

Pampanga ramps up readiness for El Niño



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — The Provincial Government of Pampanga gathered municipal and barangay officials from the Fourth District on Oct. 6, for a disaster forum focused on climate risks, flood management, irrigation, public health, and community preparedness.

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Unwrapping the magic of Christmas at The Lakeshore

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CDC PCEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera with PamCham chairman Marco Antonio “Jim” Jimenez and assistant corporate secretary Atty. Christopher Ryan Tan during the open forum at the chamber’s 85th General Membership Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors.

PHOTO: CDC

CDC seeks Pampanga business inclusion in Clark supply chain

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO — “The Luzon Economic Corridor becomes meaningful only when Pampanga businesses are included in the value chain.”

Thus, declared Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Agnes VST Devanadera before some 150 entrepreneurs and business leaders during the 85th General Membership Meeting of the Pampanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (PamCham) on Oct. 5 held at the LausGroup Events Centre here.

CDC is seeking greater participation by Pampanga enterprises in the supply chains of Clark locators as investment activity builds around the Luzon Economic Corridor, Devanadera said.

The Clark Freeport Zone hosts 1,295 locators and 151,593 direct jobs, with P372 billion in actual investments, according to CDC figures presented during the meeting. CDC’s agenda with PamCham includes mapping Pampanga’s business capabilities and matching investors with

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New Asahi Group opens P50-M expansion facility

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT — The recent inauguration of the P50-million expansion facility New Asahi Group Subic Trading Corp. at the Tippo Hightech Eco Park makes a concrete affirmation of the robust growth of the trucking industry here.

“The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority takes great pride in developments like this,” said SBMA chairman and administrator Eduardo Jose L. Aliño. “Freeport’s strength lies in

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CIAC earns 99.56% GCG performance rating

CLARK FREEPORT -- The Governance Commission for Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GCG) has given the Clark International Airport Corp. an overall rating of 99.56% for its 2025 Performance Scorecard, marking the agency's highest performance rating in the past three years.

The rating reflects CIAC's performance in meeting its strategic targets for 2025, including the number of people employed by locators, the completion of new lease agreements and development contracts, and the handling of client and customer feedback.

The GCG validation also covered CIAC's ongoing infrastructure and development initiatives, particularly the establishment of the Clark Aviation Capital (CAC), as well as personnel competency, disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) planning, and the implementation of the agency's

Gender and Development (GAD) programs.

CIAC's 2025 rating improved from 98.93% in 2024 and 97.46% in 2023, reflecting sustained performance in the agency's delivery of its strategic targets and programs.

CIAC president and CEO Jojit Alcazar attributed the results to the agency's continuing focus on performance, accountability, transparency, and good corporate governance.

"Management is driven by performance excellence and accountability, and we work doubly hard to ensure transparency and good corporate governance with the guidance of the GCG and our parent company, the Bases Conversion and Development Authority, especially in advancing strategic initiatives for the Clark Aviation Capital as our modest contribution to the nation's economic growth and development," Alcazar said.



The GCG Performance Scorecard is an annual assessment of GOCCs based on strategic criteria, targets, and corresponding weights. It measures the actual accomplishments of government corporations against their commitments and strategic objectives.

As the premier aviation and land development arm of the BCDA Group, CIAC is advancing major development initiatives within the Clark Aviation Capital aimed at attracting investments in aviation, cargo and logistics, technology, connectivity and infrastructure, sustainable urban development,

and commercial and mixed-use developments.

The agency's performance supports its broader mandate to develop Clark as a competitive aviation and investment destination and contribute to economic growth and employment generation in Central Luzon. **CIAC-PAD**



Congressman Lazatin during the joint inspection of the Sapangbato Watershed in Angeles City conducted DENR, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, Angeles City LGU, and members of the media on November 20, 2025.

FILE PHOTO

Cong Pogi to DENR: Protect our waterways, stop free patent issuance

ANGELES CITY – Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr., on Oct. 5 filed House Resolution No. 1489, requesting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to strictly ensure that legal easements along the seas, rivers, lakes, esteros, and creeks are protected and to refrain from issuing favorable certifications for free-patent applications where technical and legal verification establishes that the land applied for, or any portion thereof, forms part of a legal easement.

"Considering the heightened risks of flooding caused by the monsoon and typhoon season, and the important role of

maintaining waterways to mitigate said risks, it is now crucial for the government to take necessary steps to protect these waterways from further encroachment," Lazatin said.

Under RA 10023 (Residential Free Patent Act), a qualified Filipino citizen who is an actual occupant of a residential land may apply for a free patent title from the DENR.

Through HR No. 1489, Lazatin is requesting that the DENR refrain from issuing such free patents for land that may be part of a legal easement along bodies of water since this has the potential to disrupt waterways.

Lazatin's resolution comes in

the wake of the massive flooding experienced in Pampanga in August, due to the heavy rainfall caused by the typhoons coinciding with the southwest monsoon or habagat.

Satellite data from the Philippine Space Agency showed the extent of flooding in the recent habagat season, covering portions of Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, Cordillera Administrative Region, and the National Capital Region.

Pampanga, which was heavily affected, is home to an extensive network of rivers, tributaries, creeks, esteros, drainage channels, and low-lying floodplain areas. **Team Lazatin Media**

Tarlac City braces for El Niño

TARLAC CITY -- "Mahalaga po sa atin na bago pa man maramdaman ang epekto nito, nakahanda na ang ating mga plano at aksyon."

Thus, Mayor Susan Yap underscored the imperative of preparations even before the effects of El Niño are felt, citing the possible impact of the weather phenomenon on the city's water sources, agriculture, and health sectors.

Yap disclosed that a Task Force El Niño, composed of concerned local and national government agencies, has been formed to mobilize resources, assess the city's readiness, and discuss the

plans and actions needed for each sector before the effects of the phenomenon are felt.

"Isa-isa po nating tinalakay ang kalagayan ng ating water sources, agriculture, health, at mga hakbang na kailangang ihanda ng bawat sektor," she added.

For the agriculture sector, Yap said the task force is looking into measures for dry areas in the western part of the city, including identifying crops that require less water.

"May proposal si Secretary [Francisco Tiu] Laurel na magtanim ng millet, na hindi nangangailangan ng maraming

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Mayor Susan Yap presides over inter-agency meeting on readiness for El Niño. PHOTO: TARLAC CIO

24 Midori workers upskilled in F&B services



CLARK FREEPORT — Clark Development Corp. and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority have levelled up workforce development at the freeport from training jobseekers to enhancing the skills of workers already in the industry, graduating 24 Midori Clark Hotel and Casino employees from a 10day Food and Beverage Services program.

"We're not just after applicants anymore — we're now upskilling,"

CDC president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera said at the Oct. 5 graduation rites held at Midori Hotel. "Programs like this inspire and challenge our workforce to keep raising standards."

Joining Devanadera in the event were Midori Hotel GM Vincent Tang, BB International Leisure and Resort Development Corp. director for flagship projects Edgar Lim, TESDA Region 3 director Balmayson Valdez, and CDC AVP for external

affairs Rommel Narciso.

The CDC chief stressed that investing in existing workers is vital as Clark prepares for major events, including the JCI World Congress in November, which is expected to draw 6,000 delegates.

"It doesn't just speak of the destination or Clark's history," she added. "It speaks of people."

Clark was named Asia's Leading Meetings and Conference Destination at the 2025

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PFEX 2026

Celebrating Pampanga's artistry through timeless furniture design

CLARK FREEPORT — The artistry, creativity, and timeless craftsmanship of Pampanga's furniture industry took center stage as the 14th Pampanga Furniture & Furnishings Exposition (PFEX) 2026 officially opened at the SMX Convention Center Clark on Oct. 1.

Under the theme "Design Foresight: The Next One," PFEX 2026 brings together the province's finest furniture makers, designers, artisans, and industry leaders for a three-day celebration of innovation, heritage, and the evolving future of Filipino design.

Organized by the Pampanga Furniture Industries Foundation Inc. (PFIF), the prestigious showcase highlights how Pampanga continues to carve its identity in the world of furniture — where traditional craftsmanship meets contemporary aesthetics, creating pieces that elevate homes, commercial spaces, and hospitality interiors.

Leading the opening ceremonies and ribbon-cutting were PFEX 2026 overall chairman Lance Tan, Philippine International Furniture Show 2027 overall chairman Erwin Tan, Department of Trade and Industry Assistant Secretary Nylah Rizza Bautista, DTI Region 3 director Edna Dizon, Angeles City executive assistant Rafael Lazatin, Beautéderm Corp. president and CEO Rhea Anicoche Tan, and PFIF president Paolo Feliciano together with key government officials and industry stakeholders.

Among the guests were

Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Region 3 director Atty. Balmyrson Valdez, Department of Science and Technology Region 3 director Julius Caesar Sicat, DTI Pampanga acting director Ma. Cristina Evangelista, Pampanga provincial tourism officer Michael Castañeda,



Clark Development Corp. communications division manager Astrud Aguinaldo, Calfurn Manufacturing Inc. chairman Eredito Feliciano, Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines national president Evangeline Fernandez, and SMX Clark general manager Eduardo Miguel Morato.

More than 30 furniture designers and makers from Pampanga are featured in this year's exposition, presenting exceptional creations that reflect the province's rich woodworking traditions while embracing modern design sensibilities.

For Anicoche Tan, PFEX is a celebration of local talent and craftsmanship that deserves recognition. She shared her admiration for Pampanga-made furniture, revealing

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To the Point

2026 WTA CSF beats global cultural capitals

CSF CLINCHES Asia's Leading Cultural City Destination 2026.

Thus, the Department of Tourism-Region 3 press released, proudly congratulating City of San Fernando for being named Asia's Leading Cultural City Destination 2026 at the World Travel Awards.

"After bagging the First Runner Up title last year, the City of San Fernando rose to the top this year, besting Beijing, Delhi, Hue, Kyoto, and Seoul," the DOT-3 PR said.

While it did not say the criteria for the selection, DOT-3 said it nominated the award "recognizing San Fernando's strong tourism potential and rich cultural heritage."

Indeed, no mean feat for CSF, the capital of Pampanga, beating the capitals of China and Korea, the massive megacity where lies, New Delhi, the capital of India, the once imperial capital of Vietnam, and the once capital and imperial residence of Japan.

Mind-boggling to say the least. Indubitably, the brightest gem in the wealth of awards the CSF has so far amassed, since Mayor Vilma Balle-Caluag took the throne at city hall. Our sincere congratulations.

Travel and tourism primarily moving in numbers though, we could not help but look up those generated by the also-rans to the CSF win.

In 2025, Beijing received 5.48 million inbound tourists, and in the first five months of 2026, the city received 2.67 million, said a story in Beijing Evening News.

According to tourism.gov.in, Delhi recorded 3.22 million foreign arrivals in 2025.

Hue recorded 6.3 million tourist arrivals in 2025, and approximately 5.82 million during the first eight months of 2026, according to Cong thong tin dien thanh pho...

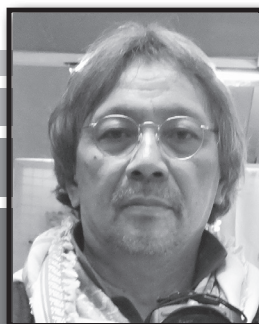
Japan Today reported Kyoto welcomed a record 62.79 million tourists in 2025.

Seoul welcomed a record 11.56 million foreign tourists from January through August 2026, said the Korea JoongAng Daily.

Meanwhile, a Google click citing www.foi.gov.ph. read: "Official tourist arrival figures for the City of San Fernando for 2025-2026 have not yet been publicly released or finalized by the Department of Tourism or the City Tourism and Investment Promotions Office."

A PNA story though said the Philippines recorded 6,484,060 total inbound international arrivals (5,940,975 foreign and 543,085 returning overseas Filipinos) in 2025, and reached 4.42 million arrivals between January and August 2026. How much of that Philippine total was contributed by CSF is anyone's guess.

Clearly, tourist arrival was never a criterion in the WTA selection for leading cultural city destination. Which makes the award really astounding.



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Zona Libre

Bong Z. Lacson

Opinion

Candating template persisting Arayat truly makes the face of failed control projects

WAY PAST habagat and under the sweltering heat of the October sun, sections of two flood control structures in Arayat collapsed over the weekend, raising anew the spectre of the forever collapsing Candating flood control system in the mind of the terrified folk.

Mid-September's torrential rains and the raging waters of the Pampanga River battering the flood control project in Barangay San Mateo are said to have caused erosion of the embankment and the partial collapse of its sheet piles on a rainless, floodless, dry and humid Oct. 2.

Arayat Mayor Jeffrey Luriz promptly calling the Department of Public Works and Highways for urgent action as no less than 20 houses were in danger of collapse too if no immediate intervention is implemented.

The following as-dry and sunny day, a section of the flood control system in Barangay Lacquios caved in with its sheet piles tilted riverway.

The skewed sheet piles unraveling; the story of Candating there rehashing. Recapped, thus:

Collapsed in August 2024, its rehabilitation far from completed when inundated – at the point of complete collapse – by the monsoons in July-August 2025.

Named by Sen. Ping Lacson as the "face of failed flood control projects" immediately before the Senate investigations.

Jointly investigated in September 2025 by the Independent Commission for Infrastructure and Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon, who did not contain his anger over "the patently substandard" construction and extracted from the project contractor, Edgardo Sagum, proprietor of Eddmari Construction and Trading Corp., the vow to repair the damage soonest and ablest –

Only to collapse again on Jan. 23, 2026, damaging at least 16 homes and endangering more along the downstream of Pampanga River.

Indeed, those sheet piles:

"Dapat naman (bunutin ang sheet piles), gusto nating malaman kung talagang 36 meters. That's practically 10-storey building,"



Dizon, at Candating September last year, in an early show of his now- patented "init-ulo" mode berating Sagum. "Dalawa lang ang problema...either may problema sa paggawa mo or yung design mali. Ganun lang 'yun. So aalamin natin yan. Kailangan ito ipa-assess yung design nito kung tama ba o hindi."

No, the sheet piles were never pulled out. After some media-covered perfunctory extraction tries, Eddmari Construction – sans any reported design re-assessment – just went on with its way of "repairing" the damage to "completion ahead" of its promised last-week-of-November-2025.

And that was that. Eddmari going off media radar; Dizon's thermal temper channeled to myriad infra failures across the archipelago.

Still, impacted in its very image, the "face of failed flood control projects" – no thanks to Lacson, the senator – Eddmari Construction shall bear to its eternal shame.

To be fair, the damaged flood-mitigating projects at issue have different contractors: a Royal Crown Monarch Construction in Laquios, according to the barangay folk; Sto. Cristo Construction & Trading in San Mateo, if we go by the

informational tarpaulin of the DPWH at the site.

Sto. Cristo Construction. At once, alarm bells ring; red flags, instantaneously rising.

Per <https://sumbongsapangulo.ph/>, Sto. Cristo Construction & Trading is the top contractor of flood control projects in Pampanga with a total of P1.713 billion. But a miniscule is the Arayat-Phase 2 San Mateo project at P91.095 million.

