



TO LOCATE IN NEW CLARK CITY

US-led Pax Silica initiative slammed



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- "We stress that this is fundamentally about war production, not neutral industrial development. Pax Silica is the production aspect, while the US-Philippines critical minerals framework is the foundation."

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Rigid regulations endanger feeding programs, medical missions in CSF

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – "Regulation must not come at the expense of compassion and participation."

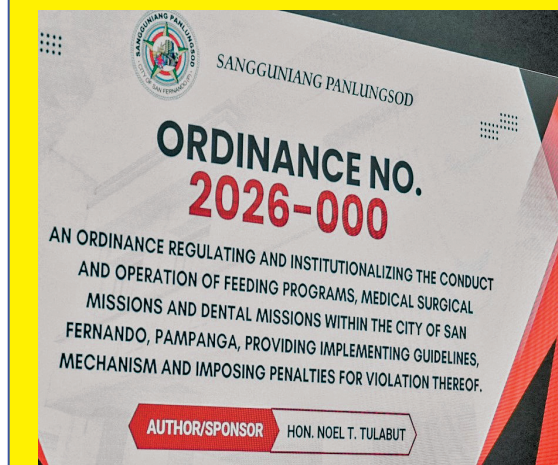
leader and advocate for good governance Rene G. Romero grounded his "respectful opposition" to the proposed ordinance regulating

feeding and medical missions in the city.

"Feeding programs and similar initiatives are fundamentally acts of goodwill. Regulating them through a rigid permit system may be seen as excessive and counterproductive," he averred.

In a letter dated April 17 to the proponent councilor Noel Tulabut ahead of the April 21 scheduled public hearing on the ordinance, Romero exhorted the city government "to strive to create an environment where those who wish to

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PH joins US-led Pax Silica; plan for industrial hub in Luzon unveiled



P33.94-M shabu hidden in parcels seized in Clark

CLARK FREEPORT – The Bureau of Customs-Port of Clark, in coordination with the Clark Inter-Agency Task Force Against Illegal Drugs intercepted parcels hiding some 4.992 kilograms of shabu with an estimated value of P33.945 million.

The first parcel, declared as "Air Filters," arrived on March 30, from South Africa bound for Batangas. Upon examination, authorities discovered two air filters and four transparent plastic pouches of shabu —two concealed inside each filter—

weighing some 2,004 grams, with an estimated value of P13,627,000.

The second parcel, declared as "Textbooks and Briefcase," arrived on March 31 from Uganda and was bound for Dasmariñas

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Mayor John Sambo reading DepEd report. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

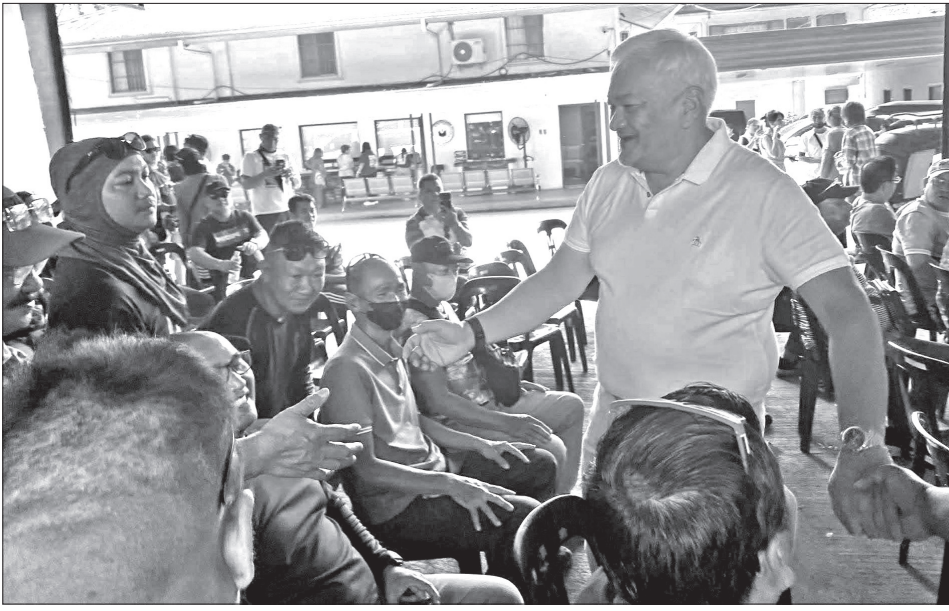
STO. TOMAS, PAMPANGA – Significant gains in nutrition among schoolchildren here have been recorded since the implementation of the Tatay Bong Pineda Feeding Program, highlighting the beneficial impact of sustained public and private

sector collaboration.

Citing a report from the Department of Education-Sto. Tomas District submitted by Schools Division Superintendent Anna Liza Pineda, Mayor John Sambo said that of the

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Cong Pogi's family firm yields P2-M in rice for 19,629 PUV drivers



Cong Pogi Lazatin in a meeting with members of the TODA federation of Angeles City, led by their president, Almario Jimenez, to discuss assistance programs for drivers amidst the fuel price hike. **FILE PHOTOS**

ANGELES CITY – Through the family-owned Biotop Philippines Agriculture Company, Inc., Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo “Pogi” Lazatin, Jr. has allotted some P2-million worth of rice for tricycle and jeepney drivers in his district.

Beginning the first week of May, Lazatin and his staff will visit all tricycle and jeepney terminals in Angeles City, Mabalacat City, and Magalang Municipality to distribute five kilos of rice each to 17,074 members of tricycle operators and drivers’

associations and 2,555 members of the jeepney operators and drivers’ associations.

“Napakahalaga ng papel na ginagampanan ng mga driver sa paggalaw ng ating ekonomiya, pero malaki ang paghihirap na dinaranas nila ngayon

dahil sa tuloy-tuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng krudo. Dahil dito, gusto nating maghatid ng maliit na personal nating tulong para sa kanila,” Lazatin said.

Since his incumbency time as Angeles City mayor, it has been

Lazatin’s tradition to give five kilos of rice each to tricycle drivers and jeepney drivers as his personal Christmas gift to the transport sector.

Data from the Department of Energy show that there has been a double-digit increase

across various petroleum products since the joint attack of the US and Israel against Iran.

Diesel prices in the country went up by 50% while gasoline prices went up by 34% to 43% from Feb. 24 to March 30, 2026.

Team Lazatin Media



AC GETS SEAL OF CHILD-FRIENDLY LOCAL GOVERNANCE

ANGELES CITY – Mayor Carmelo “Jon” Lazatin II receives the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance conferred by the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of the Interior and Local Government for passing the 2025 Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit. The citation is in recognition of the dedication and commitment of the city government in pursuing and implementing programs aimed at upholding the rights as well as uplifting the welfare of young Angeleños. **ANGELES CIO**

P470-M regional prison facility to rise in NE

PALAYAN CITY – A 60-hectare regional prison facility of the Bureau of Corrections will soon rise in Nueva Ecija following its groundbreaking in the capital city, aimed at helping ease jail congestion while generating employment and boosting local economic activity.

Located at Sitio Pinaltakan, Barangay Caballero, the P470-million facility will have a capacity for 7,500 inmates across three security camps. It will feature reinforced perimeter fencing, guard towers, controlled entry points, and modern surveillance and communication systems to ensure orderly operations.

Nueva Ecija Gov. Aurelio “Oyie” Umali said the project responds to the directive of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to decongest jail facilities.

He noted that the provincial government purchased the 110-hectare land in 2010, with 60 hectares later donated to BuCor as part of its regionalization plan.

Umali added that the property was intended for long-term development projects that will benefit future generations, while also stressing support for the rehabilitation of prisoners.

He likewise encouraged BuCor to patronize

agricultural produce and other local products from Nueva Ecija.

For his part, BuCor director general Gregorio Pio Catapang Jr. said the project is the first regional prison facility to be established in nearly 50 years, adding that it is expected to bring development to the host community.

He also thanked the governor, who personally granted permission to use the land.

Catapang further noted that BuCor aims to establish similar facilities in every region, with Nueva Ecija as the first to host the project.

The regional prison facility is expected to generate thousands of jobs during construction and create permanent positions in security, administrative, medical, and program services once operational.

It is also seen to increase demand for local goods and services such as food, materials, and other needs, while improving infrastructure in Palayan City and nearby areas, including roads and utilities.

Overall, the project positions Nueva Ecija as a hub for development and reform under BuCor’s modernization efforts.

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SM Active Hub celebrates successful 1st anniversary across Pampanga

SM ACTIVE Hub marked its anniversary with a series of community sports events across SM malls in Pampanga, bringing together athletes, fitness enthusiasts, and families in celebration of active living. The celebration opened with a Community Run at SM City Clark on April 11, drawing 650 runners

and promoting wellness through movement.

Highlights also included the Neon Pickleball Party at SM City Telabastagan on April 11 and 12, participated in by Paloo PH, as well as volleyball and taekwondo games at SM City Pampanga. At SM City San Fernando Downtown,

a volleyball tournament featuring three teams from Guagua and Lubao added to the festive, community-driven atmosphere. SM Active Hub continues its mission of transforming malls into dynamic spaces for fitness, play, and community connection.

Press release



BuCor and Nueva Ecija officials break ground for regional prison facility. **PHOTO: NE-LGU**

P25 million at stake in Jagat real-life coin hunt

INNOVATIVE MAP-BASED social platform Jagat is taking the spirit of the Easter Sunday Treasure Hunt over the holidays straight to the real and busy streets of the Philippines with Coin Hunt, its newest and most exciting event to date. Since launching its interactive event on February 25, Jagat is giving away around P25 million in prizes for Coin Hunt nationwide. With Coin Hunt, players only need to register at

Jagat and check the map for coins scattered near familiar neighborhoods and area landmarks. These in-app coins contain clues that help players find their real-world location. Should the players find the coins and complete the corresponding tasks, they can redeem their rewards in the app. As of April 16, more than 800,000 players across Metro Manila, Cebu, and Davao have already joined the exhilarating



real-world search for precious prize coins, but the fun does not stop there. Jagat is adding even more excitement for those out and about on the Philippines' busy, sweltering sidewalks with the Easter Sunday Treasure Hunt, slated from April 5 to April 26. If players find special

coins related to this new event, they have a chance to win exciting prizes, such as iPhone 17s, a BYD car worth P1.5 million, and fuel vouchers, among others. Make no mistake, though, the Jagat Coin Hunt is not just a solo experience. Players are encouraged to invite their friends for a safer,

more fun, and more efficient hunting experience. Combining real-world exploration with social interaction, Jagat aims to keep users connected with friends and explore more ways to socialize through features like real-time location sharing and footprint tracking.



