as Annex "A" of this Ordinance, including certifications from the concerned offices and agencies;

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, a public hearing/consultation was conducted on February 4, 2026 with barangay officials and stakeholders, during which the proposed reclassification was presented and deliberated upon;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod finds the proposed reclassification consistent with the approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and Zoning Ordinance, and that it will contribute to meeting housing demand, improving land utilization, and promoting socio-economic development in the locality;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mabalacat City, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Reclassification. The parcel of land located at Barangay Bical, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, covered by TCT No. 045-2016000137, with an area of 24,800 square meters, presently classified as agricultural land, is hereby reclassified to Residential Use.

SECTION 2. Coverage. This reclassification shall apply exclusively to the subject property and shall not extend to adjacent lands not expressly covered by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Compliance with Regulations. Development of the reclassified land shall comply with all existing laws, rules and regulations of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Agriculture (DA), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), and other relevant agencies, as well as the CLUP and Zoning Ordinance of Mabalacat City.

SECTION 4. Annex of Documentary Requirements. The official list of documentary requirements submitted by the applicant and duly certified by the City

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Planning and Development Office (CPDO) shall form part of this Ordinance as Annex "A".

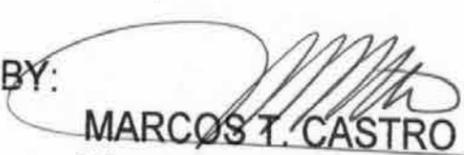
SECTION 5. Publication and Posting. This Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of local circulation and posted in conspicuous places in accordance with the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with publication and posting requirements and upon review and validation by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pampanga, pursuant to Section 56 of RA 7160.

ENACTED: This 5th day of February 2026 on motion of Hon. Benjamin D. Jocson, duly seconded by Hons. Morales, Ong, Soliven, Tiongco and Margarito.

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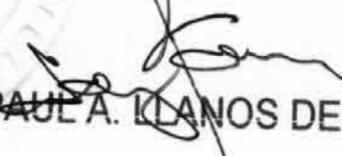

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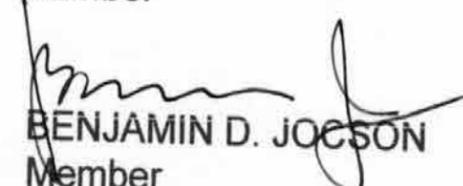

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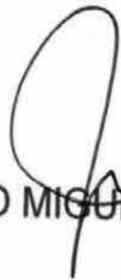
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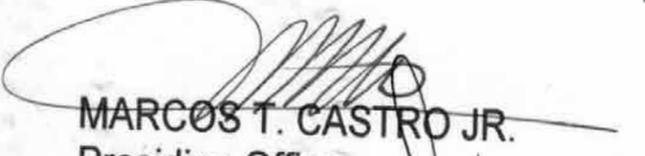

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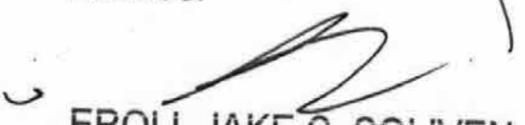
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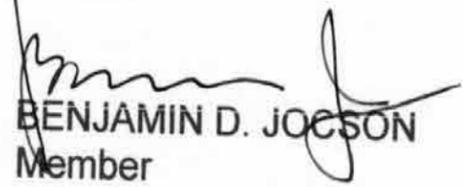
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SM Stands ALL for Down

All SM Malls unite nationwide for World Down Syndrome Day

MANILA -- Across all SM Supermalls in the country, one message rang clear: SM is All for Down.

In celebration of World Down Syndrome Day (March 21), SM mounted a unified, nationwide activation through its Corporate Social Responsibility arm, SM Cares. The activation reaffirms SM's long-standing commitment to becoming a truly inclusive Mall for All where every individual is welcomed, respected, and valued.

Observed every 3/21 to symbolize the triplication of the 21st chromosome that causes Down syndrome, the global awareness day became more than a date on the calendar for SM. Through its nationwide reach, SM empowered its surrounding communities through every-day, synchronized advocacy in their most-loved SM Supermalls.

One Mic, One Message — Real Voices, Real Inclusion

At the heart of the nationwide campaign was "One Mic, One Message: For the Down Syndrome Community."

Special installations of standing microphones were set up in each SM Mall nationwide to invite employees, frontliners, and customers to share one sincere message for the Down syndrome community.

Raw and authentic messages from mall managers to everyday mallgoers affirmed dignity, belonging, and respect for those with Down Syndrome:

"You belong here."

"You are seen, valued, and respected."

"This space is for you, too."

Mall Managers led the closing messages in each location, reinforcing

that the commitment to inclusivity begins with leadership and is carried through every level of the organization.