In Candaba alone, Sto Cristo Construction wangled P1.157 billion for projects at the Malasik River, and another P341.678 million for Maasim River.

Only last month, former Candaba Mayor Jerry Pelayo and a legal counsel representing Candaba residents filed with the National Bureau of Investigation's Organized and Transnational Crimes Division a formal complaint over alleged irregular spending and substandard construction works tied to Sto. Cristo Construction & Trading and Globalcrete Builders, Inc. in alleged collusion with Candaba Mayor Rene Maglanque and former officers of the DPWH.

With the damaged embankment in Laquios, especially in San Mateo, connecting the dots may show an even bigger face of failed flood control projects beyond Arayat.

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By HADC Project Tinta

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When the skies become a lifeline

THE RECENT flooding brought by the Southwest Monsoon or Habagat, intensified by tropical cyclones, has once again demonstrated the vulnerability of communities across Luzon to the destructive force of nature. Thousands of families have been displaced as floodwaters inundated homes, disrupted livelihoods, damaged infrastructure, and isolated communities in parts of Central and Northern Luzon. Government reports as of September 1, 2026 indicated that approximately 8.8 million Filipinos, or 2.5 million families, had been affected, with tens of thousands forced to seek refuge in evacuation centers.

Behind these numbers are Filipino families whose lives were suddenly disrupted, a mother carrying her child through floodwaters, an elderly resident waiting for rescue, and communities desperately hoping that help would arrive. In these moments of crisis, the Philippine Air Force (PAF) once again demonstrated that its mission extends beyond protecting the nation's skies. When calamity strikes on the ground, the men and women of the PAF transform their training, aircraft, rescue capabilities, and logistical resources into instruments of humanitarian service. Recent PAF humanitarian



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Opinion

Seat for the poor, door of the powerful?

THE PARTY-LIST system was supposed to open a door for those who had long been left outside Congress. Under Article VI, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution, 20 percent of the House is reserved for national, regional and sectoral parties. Republic Act No. 7941 or the Party-List System Act sought to give marginalized and underrepresented Filipinos a voice in lawmaking.

The idea was simple. Farmers should have someone who understands farming. Workers should have someone who knows their struggles. The urban poor, fisherfolk, women and other neglected sectors should have a seat at the table.

Almost 40 years later, however, we couldn't help but ask.

Who is actually sitting at that table?

A study by the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) revealed that 32 of the 64 party-list representatives in the 20th Congress have ties to active political clans. Nearly one-third have links to government contractors.

Look at Tingog. Its representatives include Andrew Romualdez, son of Speaker Martin Romualdez, and Yedda Romualdez, the Speaker's wife.

Agimat is represented by Bryan Revilla, son of Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. and Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla. The Revillas also occupy other elective posts.

Ako Ilocano Ako is represented by Richelle Singson, while her brother Ronald Singson represents Ilocos Sur's first district and their second cousin Kristine Singson-Meehan represents the second district.

Then there is Magbubukid, which is supposed to speak for farmers. Its representative, Ferdinand "B1" Beltran, is identified in corporate records as owner of a Pampanga public-works contracting company. His family also has interests in another construction firm.

And CWS or Construction Workers Solidarity? Its representative Edwin Gardiola has also been

identified by PCIJ as a flood-control contractor.

While these are not necessarily illegal arrangements, they raise an uncomfortable question: Can representation be genuine when the representative's background, business interests or political connections are far detached from the sector's ordinary members?

The problem is not limited to dynasties.

FPJ Panday Bayanihan carries the initials and top-grossing film of movie icon Fernando Poe Jr. Its representative is Brian Poe-Llamanzares, son of former senator Grace Poe. According to PCIJ, the party-list also spent nearly P98 million in the 2025 campaign.

Popularity, family names and political machinery can apparently travel through the party-list door.

And that may be the greatest irony.

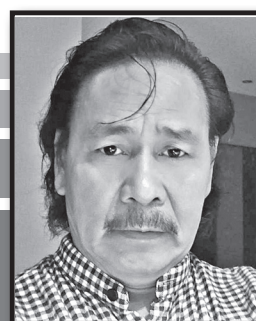
A system created to weaken traditional political dominance can become another route for dynasties, contractors and familiar political names to enter Congress.

Senator Risa Hontiveros has proposed reforms that would tighten rules on political dynasties and contractors and strengthen genuine sectoral representation. Other reform proposals are also pending.

The debate should not be about personalities but about principle.

A party-list seat should represent a sector and not merely carry its name.

Otherwise, the marginalized remain outside the door while the powerful discover another way to come in.



Napag-uusapan Lang
Marvel V. Garcia

Drama ng mga pulitiko, tila yata nauuso

1

Sa tuwing mayrong nakukulong sa mga inihahabla ng ating pamahalaan sa kaso na walang piyansa marami sa kababayan natin ang nakakapuna lahat ay nagkakasakit kahit na ang lalakas pa kung hindi man naka-wheel chair ang iilan sa kanila ay may mga nakasaklay at umiika ang paa

2.

Kahit noong araw pa man lahat ng nakakasuhan maysakit na pag sila ay dadalhin na sa kulungan may naho-hospital arrest na puno ng kadramahan kahit hindi totoo na mayron silang karamdaman kinukuha ba nila ang simpatya ng mamamayan? na kaawaan sila sa aba nilang kalagayan

3.

Ngayo'y tila nauuso mga diskarteng ganito lahat na lang may sakit na kapag sila'y inaresto kadramahang ganyan ngayon ay hindi na epektibo gasgas na at hindi na rin naniniwala ang tao lalo na kung ang hinuli ay ang mga pulitiko ay mayroong kaugnayan sa pandarambong ang kaso

4.

Ang dapat nga sa kanila'y sa muntinlupa ikulong kasama ng mga siga't pusakal na mga maton subalit sa ating bansa kahit nagnakaw ng bilyon basta pulitiko yata kulungan ay naka-aircon na kung pakasusuriin pag ang kaso'y pandarambong sa kaban ng ating bayan dapat bitay ang ihatol

5.

At ngayon sa nakalipas tayo ay magbalik tanaw sa mga naabswelto sa mga kasong pagnanakaw nang sila ay mapalaya malakas pa sa kalabaw wala ng neck brace na dati ay sa lerg nakasingkaw ang mga naka-wheelchair na tila lumpo noong araw nakatayo ng maayos ang paa'y naigagalaw

6.

Mga pulitiko ngayon ay puno ng kadramahan kahit hindi artista ang angkan nilang pinagmulan magagaling sa pag-arte at pang FAMASS ang galawan kahit "star for all season" kanilang nasasapawan niloloko na nga nila tayo't pinagnanakawan mayron pa ring nauuto sa'ting mga kababayan

7.

Kung kaya't sa naka-wheel chair ay di dapat maniwala na sila ay mayrong sakit na tila napakalubha mamamayang Pilipino hindi dapat na maawa sa kanilang kadramahan na palaging ginagawa sila ang may kagagawan kaya napapariwara ang maunlad na sana na ekonomiya ng bansa

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Angeles City Information Office

OXFORD ECONOMICS GLOBAL CITIES INDEX

AC climbs 100 places to rank No. 388 worldwide, No. 2 among PHL cities

OF 1,000 cities worldwide, Angeles City ranks 388th in the latest Oxford Economics Global Cities Index, marking one of the most significant improvements with a leapfrog of 100 places from its 488th standing in 2025.

The latest ranking also placed the city at No. 2 among the nine Philippine cities included in the index, up from third place in the previous edition, behind only Manila at No. 174, and ahead of Davao City at No. 470, and Cebu City at No. 474.

The Oxford Economics Global Cities Index assesses 1,000 cities around the world based on five major dimensions of urban performance: Economics, Human Capital, Quality of Life, Environment, and Governance.

Angeles City posted an overall score of 47.0 in the 2026 index.

The city's 100-place climb provides a global indicator of the continuing development and competitiveness of Angeles City.

Beyond the numerical improvement, the ranking places greater attention on the city's performance across areas that contribute to a city's ability to grow and provide opportunities for its population, namely: economic activity, the development of human capital, quality of life, environmental conditions, and the effectiveness of governance.

The latest result also reflects the importance of sustained investments and initiatives that strengthen public services, support local economic activity, improve community conditions, develop

people and skills, and promote responsible urban development.

The achievement comes amid continuing efforts by the city government led by Mayor Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II to improve services and create an environment where residents, businesses, workers, students, and communities can participate in and benefit from the city's growth.

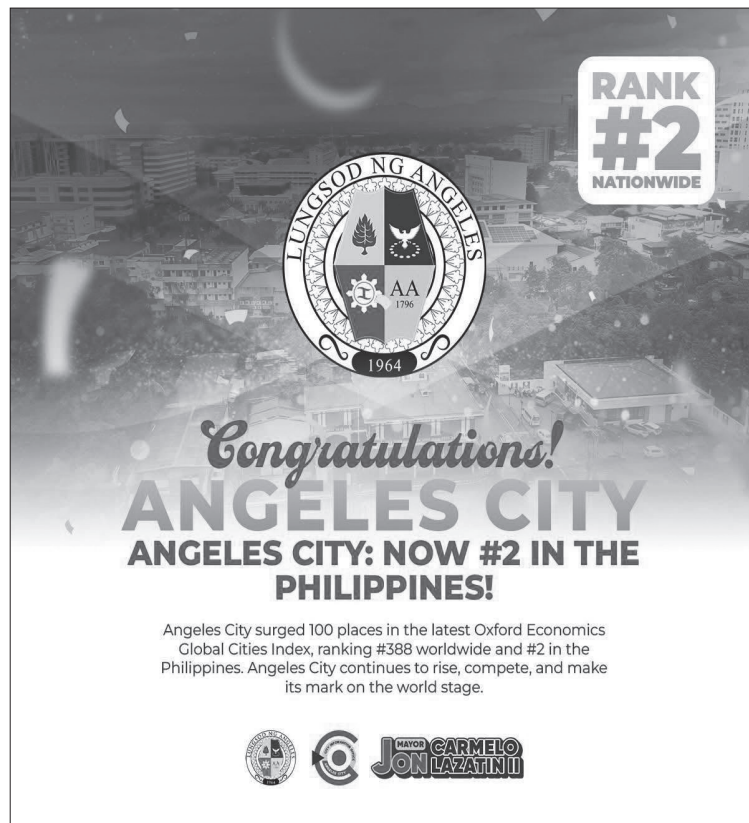
The city's development agenda places emphasis on strengthening basic and social services, creating opportunities for Angeleños, supporting local industries and enterprises, improving public facilities and systems, protecting the environment, and making government services more accessible to communities.

The latest global ranking provides another reference point for measuring the city's progress while also highlighting the areas where Angeles City can continue to improve.

For the Angeles City, the recognition is not an endpoint, but an opportunity to sustain the gains already achieved and further strengthen the city's foundations for long-term and inclusive growth.

The rise of Angeles City in the Oxford Economics ranking is also a reflection of the

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THE ESTATES OF VICENTA GALANG VDA. DE LABUNG, DOMINGO GALANG, IGNACIA LICUP, and ISIDORO AYUYAO, represented by the heirs: GENEROSO P. LABUNG, JR., HERMOGENES ARNEL L. LUZUNG, TEODORO L. LUZUNG, JOSEPH L. LUZUNG, NINIBETH D. DE CASTRO, ANTONIETTA L. CORDERO, RUBY LABUNG ALZONA, REBECCA LABUNG CABALLA, ALFREDO M. LABUNG, JOCEL L. TAN, JOEL M. LABUNG, FLORA SAGMIT, ANDRES ROBERTO L. PINEDA, MARILOU VICENTA LABUNG TALOSIG, further represented by their CO-PLAINTIFF and ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, ENGR. PEDRITO L. LUZUNG, Plaintiffs,

— versus —

CHERRYL TUAZON GARBES, THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (CENRO)-PAMPANGA, THE BUREAU OF LANDS-REGION III, THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF PAMPANGA, and THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR OF BACOLOR, PAMPANGA, Defendants.
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DECISION

Before this Court is a complaint for Quieting of Title, Cancellation of Patent Titles, Subdivision Plans and Tax Declarations with Damages filed by the Estates of Vicenta Galang Vda. De Labung, Domingo Galang, Ignacia Licup, and Isidoro Ayuyao, represented by the Heirs, Generoso P. Labung Jr., Hermogenes Arnel L. Luzung, Teodoro L. Luzung, Joseph L. Luzung, Ninibeth D. De Castro, Antonietta L. Cordero, Ruby Labung Alzona, Rebecca Labung Caballa, Alfredo M. Labung, Jocel L. Tan, Joel M. Labung, Flora Sagmit, Andres Roberto L. Pineda, Marilou Vicenta Labung Talosig, further represented by their Co-Plaintiff and Attorney-in-Fact, Engr. Pedrito L. Luzung, praying that the:1) Transfer Certificate of Title No. (042)-70337-R registered in the names of Vicenta Galang Vda. de Labung (1/3 share); Domingo Galang, Widower (1/3 share); Ignacia Licup, widow (1/6 share) and Isidoro Ayuyao, married to Ana David (1/6 share) be declared as the lawful, valid and existing title to Lot 323 of the Cadastral Survey of Bacolor, Pampanga; 2) Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. 13145 and 13196 in the name of defendant Cherryl Tuazon Garbes be declared as void; 3) Ordering the Register of Deeds of Pampanga to cancel the Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. 13135 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) and 13196 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442) in the name of Cherryl Tuazon Garbes; 4) Ordering the Bureau of Lands Regional Office III to cancel the subject subdivision plans Csd-03-017129 and Csd-03-017312 and Lot Data computation sheets for Lot 323-E and 4004-A issued relative thereto; 5) Ordering the Assessor's Office of Bacolor, Pampanga to CANCEL all tax declarations issued pursuant to Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 13145 and 13196 in the name of Cherryl Tuazon Garbes; 6) Ordering defendants Bureau of Land-Region III, Community Environment and Natural Resources Office-Pampanga and Cherryl Tuazon Garbes jointly and severally liable to pay the plaintiffs the amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) as for attorney's fees and appearance fee of the lawyer per hearing in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), including the costs of suit.

ANTECEDENTS

In their Complaint, plaintiffs alleged, in sum, that Vicenta Galang Vda. De Labung, Domingo Galang, Ignacia Licup and Isidoro Ayuyao are the registered co-owners of a parcel of land located at Bacolor, Pampanga with an area of 12,203 square meters and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 70337-R of the Register of Deeds of Pampanga. Said registered owners are now all deceased and are survived by their respective surviving heirs, plaintiffs herein. TCT No. 70337-R was registered on August 20, 1969 and was derived from TCT No. 7653. The plaintiffs' ancestors have been in actual and physical possession of the subject property since time immemorial until their passing. The plaintiffs remained in actual and continuous possession of the property up to the present.