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GAMBLING CAN BE ADDICTIVE
KNOW WHEN TO STOP

To the Point



HOW CAN I be the mastermind? I was the former speaker of the House of Representatives. But the House of Representatives is only part of one branch of government: the legislature. The national budget is not conceived, executed, implemented, bid out, supervised, and completed by one congressman or even by Congress alone. And certainly not by the speaker of the House.

Congress does not build flood control projects. Congress does not conduct procurement. Congress does not inspect whether a project was actually completed. Congress does not certify whether the work done was substandard or not.

I want to make this simple and clear. The national budget does not depend on just one person. The budget does not begin in the House. It begins in the Executive. The agencies prepare their proposals, the Executive consolidates them into the National Expenditure Program, and that program is then submitted to Congress.

From there, the House deliberates. But the House is not one person, and it is certainly not the speaker alone. It is a collegial body made up of hundreds of members, multiple committees, vice chairs, and institutional processes. In fact, there are around 85 committees, each with its own jurisdiction, leadership, and members. No speaker can personally control every committee, much less direct the actions of other branches or government agencies.

The budget deliberation does not stop in the House. The Senate also conducts its own deliberations, reviews its own version, and plays its own role in shaping the final budget. It is not a bystander. It is an active constitutional participant in the process. After that, the House and the Senate reconcile their versions in the bicameral conference committee. Only then is the final bill transmitted to the president for approval or veto.

If corruption were to occur, in a magnitude made known to us over the past months, then it's clear that real corruption does not happen at the level of general legislative approval alone. It happens at the level of execution of the General Appropriations Act. It happens when projects are implemented. It happens where projects are actually implemented, where procurement is undertaken, where monetary disbursements are actually made, and it happens when substandard projects are passed off as legitimate.

That is why command responsibility is far more logically relevant in the Executive branch, where there is actual supervision, operational control, and implementation on the ground, than in a collegial legislative body whose constitutional role is deliberation and appropriation.

**Thus speaks
Martin Romualdez.
Will anyone care to listen?**



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Opinion



Shepherd's Call

Pablo Virgilio Cardinal David

'Smugglers of the Faith'

IT WAS during a Mass in Rome that the late Pope Francis, with his familiar warmth and instinct for poetic truth, affectionately referred to Filipino migrant Catholics as "**contrabandistas de la fe**"—smugglers of the faith. Not smugglers of goods, but carriers of something far more precious: faith, quietly transported across borders, hidden in the ordinary struggles of life, and shared in places where no missionary program had ever planned to go.

To understand why this image fits so well, it helps to begin with a larger picture.

The Philippines is today the third largest Catholic country in the world, after Brazil (with roughly 120–130 million Catholics) and Mexico (with about 95–100 million Catholics). The Philippines follows closely with around 85–90 million Catholics, forming the largest Catholic nation in Asia and one of the most vibrant Catholic populations globally. It is from this deeply Catholic soil that millions of Filipinos have gone forth into the world. Today, there are about ten to eleven million Filipinos living outside the Philippines, forming one of the most widespread diasporas in the modern world. Their presence is not concentrated but spread across continents, forming a global network of labor, family, and faith.

The largest concentration is in the Americas, with about five to six million Filipinos. The biggest single community is in the United States, with around four to four and a half million people of Filipino origin, followed by Canada with nearly one million. These are largely settled communities—families across generations, professionals, caregivers, nurses, and students who have made new lives while carrying memory of home.

In Latin America, smaller Filipino communities are found in countries such as Mexico, Brazil, Chile, and Argentina, usually numbering in the tens of thousands, often linked to maritime work or professional migration. In Eastern Europe, Filipinos are quietly present in Poland, Hungary, Romania, and the Czech Republic, often in caregiving, domestic work, or factory labor.

The second largest region is the Middle East, with about three to four million Filipinos. In Saudi Arabia alone there are close to one million, while the United Arab Emirates hosts around 700,000 to 900,000. Others are found in Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Oman. Most are temporary workers—nurses, engineers, domestic workers, and service staff whose labor sustains entire economies.

The Asia-Pacific region hosts about one and a half to two million Filipinos. In Singapore there are about 200,000, in Hong Kong around 170,000 to 200,000, in Japan more than 300,000, and in Australia about 400,000 to 450,000, with another 100,000+ in New Zealand. Here we find a mix of domestic workers, caregivers, skilled professionals, and increasingly, settled families.

In Europe, there are about one to one and a half million Filipinos, spread across countries such as Italy (about 160,000–180,000), United Kingdom (about 200,000–250,000), Spain (around 200,000+), and Germany (over 100,000). Across the continent, Filipino nurses and caregivers have become essential to healthcare systems.

There are also smaller but significant communities in Africa, including South Africa, Nigeria, Angola, and Equatorial Guinea, often in healthcare, oil industries, or engineering work. Though less visible, they are part of the same global movement of labor and faith.

This massive exportation of labor has had both painful and life-giving consequences for the Philippines.

On one hand, there is the reality of brain drain—the departure of trained nurses, doctors, engineers, and skilled workers whose talents are urgently needed at home. Families are separated for years, sometimes permanently. Children grow up with one parent abroad, or with both parents working overseas. The social cost is real and often deeply felt.

On the other hand, there is also the undeniable contribution of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs)

to the national economy. Their remittances sustain millions of households, support education, finance healthcare, and keep entire local economies alive. In many ways, the Philippine economy itself leans heavily on the sacrifices of its migrant workers. And yet, beyond economics and policy, something deeper happens in this migration.

Because wherever Filipinos go, they are entrusted with what societies hold most fragile. It is to Filipino caregivers and nurses that families entrust children, the elderly, and the sick. It is Filipino hands that often accompany the dying in hospitals far from home. It is Filipino workers who sustain households across Europe and Asia. It is Filipino seafarers who keep global trade moving across oceans. In a very real sense, the world entrusts its fragility to Filipinos. And in that very space of vulnerability, something unexpected emerges: faith.

Many leave the Philippines not especially religious in practice. But abroad, faith often becomes a kind of survival. Sunday Mass becomes anchor. Prayer becomes language. Silence becomes encounter. The absence of home deepens the presence of God.

They bring with them a deeply embodied Catholic faith: devotion to the Black Nazarene, the Santo Niño, the Divine Mercy, the Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Peñafrancia, and above all, the tender devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, whose image becomes a quiet companion in countless apartments, dormitories, and migrant homes.

They also carry the memory of Filipino saints: Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Saint Pedro Calungsod, young witnesses of faith who left home and gave their lives in mission—now mirrored in migrants who leave home not for martyrdom, but for survival and love of family.

And they bring with them the great rhythms of Filipino Catholic life: Simbang Gabi, the Easter joy of the Salubong, the meditative chant of the Pabasa, the passion of the Senakulo, the solemn proclamation of the Siete Palabras on Good Friday, and the joyful public devotion of the Santacruzan. These are not simply traditions; they become portable churches of memory and hope.

In many parishes abroad, something quietly remarkable happens. Filipino migrants begin to renew the life of the Church from within its ordinary structures. They serve as lectors, choir members, catechists, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and volunteers. They keep parish communities alive where participation is otherwise declining. They bring warmth, song, and devotion into spaces that risk becoming silent.

And from among their children—second and third generation Filipinos—God is raising new vocations: priests, religious, deacons, and even bishops formed in foreign lands but rooted in a faith carried from home. What began as migration for work slowly becomes mission without design. This is why the words of Isaiah come alive in their story: "I will make of you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Is 49:6).

The Filipino migrant does not usually set out to evangelize. Yet in their quiet fidelity—in hospitals, homes, ships, kitchens, and parishes—they become precisely that.

They leave as workers. They live as servants. But many return—or remain abroad—as witnesses. And so perhaps we may say it more fully now: They are smugglers of faith, carriers of grace, and accidental missionaries of the Gospel—bringing light into the world not by strategy, but by the simple courage of remaining faithful wherever life takes them.



Opinion

The Public Space

Jun Sula

“Sinful” Co is coming to town

You better watch out, you better not cry
 Or maybe you should, I'm telling you why
 “Sinful” Co is coming to town
 He's making a list, checking it twice
 Gotta be sure who's naughty or wise
 “Sinful” Co is coming to town
 He dreams of you when he's sleeping
 He knows where to escape
 He knows when you're been good and twice as bad
 To be good or bad means lots of cash
 Oh, better not cry or maybe you should
 Better hide now I'm telling you why
 “Sinful” Co is coming to town

President Bong Bong Marcos is a lucky guy. Former congressman Zaldy Co is now in his hands, or will be in a week or three from now. What he will do against him need not unduly worry the nation. A former journalist said the son of a former dictator lacks the killer instinct.

In other words, PBBM will deal with the famous or notorious lawmaker con thief as a peaceable man. The comparison with the vice president is inescapable. Recall that a few months ago, many felt that he could end up with a slit throat, courtesy of the second highest official of the land who showed it before nation-wide television. Which somehow proved the point that she has what the highest official of the land doesn't have.

Unfortunately, this is one of the issues against the vice president in the impeachment process that the House of Representatives where Co used to have free-rein dominion and apparent sovereignty. It seems he has arrived at a cul de sac, not in sacks or maletas of dizzying cash he allegedly generously distributed to government officials, including PBBM.

Never mind that the other of the famous brothers in government, almost caught up with another wanted man, Atong Ang, but sorry the police were a little late. Maybe they will be luckier next time. Never mind that the implacable Senator Ping Lacson thought Co didn't fall because of PBBM's or his men's genius. Co fell to German border patrols because he wasn't as smart, notwithstanding the unbelievable tale of corruption he left months ago. He just ran out of luck.

But in basketball, a win is a win even if the other won by one point because of a player's clumsiness. It happens when you're on the court, run and press for time and missed that simple lay up. So sorry. Coach Yeng Guiao would have been rabid if his team was

the unlucky one. Yeng has a killer instinct, given his record wins, plus or minus the profanities in the PBA.

Pending Co's arrival, everything is pure and wild speculation. Senator Ping wants to have the first shot at Co in the Senate. Not so fast. The rule is, finder's keeper first. After all, it's PBBM who has instructed the Department of Justice and the Department of Foreign Affairs to bring him home pronto.

First off, the DOJ must work on Co's affidavits. There should be volumes. PBBM and the DOJ, in that order, must know, through his affidavits where the sliced enchiladas were farmed out in his initial taped declaration on TV. Expect a new version when he comes.