Inclusion in Action: Training, Standards, and Everyday Practice

SM also strengthened its operational commitment through comprehensive Sensitivity Training initiatives for mall teams, tenants, security personnel, janitorial staff, and all customer-facing frontliners.

Watch parties were organized to reinforce proper assistance, respectful communication, and dignified support for persons with disabilities. "All for Down" guide posters were also installed in high-visibility employee areas and cascaded to tenants to serve as daily reminders of inclusive service standards.

A Nationwide Movement Continues

The March 21 activations aim to build momentum toward a much larger, unifying moment: the SM Cares Happy Walk on March 29, expected to gather over 6,000 participants nationwide.

From Luzon to Mindanao, families, advocates, employees, and partners will come together in a collective show of solidarity—further proving that SM's support for the Down syndrome community is year-round, sustained through programs, safe spaces, and nationwide gatherings that celebrate ability, dignity, and belonging.

Through unified nationwide initiatives like "SM is All for Down," SM Cares affirms that inclusion is at the heart of how SM builds experiences—for customers, for families, and for future generations. **Press release**



Visita iglesia to heritage churches, culinary delights highlight envoys' day in Pampanga



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Fifteen ambassadors and 21 other diplomats made their visita iglesia to Pampanga's heritage churches and sampled the province's renowned culinary delights in a first-of-its-kind spiritual and cultural engagement on March 21.

Organized through the invitation of former president and current 2nd District Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the visit was hosted by Gov. Lilia "Nanay" Pineda, whose continued leadership has strengthened Pampanga's role as a hub for cultural exchange and heritage tourism.

Led by Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Archbishop Charles John Brown, the diplomats represented Belgium, Ireland, Romania, India, Sri Lanka, Austria, Slovakia, Taiwan, Cambodia, Australia, Japan, France, United States, United Kingdom, Indonesia, and Spain.

The day's itinerary started in Lubao with a warm welcome from the local officials led by Mayor Esmeralda Pineda at the Bamboo Hub Floating Restaurant where the envoys were introduced to Kapampangan hospitality through a curated dining experience featuring traditional Filipino and Kapampangan cuisine.

The delegation then proceeded to their visita Iglesia at the St. Augustine Parish Church in Lubao, one of the oldest churches in Luzon dating back to 1572 and known for its resilience through centuries; the Santiago Apostol Parish Church in Guagua, widely known as Betis Church and often referred to as the "Sistine Chapel of the Philippines" for its intricate ceiling murals; and the San Guillermo Parish Church in Bacolor, a powerful symbol of faith that remains partially buried in lahar following the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo.

Capping the visit was a feast at the La Cusina Restaurant at Casa Verde in Pradera Resort, where the delegates experienced

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FREE WEEKENDS

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Capital Town Pampanga by Megaworld has rolled out car-free weekends turning San Fernando Boulevard into a lively community playground where people can run, bike, skate, play pickleball, join Pilates and Zumba sessions, and explore the flea market. The weekend initiative invites families, fitness communities and residents to reclaim the streets every Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. for movement, connection, and an active township lifestyle. **PUNTO LIFESTYLE TEAM/GERALD GLOTON**

CDC, SK firm...

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Philippine-Korea business relations, strengthening bilateral trade agreements by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and South Korea President Lee Jae Myung last March 4.

“Finally, we have this. We’ve been looking forward

to this, we’ve been working on this, with extra efforts in determining how we can help one another and how we can put up one stone to another,” she added.

Luxia Corp. is a subsidiary of Luxia Holdings, Inc., a Seoul-based upscale property developer. Luxia

CEO Chae Ji-won, Luxia managing director Kim Moonhyun and J. Partners and Architects director Paul Bae attended the signing.

Bae, who is an award-winning principal architect for a Luxia development in Seoul, said the property will “bring spe-

cialty and excellence of high-end residences to Clark.”

“We think Luxia will be the catalyst. It will be the bridge taking Clark to the next level, providing high-end residences, a premium hotel, hospitality, and retail,” Bae said. **CDC-PR**

Capitol launches...

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accommodate up to 100 patients at full capacity.

In every area where it docks, the floating clinic will remain for up to a week—or depending on the number of patients—to ensure the residents’ medical needs are met, especially those hard-to-reach by regular

health facilities.

To sustain operations even in the remotest areas, the facility is fitted with a dedicated sewage treatment system and a water pumping unit, ensuring sanitary and sustainable functionality.

On its first mission in Barangay Malusac, some

200 patients availed of the clinic’s services.

Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda and Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda were joined by Pampanga 2nd District Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Nanay Partylist Rep. Florabel Yatco, PhilHealth Region 3 vice president Atty. Ma-

Emily Roque, Department of Health Region 3 director Dr. Corazon, Sasmuan Mayor Lina Cabrera, and Lubao Mayor Esmie Pineda during the blessing and inauguration of the floating clinic.