Sometime in June 2014, the plaintiffs, as heirs of the registered owners of the subject property convened a meeting for the purpose of partitioning the property among the surviving heirs. During said meeting, they designated Engineer Pedrito Luzung (Engr. Luzung) to oversee the documentation of the partition of the lots. Engr. Luzung referred the matter to a geodetic engineer, who informed him that the partition plan cannot be made because the Bureau of Lands had already approved partition plans relative to patent titles application covering their property. To verify said information, Engr. Luzung went to CENRO Pampanga where he found out that several patents were issued to Spouses Efrain Juan L. Soto, Jr. and Zelinda Barrios Soto, and defendant Cherryl Tuazon Garbes over the same parcel of land covered by TCT No. 70337-R. Engr. Luzung also learnt from the Assessor's Office of Bacolor, Pampanga that several tax declarations have been issued to Spouses Efrain Juan L. Soto and defendant Garbes. The approved plans were all issued without their consent or their predecessor-in-interest. It also appeared that the approved plan containing Cadastral Lot 323 of Bacolor, Pampanga as described in TCT No. 70337-R had been cancelled by the Bureau of Lands without their consent or conformity. As a result, subdivision plan Csd-03-017129 was approved on September 13, 2006 which resulted in the subdivision of Lot 323 into Lots 323-A to 323-D¹. On November 3, 2006, the Bureau of Lands again approved another subdivision plan without their consent covering Lot 323-D, subdividing the same and changing it to Lot Nos. 4004-A to 4004-L² as per subdivision plan, Csd-03-017312.

During their lifetime, some of the predecessors-in-interest of the plaintiffs through Engr. Luzung filed a case against Sps. Efrain Juan L. Soto and Zelinda Barrios Soto and defendant Cherryl Tuazon Garbes. It was docketed as Civil Case No. 14264 originally raffled to the Regional Trial Court Branch 42, City of San Fernando, Pampanga and later re-raffled to RTC Branch 44 of the same jurisdiction. The case against Garbes was dismissed without prejudice to its raffling, leading to the raffling of this case.

Garbes' claim of ownership through the existence of patent titles and tax declarations issued in her name involving Lot 323 necessarily creates cloud on the plaintiffs' title over the subject property which they sought to be removed through this action.

The issuance of the said subdivision plans and patent titles was void from the beginning for having been approved without their consent or that of their predecessors-in-interest, and considering the subject lot has already been issued a decree of registration by the Court of First Instance of Pampanga acting as a Cadastral Court in LRC Cad. Record No. 148. Pursuant thereto, Decree No. 115738 was issued and properly registered on November 28, 1921 before the Register of Deeds of Pampanga (RD Pampanga), leading to the issuance of Original Certificate of Title No. 7653. The present title of the plaintiffs — TCT No. 70337-R was derived from OCT No. 7653, which remains valid and existing before the RD Pampanga.

Once a lot is issued a decree, it can no longer be the subject of a patent application, much more be issued a patent title. To do so would result in duplication of titles covering the same property with different conflicting owners. Defendant Garbes' approved subdivision plans, lot data computation sheets and patent titles are clearly void and produce no legal effect vis-à-vis the title of plaintiffs' predecessors-in-interest.

By reason of the unlawful acts of defendant Garbes, the plaintiffs were compelled to engage the services of a court to litigate this case, wherein they agreed to pay attorney's fees in the amount of P100,000.00 and appearance fee of P5,000.00 per court appearance. They also incurred expenses for the payment of filing fees in this case and other related expenses.

Summons were issued requiring all defendants to file their respective Answers to the complaint. Summons against public defendants CENRO-Pampanga, Bureau of Lands-Region III, Register of Deeds of Pampanga and the Office of the Assessor of Bacolor, Pampanga were duly served through personal service³, while the Summons against private defendant Cherryl Tuazon Garbes was returned unserved⁴ in view of the information relayed by Barangay Captain Jay L. Arceo that defendant Garbes is no longer residing at the given address. Thus, plaintiffs sought leave of court to effect the service of Summons against defendant Garbes by publication in consonance with Section 16, Rule 14, of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure.

Acting on said motion and considering that the court was not satisfied that the "whereabouts of defendant Garbes is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry", the court authorized and directed the plaintiffs to cause the personal service of the Summons unto defendant Garbes in consonance with Section 3, Rule 14 of the Revised Rules of Civil Procedure and submit a return of service.⁵

In compliance⁶ with said directive, the plaintiffs, through counsel, attempted on July 2, 2025, August 1, 2025 and August 11, 2025 to personally serve the Summons addressed to defendant Garbes at her last known address but the same was not served as the whereabouts of said defendant was unknown. A Certificate of Non-Residency was issued by Barangay Captain Jay Arceo in support thereof. Thus, the plaintiffs once again sought through a Supplemental Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publication⁷ against defendant Garbes. In said motion, plaintiffs claimed that despite diligent efforts exerted to serve summons at defendant Garbes' last known address, all efforts proved futile as said defendant is no longer residing at her last known address. Finding said motion to be with merit, the same was granted.⁸ Plaintiffs were directed to cause the publication of the Summons dated September 8, 2025 in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines and within the province of Pampanga, once every week for three (3) consecutive weeks, which shall include a copy of the complaint.

On November 25, 2025, the plaintiffs submitted their Compliance, attaching therewith the original copy of the Affidavit of Publication dated November 6, 2025 executed by Roland P. De Jesus⁹ of People's Journal Tonight Daily Publication, certifying that copies of the Summons and the Complaint were published in the October 22, 2025, October 29, 2025 and November 5, 2025 issues. Also attached therewith is the Affidavit of Publication dated November 11, 2025 executed by Joanna Niña V. Cordero¹⁰ of Punto Central Luzon, certifying that copies of the Summons and complaint were published in their October 19, 2025, October 26, 2025 and November 2, 2025 issues. An Affidavit executed by Eugenio D. Mundo, Jr.¹¹ attesting that copies of summons, order and complaint with annexes were sent through registered mail at the last known address of defendant Garbes was likewise attached therein.

On February 20, 2026, plaintiffs moved for the declaration of defendant Garbes in default for her failure to file her answer or any responsive pleading within sixty (60) days from the completion of the service of summons upon her by means of publication.¹² Said motion was ordered set for hearing simultaneously with the pre-trial conference in so far as the answering defendant is concerned on June 10, 2026.

During the scheduled hearing on June 10, 2026, Atty. Cunanan-Mundo furnished the court with a copy of the Decision dated January 16, 2026 in Civil Case No. 14264 of the RTC Branch 48, CSFP in a related case involving the same property but only with respect to the patent titles issued to Spouses Soto. In said case, the DENR moved that it be declared as nominal party. Thus, Atty. Cunanan-Mundo inquired from the legal officers of the DENR to present if it also intended to be declared as nominal party in this case and plaintiffs would waive their claim for damages against the DENR. Atty. Gamilla manifested that they subscribe to Atty. Cunanan-Mundo's proposal that DENR be declared as nominal party in this case and they dispare from further participating herein. Taking into note the manifestations of both parties, the court declared defendant DENR as nominal party in this case. Meanwhile, the ruling on plaintiffs' motion to declare defendant Garbes in default was held in abeyance considering that the registry return receipt/envelope to prove that defendant Garbes was indeed sent with a copy of the instant motion was not yet available.

On June 24, 2026, the plaintiffs, through counsel, filed a Compliance with Manifestation and Motion, attaching therewith scanned copies of the Certifications issued by the Bacolor Post Office, certifying that the registered mail with tracking numbers RM 940 341 634 Z2 and RM 940 341 625 Z2 both addressed to Cherryl Garbes with postal address at Cabanian, Bacolor, Pampanga was both returned unserved with notations "RTS: Unknown" and "RTS: Unknown/Insufficient Address".

When the case was called for hearing on July 8, 2026, defendant Garbes still failed to appear. Thus, taking into note plaintiffs' compliance and manifestation, the court granted plaintiffs' motion to declare defendant Garbes in default and the plaintiffs were ordered to proceed to present their evidence ex parte.¹³

PLAINTIFFS' EVIDENCE

To prove their case, the plaintiffs presented their sole witness and attorney-in-fact – Engineer Pedrito L. Luzung.

Testimony of Engr. Pedrito L. Luzung

Pedrito L. Luzung, Filipino, 64 years old, married, presently working as General Manager of Bacolor Water District, and a resident of No. 1441 Ruby Street, St. Augustine Village, San Agustín, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, identified a Judicial Affidavit dated March 17, 2025¹⁴, in lieu of his direct testimony¹⁵, and testified in this wise:

He is a relative and authorized representative of the plaintiffs in this case who executed Special Powers of Attorney¹⁶ in his favor. They filed the instant case in their capacity as heirs of Vicenta Galang Vda. de Labung, Domingo Galang and Ignacia Licup, the registered owners of Lot 323 covered by TCT No. 70337-R situated in Bacolor, Pampanga.¹⁷

Domingo Galang and Ignacia Licup are the parents of Vicenta Galang Vda. De Labung. Vicenta had eight (8) children, namely: Aurora Dizon, Ligaya Labung¹⁸, Pablo Labung¹⁹, Ruben Labung, Ildefonso Labung Jr.²⁰, Jose Labung²¹, Generoso Labung, and Medardo Labung²², all of whom, are now deceased.²³

Plaintiffs are the descendants of the children of Vicenta, as follows:

Ninibeth Dizon Castro	– daughter of Aurora Dizon ²⁴ ;
Pedrito, Hermogenes Arnel, Teodoro and Joseph, all surnamed Luzung	– children of Ligaya Labung Luzung ²⁵ ;
Antonietta Labung Cordero	– daughter of Pablo Labung ²⁶ ;
Ruby Labung Alzona and Rebecca Labung Caballa	– daughters of Ruben Labung ²⁷ ;
Alfredo M. Labung	– son of Ildefonso Labung ²⁸ ;
Jocel Labung Tan and Joel M. Labung	– children of Jose Labung ²⁹ ;
Generoso Labung, Jr.	– son of Generoso Labung, Sr. ³⁰ ;
Marilou Vicenta Labung-Talosig	– daughter of Medardo Labung ³¹ ;
Flora Pineda Sagmit and Andres Roberto Pineda	– children of Teofilo Pineda ³² ;
the son of Cecilia Galang – one of the children of Domingo and Ignacia Licup.	

When owner's duplicate certificate of TCT No. 70337 was lost, their ascendants, who were still alive at that time, through him, filed a petition for the issuance of a new owner's duplicate of title. The petition was granted by the court on January 4, 2012 and a new owner's duplicate certificate was issued.³³

In 2014, her mother, together with her siblings who were still alive at that time and his cousins whose parents already passed away wanted to partition the subject property. However, the partition did not push through because they were informed by the Bureau of Lands that the subject property already has approved subdivision plans submitted by Spouses Efrain Juan L. Soto, Jr. and Zelinda Barrios Soto, and defendant Cherryl Tuazon Garbes. As a result, several patent titles were issued in their favor. Upon verification, the Assessor's Office of Bacolor, Pampanga confirmed that pursuant to the subdivision plans³⁴ and subsequent lot data computations³⁵, several free patent titles³⁶ were issued in the names of said persons over the same land covered by TCT No. 70337-R. Corresponding tax declarations were likewise issued in their names.³⁷ As a result, Cadastral Lot 323 of Bacolor, Pampanga as described in TCT No. 70337-R was cancelled without their conformity or that of their ascendants. It was subdivided to Lots 323-A, 323-B, 323-C and 323-D.³⁸ and the questioned patent titles in the names of Sps. Efrain Juan L. Soto and Zelinda Barrios Soto, and defendant Cherryl Tuazon Garbes were issued.

The patent titles are questionable because the parcels of land covered by said titles are already registered under TCT No. 70337-R since 1969³⁹. Despite the existence of said title, their property was subdivided and free patent applications of Sps. Soto and Garbes were approved by the Bureau of Lands and CENRO. Upon discovery of said patent titles, their parents, who were still alive in 2014 filed a case for quieting of title and cancellation of patent titles, subdivision plans and tax declarations against Sps. Soto and Garbes. The case against Garbes was dismissed due to a defect in the Special Power of Attorney issued in his favor, while the case against Sps. Soto proceeded. The case before the RTC Branch 48, CSFP against Sps. Soto was already decided⁴⁰ and the same had become final⁴¹.

The acts committed by Garbes and her cohorts caused them so much stress, sleepless nights and anxiety. They were left with no choice but to take legal action to enforce their rights, to have their title quieted and to have the illegally issued free patent titles of defendant cancelled by seeking the services of a lawyer⁴². They remain in continued peaceful possession of the subject property up to present.

Thereafter, Atty. Cunanan-Mundo manifested that they have no other witness to present and prayed for time to file their written formal offer of evidence in view of the numerous documentary exhibits they intend to formally offer.

On July 22, 2026, the plaintiffs, through counsel formally offered the following documentary exhibits⁴³, viz: Special Power of Attorney dated October 10, 2024 (Exhibit A and series); Special Power of Attorney executed by Marilou Vicenta Labung Talosig dated December 18, 2017 (Exhibit B); Certified true electronic copy of TCT No. 70337-R (Exhibit C); Tax Declaration No. GR2020-03-0019-03377 (Exhibit D); Tax Declaration No. A-04019-20142 (Exhibit D-1); Certificate of Live Birth of Ligaya Labung (Exhibit E); Certificate of Marriage of Pablo Labung and Socorro Guevarra (Exhibit F); Certificate of Marriage of Ildefonso Labung, Jr. (Exhibit G); Certificate of Marriage of Jose G. Labung and Elsie Maron (Exhibit H); Certification from the Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar of Bacolor, Pampanga (Exhibit I); Certificate of Death of Aurora Dizon (Exhibit J); Certificate of Death of Ligaya Labung Luzung (Exhibit K); Certificate of Death of Pablo Labung (Exhibit L); Certificate of Death of Ruben Labung (Exhibit M); Certificate of Death of Ildefonso Labung (Exhibit N); Certificate of Death of Jose Labung (Exhibit O); Certificate of Death of Generoso Labung, Jr. (Exhibit P); Certificate of Death of Medardo Galang Labung (Exhibit Q); Certificate of Live Birth of Ninibeth L. Dizon (Exhibit R); Certificate of Live Birth of Hermogenes Arnel L. Luzung (Exhibit S); Certificate of Live Birth of Teodoro Luzung (Exhibit T); Certificate of Live Birth of Joseph L. Luzung (Exhibit U); Certificate of Live Birth of Pedrito L. Luzung (Exhibit V); Certificate of Live Birth of Antonietta Labung Cordero (Exhibit W); Certificate of Live Birth of Ruby Labung (Exhibit X); Certificate of Live Birth of Rebecca Labung (Exhibit Y); Certificate of Live Birth of Alfredo M. Labung (Exhibit Z); Certificate of Live Birth of Jocel Labung (Exhibit AA); Certificate of Live Birth of Joel M. Labung (Exhibit BB); Certificate of Live Birth of Generoso Labung, Jr. (Exhibit CC); Certificate of Live Birth of Marilou Vicenta Labung (Exhibit DD); Certificate of Live Birth of Flora Pineda (Exhibit EE); Certificate of Live Birth of Andres Roberto Pineda (Exhibit FF); Owner's Duplicate copy of TCT No. 042-70337-R (Exhibit GG); Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368 (Exhibit HH); Tax Declaration No. A-04019-1879-A (Exhibit II); Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442 (Exhibit JJ); Tax Declaration No. A-04019-1880-A (Exhibit KK); Blueprint of Csd-03-017129 (Exhibit LL); Blueprint of Csd-03-017312 (Exhibit MM); Partial Decision dated November 24, 2017 (Exhibit NN); Decision dated December 3, 2020 (Exhibit OO); Entry of Judgment dated January 16, 2021 (Exhibit PP); Survey Plan No. Cad 73 Bacolor Cadastre (Exhibit QQ); Technical Description of Lot 323 (Exhibit RR); Lot Data Computation (Bureau of Lands Area Sheet) of Lot 323 (Exhibits SS and SS-1); Lot Data Computation for Lot 4004-A (Exhibit UU); Tax Clearance (Exhibit VV); Official Receipt No. 3461554 (Exhibit WW); Contract for Legal Services dated February 19, 2025 (Exhibit XX); Acknowledgment Receipt dated February 27, 2025 (Exhibit YY); Decision dated January 16, 2026 in Civil Case No. 14264 (Exhibit ZZ); and Entry of Judgment dated April 29, 2026 in Civil Case No. 14264 (Exhibit AAA).