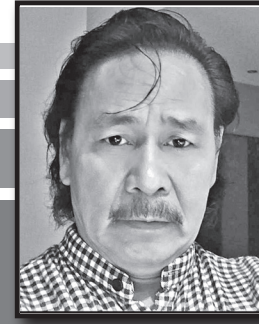
Co should also give the nation a working idea how the department of Public Works and Highways morphed into a cocoon of a profitable cafeteria for corrupt legislators, engineers, contractors and what-have-you. PBBM must be disabused that the chrysalis of corruption did not begin in his time. Cronyism was flagrant ad infinitum during the dictator's regime. In fairness, the late Senator Miriam was convinced that corruption nest flew from somewhere else' cuckoo that rhymes with Co beyond the West Philippine Sea.

Certainly, Co's coming to town will be a great game changer. On his word, the political fates of either PBBM or his vice president hangs in the balance. How much is truth or lie in what he will drive their future north or south in a big way. It's geography, too.

It will also confirm if Ombudsman Jesus Remulla meant business when he bared that malversation cases were being prepared by his agency against former House Speaker Martin Rnomualdez and former Senate President Chiz Escudero.

Co's final testimony will be the lynch pin. Remulla can be the epitome of a rational being or a flawed one. The context is important. The former speaker is PBBM's first cousin and a potential candidate in 2028. Politics is also much thicker than wine in the Philippines. The former Senate head was once seen giving up his glass to the First Lady in one occasion at the Palace. Context could also be a pretext.

In other words, Co's coming will be a schadenfreude for either of the two partisan political groups. Co didn't have the chance to enjoy the German pleasure because the border patrols had no pastillas like our immigration. The local dilawans are lucky being on the sideline watching politics as a spectator's sports with glee.

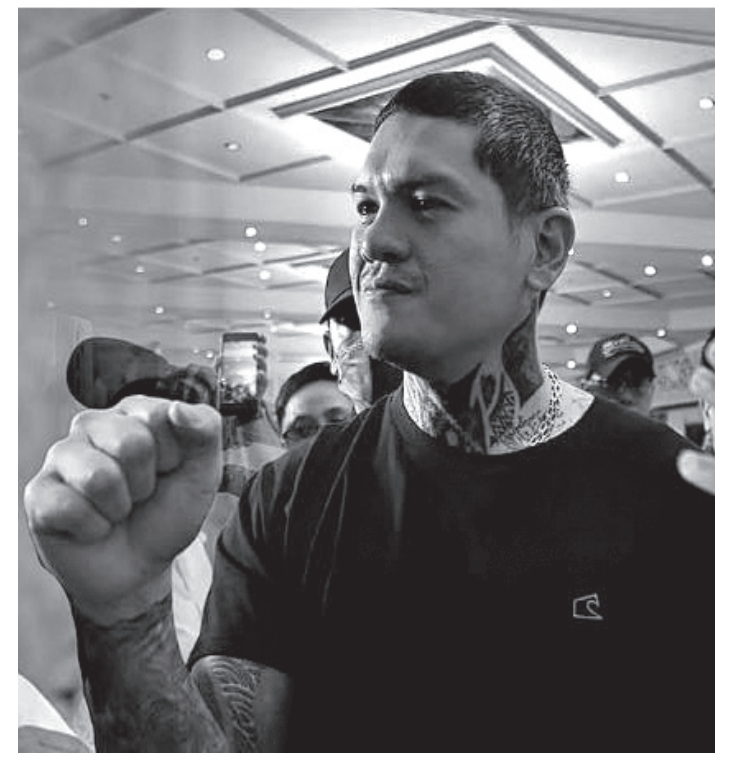


Napag-uusapan Lang

Marvel V. Garcia

Sa death penalty bill, sino nga ba ang pumipigil?

1. Mayron nga bang di sang-ayon sa'ting mga mambabatas? upang ang death penalty bill ay hindi maisabatas kung mayron man maaaring sila yaong mga corrupt na sa kaban nitong bayan labis na nagpakabundat dahil kung sila'y matuwid sila'y hindi sasalongat sa ipinapanukala na parusang firing squad
2. Kung ang isang pulitiko ay malinis ang konsensiya sa parusang kamatayan walang dapat ipangamba subalit ang mga ganid na sangkot sa anomalya sila yaong mga takot at dito ay kumontra mas nanaisin pa nilang sa kulungan ay mapunta kaysa sila ay tuluyang malagutan ng hininga
3. Dahil sila'y may pag-asang makalaya sa piitan pag kaalyado nila ang naging pinuno ng bayan ganyan lagi ang senaryo na ating natutunghayan nakakalaya ang dapat mabulok sa bilangguan at pag sila'y nakalaya mangungulimbat na naman kasama ng mga ganid nilang mga kasamahan
4. Totoo nga bang malupit at sadyang di makatao? ang parusang kamatayan sa tiwaling pulitiko ayon yan sa mambabatas na naroon sa kongreso na mayroong pasubali noong ipahayag nito makatarungan ba aniyang pagnakawan ang gobyerno? na siyang nagpapahirap sa mamamayang Pilipino
5. Ang parusang kamatayan dapat lamang ipatupad sa kawani ng gobyerno na laging nangungulimbat sapagkat ang korapsiyon ang labis na nagpapahirap sa lahat ng mamamayan nitong bansang Pilipinas at sa ganitong paraan ay maaaring umunlad itong bayan na malaon na rin nating hinahangad
6. Sa biblia sinabi ng Panginoong Hesukristo ang talinhaga hinggil sa mga masasamang damo hindi dapat mahalo sa nakatanim na trigo kaya, habang maaga pa kailangang puksain ito ganyan din ang dapat gawin sa lahat ng pulitiko na nagpapahirap sa sambayanang Pilipino
7. Ikaw igan payag ka ba na ito'y maisabatas? upang lipulin sa bansa mga pulitikong korap ngunit kung may tumututol na ito'y maipatupad ano ang kahihinatnan nitong bansang Pilipinas? kung tiwali ang mayorya sa'ting mga mambabatas death penalty malabo ng ito ay maging batas



complicated issues. They require execution, not messaging.

Where was this rage WHEN Filipinos had already been asking these questions long before this rebranding effort began?

Where was this rage WHEN the facts were already there?

Because what we are seeing now does not feel new. It feels familiar. We see the shift in language and notice the desperate attempt to reset an image.

And the real question remains.

Where was this rage WHEN it actually mattered?



Opinion

Ad Lib

Rey Yumang

Reform or Rebranding?

ON APRIL 12, 2026, Davao City Mayor Sebastian “Baste” Duterte launched the Reform Alliance for Good Governance and Accountability (RAGE) Coalition at Club Filipino in San Juan.

RAGE, according to its organizers, is a multi-sectoral alliance of political parties, civic groups, and grassroots movements pushing for accountability. The message is clear. The timing is even clearer. And it raises questions that slogans alone cannot answer.

Where was this rage WHEN Davao City received around ₱51 billion in infrastructure funds including flood control from 2020 to 2022, yet the same communities still flood after every heavy rain?

Where was this rage WHEN, in late 2023, lawmakers flagged ₱4.35 billion in questionable flood control projects in Davao Region? Out of 121 projects, about 80 had red flags. That is not an isolated problem but a system showing

cracks.

Where was this rage WHEN Commission on Audit reports from 2018 to 2022 repeatedly cited Davao City for weak financial controls that included unliquidated cash advances, missing documents, and poor monitoring? These are not minor errors but clear warning signs.

Where was this rage WHEN, in 2023, Vice President Sara Duterte, as Education Secretary, faced scrutiny over ₱125 million in confidential funds spent in just 11 days?

Where was this rage WHEN lawmakers, during budget hearings in September and October 2023, asked for clear liquidation reports but got vague answers instead? Public money deserves clear

accounting and not general statements.

Where was this rage WHEN the “Mary Grace Piattos” controversy raised doubts about whether some receipts tied to those funds were even real? The issue quickly became symbolic not just of questionable documentation, but of a system that struggles to prove where money actually goes.

Where was this rage WHEN the Duterte family held power in Davao City for over 30 years? That is not just a term but an era long enough to prove what good governance looks like.

Where was this rage WHEN everyday problems such as traffic, flooding, uneven development, urban congestion persisted despite decades of control? These are not

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROMANITO P. GONZALES** who died on August 04, 2023, at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 10 J-1, of the subdivision plan Psd-03-281123, being a portion of Lot 10-J, Psd-03-171672 situated in Barangay of Mining City of Angeles, Province of Pampanga, containing an area of Two Hundred (200) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2025007616; before Notary Public Atty. Benito G. De Guzman, as per Doc. No. 205, Page No. 33, Book No. XI, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **JOHN PATRICK SIRON SURLA** of legal age, Filipino, single and residing at 0635 Gumamela St., Villa Emilia Subd., Manibaug Paralaya, Porac, Pampanga; and heirs of **ALFREDO SURLA** who died on October 17, 2023; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 9 Blk. 2 of the subd. plan (LRC) Psd-49992, being a portion of Blk. 1, described on plan (LRC) Psd-42114, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 372), situated in BO. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Two Hundred Ten (210) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 617797-R; before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 2459, Page No. 13, Book No. 85, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