Punto News Team/ Photos: Daniel Ombina-Pampanga PIO

Atlu-Bola Bypass...

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to complete the project in 60 days.

They were joined by Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, Clark Development Corp. president CEO Atty.

Agnes VST Devanadera, DPWH-3 director Arnold Ocampo, Vice Mayor Jun Castro, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

The project was implemented through the collaboration of the

DPWH, Toll Regulatory Board, Metro Pacific Tollways Corp., and the city government.

Secretary Dizon said the Atlu Bola Bypass Road is part of the broader infrastructure development

plan for the city that includes the Dolores Connector Road and San Joaquin Bypass Road, connecting Pampanga Technopark to Barangay Tabun. **Punto News Team/ Mabalacat City News**

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directly to Singapore and the United States, is now live, along with the SEA H2X cable

system. “These projects strengthen international connectivity and position the Philippines within the global digital network,” Uy

said. “What we are launching today is a complete national digital infrastructure. This is a full stack platform designed to support the needs of a modern digital economy,” he added.

Uy also introduced Converge Cloud, built on sovereign in country infrastructure. “Enterprises gain the ability to innovate and scale. SMEs gain access to advanced digital tools. The government gains stronger platforms for public service delivery. Filipino developers gain a world class environment to build and deploy locally,” he said.

First Lady Louise Araneta Marcos, Department of Information and Communications Technology Secretary Henry Rhoel Aguda, Pampanga Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, Vice Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda, Angeles City Mayor

Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II, Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera and chairman Atty. Edgardo Pamintuan, and Converge co-founder and president Grace Uy, and other officials joined the launch.

“Today’s launch is more than just infrastructure. It is a clear signal that the Philippines is no longer thinking small when it comes to connectivity. We are seeing a shift,” Secretary Aguda said.

“At Converge, we build infrastructure to deliver real positive impact to society. This is Tech for Good. Technology that creates access and enables opportunity. Technology that uplifts lives and moves the country forward,” Uy concluded. **Punto Lifestyle Team/ Contributed photos**

Cong Pogi...

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establishment of public veterinary clinic (PVC) in every city and municipality, which shall be duly-registered with the Bureau of Animal Industry and issued a certificate of registration prior to operation, in accordance with R.A. 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998, as amended by R.A. 10631.

The PVC shall provide essential free or low-cost services, which may include consultation, treatment of minor illnesses or injuries, vaccination support, and spay/neuter services, subject to guidelines to be issued by the BAI.

Lazatin has been known to staunchly advocate for animal welfare programs and policies throughout his years in public service.

During his time as its mayor, the Angeles City LGU established the first-ever BAI-accredited “no-kill” animal shelter in the Province of Pampanga.

The 103-capacity Angeles City Animal Shelter received its BAI accreditation in May 2023 and was formally opened on July 18, 2023. On Oct. 15, 2024, the shelter received the Best LGU Dog Pound/Animal Shelter award from the Department of Agriculture Field Office III.

Through the city veterinary office, the Angeles City LGU carried out a free spaying/neutering and anti-rabies vaccination program, with some 5,973 pets spayed/neutered and 130,520 pets vaccinated.

MPTC expands...

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Note: Qualified transport owners with any citation or traffic violation during the program period will be excluded from the rebate program.

Meanwhile, Class 1 Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs) operating along the northern routes will continue to benefit from the PASSADA Program. For CAVITEX, the Abante Program will be reactivated

for two (2) months. Abante allows those currently enrolled in the program to get rebates equivalent to the difference between the new rates and the rate prior to the latest toll adjustment in CAVITEX. For complete guidelines or inquiries, visit the official Facebook pages of NLEX Corporation, CAVITEX, and PEA Tollway Corporation or call the MPTC Hotline at 1-35000. **NLEX CorpCom**

Komentaryo...

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buong potensyal.

Sa gitna ng krisis, ang kababaihan ang patunay na ang lakas ng isang bansa ay nasusukat hindi lamang sa yaman nito, kundi sa tibay ng loob at malasakit ng mga mamamayan nito.

Mabuhay ang kababaihan.

Mabuhay ang kanilang walang kapantay na ambag sa ating bayan.

(Pahayag ng Advocates for Genuine and Outstanding Services)

Visita iglesia...

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Pampanga’s unique blend of heritage and modern hospitality.

More than a ceremonial, the visit served as a platform to showcase Pampanga’s cultural identity, historical landmarks, and religious traditions

to the global community. It further strengthened ties between the province and the international diplomatic corps while leaving a lasting impression of Kapampangan warmth, resilience, and pride.

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