Acting thereon, Exhibits AA to AAA, including their submarkings were all admitted for the purposes for which they were offered and as part of the testimony of the witness who testified on them subject to the appreciation of their probative value by the Court.⁴⁴ Thereafter, the plaintiffs rested their case.

ISSUES

- Whether or not the Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442), as well as their corresponding tax declarations, issued in the name of defendant Cherryl Garbes are valid;
- Whether or not the subdivision plans and lot data computations pertaining to the lots covered by 13145 and 13196, must be cancelled and declared null and void; and
- Whether or not the plaintiffs are entitled to damages and attorney's fees.

THE COURT'S RULING

As a preliminary matter, records show that the plaintiffs inadvertently referred to Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442) as Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. 13145 and 13146. The court notes, however, that during direct examination of the plaintiffs' sole witness, Engr. Luzung correctly identified the questioned titles as Katibayan ng Orihinal na

Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442), consistent with the proper denomination of the titles in issue. Accordingly, for purposes of clarity and consistency, all references in the pleadings and records as TCT Nos. 13145 and 13146 shall be understood and treated to refer to Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 and 13146, respectively.

The court now resolves.

Articles 476 of the Civil Code provides that:

ART. 476. Whenever there is a **cloud on title to real property or any interest therein, by reason of any instrument, record, claim, encumbrance or proceeding which is apparently valid or effective but is in truth and in fact invalid, ineffective, voidable, or unenforceable**, and may be **prejudicial to said title, an action may be brought to remove such cloud or to quiet the title.**

For an action for quieting of title to prosper, the following requisites must concur, viz: 1) the plaintiff or complainant must have a legal or an equitable title to or interest in the real property subject of the action; and 2) the deed, claim, encumbrance, or proceeding claimed to be casting cloud on his title must be shown to be in fact invalid or inoperative despite its prima facie appearance of validity or legal efficacy.⁴⁵

Quieting of title is a common law remedy for the removal of any cloud, doubt, or uncertainty affecting title to real property. Whenever there is a cloud on title to real property or any interest in real property by reason of any instrument, record, claim, encumbrance, or proceeding that is apparently valid or effective, but is, in truth and in fact, invalid, ineffective, voidable, or unenforceable, and may be prejudicial to said title, an action may be brought to remove such cloud or to quiet the title. In such action, the competent court is tasked to determine the respective rights of the complainant and the other claimants, not only to place things in their proper places, and to make the claimant, who has no rights to said immovable, respect and not disturb the one so entitled, but also for the benefit of both, so that whoever has the right will see every cloud of doubt over the property dissipated, and he can thereafter fearlessly introduce the improvements he may desire, as well as use, and even abuse the property as he deems fit.⁴⁶

As to the quantum of evidence required, the Supreme Court held in Almeda v. Heirs of Almeda⁴⁷, that in civil cases, it is a basic rule that the party making allegations has the burden of proving them by a preponderance of evidence. The parties must rely on the strength of their own evidence and not upon the weakness of the defense offered by their opponent. This rule holds true especially when the latter has had no opportunity to present evidence because of a default order. Needless to say, the extent of the relief that may be granted can only be so much as has been alleged and proved with preponderant evidence required under Section 1 of Rule 133.

Here, the court finds that the plaintiffs sufficiently established by preponderant evidence that they are entitled to the reliefs sought for.

As instestate heirs of the registered owners, plaintiffs possess legal standing and interest over the instant case

A fundamental principle in land registration under the Torrens system is that a certificate of title serves as evidence of an indefeasible and incontrovertible title to the property in favor of the person whose name appears therein. The certificate of title thus becomes the best proof of ownership of a parcel of land; hence, anyone who deals with property registered under the Torrens system may rely on the title and need not go beyond the title.⁴⁸

The owner's duplicate certificate of TCT No. 70337-R shows that the subject parcel of land (Lot 323 of Cadastral Survey of Bacolor) is registered in the names of Vicenta Galang Vda. De Labung – 1/3 share; Domingo Galang – 1/3 share; Ignacia Licup – 1/6 share; and Isidoro Ayuyao married to Ana David – 1/6 share. Plaintiffs presented their respective PSA Certificates of Live Birth⁴⁹ and the certificates of marriage and death certificates of their immediate ascendants to prove that they are the surviving heirs of said registered owners who are now all deceased⁵⁰.

In the case of Dr. Nixon L. Treyes v. Antonio L. Larlar, et. al.⁵¹, the Supreme Court held that the plaintiff seeks the enforcement of his/her right brought about by his/her being an heir by

operation of law. Restated, the party does not seek to establish his/her right as an heir because the law itself already establishes that status. What he/she aims to do is to merely call for the nullification of a deed, instrument, or conveyance as an enforcement or protection of that right which he/she already possesses by virtue of law. xxx The private respondents do not really seek in their Complaint the establishment of their rights as instestate heirs but, rather, the enforcement of their rights already granted by law as instestate heirs finds basis in Article 777 of the Civil Code, which states that the rights of succession are transmitted from the moment of the death of the decedent.⁵² xxx As heirs, the petitioners have legal standing to challenge the deeds of sale purportedly signed by Paulina Baranda for otherwise private property claimed to belong to her estate will be excluded therefrom to their prejudice. Their claims are not merely contingent or expectant, as argued by the private respondents, but are deemed to have vested in them upon Paulina Baranda's death in 1982, as, under Article 777 of the Civil Code, "the rights to the succession are transmitted from the moment of the death of the decedent." While they are not compulsory heirs, they are nonetheless legitimate heirs and so, since they "stand to be benefited or injured by the judgment or suit," are entitled to protect their share of successional rights.⁵³

The rule is: unless there is a pending special proceeding for the settlement of the decedent's estate or for the determination of heirship, the compulsory or instestate heirs may commence an ordinary civil action to declare the nullity of a deed or instrument, and for recovery of property, or any other action in the enforcement of their ownership rights acquired by virtue of succession, without the necessity of a prior and separate judicial declaration of their status as such. The ruling of the trial court shall only be in relation to the cause of action of the ordinary civil action, i.e., the nullification of a deed or instrument, and recovery or reconveyance of property, which ruling is binding only between and among the parties.⁵⁴

Similarly in this case, the plaintiffs herein seek to enforce their right over the subject property as instestate heirs of the registered owners of TCT No. 042-70337-R.

The properties covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442) are portions of the property already registered under TCT No. 042-70337-R, thereby casting cloud over the title of the plaintiffs' predecessors-in-interest

A scrutiny of the land description between TCT No. 042-70337-R vis-à-vis Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368)⁵⁵ and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442)⁵⁶, as well as the respective tax declarations⁵⁷ and subdivision plans⁵⁸ of said properties would reveal that the properties described therein are within the boundaries covered by TCT No. 042-70337-R.

The technical description of the property covered by TCT No. 042-70337-R read as follows:

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT No. 323 OF THE CADASTRAL SURVEY OF BACOLOR), WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR BOUNDED ON THE N. BY LOT No. 325; ON THE NE. BY THE SAPANG JOLEA; ON THE SE BY LOTS NOS. 319 AND 318, ON THE SW, BY LOTS NOS. 317, 316,315, 314, 313, 312, 311 AND 310; AND ON THE NW, BY LOTS NOS. 308, 321, 322 AND CALLE DR. RIZAL BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 0 DEG. 08 E., 127.00 M. FROM BBN No. 4 THENCE S. 38 DEG. 11 W. 20.18 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE S. 39 DEG. 42 W. 12.32 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 60 DEG. 22 W., 25.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE N. 74 DEG. 44 W. 7.60 M. TO POINT 5; THENCE N. 75 DEG. 50 W. 7.44 M. TO POINT 6; THENCE N. 68 DEG 55 W., 7.49 M. TO POINT.T; THENCE N. 69 DEG. 26 W. 34.17 M. TO POINT 8; THENCE S. 28 DEG: 23 W. 16.27 M TO POINT + THENCE N. 61 DEG. 31 W. 10.59 M. TO POINT 10; THENCE N. 66 DEG. 58 W. 6.54 M. TO POINT 11; THENCE N. 65 DEG. 57 W. 10.16 M. TO POINT 12. THENCE N. 13 DEG: 12 E. 25.14 M. TO POINT 13; THENCE N. 11 DEG. 25 E. 10.54 M. TO POINT 14; THENCE N. 10 DEG. 26 E, 1938 MTO POINT 15; THENCE N. 55 DEG. 45 W., 48.33 M. TO POINT 16; THENCE N. 5 DEG. 14 E., 25.98 M. TO 17; THENCE N BE DEG. 43 E., 101.64 M. TO POINT 18; THENCE S. 32 DEG. 35 E., 28.42M TO POINT 10-THENCE S. 27 DEG. 13E., 01.09 M TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING: CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND THREE SQUARE METERS (12,209) MORE OR LESS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN. BEARINGS TRUE: DECLINATION O DEG. 60E; DATE OF SURVEY APRIL 1915 TO MAY 1916."

Based on the evidence adduced by the plaintiffs, Lot 323 of Bacolor Cadastre, situated in Sta. Ines, Bacolor, Pampanga is already registered and covered under TCT No. 042-70337-R in the names of Vicenta Galang Vda. De Labung – 1/3 share; Domingo Galang – 1/3 share; Ignacia Licup – 1/6 share; and Isidoro Ayuyao married to Ana David – 1/6 share, since November 28, 1921.⁵⁹

Despite its existing registration, Lot 323 of Bacolor Cadastre was still subdivided by virtue of subdivision plan Csd-03-017129⁶⁰ that was approved on September 13, 2006, without the registered owners' knowledge and consent. This resulted in the subdivision of Lot 323 to Lots 323-A (Lot 4001), 323-B (Lot 4002), 323-C (Lot 4003), 323-D (Lot 4004) and 323-E (Lot 4005). On November 3, 2006, the Bureau of Lands again approved another subdivision plan Csd-03-017312⁶¹ without the registered owners' consent involving Lot 323-D (Lot 4004). Lot 4004 was further subdivided to Lot Nos. 4004-A to 4004-M.

It is clear from the evidence⁶² adduced that Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442) are subdivided portions of Lot 323 of the Cadastral Survey of Bacolor, particularly Lot 323-E, Csd. 03-0147129 (=Lot 4005, Csd. 73, Bacolor Cadastre) and Lot 323-D (Lot 4004-A Csd 03-017312) =4006, Csd. 73, Bacolor Cad.), covering an area of two thousand three hundred seventy two (2,372) square meters and two thousand four hundred twenty five (2,425) square meters, more or less, thereof. These patent titles were registered in favor of defendant Garbes on October 16, 2006 and November 9, 2006.

The subdivision of Lot 323 of Bacolor Cadastre and the subsequent issuance of free patents pursuant to subdivision plans Csd-03-017129 and Csd-03-017312, notwithstanding the property's prior registration as private land under TCT No. 042-70337-R since November 28, 1921, effectively cast a cloud upon the plaintiffs' title to the property. Thus, an action for quieting of title is proper under the circumstances.

A free patent issued covering a private land is null and void.

Jurisprudence holds that a free patent covering private land is null and void.⁶³

In Agne v. Director of Lands,⁶⁴ the Supreme Court explained that:

"Under the provisions of Act 2874 pursuant to which the title of private respondents' predecessor-in-interest was issued, the President of the Philippines, or his alter ego, the Director of Lands, has no authority to grant a free patent for land that has ceased to be a public land and has passed to private ownership and a title so issued is null and void. The nullity arises, not from fraud or deceit, but from the fact that the land is not under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Lands. The jurisdiction of the Director of Lands is limited only to public lands and does not cover lands publicly owned. The purpose of the Legislature in adopting the former Public Land Act, Act No. 2874, was and is to limit its application to lands of the public domain, and lands held in private ownership are not included therein and are not affected in any manner whatsoever thereby. Land held in freehold or fee title, or of private ownership, constitutes no part of the public domain, and cannot possibly come within the purview of said act 2874, inasmuch as the 'subject' of such

Art. 2208. In the absence of stipulation, attorney’s fees and expenses of litigation, other than judicial costs, cannot be recovered, except:

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2. When the defendant’s act or omission has compelled the plaintiff to litigate with third persons or to incur expenses to protect his interest;

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11. In any other case where the court deems it just and equitable that attorney’s fees and expenses of litigation should be recovered.

Such as in this case, the court is convinced that an award of attorney’s fees and costs of suit is proper since the plaintiffs were forced to litigate for the removal of the cloud over their title to the subject property. Were it not for the subdivision of Lot 323 which resulted to the issuance of Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442), they will not be forced to litigate and assert their better right over the subject property.

In support of their claim for attorney’s fees, plaintiffs submitted in evidence a copy of their Contract for Legal Services dated February 19, 2025 with Endona Pama Mundo Colle & David Law Offices dated February 19, 2025⁹⁸ and Acknowledgment Receipt dated February 27, 2025 in the sum of ₱100,000.00⁹⁸.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, judgment is hereby rendered in favor of the plaintiffs as follows:

1. Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) in the name of Cherryl Tuazon Garbes and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442) in the name of Cherryl T. Garbes are hereby declared NULL and VOID;

2. Tax Declaration No. A-04019-1879-A in the name of Garbes, Cherryl Tuazon and Tax Declaration No. A-04019-1880-A in the name of Garbes, Cherryl T., both of Bacolor, Pampanga, are hereby declared NULL and VOID;

3. The Register of Deeds of Pampanga is directed to cancel Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) in the name of Cherryl Tuazon Garbes and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442) in the name of Cherryl T. Garbes;

4. The Office of the Municipal Assessor of Bacolor, Pampanga is hereby directed to cancel Tax Declaration No. A-04019-1879-A in the name of Garbes, Cherryl Tuazon and Tax Declaration No. A-04019-1880-A in the name of Garbes, Cherryl T.;

5. The DENR–Pampanga and the Bureau of Lands Regional Office III are hereby directed to cancel Subdivision plans Csd-03-017129 and Csd-03-017312, which were made the basis for the issuance of Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13145 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2368) and Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Bilang 13146 (Patent Title No. 035404-06-2442), pertinent to Lot 323-E, Csd. 03-017129 (Lot 4005, Cad. 73 Bacolor Cadastre) and Lot 323-D (Lot 4004-A, Csd. 03-017312 = Lot 4006, Cad. 73, Bacolor Cad.);

6. Defendant Garbes is directed to pay the plaintiffs the sum of ₱100,000.00 as attorney’s fees; and costs of suit amounting to ₱45,652.00.