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Notice is hereby given that **FREDDIE WONG** of legal age, Filipino, married, and a resident of 719 White Street, Daly City, California 94015 U.S.A represented by his brother **ROMEO WONG**, of legal age, Filipino, and a resident of 408 Ext. 2, Dolores Crossing, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, by virtue of a duly executed and authenticated Special Power of Attorney dated March 3, 2025 at the Consulate General of the Philippines in San Francisco, U.S.A, hereinafter referred to as the Seller-Co-Owner; and heirs of deceased **ALICE WONG TULABUT** executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 9, Block 2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-44187, being a portion of Lot 1850-A-1-A-2-B-2 described on plan Psd-67273, LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 138), with no improvements thereon, situated in the Barrio San Matias, Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty Two (232) Square Meters and covered by Technical Description of TCT No. 163095-R; before Notary Public Atty. Tommy De Leon Aquino, as per Doc. No. 72, Page No. 37, Book No. XIII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROMEO DE GUZMAN NACU** who died on July 06, 2016, at Angeles Medical Center, Rizal St., Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a Block 112, Lot 9, Phase No. III-D, under National Housing Authority, situated at Barrio Buensuceso, Municipality of Arayat, Prov. of Pampanga, containing an area of Ninety Six (96) Square Meters; before Notary Public Atty. Mark Andrew M. Santiago, as per Doc. No. 1549, Page No. 4, Book No. XLIX, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **NATHANIEL C. BULANADI** who died on November 06, 2025 at 1312 Prestonwood Cres., Mississauga, Ontario L5V 2Z2, Canada; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly as a parcel of land (Lot 18 Blk. 2 of the cons.-subd. plan Pcs-03-001964, being a portion of the consolidated Lots, 4410-A to 4410-C (LRC) Psd-341244, and Lot 2, Pcs-03-001846, Lot 18-A to 18-F, (LRC) Psd-341245, L.R.C Rec. No.), situated at Bo. of Telabastagan, Mun. of San Fdo. Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of Three Hundred (300) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2024002803; before Notary Public Rodney Jonas L. Sumague, as per Doc. No. 2741-26, Fee \$38.75, O.R. No. 79, Service No. 5274, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 5, 12 & 19, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PACITA LAO UY** who died on May 22, 2024 and passed away in Quezon City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Incorrect TCT Number	Correct TCT Number
TCT No. 108405	TCT No. 1084805
TCT No. 108406	TCT No. 1084806

before Notary Public Atty. Rizal Jose P. Valmores, as per Doc. No. 231, Page No. 47, Book No. XXVIII-C, Series of 2025.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 5, 12 & 19, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ESTEBAN MANIO CABUSO** who died March 21, 1997, and **MACARIA LIWANAG CABUSO** who died on September 9, 2016 and who were residents of Brgy. San Ildefonso, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 9638 (485-MM) (EP No. 365287)
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

A parcel of land (Lot 4 of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-13368 (OLT), being a portion of Lot 451, Cad. 95 Magalang Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. ____), situated in the Barrio of San Ildefonso, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven (10,677), Square Meters.

TCT NO. 9639 (486-MM) (EP No. 365286)
Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga

A parcel of land (Lot 1 of the subdivision plan, Psd-03-13368 (OLT), being a portion of Lot 451, Cad. 95 Magalang Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. ____), situated in the Barrio of San Ildefonso, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven (9,647), Square Meters.

before Notary Public Atty. Kim Lamberth N. Matic, CPA as per Doc. No. 636, Page No. 058, Book No. IX, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 5, 12 & 19, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **AMADO Q. GARCIA** who died on July 30, 2024 at Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital (JBLMGH), Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land situated in Barangay of Sta. Maria, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Seven Hundred Eighteen (718) Square Meters Lot No. 342-B-12-P, Plan No. Psd-03-233159; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2018010870; before Notary Public Atty. Koko Pangan Gonzales, as per Doc. No. 1244, Page No. 057, Book No. XXX, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ARIEL VILLAROMAN PINEDA** who died on October 17, 2022; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2022005565

A parcel of land (Lot 2, Block 25, of the Consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, Being a portion of the consolidation of lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Five Hundred Forty Nine (549) Square Meters;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2022005564

A parcel of land (Lot 1, Block 25, of the Consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, Being a portion of the consolidation of lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Five Hundred Forty Nine (549) Square Meters;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2022005566

A parcel of land (Lot 4, Block 25, of the Consolidation-Subdivision Plan (LRC) Pcs-7705, Being a portion of the consolidation of lots 429-C to 629-K (LRC) Psd-72734, LRC Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, City of Angeles, Island of Luzon; Containing an area of Four Hundred Fifty (450) Square Meters;

before Notary Public Atty. Victor Greg C. Sarmiento, as per Doc. No. 269, Page No. 55, Book No. 01, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PAQUITO AGUILA MANALANG** who died on June 16, 2025 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with General Renunciation of Inheritance on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 18 of the subdivision plan, BSD-03-002113 (OLT) being a portion of lot 1, Bcs-03-000135 (OLT) L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Municipality of Floridablanca, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of Three Hundred Three (303) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 25930 (Emancipation Patent No. 00727759), before Notary Public Atty. Felipe P. Mallari III, as per Doc. No. 186, Page No. 39, Book No. W, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **LOLITA BATIC CANDA** who died on November 03, 2024 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/her estate; and more particularly as a parcel of land (Lot 5 Blk. 2 of the cons. & subd. plan Pos-03-001371, being a portion of Lot 3278-A-3-B-3-B, Psd-03-009957 and Lot 3278-A-3-B-2, Psd-03-007281, LRC. Rec. No.), situated at Bo. of San Isidro , Mun. of San Fdo. Prov. of Pamp.; containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 344669-R; before Notary Public Atty. Ryann T. Rueda, as per Doc. No. 247, Page No. 51, Book No. CXII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 5, 12 & 19, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PERFECTO REYES CAYLAO** who died April 17, 2025 in St. Catherine of Alexandria Foundation and Medical Center, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 707693-R
REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA

A parcel of land (Lot 142-B-7, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-170765, being a portion of Lot 142-B, Psd-03-115169, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Bo. of Manibaug, Mun. of Porac, Prov. of Pamp., containing an area of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Three (2,783) Square Meters, More or Less.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 156412
REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE ANGELES CITY

A parcel of land (Lot 13-B, of the subd. plan, Psd-03-162782, being a portion of Lot 13, Block 21-A (LRC) Pcs-1077, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Ninoy Aquino, Angeles City, containing an area of One Hundred Seventy Three (173) Square Meters, More or Less.

before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 3338, Page No. 84, Book No. 86, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 5, 12 & 19, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROMEL M. LACANLALE** who died on December 06, 2025 at Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly as a parcel of land (Lot 12 Block 9 of the subdivision plan (LRA) Psd-376936, approved as a non subdivision as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 86-A-1, (LRC) Psd-261780; L.R.C Cad. Record No. 124), situated at Barrios of Pandan and Tabon, Angeles City; containing an area of Eighty (80) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 137991; before Notary Public Atty. Allan M. Del Rosario, as per Doc. No. 410, Page No. 83, Book No. XXII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 5, 12 & 19, 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**.

LILIBETH A. LIWAG
/Applicant

Case No.:2018-00115TNVS

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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 **April 06, 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 **May 04, 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 **PI/Gen. RICHARD A. ALBANO (ret.)**, Regional Director, this **15th day of April 2026** in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Atty. JENNIFER ANN G. RODRIGUEZ
Hearing Officer
Attorney IV

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Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARIO G. SOLIMAN** who died on February 10, 2025 at La Paz, Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as follows;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 045-2022008080
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 15-E **PLAN NO:** PSD-03-253234
PORTION OF: LOT 15, PSD 03-034505
LOCATION: Barangay of Dela Paz & San Isidro, Mun. of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three (1,953) Square Meters, More or Less

before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 313, Page No. 64, Book No. LXXI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 19, 26 & May 3, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **TEODORO A. UBANDO** who died on December 08, 2006 and **CARMEN BAUTISTA UBANDO** who died on October 16, 2021; 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 14, Block 13 of the subdivision plan (LRA) Psd-376936 approved as a non-subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 86-A-1, (LRC) Psd-261780, L.R.C. Cad. Record No. 124), situated in the Barrios of Pandan and Tabon, Angeles City; containing an area of Eighty (80) Square Meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 134412; before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 2961, Page No. 09, Book No. 86, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 12, 19 & 26, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARCELO GATCHALIAN MAGLALANG** who died April 5, 2012 in Barangay Cuayan, Angeles City, Pampanga and **CARIDAD MUSNI MAGLALANG** who died on July 20, 2015 in Barangay Cuayan, Angeles City Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

i. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NUMBER 164413
of the Registry Deeds for Angeles City (with improvements)

"A parcel of land (Lot 12 Block 3, of the subdivision plan, (LRA) Psd-383249, Approved as a Non-Subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 698-C-4-B, Psd-03-093534; L.R.C Record No. 11733) situated in the Barrio of Cuayan, Mun. of Angeles City, Province of Island of Luzon; containing an area of Ninety-Seven (97) Square Meters, More or Less.

i. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NUMBER 164416
of the Registry Deeds for Angeles City (with improvements)

"A parcel of land (Lot 13 Block 3, of the subdivision plan, (LRA) Psd-383249, Approved as a Non-Subdivision project, being a portion of Lot 698-C-4-B, Psd-03-093534; L.R.C Record No. 11733) situated in the Barrio of Cuayan, Mun. of Angeles City, Province of Island of Luzon; containing an area of Fifty (50) Square Meters, More or Less.

before Notary Public Atty. Anthonie K. Langit, as per Doc. No. 551, Page No. 55, Book No. LXVI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 5, 12 & 19, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VIRGILIO SANDIG** who died July 12, 1995 at JBL Memorial Hospital City of San Fernando, Pampanga and **ROWENA SANDIG** who died on November 26, 2025 at AUF Medical Center, Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly as a parcel of land situated at Bo. of Iba, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Forty (240), Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 204323-R (now Transfer Certificate of Title No. 119706-M); before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 106, Page No. 23, Book No. CXVIII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: April 5, 12 & 19, 2026



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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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**.

KATHLEEN LOUISSE C. GANZON
/Applicant
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Case No.:2023-00400TNVS

NOTICE OF HEARING

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NOTICE is hereby given that this Application will be heard by this Board on **May 21, 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 20th day of April 2026 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Atty. CARL SHA JEMIMAH F. MARBELLA
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Punto! Central Luzon: April 19-25, 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**.

WILFREDO C. GANZON
/Applicant
x-----x

Case No.:2023-00395TNVS

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **Transport Network Vehicle Service** within **REGION III** accessible to motor vehicle traffic and vice versa with the use of **ONE (1)** units, which certificate is valid up to **November 08, 2025** in the application filed on **November 07, 2025**. 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 **May 21, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.** at its office at the above address.

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WITNESS the Honorable P/Gen. **RICHARD A. ALBANO** (ret.), Regional Director, this 20th day of April 2026 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Atty. CARL SHA JEMIMAH F. MARBELLA
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Punto! Central Luzon: April 19-25, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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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**.

WILFREDO C. GANZON
/Applicant
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Case No.:2023-00397TNVS

NOTICE OF HEARING

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WITNESS the Honorable P/Gen. **RICHARD A. ALBANO** (ret.), Regional Director, this 20th day of April 2026 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

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PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF HANS CLYDE SALONGA with Registry No. 2005-205 particularly:

(a) In entry No. 6, by changing the middle name of his Mother from "Delos Reyes" to "Francisco";

HANS CLYDE SALONGA,
Petitioner,
- versus -
THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MINALIN, PAMPANGA, THE NATIONAL STATISTICIAN/ CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, RODEL CABUGAO MANDAP, CRISTINA FRANCISCO SALONGA, CLAIRE SALONGA MANDAP, CHRIST SALONGA MANDAP, KIRSTEN CYRILL SALONGA MANDAP, AND ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE CLAIM OR ANY INTEREST IN THIS CASE,
Respondents.
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SP. PROC. NO. 6416

ORDER

A verified petition for correction of entries in the certificate of live birth of Hans Clyde Salonga with Registry No. 2005-205 dated January 7, 2026 was filed by the petitioner, through counsel - the Public Attorney's Office, praying that an Order be issued directing respondents to correct the Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) of petitioner particularly Entry No. 6, by changing the middle name of petitioner's mother from "Delos Reyes" to "Francisco."