Since service of Summons against defendant Garbes was effected through publication, plaintiffs are directed to cause the publication of this Decision in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines and in the province of Pampanga within three (3) consecutive weeks.

Furnish all parties with this Order through electronic mail, if feasible.

SO ORDERED.

Bacolor, Pampanga, August 24, 2026.

ROANNE MAY M. MANALO-SORIAO
Presiding Judge

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Government Center, SACOP, Barangay Maimpis, CSFP

THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF PAMPANGA
LRA Building, Registry of Deeds, Capitol Compound, CSFP

THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR OF BACOLOR, PAMPANGA
Municipal Hall, Bacolor, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: September 20, 27 & October 4, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR
CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF
NATHAN ASHTON KHAMIS
MURPHY UNDER REGISTRY NO.
2022-2123 OF THE CIVIL
REGISTRAR OF THE CITY OF
ANGELES

SPEC. PROC. NO.
R-ANG-26-02494-SP

NATHAN ASHTON KHAMIS
MURPHY, represented by his parents,
HAMDA ATIQ MUBARAK ATIQ
KHAMIS and SHAUN KELVIN
ENRIQUEZ MURPHY

Petitioners,

-versus-

THE CIVIL REGISTRAR OF THE
CITY OF ANGELES, THE OFFICE OF
THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,
THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY, THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES, represented
by the OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
GENERAL, and ALL PERSONS AND
ENTITIES WHO HAVE OR CLAIM
ANY INTEREST WHICH MAY BE
AFFECTED BY THIS PETITION

Respondents.

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ORDER

Before this Court is a verified Petition filed by NATHAN ASHTON KHAMIS MURPHY, represented by his parents, HAMDA ATIQ MUBARAK ATIQ KHAMIS and SHAUN KELVIN ENRIQUEZ MURPHY, praying that after due notice and hearing an Order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of Angeles City, Pampanga to correct the erroneous entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of the Petitioner under Registry No. 2022-2123 specifically: (1) the first name of Petitioner from "Nathan" to "Nathan Ashton"; (2) the middle name of Petitioner from "Ashton" to "Khamis"; (3) the first name of Petitioner's father from "Shaun" to "Shaun Kelvin"; (4) the middle name of Petitioner's father from "Kelvin" to "Enriquez"; (5) the citizenship of Petitioner's father from "British" to "Filipino".

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on November 9, 2026, at 8:30 o'clock in the morning. On the said date and time, all interested persons may appear and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

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

Likewise, let copies of this Order and Petition be furnished the City Civil Registrar of Angeles City, Pampanga, Office of the Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City and the Office of the Solicitor General.

SO ORDERED.

August 26, 2026, Angeles City, Philippines.

IRIN ZENAIDA S. BUAN
Judge

Punto! Central Luzon: September 20, 27 & October 4, 2026

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court
Third Judicial Region
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
Hall of Justice Building
City Hall Compound, Angeles City
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BDO UNIBANK, INC. as represented by
LEINE A. DE CASTRO,

Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

CHARITY FE EBARLE ARROYO,
represented by KRONRYL HERBERT
EBARLE ARROYO,

Debtor/Mortgagor,

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FC CASE NO. 2025-0162
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
UNDER R.A. 3135 as amended

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118, filed on April 10, 2025 by **BDO UNIBANK, INC. as represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO**, Mortgagee, with office address at 33rd Floor, Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against **CHARITY FE EBARLE ARROYO, represented by KRONRYL HERBERT EBARLE ARROYO**, Debtor/Mortgagor, with postal addresses at (1) No. 912 1st Street, Guingona Subdivision, Butuan City; and (2) Lot 10 Block 71 SMDC Cheerful Homes, Brgy. Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 6, 2025 amounts to **ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX PESOS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTAVOS (Php1,115,486.75)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interests, penalties and other charges, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate), notarized on July 29, 2020 and June 6, 2023, the undersigned Sheriff IV, Regional Trial Court, Angeles City, Pampanga, hereby gives notice and announces that on **November 4, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning in front of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Mabalacat City, Pampanga**, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements existing thereon, more particularly described as follows:

TCT NO. 045-2022011341

“LOT NO: 10,

PORTION OF:

LOCATION:

BOUNDARIES:

LINE DIRECTION

1-2 NE

2-3 SE

3-4 SW

4-5 SW

5-1 NW

BLOCK NO: 71, PLAN NO: PCS-03-021923

LOT 2 TO 9, PCS-03-012744, LOT 188-D-7, PSD-03-083529, LOT 188-D-8-G AND LOT 188-D-8-I, (LRA) PSD-414557 AND LOT 13, (LRA) PCS-E2013000109

STA. MARIA, MABALACAT, PAMPANGA,
LUZON

ADJOINING LOT (S)

ROAD LOT 52 (6.50 M. WIDE), PCS-03-021923

LOT 11, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

LOT 26, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

LOT 27, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

LOT 9, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

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AREA: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50), MORE OR LESS

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

In the event that the scheduled public auction should not take place, the same will be conducted on **December 3, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, July 10, 2026.

SALVADOR C. PUECA, JR.
Sheriff IV
Contact no. 09285246766

Copy furnished:

1. BDO UNIBANK, INC. as represented by LEINE A. DE CASTRO
33rd Floor, Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City
2. CHARITY FE EBARLE ARROYO, represented by KRONRYL HERBERT EBARLE ARROYO
(1) No. 912 1st Street, Guingona Subdivision, Butuan City; and
(2) Lot 10 Block 71 SMDC Cheerful Homes, Brgy. Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: September 27, October 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ANTONIO RAZON**, of legal age, Filipino, widower, with residence address at San Nicolas, Magalang, Pampanga, Philippines; and heirs of **JOSEFINA BONDOC RAZON**, who died on October 6, 2011 at Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Unilateral Deed of Sale on his/her estate, and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003570
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 8 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Nine (11,289) Square Meters, more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003571
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 9 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Three Hundred Twenty Six (326) Square Meters, more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003569
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 7 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Two Hundred Eight (208) Square Meters, more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003568
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 6 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Two Hundred Three (203) Square Meters, more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003567
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 5 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: One Hundred Ninety Eight (198) Square Meters, more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003566
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 4 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: One Hundred Ninety Three (193) Square Meters, more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003565
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 3 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Three Hundred Fifty (350) Square Meters, more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003564
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 2 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Three Hundred Fifty (350) Square Meters, more or less

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2025003563
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 1 **PLAN NO:** PCS-03-026735
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H-7 & LOT 17-H-8 PSD-03-247551
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Three Hundred Fifty (350) Square Meters, more or less

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 22, Book No. CXXVI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 27, October 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ALMA BULAUN CANLAS** who died on May 09, 2026 at Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 443, Psd-76713, being a portion of Lot 15 (LRC) Psd-13652 of the Subd. Plan LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of Sto. Domingo, City of Angeles Island of Luzon; containing an area of One Hundred Nine (109) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 109865 Registry of Deeds for the Angeles City; before Notary Public Atty. Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 5046, Page No. 23, Book No. 143, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 27, October 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ROLANDO B. SANTOS** who died on March 29, 2024 resident of Sta. Lucia Matua, Masantol, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 6, Blk. 18 of the Cons-Subd. Plan Pcs-031410-005320 being a portion of cons. of lots 3128, 3132, 3137, 3141, Malolos Cad. Lot 3146-A & B (LRC) Psd-300601, Lots 3131-A to 3131-B (LRC) Psd-175222, Lots 2 to 10 (LRC) Pcs-14934, Lot 3144 Malolos Cad. L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bo. of Longos, Mun. of Malolos, Prov. of Bul.; containing an area of Two Hundred Six (206) Sq. Mtrs. and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-194197) 039-2022017997; before Notary Public Atty. Janice C. Tiglao, as per Doc. No. 8, Page No. 3, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 27, October 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SANTIAGO G. DUCUT** and **VICTORIA FLORES DUCUT** who died on July 5, 2011 and November 30, 2002; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 4, Block 2 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-18116 (Sheet 1) being a portion of Lot 671 of the cadastral Survey of Angeles, LRC (GLRO) Cad. Record No. 124) situated in the Barrios of Balibago and Pandan, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Thousand (1,000) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 13325 Registry of Deeds for the City of Angeles; before Notary Public Atty. Arvin M. Suller, as per Doc. No. 1906, Page No. 45, Book No. LVIII, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 27, October 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **JERRY G. SUING**, of legal age, Filipino, single, and resident of 319 Babo Sacan, Porac, Pampanga; and heirs of **CEZAR DELA CRUZ FAJARDO**, who died on April 13, 1996 at Floridablanca, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication on his/her estate, and that during the lifetime of decedent is the registered owner of a parcel of land located at Fortuna, Floridablanca, Pampanga with an area of 2,832 square meters covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 15470; before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 120, Page No. 26, Book No. LXXIII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 27, October 4 & 11, 2026



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA
MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO
OFFICE OF THE
MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of RA 9048 & RA 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CLARITA SUPAN YUTUC** filed with this office a petition in the **CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF CLARINA SUPAN YUTUC to CHANGE CHILD'S FIRST NAME** from **CLARINA** to **CLARITA**; who was born on 27 AUGUST 1959 at Mexico, Pampanga, and whose parents are **ELEUTERIO SANCHEZ YUTUC** and **MARIA PANLILIO SUPAN**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than 2 consecutive weeks.

(SGD.) **RIMANDO E. UMALI**
City Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: October 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **ANTONIO RAZON**, of legal age, Filipino, widower, with residence address at San Nicolas, Magalang, Pampanga, Philippines; and heirs of **JOSEFINA BONDOC RAZON**, who died on October 6, 2011 at Magalang, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Unilateral Deed of Sale on his/her estate, and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2021004553
Registry of Deeds for Angeles City

LOT NO: 17-H-1 **PLAN NO:** PSD-03-247551
PORTION OF: LOT 17-H PSD-03-207429
LOCATION: Barangay of San Nicolas, Municipality of Magalang, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: One Hundred Fifty Six (156) Square Meters, more or less

before Notary Public Atty. Leila Mae M. Estabillo, as per Doc. No. 105, Page No. 22, Book No. CXXVI, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 27, October 4 & 11, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
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GUAGUA, PAMPANGA
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IN RE: PETITION FOR THE
CANCELLATION AND
CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN
THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH
OF EMIL SIBAL DE LEON UNDER
REGISTRY NO. 2001-1265 IN THE
CIVIL REGISTRY OF GUAGUA,
PAMPANGA

MARLYN SIBAL DE LEON and
EMIL DE LEON ROMAN,

Petitioner,
-versus-

SP PROC. NO. G-26-2888

OFFICE OF THE
REGISTRAR OF GUAGUA,
PAMPANGA, OFFICE OF THE
SOLICITOR GENERAL,
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS
AUTHORITY,

Respondents.

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ORDER

The Petition alleges in essence:

PETITION

PETITIONERS, MARLYN SIBAL DE LEON and EMIL DE LEON ROMAN, thru the undersigned counsel, by way of a Verified Petition, and unto this Honorable Court, most respectfully avers:

- That PETITIONERS are mother and son, both of legal age, Filipinos, and a resident of No. 34, Purok 3 Maui, Pulungmasle, Guagua, Pampanga;
- Respondents LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF GUAGUA, PAMPANGA and the CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL are public offices in custody and possession of the records of birth subject of this case and could be served with processes at Municipal Hall of Guagua, Pampanga and PSA East Complex Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, respectively;

CAUSE OF ACTION

- Petitioner Emil was born on September 2, 1996 at Pampanga Provincial Hospital, Guagua, Pampanga to Emiliano Santos Roman and petitioner Marlyn Sibal De Leon. A copy of his Certificate of Live Birth is herein attached as Exhibit "**A**" to "**A-1**";
- When petitioner was born, his biological parents were not married, hence, he was registered initially as Emil Sibal De Leon;
- On June 4, 1999, petitioner Marlyn and his then partner, Emiliano Santos Roman, got married. Thereafter, they caused for the legitimation of petitioner which was now annotated in his Certificate of Live Birth. The copy of the Certificate of Marriage and is herein attached as Exhibit "**B**";
- Since then, petitioner Emil has been using the subject Certificate of Live Birth and the name Emil De Leon Roman in all his acts. The copies of petitioner Emil's Baptismal Certificate, Diploma, Official Transcript of Records, and Identification Cards are herein attached as Exhibits "**D**" to "**J**";
- When petitioner's sister, Marimel De Leon Roman, began working and was processing the application for the issuance of a UMID card before the SSS sometime in 2018, the SSS noticed that there was no annotation as to the change of name of petitioner's sister for which they asked her to correct her certificate of live birth;
- In line with this, petitioner and his sister checked both of their respective certificates of live birth and facilitated for the correction thereof;

- Petitioner's sister went to the Local Civil Registrar of Guagua, Pampanga to correct her birth certificate and thereafter was asked to wait for the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) main office's feedback with regard to the said correction. After some time, petitioner's sister claimed her PSA Feedback Form, they were surprised to learn that their mother has a previous marriage to another prior to her marriage to their father;
- They confronted their mother and was informed that indeed learned that she was married to one Cesar Solitario before her marriage to Emiliano Roman. A copy of the Marriage Contract of Cesar Solitario and Marlyn De Leon is herein attached as Exhibit "C";
- That the petitioner's mother explained that after a few months of being married, Marlyn Sibal and Cesar Solitario separated. Seven (7) years have passed and Marlyn Sibal met, had a romantic and live-in relationship with Emiliano Roman which brought petitioner and her brother. Even though Mr. Roman knew that Ms. Sibal was married to another man, and considering his wish to have the surnames of their children be Roman, he asked Ms. Sibal to marry him;
- Ms. Sibal followed Mr. Roman's instructions and has been dependent on him throughout their marriage until his untimely demise on June 11, 1999. A copy of the Certificate of Live Death of Emiliano Santos Roman is herein attached as Exhibit "**K**";
- Rule 108 of the Rules of Court provides that any person interested in any act, event, order or decree concerning the civil status of persons which has been recorded in the civil register may file a verified petition for the cancellation of any entry relating thereto, with the Court of First Instance of the province where the corresponding civil registry is located;
- Furthermore, Republic Act No. 9255 states that Article 176 of Executive Order No. 209, otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines, is hereby amended to read as follows:
"Article 176. Illegitimate children shall use the surname and shall be under the parental authority of their mother, and shall be entitled to support in conformity with this Code. However, illegitimate children may use the surname of their father if their filiation has been expressly recognized by the father through the record of birth appearing in the civil register, or when an admission in a public document or private handwritten instrument is made by the father. Provided, the father has the right to institute an action before the regular courts to prove non-filiation during his lifetime. The legitime of each illegitimate child shall consist of one-half of the legitime of a legitimate child."
- That to correctly settle the record of birth and the name of petitioner, as well as to avoid any confusion and misrepresentation, it is necessary that the entry of legitimation in the Certificate of Live Birth of Emil Sibal De Leon with local civil registry number 2001-1265 registered before the Local Registrar of Guagua, Pampanga be cancelled, and that the name of petitioner be annotated from EMIL SIBAL DE LEON to EMIL DE LEON ROMAN.