Petitioner alleges that he was born on October 30, 2000 to spouses Rodel Cabugao Mandap and Cristina Salonga Mandap prior to the marriage of his parents - spouses Rodel Cabugao Mandap and Cristina Salonga Mandap on November 7, 2000.

Recently, petitioner noticed that there is an error in his Certificate of live Birth issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority, particularly, for purposes of this petition, the middle name of his mother which was erroneously recorded as "Delos Reyes" instead of "Francisco", the true and correct middle name of his mother.

Hence, the instant petition to rectify the said erroneous entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner with Local Civil Registry No. 2005-205 to conform to the true and existing facts and to avoid any confusion.

WHEREFORE, finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for hearing on **April 30, 2026 at 8:30 In the morning** at the Session Hall of this Court, located at the 2nd Floor, Regional Trial Court Hall of Justice, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, after this Order shall have been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Pampanga, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioner.

Notice is hereby given that anyone who objects on the petition should file on or before the scheduled date of hearing his/her opposition thereto with a statement of his/her ground thereof. The Local Civil Registrar of Minalin, Pampanga is hereby given a period of fifteen (15) days from receipt of this Order and copy of the petition and annexes within which to submit written comment and/or opposition thereto.

Petitioner is hereby ordered to serve copies hereof together with copies of the petition and its annexes upon the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Minalin, Pampanga and to submit his compliance hereof.

Furnish the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Local Civil Registrar of Minalin, Pampanga, the Civil Registrar General (PSA), Office of the Clerk of Court, Prosecutor De Guzman, petitioner, and the Public Attorney's office a copy of this Order.

SO ORDERED.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, January 30, 2026.

MARY ANNE P. PADRON-RIVERA
Presiding Judge

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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROY PINEDA TUAZON** who died on August 03, 2021 in the Medical City, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Absolute Sale on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land without improvements located at PH III-A Block 10 Lots 25 at Mexico Arayat Reset Site PH3A-PH3E Project, Mexico Arayat, Pamp.; with an area of 96.00 sqm. Pursuant to individual Notice of Award No. 517-30012-16 issued by National Housing Authority dated 12 August 2013; before Notary Public Atty. Dennis B. Puno, as per Doc. No. 311, Page No. 64, Book No. XXV, Series of 2024.

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NOTICE OF BULK SALE

Notice is hereby given that **MANNYTIME FITNEPS, INC.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal place of business at B2 111-117 SM Clark, MA Roxas St., Malabañas, City of Angeles 2009, Pampanga, Philippines (the "Seller"), has agreed to sell, transfer, and convey to **ASPIRE FIT ASIA, INC.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal place of business at 105 Marche St., Santarosa Village 2, Brgy. Don Jose, Santa Rosa City, Laguna 4026, Philippines (the "Buyer"), all or substantially all of the Seller's business assets used in the operation of the Anytime Fitness clubs located at Vista Mall, San Fernando, Pampanga and SM Clark, Dau, Pampanga, by way of an asset purchase.

The assets covered by this sale include all or substantially all of the Seller's business assets used in the operation of the Anytime Fitness clubs located at Vista Mall, San Fernando, Pampanga and SM Clark, Dau, Pampanga, including equipment, furniture, fixtures, inventory, and other personal property used in the operation of the aforementioned clubs, as more particularly described in the inventory prepared in compliance with the Bulk Sales Law (Act No. 3952). The Buyer acquires assets only and assumes only such liabilities as are expressly defined in the Asset Purchase Agreement.

The sale and transfer of the above-described assets is scheduled on April 15, 2026.

This Notice is published for the purpose of giving constructive notice to all interested parties, and to allow all creditors of the Seller to take such steps as they may be entitled to under Act No. 3952 and other applicable laws. **MANNYTIME FITNEPS, INC.** By: Emmanuel Joseph M. Nepomuceno, Chairman

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MINUTES OF THE 33rd 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 19, 2026 AT THE MABALACAT CULTURAL CENTER, BARANGAY POBLACION, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

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AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE ADOLESCENT HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT & WELLNESS PROGRAM OF MABALACAT CITY, PROVIDING SERVICES ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND RELATED SUPPORT, CREATING THE CITY ADOLESCENT HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT & WELLNESS TEAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, and shall protect the welfare of children and youth to ensure their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, the *Local Government Code of 1991*, empowers local government units to promote the general welfare of their constituents, including the provision of health, social services, and community development programs responsive to the needs of children and adolescents;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10354, or the *Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012*, recognizes adolescents (ages 10–19) as a special population with

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distinct reproductive health needs and mandates access to age- and development-appropriate reproductive health information and services, including family planning education and counseling consistent with national policy;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11036, the *Philippine Mental Health Act*, affirms the right of every Filipino to mental health care and psychosocial support, and mandates the integration of mental health services at all levels, including communities and schools, to promote mental well-being and early intervention for mental health concerns among children and adolescents;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 141, s. 2021, titled "*Adopting as a National Priority the Implementation of Measures to Address the Root Causes of the Rising Number of Teenage Pregnancies, and Mobilizing Government Agencies for the Purpose*," directs the government to prioritize the prevention of adolescent pregnancies as a national priority and mobilize inter-agency mechanisms to address its root causes, strengthen adolescents' capacity to make autonomous and informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health, and ensure their access to comprehensive sexuality education and reproductive health and rights services;

WHEREAS, under EO No. 141, national agencies are tasked to implement interventions such as comprehensive sexuality education; awareness and health promotion; education and employment opportunities for youth; youth and community mobilization to prevent adolescent pregnancies; and measures to support pregnant adolescents and adolescent parents to continue education and holistic development;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health's *Adolescent Health and Development Program* and other department-issued guidelines emphasize comprehensive, rights-based, gender-responsive, and adolescent-friendly health services that address physical growth and development, reproductive and sexual health, mental and psychosocial well-being, nutrition, and preventive care;

WHEREAS, adolescent health issues—including teenage pregnancy, mental distress, substance use, malnutrition, violence exposure, and risky behaviors—require a holistic, multi-sectoral, and sustained response involving government, schools, families, communities, and adolescents themselves;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Mabalacat acknowledges that investing in adolescent health, development, and wellness contributes to improved educational outcomes, reduced health risks, stronger families, and long-term socio-economic gains;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a local policy that ensures continuity, sustainability, accountability, and adequate funding of adolescent health, reproductive health, family planning, and mental health services, in accordance with national laws, policies, and executive issuances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mabalacat City in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Mabalacat City Comprehensive Adolescent Health, Development & Wellness Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the City Government of Mabalacat to protect, promote, and fulfill the health, rights, development, and well-being of adolescents (10–19 years) through a comprehensive and integrated approach that includes health services, reproductive health and family planning, mental health support, education, and community engagement in accordance with national laws and policies including, but not limited to:

1. Republic Act No. 10354 (Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012) — which recognizes adolescents (10–19 years) and mandates age- and development-appropriate reproductive health education and access to reproductive health information and services, including family planning, counseling, and preventive care.
2. Republic Act No. 11036 (Philippine Mental Health Act) — which affirms the right of every Filipino to mental health, mandates integration of mental health services across all levels of care including communities and schools, and promotes protection from discrimination and stigma.
3. Relevant national directives and guidelines on adolescent health and development under the Department of Health's Adolescent Health and Development Program (AHDP) and other intersecting frameworks.
4. Other relevant laws and national policies that uphold adolescent welfare, gender equality, health, education, and youth development.

SECTION 3. Objectives. The objectives of this Ordinance are to:

- a) Ensure that adolescents in Mabalacat City have access to comprehensive health services, including preventive, promotive, curative, and rehabilitative care.

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- b) Provide age- and development-appropriate reproductive health and family planning information and services consistent with national law.
- c) Promote mental health awareness, early identification, counseling, and referral services and reduce stigma associated with mental health conditions.
- d) Strengthen adolescent-friendly facilities and programs within schools, barangays, and health centers.
- e) Foster multi-sectoral collaborations with government agencies, civil society, families, and youth organizations.
- f) Institutionalize sustainable financing, monitoring, and evaluation mechanisms for adolescents' health and wellness.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. For the purposes of this Ordinance:

- a) **Adolescent** — A person aged between ten (10) and nineteen (19) years. **Comprehensive Adolescent Health Services** — A full set of health services that address physical, sexual and reproductive, nutritional, mental and psychosocial health needs of adolescents in an adolescent-friendly manner.
- b) **Adolescent-Friendly Services** — Health services that are accessible, acceptable, appropriate, equitable, and effective for adolescents.
- c) **The Information and Service Delivery Network (ISDN)** – is an approach for Adolescent Health and Development (AHD) as a core strategy ensures coordinated, integrated, and continuous provision of information and services addressing the physical, sexual and reproductive, mental, psychosocial, and social protection needs of adolescents, consistent with national Adolescent Health and Development (AHD) frameworks.
- d) **Mental Health Services** — Services promoting emotional well-being, prevention, early intervention, counseling, psychosocial support, referral, and crisis intervention.
- e) **Reproductive Health Information and Services** — Information, education, and services related to sexual and reproductive health, including family planning guidance, counselling, and referrals.

SECTION 5. City Population, Gender & Development Office (City POPGAD Office) as Coordinating Office. The City Population, Gender and Development Office

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(CPGDO) shall be the lead implementing office responsible for coordinating, planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the Comprehensive Adolescent Health, Development and Wellness Program (CAHDWP).

The City POPGAD Office shall:

- 1) Develop citywide adolescent health and wellness plans in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- 2) Coordinate with the City Health Office (CHO), City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), DepEd schools, barangay officials, youth and family organizations, and service providers.
- 3) Facilitate training, capacity building, and certification for providers of adolescent-friendly and mental health services.
- 4) Manage data collection and reporting for adolescent health indicators.
- 5) Oversee compliance with national standards and guidelines.

SECTION 6. Mabalacat City Adolescent Health, Development & Wellness Team (MCAHDWT). There is hereby created the Mabalacat City Adolescent Health & Wellness Council composed of:

Team Leader: City Population, Gender & Development Officer

SECTION 6.1. Members:

- City Health Officer
- City Social Welfare & Development Officer
- City Youth Development Officer
- DILG Officer
- PNP Chief
- DepEd Schools Division Representatives
- Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President (Youth Representative)

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- Parents/Guardians' Representatives
- Civil Society/Youth Organizations\
- Mental Health Professionals
- Other relevant stakeholders

SECTION 6.2. Functions:

- 1) Formulate city policies, strategies, targets, and annual work plans on adolescent health and wellness.
- 2) Review and approve adolescent health services and programs.
- 3) Monitor implementation and report progress to the City Mayor and Sangguniang Panlungsod.
- 4) Recommend budget allocations for CAHDWT

SECTION 7. Information and Service Delivery Network (ISDN) for Adolescent Health and Development. The City Government of Mabalacat shall institutionalize an Information and Service Delivery Network (ISDN) for Adolescent Health and Development, which shall serve as the operational mechanism for the coordinated delivery of adolescent health information, services, and referrals at the city, barangay, school, and community levels.

The ISDN shall link and harmonize the roles and functions of, but not limited to, the following institutions and service providers:

- a) City Population, Gender and Development Office (City POPGAD Office);
- b) City Youth Development Officer (CYDO);
- c) City Health Office and public and private health facilities;
- d) City Social Welfare and Development Office;
- e) Public and private schools, including DepEd and Alternative Learning System providers;
- f) Barangay Health Stations, Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children (BCPCs), and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK);
- g) Mental health professionals and service providers;
- h) Law enforcement and protection units, including the PNP Women and Children Protection Desks;

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- i) Civil society organizations, faith-based organizations, and youth-serving institutions.

The ISDN shall ensure that adolescents are provided with accurate information, timely access to appropriate services, continuity of care, and effective follow-through, while upholding confidentiality, informed consent, and adolescent-friendly standards.

SECTION 7.1. Relationship Between MCAHDWT and ISDN. The Mabalacat City Adolescent Health, Development & Wellness Team (MCAHDWT) shall serve as the policy, planning, and oversight body, while the ISDN shall function as the service delivery, coordination, and referral mechanism for adolescent health and development services.

SECTION 8. COMPREHENSIVE ADOLESCENT HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT AND WELLNESS SERVICES. The City Government of Mabalacat, through the MCAHDWT, shall ensure the delivery of integrated, holistic, gender-responsive, and adolescent-friendly health, development, and wellness services, covering physical health, reproductive health, mental health, nutrition, psychosocial support, life skills, and social protection, including programs specifically for adolescent mothers and their children.

8.1 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Services. The City shall implement programs and interventions that promote healthy behaviors and prevent illness, injury, and risk-taking behaviors among adolescents, including but not limited to:

- a) **Health education and promotion** on personal hygiene, sexual and reproductive health, nutrition, oral health, physical activity, sleep hygiene, and preventive practices.
- b) **Nutrition assessment, counseling, and supplementation programs**, including prevention and management of anemia, malnutrition, and obesity.
- c) **Immunization services** according to DOH schedules.
- d) **Substance use prevention programs**, including education on the risks of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs.
- e) **Injury and violence prevention programs**, including anti-bullying, road safety, sexual violence prevention, and digital safety campaigns.

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- f) **Community-based health promotion campaigns** targeting adolescent risk behaviors and lifestyle-related diseases.

8.2 Adolescent-Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health Services. In accordance with RA 10354, the City shall ensure access to **age-appropriate, confidential, non-discriminatory sexual and reproductive health services**, including:

- a) **Reproductive Health Education (RHE)** delivered in schools, barangays, and community youth centers covering human development, consent, relationships, gender equality, prevention of teenage pregnancy, STIs, and HIV.
- b) **Reproductive health counseling**, including menstrual hygiene management, safe sexual practices, fertility awareness, and responsible decision-making.
- c) **Voluntary family planning information and referral services**, delivered in a youth-friendly and rights-based manner.
- d) **Prevention, screening, and referral for STIs and HIV**, with linkage to higher-level care where necessary.
- e) **Confidentiality and privacy safeguards** to ensure respect and dignity for adolescents seeking services.
- f) **Referral networks** for cases requiring specialized care, including legal assistance in cases of sexual abuse or gender-based violence.

8.3 Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services. Consistent with RA 11036 (Mental Health Act), the City shall integrate **mental health and psychosocial services** for adolescents:

- a) **Promotion of mental health awareness** and reduction of stigma related to mental illness.
- b) **Early identification and screening** for depression, anxiety, self-harm, stress, and other mental health conditions.
- c) **Counseling and psychosocial support**, provided through schools, barangays, health centers, and adolescent wellness hubs by trained personnel.
- d) **Crisis intervention and psychological first aid** for adolescents exposed to abuse, trauma, or emergencies.

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- e) **Referral and linkage to specialized mental health professionals and facilities** when needed.
- f) **Peer support groups and youth-led mental health initiatives** to promote resilience, social connectedness, and coping skills.

8.4 Life Skills, Personal Development, and Resilience Building. The City shall provide **life skills and personal development programs** to help adolescents cope with challenges and make informed choices:

- a) **Life skills education** that includes decision-making, critical thinking, emotional regulation, communication, conflict resolution, and stress management.
- b) **Gender-responsive and values education** promoting respect, non-violence, and equality.
- c) **Leadership, civic engagement, and volunteer programs** through youth organizations and Sangguniang Kabataan structures.
- d) **Career guidance, educational planning, and employability programs** for adolescents, including out-of-school youth.
- e) **Targeted programs for vulnerable adolescents**, including youth with disabilities, adolescent mothers, and at-risk youth.

8.5 Social Protection Program for Adolescent Mothers and their Children (SPPAMC)

The City shall implement a **Social Protection Program for Adolescent Mothers and their Children**, aligned with national policies, providing:

- a) **Access to health services** for adolescent mothers and their children, including prenatal, postnatal, child immunization, and nutrition programs.
- b) **Continuity of education** through special bridging programs, alternative learning systems, or flexible school arrangements for adolescent mothers.
- c) **Parenting skills and life skills training** to equip adolescent mothers with knowledge on child care, family planning, and household management.

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- d) **Psychosocial support and counseling services**, addressing mental health, self-esteem, coping mechanisms, and peer support.
- e) **Economic support and livelihood interventions**, such as skills training, microfinance, or cash grants where feasible, to reduce poverty-related vulnerabilities.
- f) **Protection from discrimination and stigma** in schools, communities, and workplaces.
- g) **Referral systems** for legal assistance, social welfare support, and specialized medical care.

8.6 Family, School, and Community Engagement. The City shall strengthen **family and community participation** in adolescent development:

- a) **Parenting programs and caregiver education**, particularly for families of adolescent mothers, to provide guidance on emotional support, communication, and child-rearing.
- b) **School and community partnerships** to support adolescent health services, SPPAMC programs, and referral networks.
- c) **Community advocacy campaigns** promoting adolescent rights, healthy behaviors, and supportive environments.

8.7 Service Delivery Settings. Comprehensive adolescent services shall be delivered through:

- Public health centers and hospitals;
- Schools and alternative learning programs;
- School and Community-Based Adolescent Wellness Hubs and Teen Information Centers;
- Community outreach and mobile services;
- Telehealth or digital counseling platforms where feasible.

All service delivery points must comply with **adolescent-friendly standards** of accessibility, confidentiality, quality, and equity.

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8.8. Adolescent Health and Development Referral Mechanism. The City Government shall establish a **standardized, adolescent-friendly referral mechanism** within the ISDN to ensure timely, confidential, and appropriate referral of adolescents to health, mental health, psychosocial, social welfare, protection, and legal services.

The referral mechanism shall include:

- a) Clearly defined referral pathways among schools, barangay health stations, adolescent wellness hubs, health facilities, social welfare offices, and partner institutions;
- b) Standard referral protocols and documentation procedures consistent with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and applicable child protection policies; Defined roles and responsibilities of referring and receiving institutions; Feedback and follow-up mechanisms to ensure continuity of care and case resolution;
- c) Special protocols for cases involving mental health concerns, sexual and gender-based violence, abuse, exploitation, and adolescent pregnancy.

SECTION 9. Settings & Safe Spaces. The City shall support the establishment and sustainability of Adolescent Health & Wellness Hubs, teen centers, youth centers or safe spaces in barangays, schools, and public health facilities that provide integrated services in a youth-friendly environment.

SECTION 10. Hiring of Personnel. To ensure implementation of this ordinance, the following positions are hereby created under the City Population, Gender and Development Office (City POPGAD Office), and shall be filled up in accordance with the qualifications standard set by the Civil Service Commission:

- a) Psychologist III (Salary Grade 20)
- b) Nurse II (Salary Grade 16)

Aforementioned shall undertake the operation of the City Teen Information and GAD Resource Center (TIGRC) under the City POPGAD Office and shall coordinate with various schools in establishing school-based Teen Information Centers (TeenBayans) catering to various reproductive and mental concerns of the adolescents in the City.

SECTION 11. Capacity Building & Training. The City shall implement capacity-building activities for health workers, teachers, social workers, counselors, and youth

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volunteers to ensure competent, sensitive, and rights-based services and support for adolescents.

SECTION 12. Funding. The City Government shall allocate an annual budget under the City POPGAD Office, CHO, and related departments for CAHDWP implementation. It may also leverage Gender and Development (GAD) funds, Local Council for the Protection of Child (LCPC) Funds, Local Youth Development Fund (LYDF), national agency support, NGO partnerships, and donor resources.

SECTION 13. Monitoring & Evaluation. City POPGAD Office, in coordination with the MCAHWT, shall establish a Monitoring & Evaluation Framework with measurable indicators (e.g., service utilization, adolescent feedback, health outcomes) and provide annual reports to the City Council. It shall include indicators on the functionality and effectiveness of the ISDN and referral mechanisms, such as service utilization, referral completion rates, response time, and adolescent feedback, to inform program improvement and policy decisions.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in two (2) local newspapers of general circulation.

ENACTED: This 19th day of February 2026 on motion of Hon. Hon. Marjorie Grace M. Sambo, duly seconded by Hons. Morales, Soliven, Jocson, Acorda and Tiongco.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS DULY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG ON FEBRUARY 19, 2026.