WITNESS TO BE PRESENTED

- In order to prove the allegations of their Petition, the following witness/es shall be presented:
a. Emil D. Roman
Summary of testimony: to prove the allegation in the Petition, to prove that he was born on September 2, 1996 to Emiliano Santos Roman and Marlyn Sibal De Leon; to prove that he was improperly legitimated considering that his mother contracted marriage to another man prior to her marriage to Emiliano S. Roman.
b. Marlyn S. De Leon
Summary of Testimony: to prove that she is the biological mother of Emil De Leon Roman; to prove that Emiliano Roman asked her to marry him despite knowing she was married to another man in order for their children to follow his surname.

DOCUMENTS TO BE PRESENTED

- To support the allegations in this Petition, the following documents will be presented:
a. Certificate of Live Birth of Emil Sibal De Leon
Purpose: To prove that the material allegations in the petition; to prove that he is a biological son of Emiliano Santos Roman and Marlyn Sibal De Leon.
b. Marriage Contract of Cesar Solitario and Marlyn De Leon

Purpose: To prove that petitioner Marlyn Sibal De Leon, has an existing marriage prior to her marriage to petitioner's father.

c. Certificate of Marriage of Emiliano Santos Roman and Marlyn Sibal De Leon

Purpose: To prove that Marlyn Sibal De Leon contracted a second marriage on June 4, 1999;

d. Baptismal Certificate issued by Iglesia Filipina Independiente dated July 6, 2024;

e. Diploma issued by Maui Elementary School, Guagua, Pampanga;

f. Official Transcript of Records issued by Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University;

g. Identification Card issued by Natividad High School, Guagua, Pampanga for the school year 2010-2011;

h. Identification Card issued by Maui Elem. School for the school year 2005-2006;

i. Identification Card No. 712 issued by Natividad High School;

j. Driver's License No. C10-18-011447

Common Purpose: to prove that petitioner has been using the name Emil De Leon Roman is all his acts and school records

k. Certificate of Death of Emiliano Santos Roman

Purpose: to prove that Emiliano Santos Roman June 11, 1999.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is most respectfully prayed for, that after due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered ordering the Local Civil Registrar of Guagua, Pampanga and the Philippine Statistics Authority to cancel annotation of legitimation in the Certificate of Live Birth of Emil Sibal De Leon under local civil registry number 2001-1265, and that the name of the petitioner be corrected as EMIL DE LEON ROMAN.

Other reliefs and remedies that are just and equitable under the premises be allowed.

Respectfully submitted. Guagua, Pampanga, July 10, 2026.

Finding said petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby sc hearing on October 14, 2026 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newsp of general circulation in the province of Pampanga.

Let copies of this order and the petition be furnished the Office of the Solicitor Ger the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; the Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City; and the Local Civil Registr Guagua, Pampanga.

The Civil Registrars concerned and any person having or claiming any interest unde entries where corrections are sought may, within fifteen (15) days from notice of the petitc from the last date of publication, file their opposition thereto, and appear on said date and and show cause why this petition should not be granted.

SO ORDERED.

Guagua, Pampanga August 11, 2026.

JACQUELINE REYES SUIN
Presiding Judge

Copy Furnished:

- Office of the Solicitor General
- Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Pampanga, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
- Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City
- Local Civil Registrar of Guagua, Pampanga
- Atty. Chastinne Mae M. Limson / 0925-495-9270 / 0956-872-9156
- Emil De Leon Roman
- Marlyn Sibal De Leon

Punto! Central Luzon: September 20, 27 & October 4, 2026

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
REPRESENTED BY LEINE A.
DE CASTRO,

Mortgagee,

- versus –

FC NO. 2025-0163
For: Application for Extrajudicial
Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage
(Under Act No. 3135, As Amended)

CHARITY FE EBARLE ARROYO,
represented by KRONRYL HERBERT
EBARLE ARROYO, Attorney-in-Fact,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Application for Sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by the Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, represented by Leine A. De Castro, with principal business office address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No.12 ADB Avenue, Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, against the Debtor/Mortgagor, **CHARITY FE EBARLE ARROYO represented by KRONRYL HERBERT ARROYO, Attorney-in-Fact**, with postal address/es at No. 912 1st Street, Guingona Subdivision, Butuan City, Agusan del Norte and Lot 9 Block 71 SMDC Cheerful Homes, Barangay Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, in order to satisfy the outstanding obligation therein which as of August 11, 2025 in the total amount of **NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO PESOS AND THIRTY-NINE CENTAVOS (Php973,522.39)** Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges and other incidental expenses incurred in connection with the foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on **November 12, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Mabalacat City, Pampanga, located at Bldg. 2, Unit 33, Great Mall of Central Luzon, (formerly Xevera Commercial Complex) Barangay Tabun, Mabalacat City, Pampanga**, will **SELL** at public auction to the highest bidder for CASH or MANAGER'S CHECK, and in Philippine Currency, the following parcel of land/real property with all existing and future improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 045-2022011342

“LOT NO: 9,
PORTION OF:

BLOCK NO: 71, PLAN NO: PCS-03-021923
LOT 2 TO 9, PCS-03-012744, LOT 188-D-7,
PSD-03-083529, LOT 188-D-8-G AND LOT 188-D-
8-I, (LRA) PSD-414557 AND LOT 13, (LRA)
PCS-E2013000109

LOCATION: STA. MARIA, MABALACAT, PAMPANGA, LUZON

LINE

DIRECTION

ADJOINING LOT (S)

1-2

SE

LOT 10, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

2-3

SW

LOT 27, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

3-4

SW

LOT 28, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

4-5

NW

LOT 8, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

5-1

NE

ROAD LOT 52 (6.50 M. WIDE), PCS-
03-021923

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

LINE

BEARING

DISTANCE

TO CORNER 1

N. 22°22' E

149.94 M.

1-2

S. 62°32' W

9.00 M.

2-3

N. 27°28' W

0.99 M.

3-4

N. 27°28' W

3.01 M.

4-5

N. 62°32' E

9.00 M.

5-1

S. 27°28' E

4.00 M.

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

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

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall b
held on **December 10, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, March 10, 2026.

NOEL C. SERRANO
Sheriff IV

Copy furnished:

LEINE A. DE CASTRO
BDO UNIBANK, INC.
REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT
33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas,
No.12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City.

DANIEL M. CONCEPCION
DMC MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
Unit 208 2nd Floor Ablaza Building, E. Rodriguez Sr.
Avenue, Barangay Tatalon, Quezon City.

CHARITY FE EBARLE ARROYO
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Homes, Barangay Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City,
Pampanga.

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

Republic of the Philippines
Third Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT

Angeles City
rtc1angocc@judiciary.gov.ph

BOF, INC. (A Rural Bank)
[A Consolidation of Bank of Florida
And Bank of Lubao]

Petitioner/Mortgagee.

- versus –

EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135 as Amended
FC Case No. 2026-0083

SPOUSES VALENTINO M. MIGUEL and
LENDY T. MIGUEL

Borrowers/Mortgagors,

X ----- X

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extrajudicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as Amended filed by the Mortgagee, BOF Corporate Center., is a corporation existing under and by virtue of Republic Act 720, as amended, with principal office address at BOF Corporate Center, Jose Abad Santos Avenue, San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, against **SPOUSES VALENTINO M. MIGUEL AND LENDY T. MIGUEL** (Mortgagors/Borrowers), both of legal age with address at Blk.4 Lot 28 Highview Hacienda, Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Magalang, Pampanga.; in order to satisfy the mortgage debt therein which as of 16 June 2026, amount of **Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Fifty Six Pesos and Thirty-Three Centavos (Php 769,056.33)**, Philippine Currency, loan obligation, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff IV hereby gives notice and announces that on *19th November 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Magalang Municipal Trial Court, Magalang, Pampanga.* will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for **cash or manager's check and in Philippine Currency**, the following parcel of land with all the improvement existing thereon:

TCT NO. 045-2019004531

A parcel of land situated in BRGY. STO. ROSARIO, MAGALANG, PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 28, BLOCK 4 OF THE CONSOLIDATION - SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-03-014649 BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 91-C-2; PSD-03-079298; 91-C-1-H, PSD-03-082227; 76-A & 77-A, PSD-03-081615 & 76-B-1, PSD- 082727, L.R.C. REC. NO.128), SITUATED IN THE BRGY.OF STO. ROSARIO, MAGALANG, PAMPANGA, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE S.E., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 26, BLOCK 4, OF THE CONSOLIDATION - SUBDIVISION PLAN; ON THE S.W., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 13 (6.50M.W); ON THE N.W., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 30; AND ON THE N.E., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 27, BOTH BLOCK 4, OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN.BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED “1” ON PLAN BEING N.65 DEG. 38'W., 913.99 M. FROM BBM NO.28, MAGALANG CADASTRE; THENCE S. 73 DEG.07'W., 10.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE N.16 DEG. 53' W., 10.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 73 DEG. 07'E., 10.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE S. 16 DEG. 53'E., 10.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED (100) SQUARE METERS.

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

In the event that the scheduled public auction should not take place, the same will be
conducted on *17th December 2026* at the same time and place without further notice.

Angeles City, September 14, 2026.

ALBERT O. ESTACIO
Sheriff IV
Contact no. 09162802042

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BOF, INC. (A Rural Bank)
BOF Corporate Center, Jose Abad Santos Avenue, San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Spouses Valentino M. Miguel and Lendy T. Miguel
Block 4, Lot 28 Highview Hacienda, Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Magalang, Pampanga.
Punto Central (PUBLISHER)

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



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MINUTES OF THE 46th 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 MAY 21, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, XEVERA, MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA

PRESENT:

Hon. Marcos T. Castro Jr.	- Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Timothy Paul A. Llanos Dee	- Member
Hon. Victor Rene V. Ong	- Member
Hon. Eroll Jake C. Soliven	- Member
Hon. Benjamin D. Jocson	- Member
Hon. Marjorie Grace M. Sambo	- Member
Hon. Noelito B. Castro	- Member
Hon. Stephen R. Aurelio	- Member
Hon. Patricia Anne Acorda	- Member
Hon. Elizabeth R. Pineda	- Member
Hon. Rey T. Pineda	- Member
Hon. Paul Andre P. Tiongco	- Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Ignacio Miguel M. Morales II	- Member
Hon. Ruvielane S. Margarito	- Member

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 42
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE FLYING, OPERATION, LAUNCHING, DEPLOYMENT, AND USE OF KITES, DRONES, UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs), REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (RPAS), SKY LANTERNS, BALLOONS, AND OTHER SIMILAR AERIAL OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE BARANGAYS OF SAN FRANCISCO, DOLORES, POBLACION, SAN JOAQUIN, AND MABIGA, MABALACAT CITY, DUE TO THEIR PROXIMITY TO THE CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Sections 458(a)(1)(vi), 458(a)(3)(iv), and other pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code authorize the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact

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ordinances necessary to protect the inhabitants of the City and promote public safety, peace and order, and the general welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9497, otherwise known as the "Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2008," mandates the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to ensure aviation safety and regulate activities affecting air navigation and airport operations;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations (PCAR), including regulations on Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), provide restrictions and safety measures governing the operation of drones and other aerial devices near airports and aircraft navigational paths;

WHEREAS, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines has repeatedly issued advisories strictly prohibiting the flying of kites, drones, balloons, lanterns, and similar airborne objects near airports due to the hazards they pose to aviation safety and aircraft operations;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Mabalacat recognizes that Clark International Airport is one of the country's major international gateways and economic centers, whose uninterrupted and safe operations are essential to public welfare, tourism, commerce, transportation, and national development;

WHEREAS, the barangays of San Francisco, Dolores, Poblacion, San Joaquin, and Mabiga are situated within areas traversed by aircraft approach and departure paths, thereby exposing aircraft and passengers to potential hazards caused by unauthorized aerial activities;

WHEREAS, incidents involving drones, kites, and similar aerial objects may result in aircraft collision, engine ingestion, navigational obstruction, pilot distraction, mechanical damage, emergency flight maneuvers, accidents, injuries, loss of lives, and destruction of property;

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WHEREAS, the operation and deployment of such aerial objects within airport vicinities constitute a serious danger to aircraft passengers, crew members, airport personnel, nearby residents, and the general public;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent necessity to regulate and prohibit hazardous aerial activities within identified barangays of Mabalacat City in order to protect aviation safety, public welfare, and national security;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Victor Rene V. Ong, duly seconded by Hons. Jocson and Sambo, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mabalacat City in session assembled that:

**ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the:
"Mabalacat City Aviation Safety and Airspace Hazard Prevention Ordinance of 2026."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Mabalacat to ensure and promote public safety and protect aircraft operations within the territorial jurisdiction of the City, particularly in areas situated near Clark International Airport.

Towards this end, the City Government shall regulate, restrict, and prohibit activities involving the flying, operation, launching, deployment, or release of aerial objects and devices that may interfere with aviation safety, airport operations, navigational systems, aircraft movement, and public welfare.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES.

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This Ordinance seeks to:

- Protect the lives and safety of aircraft passengers, pilots, crew members, airport personnel, and residents;
- Prevent aviation-related accidents and hazards caused by unauthorized aerial activities;
- Preserve safe air navigation and airport operations within Clark International Airport airspace;
- Promote awareness regarding aviation safety regulations and responsible use of aerial devices;
- Support national aviation laws, regulations, and CAAP safety advisories;
- Establish local mechanisms for the regulation and enforcement of airspace-related public safety measures.

ARTICLE II DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined:

- Drone** — refers to any unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS), quadcopter, or similar device capable of flight without an onboard human pilot, whether used for recreation, photography, videography, surveillance, delivery, mapping, commercial, or other purposes.
- Kite** — refers to any tethered airborne object intended to fly through wind power using strings, wires, or similar attachments.
- Aerial Objects** — refer to balloons, sky lanterns, model aircraft, gliders, flying toys, remote-controlled aircraft, airborne promotional materials, laser-emitting devices directed toward aircraft, and similar airborne devices or materials.
- Airport Vicinity** — refers to areas surrounding Clark International Airport

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affected by aircraft approach, departure, landing, takeoff, navigation, and aviation safety operations.

5. **Operator** — refers to any person, group, organization, corporation, association, or entity controlling, launching, operating, or responsible for an aerial object or device.
6. **Covered Areas** — refer to the barangays specifically identified under this Ordinance.

ARTICLE III COVERAGE AND PROHIBITED ACTS

SECTION 5. COVERAGE.

This Ordinance shall apply within the territorial jurisdiction of the following barangays of Mabalacat City:

1. Barangay San Francisco
2. Barangay Dolores
3. Barangay Poblacion
4. Barangay San Joaquin
5. Barangay Mabiga

SECTION 6. PROHIBITED ACTS.