ATTESTED BY: 
MARCOS T. CASTRO JR.
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer


Aileen G. Peña
SP Secretary


HON. GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO

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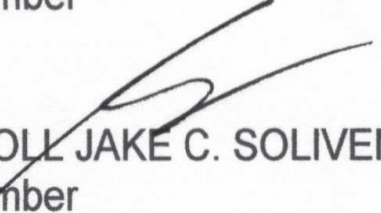
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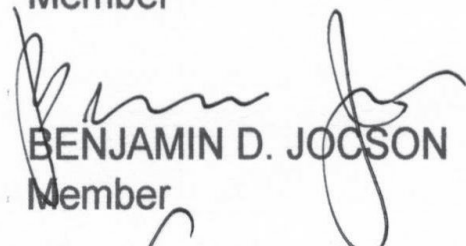

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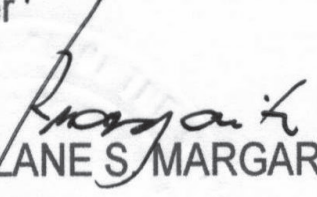

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GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO
City Mayor

Date: MARCH 19, 2026



Kindness Multiplies: Beautéderm's Biyaheng Kalinga inspires more to give

BY NING CORDERO

ANGELES CITY—Long before sunrise, tricycle and delivery riders queued outside Beautéderm headquarters in Barangay Sto. Domingo here, eager to secure their slots for the second round of Biyaheng Kalinga on April 17.

By mid-morning, hundreds had registered, each one hopeful for the relief that free gasoline and rice would bring.

Beautéderm, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Balibago, distributed ₱500 worth of gasoline and two

kilos of rice to 600 riders. The initiative, which began as a modest outreach, has grown into a movement of compassion.

Beautéderm CEO Rei Anicoche-Tan explained why the company decided to hold a second round. "It's because the feeling was so good. I thought no one would go, but when I arrived from Manila, there were already so many people in line. That's why we were convinced to go for Round 2."

She added that the ₱500 subsidy was enough for a full tank, giving riders three to four

days of uninterrupted work. "For them, that means more income and more food on the table."

The Rotary Club of Balibago mobilized its members, while local businessmen pitched in with goods and cash donations to expand the program's reach. What began as assistance for 500 riders grew to 620 beneficiaries, including Beautéderm employees and delivery staff.

Riders expressed heartfelt thanks: "Maraming salamat po kay Ma'am Rei at sa Beautéderm family. Binigay po

nila sa amin na gas at bigas, malaking tulong po." Another added, "Nagpapasalamat po kami sa Rotary Club of Balibago at sa Beautéderm. God bless po."

For Anicoche-Tan, Biyaheng Kalinga is part of a larger tradition of philanthropy. Long before the pandemic, she had been consistent in giving back—donating proceeds from her ventures to cancer patients and other causes.

"No matter what crisis we're going through, I'll be here as long as I can. It feels so good.

The people are so kind," she said.

Round 2 of Biyaheng Kalinga did not end with the distribution of fuel and rice. It ended with riders heading home with lighter burdens and fuller hearts, proof that compassion can be as tangible as a tank of gas and a sack of rice. In a city where every kilometer is hard-earned, the gesture stood as a quiet but powerful reminder: when communities choose to care, the road ahead becomes less daunting, and the journey more bearable.



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- Ensure all manhours are reviewed daily and clocked accordingly.
- Coordinate all unscheduled maintenance actions, provide recommendations to the maintenance personnel, to utilize allocated downtime in a safe and efficient manner.
- Ensure that pre-flight inspections are carried out in accordance with company procedures and quality requirements to guarantee a high level of safety in all flights.
- Ensure that crew members are provided with all the required support concerning maintenance related issues, to guarantee the safety and reliability of the aircraft.
- Ensure Work Orders are released to service in accordance with applicable regulations and company procedures to maintain aircraft safety, effective record keeping and minimum downtime.
- Ensure all aircraft technical publication and references used in carrying out the tasks are approved and updated.
- Ensure correct/proper tools and equipment (calibrated/serviceable) are used in aircraft maintenance activities.
- Comply with company and authority's safety, quality and regulatory standards at all times and report deficiencies, if any.
- Ensure all PPEs are used by maintenance personnel, as applicable.
- Always keep aircraft and facility clean and tidy to ensure a safe and efficient work environment.
- Perform any other duties as deemed necessary by the Manager, Aircraft Maintenance

Job Specifications:

License Required

- Holder of a valid CAAP, FAA or EASA B1 or B2, base maintenance level environment is required.

Experience

- 5 to 10 years' experience with Type Rating in King Air/ Bombardier/ Gulfstream/ Embraer/ Learjet/ Dassault Falcon aircraft products
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BingoPlus teams up with Sexbomb for Triple Fortune Ball promo

THE COUNTRY'S number one and most trusted online entertainment platform BingoPlus is raising the ante for all Filipinos yet again with a new exciting promo, the Triple Fortune Ball, starting this Tuesday, April 21, with a truly Pinoy twist.

Legendary group Sexbomb, a time-tested pillar of Philippine entertainment, is reuniting under the DigiPlus banner to promote the Triple Fortune Ball promo, set to run until May 10. BingoPlus

players may watch the promo video in the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/19Zh1W3mZ6/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

As BingoPlus' reward for its loyal player base, the number one and most trusted online entertainment platform is pooling in over P2 million worth of giveaways every day, sponsored by Bingo Mega.

Sexbomb poses for BingoPlus

To enjoy a slice of this massive prize pie, players only need to be verified through BingoPlus' mandatory KYC (Know Your Customer) verification process, then make a deposit and place any bet on the platform to qualify for that day's draw.

Promo players can then select three numbers from 1 to 75, editable until the 8 pm Bingo Mega draw.

Once the first-round draw starts at 8 pm sharp, the numbers will be locked, and

the 15th, 30th, and 44th balls drawn will determine the day's official winning combination.

Order of numbers does not matter for the winning number trio, and the number of matches between the player's selected numbers and the winning numbers will determine the prize tier.

To further add spice to the promo, each Bingo Mega bet generates "Pool Energy," gradually increasing the next day's prize cap, and first-time promo players get a one-time

5P Bingo Card bonus.

Winning players get notified through the website or in-app notifications, and must enter the Bingo Mega platform before 11:59:59 pm of the winning day to claim their rewards.

Prizes are paid as betting credits and should arrive within 5 minutes to 30 minutes max in case of rare payout delays. If prizes are not claimed within the prescribed time, the prize will be forfeited and added to the next day's total prize pool.



US-led Pax Silica...

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Thus, declared three party-list representatives belonging to the Makabayan Bloc on April 19, opposing the US-led Pax Silica initiative with the warning that it “will further subordinate the Philippines to US strategic priorities and expose our people, economy, and environment to heightened risks.”

“By hosting a hub explicitly designed to support US supply chains, the Philippines is being positioned to provide the tech requirements of the US war machine and to serve the evolving needs of a militarized bloc,” noted the joint statement of ACT Teachers Rep. Antonio Tinio, Gabriela Women Rep. Sarah Elago, and Kabataan Rep. Renee Louise Co.

Warning that: “This plan also heightens geopolitical danger. It entrenches the country more deeply in great-power rivalry and increases the risk of economic coercion, trade retaliation, and broader instability. The Marcos administration is gambling with Filipino jobs and livelihoods by tying our economic direction to the strategic competition of foreign powers.”

“At the same time, we reject the promise that this will bring genuine national development. Under such arrangements, the Philippines is typically pushed into low-tier roles in the value chain, especially assembly, testing, packaging (ATP), and other labor-intensive, lower-value segments,” the statement said.

The lawmakers called for full transparency and congressional scrutiny over all government commitments under Pax Silica and related critical minerals arrangements, including incentives, regulatory concessions, land and water requirements, environmental and labor safeguards, and security implications.

New Clark City

In a press release on April 20, the Bases Conversion and Development Authority said that “as part of the country’s commitment,” it has allocated a 4,000-acre lot in New Clark City “to serve as a Pax Silica Coordination Office where technology firms, research institutions, and government agencies can converge to build a robust AI ecosystem, accelerate innovation, attract high-value investments.”

The Coordination Office is the first of its kind to be established under Pax Silica. It is being designated as a “Golden Node,” a new model for AI-native investment acceleration hubs, translating into more quality job opportunities for Filipinos and greater participation of local enterprises in the growing innovation-driven economy

across the globe, it added.

“The BCDA will extend a two-year grace period on lease payments, which will be treated as an unconditional in-kind contribution to support the development of economic cooperation initiatives between the two countries. The annual lease rate from the third year onwards will be determined separately under a subsequent agreement,” the press release furthered.

“Massive sellout”

The Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) in a statement on April 19 called the Pax Silica initiative as a “massive sellout” of the country’s land, minerals, and sovereignty.

“To be honest, this is war production disguised as ‘so-called development.’ The government is opening our mountains and ancestral lands to more destructive mining and industries that serve foreigners rather than the Filipino people,” it said.

While designed to “shore up supply chains” for minerals and electronics, Pax Silica can function as an export-oriented enclave, prioritizing foreign firms’ access to land, water, and energy resources, the KMP warned.

“We will be made the suppliers of cheap raw materials and low-value processing such as assembly, testing and packaging, while they keep the technology, control, and profits,” it said.

The KMP also raised concerns that Pax Silica can effect further mining expansion in Zambales, Palawan, and Nueva Vizcaya affecting agricultural lands and biodiversity zones that support rice, coconut, and other food production, endangering the country’s food security if these are converted into industrial and mining corridors.

Noting that semiconductors and advanced electronics produced at the Pax Silica site can supply both civilian markets and defense technologies such as missiles, drones, and surveillance and communications systems.

“There is no doubt that Pax Silica is really meant for the US war effort. It lays the foundation through critical minerals and then pushes production to meet the needs of the US in its warfare,” the KMP said, noting that semiconductors and advanced electronics produced at the Pax Silica site can supply both civilian markets and defense technologies such as missiles, drones, and surveillance and communications systems.

This, it said, could increase the risk of surrounding communities becoming targets if geopolitical tensions escalate. **Punto News Team/Media reports**

Tatay’s feeding program...

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515 students across nine schools monitored from December 2025 to March 2026, those classified under normal nutritional status increased from 232 to 378; severely wasted cases (acute malnutrition requiring urgent intervention) dropped from 77 to 19; and 146 children improved from undernourished conditions to normal weight status.

Schools that reported significant outcomes included Balangcas Elementary School and Moras Dela Paz Elementary School that achieved full normalization of monitored learners; and San Matias Elementary School which maintained 134 normal students and rehabilitated all 26 previously wasted learners.

School heads speak

“The feeding program has successfully met its primary goal. Pupils are full and many have shown signs of healthy weight gain. The meals are generally satisfying and effective in addressing hunger. Pupils appear more energetic and attentive in class, which suggests positive impact on their well-being,” enthused Nora Musngi, Moras Dela Paz Elementary School head.

Dr. Juanito Rigor, head of San Matias Elementary School, said the initiative strengthened both health and learning outcomes. “Tatay Bong Pineda’s Feeding Program is a meaningful initiative that supports students’ health and learning. It improves focus, attendance, and overall well-being. The effort in implementing the program is highly appreciated and



Healthy meals, happy kids at Tatay Bong’s feeding program **FILE PHOTO**

has a positive impact on students.”

Schools that remain priority areas for intervention are San Bartolome Elementary School with 44 learners still classified as wasted or severely wasted; San Vicente Elementary School with reduced severely wasted cases from 20 to 8 but remaining a high-risk area; and Sapa Elementary School improving from 8 to 6 severely wasted cases, showing gradual progress.

Recommending menu improvements, San Vicente Elementary School head Gemma Balingit said: “Frequent serving of the same dishes may reduce appetite and interest. Adding vegetables, soup, and simple menu variations may improve participation and nutritional intake.”

Bernadette Cortez, head

of Sto. Tomas Elementary School, recommended regular vegetable inclusion. “Inclusion of vegetables in meals at least twice a week will help support nutrition and healthy eating habits among learners.”

For Janine Bacani, head of Sto. Rosario Integrated School, the program benefits both learners and families. “The feeding program ensures every child receives a healthy meal. When pupils are not hungry, they focus better on lessons. It supports families and helps children grow and learn better.”

Beneficial partnership

“This is a most beneficial partnership. While the municipal government funds deworming, our partners provide the vitamins and the food. Together, we reach more

children and change lives faster,” Mayor Sambo said. “As government cannot do it alone, we welcome private civic groups, individuals, and philanthropists like Tatay Bong Pineda.”

Philanthropic works, he noted, should be most welcome to local government units. “We should recognize that these charitable acts are not business in nature. Rather than making it harder, we should be awarding commendations to those who help. Our town should be open to these efforts, not closed off by red tape.”

“This is not just a feeding program. It is a model of partnership. If we continue to support, not restrict, those willing to help, we can ensure that no child in Sto. Tomas goes to school hungry,” he said. **Punto News Team**

Rigid regulations...

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help are encouraged, processes are simple and efficient, and government and civil society work hand in hand for the welfare of our people.”

“The present structure [of the proposed ordinance], particularly the mandatory permit requirement and the imposition of penalties for non-compliance, may inadvertently create barriers to the very groups that are helping the city address critical needs in nutrition, healthcare, and social welfare,” Romero wrote.

“The imposition of fines, even for procedural lapses, may discourage civic organizations, private donors, religious groups, and volunteers from conducting outreach

activities within the city,” he warned.

This, to great loss to the city and greater loss to the beneficiaries, given that said organizations “play a vital role in complementing government efforts.”

Romero also took exception to the red tape accruing in the proposed ordinance, citing requirements for “multiple documents, approvals, and advance submissions may not be practical” for outreach efforts that are often organized on short notice or depend on available donations.

“Instead of improving coordination, the ordinance may result in fewer outreach activities being conducted, thereby affecting beneficiaries who rely on these services,” Romero said.

Rather than a “permit-and-penalty system,” Romero urged the city to implement a coordination-based framework comprising “a simple notification system (in lieu of prior permit approval); deemed approval mechanism for timely action; removal of unnecessary certification requirements that may cause delays; automatic exemptions during emergencies; and emphasis on basic safety and sanitation standards.”

The business leader who also identifies himself as “Concerned Fernandino” called on the city to consider administrative or executive guidelines instead of a “highly punitive ordinance,” saying this would achieve the same objectives “with

greater flexibility and ease of implementation.”

“It is important to recognize that the city government, while mandated to deliver social services, cannot do so alone. Civil society organizations and private sector partners are essential in bridging existing gaps,” he wrote, hence policies “should aim to encourage and enable participation, rather than create additional layers of compliance that may hinder it.”

Romero urged the sangguniang panlungsod to defer the ordinance for further review, citing the need for broader stakeholder consultation, legal and policy alignment, and refinement of provisions.

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P33.94-M shabu...

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City. Examination revealed one black leather case containing two sheets of black carbon paper concealing the contraband weighing some 582 grams, valued at p3,957,600.

The third and fourth parcels, declared as “Documents,” arrived on April 2 from Zimbabwe and were both bound for Las Piñas City. Upon inspection, authorities found black leather cases

in each parcel concealing carbon paper-wrapped packages containing white crystalline substances with a combined weight of some 2,170 grams and an estimated value of P14,756,000.

Initial testing using a Rigaku Spectrometer confirmed the substances as shabu, a dangerous drug under RA 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act), as amended. Samples

from each parcel were submitted to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency for confirmatory testing.

A warrant of seizure and detention was issued against the shipments for violations of Sections 118(g), 119(d), and 113 paragraphs (f), (i), and (l) (3 and 4) of RA 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act), in relation to RA 9165.

“This operation highlights how advanced X-ray scanning and the

expertise of our personnel play a crucial role in detecting concealed illegal drugs,” enthused Customs Commissioner Ariel F. Nepomuceno over the successful interdiction.

For his part, BOC-Clark district collector Jairus S. Reyes reaffirmed the Port’s firm commitment to border protection: “These apprehensions reflect our sustained vigilance against drug smuggling.” **Punto News Team/BOC-Clark**

P12-M pickleball facility to open in Clark

CLARK FREEPORT — Pickleball and other racket sport enthusiasts will soon have a dedicated venue in Clark with the signing of a P12-million lease agreement between the Clark Development Corp. and Bandjag Sports & Leisure Inc. to redevelop a former warehouse into Clark Pickleball+, a purpose-built pickleball and paddle sports facility.

CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera and Bandjag Sports & Leisure Inc. president Renato Ocampo Tayag III formalized the 10-year agreement on April 14 at the Clark Visitors Center.

The project, the first dedicated pickleball facility in the freeport, will be located at the former Clark Trading Warehouse along Centennial Road, fronting Deco Central. The 8,443-square-meter leased area includes 3,818 square meters of existing structure and 4,625 square meters of open space, allowing for a combination of indoor courts, outdoor areas, and community-oriented amenities.

“We are creating a different brand for Clark, where sports, light manufacturing, restaurants, and community spaces come together,” enthused Devanadera. “Clark is the right place for everybody, and that is why we are pleased that a pickleball facility is finally opening here.”

The CDC chief noted that facility aligns with CDC’s vision of integrating sports, recreation, and lifestyle components into Clark’s growth strategy.

Once completed, Clark Pickleball+ will feature eight public pickleball courts, a central tournament court for competitive play and organized events, and a convertible basket-

ball court that can be transformed into four additional pickleball courts. The facility will also include a private pickleball court, dedicated spaces for table tennis and other paddle sports, a café and pro shop, locker rooms, and flexible multipurpose areas for coaching, training, community events, and corporate activities.

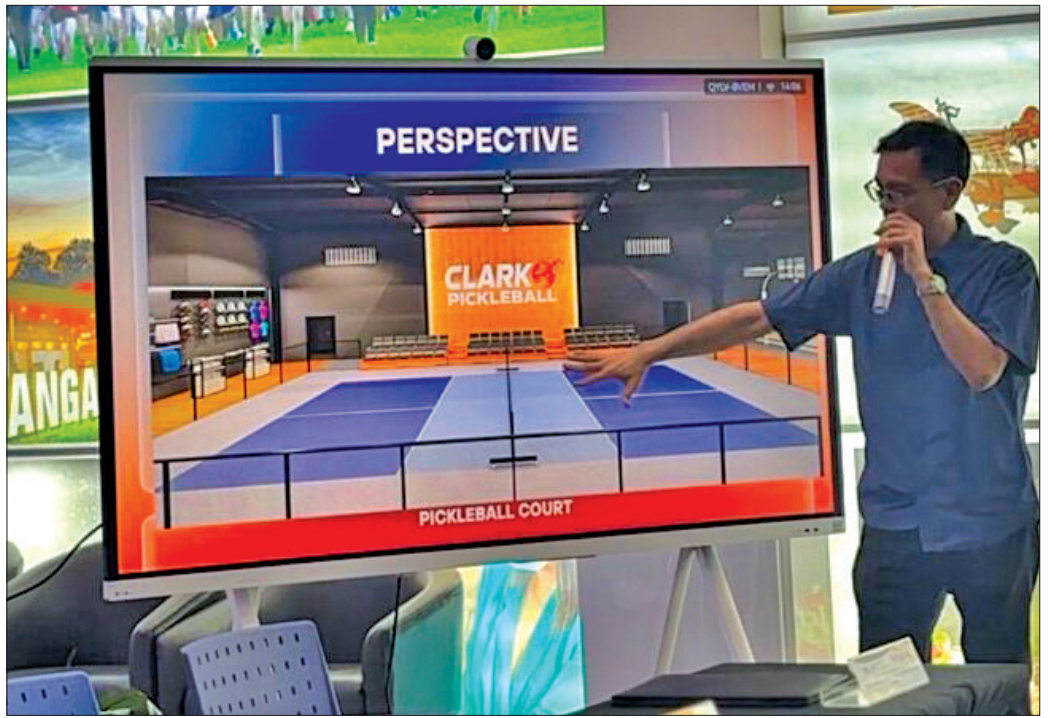
Designed to be inclusive and versatile, the venue will cater to beginners, recreational players, and competitive athletes, while also serving as a hub for tournaments, clinics, and group programs.

Ar. Gilbert Medina, one of the incorporators of Bandjag Sports & Leisure Inc., said Clark Pickleball+ is envisioned as more than a sports facility, positioning it as a platform for promoting healthy living, community engagement, and sports tourism.

“Our goal is to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for everyone, across all ages, while creating a space that brings families and communities together,” Medina said.

The Philippine Pickleball Federation and local sports reports note that pickleball, one of the fastest-growing sports worldwide, has gained steady popularity in the Philippines since its introduction in 2016. Attracting players of all age groups due to its accessibility and its unique blend of elements from tennis, badminton, and table tennis.

Once operational, Clark Pickleball+ is expected to serve residents, workers, and visitors in the Freeport, further strengthening Clark’s live-work-play environment and positioning the area as an emerging hub for sports and active lifestyles in Central Luzon. **CDC-PR**



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