It shall be unlawful for any person, group, organization, association, or entity to commit any of the following acts within the covered areas:

1. Flying, operating, launching, or deploying kites;
2. Flying, operating, launching, or deploying drones, UAVs, RPAS, or similar unmanned aircraft systems without lawful authority and prior authorization from competent aviation authorities;
3. Releasing balloons, sky lanterns, airborne promotional materials, or floating aerial objects;

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4. Operating model aircraft, remote-controlled flying devices, gliders, or similar recreational aerial devices;
5. Directing lasers, searchlights, or high-intensity lights toward aircraft or airport operational zones;
6. Conducting aerial photography or aerial recreational activities that may interfere with aircraft operations or navigational safety;
7. Allowing minors to engage in prohibited aerial activities without supervision or in violation of this Ordinance;
8. Organizing events, competitions, exhibitions, or recreational activities involving aerial devices within the covered areas without proper authority and permits.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTIONS.

The following shall be exempt from the coverage of this Ordinance, subject to coordination and clearance from competent authorities:

1. Military, police, and national security operations;
2. Official activities of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines;
3. Emergency response, rescue, firefighting, medical evacuation, and disaster management operations;
4. Government-authorized aerial surveys, inspections, mapping, and infrastructure monitoring;
5. Scientific, educational, or research activities duly authorized by CAAP and the City Government;
6. Other lawful activities expressly authorized by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines and Clark International Airport authorities.

**ARTICLE IV
ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES.

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The following offices and agencies shall enforce this Ordinance:

1. Philippine National Police (PNP);
2. City Public Safety Office (CPSO);
3. City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO);
4. Barangay Officials of the covered barangays;
5. Clark International Airport authorities;
6. Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), when applicable;
7. Other offices designated by the City Mayor.

SECTION 9. AUTHORITY TO APPREHEND AND CONFISCATE.

Authorized enforcement officers shall have the authority to:

1. Apprehend violators of this Ordinance;
2. Confiscate drones, kites, UAVs, RPAS, and other prohibited aerial devices used in violation of this Ordinance;
3. Issue citation tickets or violation reports;
4. Coordinate with CAAP and airport authorities regarding serious violations affecting aviation safety.

Confiscated devices shall be properly inventoried and may be returned only upon settlement of penalties for first offenses, unless otherwise prohibited by law or court order.

SECTION 10. DUTIES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS.

Barangay officials of the covered areas shall:

1. Conduct public information and awareness campaigns regarding this Ordinance;
2. Assist enforcement agencies in the implementation of this Ordinance;
3. Monitor and report violations occurring within their respective jurisdictions;
4. Coordinate with schools, homeowners' associations, youth organizations, and community groups regarding aviation safety awareness.

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ARTICLE V PENAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 11. PENALTIES.

Any person found violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be penalized as follows:

First Offense:

- Fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00);
- Confiscation of the aerial device or object.

Second Offense:

- Fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00);
- Confiscation of the aerial device or object.

Third and Subsequent Offenses:

- Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00); and/or
- Imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, at the discretion of the court;
- Permanent confiscation and forfeiture of the aerial device.

If the violation results in disruption of airport operations, damage to aircraft, injury to persons, or threats to national security, the offender may additionally be prosecuted under applicable national laws, aviation regulations, and penal statutes.

SECTION 12. LIABILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

If the offender is a minor, the parents or legal guardians shall be responsible for the payment of fines and compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, without prejudice to the provisions of Republic Act No. 9344 or the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act.

ARTICLE VI FINAL PROVISIONS

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SECTION 13. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

The City Government shall undertake sustained information and education campaigns in coordination with CAAP, Clark International Airport authorities, schools, barangays, and civil society organizations regarding aviation safety and prohibited aerial activities.

SECTION 14. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR).

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Mayor, through the concerned offices and in coordination with CAAP and airport authorities, shall promulgate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, rules, regulations, executive orders, and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of local circulation and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the City of Mabalacat in accordance with law.

ENACTED this 21st day of May 2026 at Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

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Smart design and operations advance sustainability at SM Supermalls

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“Sustainability and efficiency are at

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Passive design elements maximize the use of natural energy. SM integrates natural daylight into its mall designs to improve energy efficiency, reduce electricity use, and create more inviting spaces for customers with its expansive skylights and high-ceiling atriums. LED lighting further conserves energy, producing more brightness, and using significantly less power.

SM Mall of Asia

Only 10% of exterior surfaces are fronted with glass. The rest is made from Exterior Insulation Finishing Systems (EIFS), a fire-resistant material that improves customers’ indoor and al fresco experiences.

Moreover, windows and entrances are angled accordingly to improve airflow throughout the mall interiors. Windows on the west side use low-emissivity glass to protect customers from harmful ultraviolet rays while maintaining comfortable temperatures for customers as they go through their mall routines.

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
Region III – Central Luzon



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This is to inform the public that **FORTUNETOWN PROPERTIES CORPORATION** has submitted an Environmental Performance Report and Management Plan (EPRMP) for the **Proposed GCC Industrial Compound Expansion Project** located in Brgy. Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga.

Relative to this, we give notice to all parties who want to raise their opinion(s) or concern(s) on the proposed project to participate at the Public Hearing:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
October 13, 2026 (Tuesday)	10:00 AM Registration starts at 9:30 AM	Basketball Court, Brgy. Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga

The Public Hearing is being conducted as part of the review of the EPRMP. We provided below the relevant project information.

Project Name	Land Development and Warehouses Expansion Project
Project Location	Barangay Panipuan, Municipality of Mexico, Province of Pampanga
Project Type	Infrastructure Project
Project Area/Capacity	117,075 square meters
Project Rationale	The project is in-line with the Philippine Development Plan which prioritizes the acceleration of economic transformation through industrialization, with emphasis on the development of industrial estates and economic zones that attract both domestic and foreign investments. The plan targets the creation of quality employment opportunities and the promotion of inclusive economic growth, particularly in regions outside Metro Manila. In terms of socio-economic activities, the project will be able to provide direct and indirect employment opportunities. Direct as it will generate jobs and indirect due to the number of related jobs and small businesses that will be created due to its development. It is expected to generate more income to the community and tax revenues to the government.
Project Components	Warehouses, Roads, Septic tanks, Temporary Storage Area for Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Wastes
Proponent	FORTUNETOWN PROPERTIES CORPORATION

We encourage all interested and concerned parties who want to participate at the Public Hearing to confirm their attendance by sending an e-mail to recordsr3@emb.gov.ph. Parties may also send their position paper or comments to recordsr3@emb.gov.ph at least three days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able register or submit written comments or position papers will be given opportunity to be heard during the Public Hearing.

The EPRMP and Executive Summary for the Public (in English and Filipino) are posted at the EMB Region 3 website (<https://r3.emb.gov.ph/>) > **Notice Board** > **Notice of Public Hearing**) and copies will be available at Brgy. Hall of Panipuan, Mexico, Pampanga.

For further details, please contact the Clearance and Permitting Division at (045) 963-3623 local 106.



R3-2026-032796

Masinop corner Matalino St., Diosdado Macapagal Government Center,
Brgy. Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, 2000
Tel. No. : (045) 963-3623 | Email: recordsr3@emb.gov.ph
Website: r3.emb.gov.ph



Career Opportunity in : LEESCHOI INC.

POSITION TITLE:

GENERAL MANAGER

Job Description:

Responsible for overseeing the overall operations of the restaurant, ensuring efficient service delivery, business development, and coordination among departments involved in restaurant operations.

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

Must have at least three (3) years of relevant work experience in restaurant management, operations, or a related field.

Preferably with a background in overall business operations and corporate management.

Strong knowledge and experience in planning, budgeting, and operational supervision.

With proven leadership skills in handling teams and coordinating with different departments.

Must be capable of overseeing company-wide operations and supporting business development activities.

Must be able to communicate and coordinate effectively with Korean partners and clients.

Place of Deployment: Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga

Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National Intending to Apply for the Position
Company Name: LEESCHOI INC. Company Address: CLARK FREEPORT ZONE PAMPANGA Nature of Business: RESTAURANT OPERATIONS	NAME: MR. JIMAN KIM Address: Clark Freeport Zone (Korean) Nationality: KOREAN Intended period of employment: One (1) year only

LEESCHOI INC. hereby declares that the above-named foreign national **MR. JIMAN KIM** is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for **GENERAL MANAGER**, and has the intention to apply for the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit.

With the Department of Labor and Employment – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Malinpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned **DOLE Manila Central Office**.

Any Filipino Jobseeker who is competent, able and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national is intended to be hired for, may file an objection at Department of Labor and Employment – Manila Central Office located at 8F, Grace Building, 166 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City.

Please send your interested applicants to

Ms. VERLIZA JAPON

Leeschoi Inc. Corporate Secretary

Email: grillseoulmaster@gmail.com
for interested applicants.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11698 otherwise known as the "Vintage Vehicle Registration Act" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby made to inform the public that **Mr. Leonardo F. Daracan** has applied for the registration of the vehicle which photo and details appear below:

Make and Series	: Oldsmobile Cutlass
Year Model/Manufactured	: 1967
Engine	: VO613BMA
Chassis	: 336177 G 135048
Color	: Blue



In support of his application, the above-named applicant has submitted a Notarized Affidavit to the LTO stating that:

1. He is the owner, and is in possession of the subject vehicle;
2. He acquired the vehicle through Juanito L. Santos have been restoring it since it was purchased several years ago. However, through the passage of time, the documents relating to the vehicle were lost and, despite diligent efforts, he has not been able to locate them; and
3. He shall solely assume legal responsibility for valid claims, whether criminal, civil or administrative in nature, arising from his acts or omissions in relation to the importation, acquisition, possession, registration, and ownership of the vehicle.

Any objections to the intended registration or claims to the vehicle may be sent to the Registration Section – Central Office through ltcovintagevehicle@lto.gov.ph. In the event that no adverse claim will be received by the LTO after three (3) months from this publication, said office shall commence registration of the vehicle consistent with the provisions of RA 11698 and its IRR.

FRANZ O. SALAMAT
Chief, Registration Section—Operations Division

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11698 otherwise known as the "Vintage Vehicle Registration Act" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby made to inform the public that **Mr. Leonardo M. David** has applied for the registration of the vehicle which photo attached and details appear below:

Make and Series	: Land Rover Series IIA
Year Model/Manufactured	: 1964
Engine	: 19L 16469A
Chassis	: 255000194
Color	: Black



In support of his application, the above-named applicant has submitted a Notarized Affidavit to the LTO stating that:

1. He is the owner, and is in possession of the subject vehicle.
2. He acquired the vehicle from GRB Food & Beverages & Management Consultant and have been restoring it since the purchased several years ago. However, through the passage of time, the documents relating to the vehicle were lost and, despite diligent efforts, he has not been able to locate them.
3. He shall solely assume legal responsibility for valid claims, whether criminal, civil or administrative in nature, arising from his acts or omissions in relation to the importation, acquisition, possession, registration, and ownership of the vehicle.

Any objections to the intended registration or claims to the vehicle may be sent to the New Registration Unit – Central Office through lto.mvirs@lto.gov.ph. In the event that no adverse claim will be received by the LTO after three (3) months from this publication, said office shall commence registration of the vehicle consistent with the provisions of RA 11698 and its IRR.

ATTY. GERALD CESAR G. CHAVEZ
Chief, New Registration Unit – Central Office

Punto! Central Luzon: September 20, 27 & October 4, 2026

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION
BRANCH 48
CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA
rtc1sfp048@judiciary.gov.ph
(045) 403-5271

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR
THE CORRECTION OF THE ENTRY AS TO
THE DATE OF MARRIAGE OF THE
PETITIONER'S PARENTS IN THE
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MIKE
KENJI SINODA O. PONIO

MIKE KENJI SINODA O. PONIO,
Petitioner

-versus-

SP. PRO. CASE NO. 6452

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF CITY
OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA, THE
CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL, PHILIPPINE
STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) AND THE
SOLICITOR GENERAL,
Respondents.

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ORDER

A verified petition dated 12 August 2026 having been filed by herein petitioner Mike Kenji Sinoda O. Ponio, thru counsel, praying that after due notice, publication, and hearing grant the petition and consequently order the following:

- a. Ordering the correction of Entry No. 18 “Date and Place of Marriage of Parents”) in the Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner by deleting the erroneous entry “July 2, 2004 – San Juan, Metro Manila” and replacing it with “NOT MARRIED”.
- b. Ordering the annotation in the petitioner’s Certificate of Live Birth that he was legitimated by the subsequent marriage of his parents on June 29, 2009, in accordance with the Family Code, as amended.
- c. Directing the Local Civil Registrar and the Civil Registrar General to annotate the judgment in petitioner’s Certificate of Live Birth and all corresponding civil registry records.
- d. Granting other reliefs just and equitable under the premises.

Acting on the petition, notice is hereby given that the same will be heard by this Court on November 11, 2026 at 2:00 in the afternoon, inviting all persons interested therein to show cause, if any, why the aforesaid petition should not be granted.

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

Furnish copies of this Order, together with the copy of the petition and its annexes, the Local Civil Registrar of City of San Fernando, Pampanga, the Philippine Statistics Authority (formerly National Statistics Office), PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1101, and the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Regional Trial Court, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, the Office of the City Prosecutor thru Prosecutor Conrado A. Salomeo, petitioner Mike Kenji Sinoda O. Ponio, and counsel for the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, August 27, 2026.

MICHAEL KEN R. DE JESUS
Acting Presiding Judge

Copy Furnished:

- 1. Atty. Ana Liza Banzuela-Calubaquib
Counsel for the Petitioner
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- 2. Prosecutor Conrado A. Salomeo
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- 3. Office of the Clerk of Court
City of San Fernando, Pampanga
- 4. Local Civil Registrar
City of San Fernando, Pampanga
- 5. Philippine Statistics Authority
(formerly National Statistics Office)
PSA Complex, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1101
- 6. Office of the Solicitor General
134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City
- 7. Mike Kenji Sinoda O. Ponio
Petitioner
38-6 Yolanda Drive, Villa Teresa, Barangay
Cutcut, Angeles City

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



SAINT PAUL AMERICAN SCHOOL
Bldg. N2574 Berthaphil 3, JASA, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Tel. No. 45 499.1373 / www.stpaulclark.com

WE ARE HIRING

Coordinator (1 vacancy)
Job Description:

- Serve as the point person for news and updates regarding the Chinese Program, including HSK and YCT examinations.
- Review files and provide consultation for Chinese-related initiatives and activities.
- Coordinate and liaise with the Confucius Institute (CI) and other Chinese organizations when necessary.
- Assist with Chinese document translations and related materials.
- Plan and coordinate Chinese cultural activities and programs.
- Assist in responding to inquiries from Chinese clients and students.
- Coordinate with the AUF Confucius Institute and Hanban regarding Chinese language programs and activities.
- Support the school's Chinese Program and related initiatives.
- Perform other job-related duties assigned in support of the school's goals.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Education, Chinese Language, or a related field.
- Strong Chinese and English communication skills, both written and spoken.
- Good organizational, coordination, and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge of Chinese language programs, HSK, YCT, and Chinese cultural activities is an advantage.
- Ability to coordinate effectively with students, parents, teachers, and external organizations.

Place of Deployment:
Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga

Qualified applicants can send their resume to eunice_ricanor@stpaulclark.com

Company/Employer Saint Paul American School	Name of Foreign national intending to apply for the position Name: Yubo Chen
Address: Bldg. N2574 Clark Center, Berthaphil, JASA, Clark Freeport Zone, Pamp.	Address: Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Nature of business: Education	Nationality: Chinese Intended period of employment: One (1) year

Saint Paul American School hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for **Coordinator**. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the **Bureau of Local Employment, Department of Labor and Employment, located at 6th Floor, BF Condominium Building, Solana Street corner A. Soriano Avenue, Intramuros, Manila.**

Any Filipino jobseeker who is competent, able and willing to perform the services for which the foreign national is intended to be hired for, may file an objection at the Bureau of Local Employment, Department of Labor and Employment, located at 6th Floor, BF Condominium Building, Solana Street corner A. Soriano Avenue, Intramuros, Manila.



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WE ARE HIRING

Academic Coordinator (1 vacancy)
Job Description:

- Coordinate and oversee the school's academic programs and daily instructional activities.
- Assist in curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation in accordance with American educational standards.
- Monitor teaching and learning activities to ensure quality instruction and achievement of academic goals.
- Provide guidance and support to teachers in lesson planning and instructional strategies.
- Coordinate academic schedules, assessments, and other school-related activities.
- Monitor students' academic progress and recommend appropriate interventions when necessary.
- Collaborate with teachers and school administrators to improve academic programs.
- Prepare academic reports and other necessary records.
- Perform other related duties as assigned by the school administration.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Knowledge of curriculum planning, instructional strategies, and academic standards.
- Excellent leadership, communication, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
- Proficient in English, both written and spoken.
- Ability to work effectively with teachers, administrators, students, and parents.
- Strong skills in academic planning, monitoring, and evaluation.

Place of Deployment:
Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga

Qualified applicants can send their resume to eunice_ricanor@stpaulclark.com

Company/Employer Saint Paul American School	Name of Foreign national intending to apply for the position Name: Jaeho Eohm
Address: Bldg. N2574 Clark Center, Berthaphil, JASA, Clark Freeport Zone, Pamp.	Address: Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Nature of business: Education	Nationality: Korean Intended period of employment: Two (2) year

Saint Paul American School hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for **Academic Coordinator**. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the **Bureau of Local Employment, Department of Labor and Employment, located at 6th Floor, BF Condominium Building, Solana Street corner A. Soriano Avenue, Intramuros, Manila.**

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WE ARE HIRING

ESL Coordinator (1 vacancy)
Job Description:

- Coordinate and oversee the school's English as a Second Language (ESL) program.
- Develop and implement ESL programs and activities for students with limited English proficiency.
- Provide guidance and support to ESL teachers in lesson planning and instructional strategies.
- Monitor students' English language progress and recommend appropriate interventions when necessary.
- Coordinate ESL assessments and related academic activities.
- Collaborate with teachers and school administrators to support students' language development.
- Prepare ESL-related reports and documentation.
- Perform other related duties as assigned by the school administration.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Education, English, or a related field.
- Knowledge of ESL teaching methods, curriculum, and instructional strategies.
- Excellent English communication skills, both written and spoken.
- Strong leadership, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work effectively with teachers, students, and parents.
- Strong skills in planning, coordination, and evaluation.

Place of Deployment:
Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga

Qualified applicants can send their resume to eunice_ricanor@stpaulclark.com

Company/Employer Saint Paul American School	Name of Foreign national intending to apply for the position Name: Matthew Hamid Borhanian
Address: Bldg. N2574 Clark Center, Berthaphil, JASA, Clark Freeport Zone, Pamp.	Address: Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Nature of business: Education	Nationality: American Intended period of employment: One (1) year

Saint Paul American School hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for **ESL Coordinator**. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the **Bureau of Local Employment, Department of Labor and Employment, located at 6th Floor, BF Condominium Building, Solana Street corner A. Soriano Avenue, Intramuros, Manila.**

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New Asahi Group...

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the enterprises that choose to invest, expand, and remain within its borders.”

Aliño noted that New Asahi Group's decision to consolidate its expertise in sourcing, importation, reconditioning, fabrication, and after-sales support under the Apex Trucks brand, and to do so here in Subic, is a strong vote of confidence in both the Freeport and the favorable business climate that the SBMA diligently maintains.

The expansion spans 5,231.60 square meters within THEP and is projected to create 25 additional jobs. The facility will handle importation,

exportation, transshipment, warehousing, rebuilding, and trading of trucks, buses, as well as heavy and industrial equipment.

New Asahi Group Subic Trading Corp. specializes in the dealership and importation of commercial vehicles, focusing on reconditioned Japanese trucks, heavy equipment, and industrial machinery. Operating under the Apex Trucks name, the company is involved in the import, export, transshipment, storage, rebuilding, and wholesale of trucks, buses, heavy and industrial equipment, along with new and used spare parts and accessories.

With Aliño at the inauguration ceremony were New Asahi Group chairman and CEO Ahamed Mohamed Hussain, president Shukry Hussain, COO Riza Nazeer, SBMA senior deputy administrator for business and investment Barney W. Lee III, and Olongapo City Mayor Atty. Rolen C. Paulino, Jr.

Representatives from the Embassy of Sri Lanka in the Philippines, along with Xantheng (Subic) International Corp. president Simon Su and XSIC vice-president for operations Kelly Uy, were also in attendance.

Dante Salvaña

Smart design...

FROM PAGE 22

Behind the scenes, SM Supermalls also uses a state-of-the-art Building Management Systems (BMS) that allows the mall operator to manage its properties fluctuating energy demands throughout the day.

This innovative system has empowered SM Supermalls to save up to 50M kilowatt hours annually.

SM City La Union

These initiatives are driven by the SM Green Movement, an SM

sustainability campaign that integrates environmentally responsible practices across the SM group, to scale simple, everyday acts into systemic impact, thereby protecting the planet's resources for present and future generations. **SM-PR**



NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No._____Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No.1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **GERALD TOLOSA AREVALO** has filed with this Office, a petition for the **CHILD'S SEX from FEMALE to MALE; MOTHER'S FIRST NAME from CRISELDA to CRESILDA;** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **GERALD TOLOSA AREVALO** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 9, 1994** at **SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA** and whose parents are **NICANOR AREVALO and CRESILDA TOLOSA.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than 2 consecutive weeks.

RIMANDO E. UMALI
CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR

Punto! Central Luzon: October 4 & 11, 2026

Republic of the Philippines
City Civil Registry Office
Province of Pampanga
City of San Fernando

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of RA 9048 & RA 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ROBERTO SOTTO CATA CUTAN** filed with this office a petition in the **CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH of ROBERTO SOTTO CATA CUTAN to CHANGE CHILD'S FIRST NAME from ROBERT to ROBERTO;** who was born on MAY 17, 1966 at San Fernando, Pampanga, and whose parents are **SEGUNDO MERCADO CATA CUTAN and BELEN PAMINTUAN SOTTO.**

(SGD.) RIMANDO E. UMALI
City Civil Registrar

Punto! Central Luzon: October 4 & 11, 2026

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No._____Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No.1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that - has filed with this Office, a petition for the **CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH from DEC. 4, 1955 to NOVEMBER 4, 1955;** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ZENaida BOND OC DE GUIA** who was born on **NOVEMBER 4, 1955** at **SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA** and whose parents are **JOSE DE GUIA AND MARCIANA BOND OC.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this office not later than 2 consecutive weeks.

RIMANDO E. UMALI
CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR

Punto! Central Luzon: October 4 & 11, 2026

CAREER OPPORTUNITY IN SUPERBSTEEL MANUFACTURING CORPORATION

No. Vacancy	Position Title	Job Description
1	Chinese Consultant	The position occupied involves, as among others, acting as the primary liaison between the Company and Chinese-speaking clients, investors, suppliers, and business partners; facilitating business communication, negotiations, and transactions through Mandarin Chinese and English translation and interpretation; reviewing business documents, proposals, agreements, and communications involving Chinese stakeholders; providing support on Chinese business culture, negotiation practices, and professional protocols;
1	Chinese Data Integrity Analyst for Electronics	The position involves, as among others, reviewing, validating, and maintaining the accuracy, completeness, and consistency of data relating to the machinery and/or equipment; analyzing product specifications, technical information, inventory records, and other business data; identifying and resolving data discrepancies, inconsistencies, and errors; preparing and maintaining accurate reports and documentation; translating and validating technical and product-related information between Mandarin Chinese and English; coordinating with Chinese foreign clients, suppliers, and business partners regarding data and product information; ensuring the timely updating and proper maintenance of databases and records; and organizing and conducting technical and data-related skills training sessions for Filipino employees.
2	Chinese Marketing Supervisor	The position involves, as among others, assisting in the development, planning, and implementation of marketing strategies of technical products and specifications; conducting market research and analysis to identify customer preferences, market trends, and business opportunities; coordinating with Chinese foreign suppliers, clients and business partners in Mandarin Chinese and English; preparing, reviewing, translating, and processing marketing materials, product information, and business-related documents; overseeing marketing campaigns and promotional activities; monitoring sales and market performance; ensuring the accuracy and consistency of translated and published marketing content; facilitating communication between Mandarin Chinese and English; and organizing and conducting product knowledge and skills training sessions for Filipino employees.
3	Chinese Specialist Documentation	The position involves, among others, assisting Chinese foreign clients in the preparation, review, translation, and processing of immigration, business registration, employment, and other government-related documents; ensuring the accuracy, completeness, and timely submission of applications and permits; maintaining organized records and documentation; facilitating communication between Mandarin and Chinese;
1	Logistics Specialist	The position occupied involves, among others, coordinating with Chinese suppliers, manufacturers, freight forwarders, and business partners regarding shipment schedules, logistics requirements, and delivery arrangements; facilitating communication between Chinese-speaking stakeholders and local logistics teams; monitoring inventory movement and maintaining accurate logistics records; and assisting in the efficient execution of logistics operations and related administrative functions
2	Machine and Furnace Technicians	The position occupied is highly technical as it involves, among others, to operate inspect, repair, and maintain hot work production furnaces, heat treating systems, and other heating, cooling, and ventilation facilities
3	Procurement Manager	The position occupied involves, among others, developing and maintaining business relationships with Chinese suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, and trading partners; coordinating and negotiating commercial arrangements involving product sourcing, pricing, supply terms, and delivery schedules; identifying potential suppliers, customers, and business opportunities in Chinese and international markets; facilitating communication, translation, and interpretation of trading-related documents and business discussions; and serving as the primary liaison between Chinese-speaking stakeholders and local management or operational teams.
2	Repair and Maintenance Technicians	The position is highly technical as it involves, among others, the installation, maintenance, troubleshooting, operation, cleaning, lubrication, adjustment, repair, and optimization of specialized plant machinery and equipment imported from China. The position likewise requires diagnosing mechanical and operational issues, disassembling and reassembling machinery, replacing defective components, testing repaired equipment to ensure safe and efficient operations, providing technical assistance on the proper operation of machinery, and conducting skills training for Filipino employees.
4	Warehouse Manager	The position occupied involves, among others, coordinating with Chinese management, suppliers, and business partners regarding warehouse operations, inventory requirements, and logistics arrangements; facilitating communication between Chinese-speaking stakeholders and local warehouse personnel; ensuring the proper handling, labelling, storage, and safekeeping of products, materials, and equipment; and maintaining accurate warehouse documentation and operational records.

Qualifications

- Relevant experience in documentation, warehouse operations, consultancy, logistics, trading, business coordination, or related industries.
- Excellent organizational, communication, negotiation, and coordination skills.
- Strong understanding of Chinese business culture, practices, and professional etiquette.
- Excellent organizational, communication, negotiation, and coordination skills.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, meet deadlines, and work effectively in a multicultural business environment.
- Proficient in Mandarin and Fookien (Hokkien), both spoken and written.
- Knowledgeable in Chinese language technicalities, including proper interpretation of Chinese terminology, business expressions, and industry-specific communications.
- Knowledgeable in the operation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair of Chinese and/or Taiwanese manufactured industrial machinery and equipment,
- Willing to work on shifting schedules and render overtime, when necessary.

Applications may be sent to:

MS. MIA CABUNILLAS
HR Manager
hr.superbsteel@yahoo.com

COMPANY / EMPLOYER:

COMPANY NAME: Superbsteel Manufacturing Corporation (Formerly: Wan Chiong Steel Corp.)

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 168 Quezon Road, Brgy. San Isidro, San Simon, Pampanga.

NATURE OF BUSINESS: Manufacturing

NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL INTENDING TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION			
NAME	ADDRESS	NATIONALITY	INTENDED PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT:
CHEN, WEN	Pasig City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
CHEN, ZHIYI	Quezon City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
HE, BIJIANG	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
HUANG, HAI	Manila City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LAI, LIANGSHENG	Quezon City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LIANG, DEQUAN	Oriental Mindoro	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LIN, ZUOCHENG	Manila City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LIU, SHENGGANG	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
LUO, ZHENCHUN	Quezon City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
MA, GEAN	Quezon City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
QIAO, WEIJIANG	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
SONG, KEMING	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
TIAN, JIALI	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
TIAN, JIASHENG	Manila City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
TIAN, JIAJUN	Makati City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
TIAN, JIAPING	Makati City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
WANG, MINGBO	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
YANG, LIANG	Pasay City	Chinese	Three (3) Years
ZHOU, LEBIN	Manila City	Chinese	Three (3) Years

Company hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for this position. The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply for an Alien Employment Permit with the **Department of Labor and Employment – Region III** located at **Matalino cor. Mahusay St., Diodrado Macapagal Government Center, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.**

Punto! Central Luzon: October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8 & 15, 2026



Bagong pamunuan ng CLMA-Pampanga, nag-courtesy call kay Gov Nanay

LUNGSOD NG SAN FERNANDO – Mainit na pagbati at maalab na pahayag ng suporta sa pagsulong ng tapat, responsible, at makabuluhang pamamahayag para sa mga Kapampangan ang

isinalubong ni Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda sa bagong pamunuan ng Central Luzon Media Association- Pampanga Chapter sa kanilang courtesy call sa Kapitolyo ngayong Lunes, Oct. 5.

Ang bagong hanay ng

mga opisyal ng samahan ay binubuo nina: president Jhoedie Mercado – CLTV36, executive vice president: Paulo Gee Santos – CLTV36, VP for broadcast: Jenna Parungao – Balitang-Balita, VP for online: Larica Dinio – OrbitNews, VP for

print: Princess Clea Arcellaz – SunStar Pampanga, secretary: Gerald Gloton – Punto Central Luzon, treasurer: Chris Espino – Newline Central Luzon, at auditor: Glendy Sembrano – GNN TV44.

Ibinahagi naman ng

Pangulong Mercado na kaisa ang CLMA-Pampanga ng pamahalaang panlalawigan sa lahat ng pagpupunyagi nito tungo sa kaunlaran ng lalawigan at kagalingan at kabutihang ng mga Kapampangan.

Patuloy na kinikilala ng

Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Pampanga ang mahalagang papel ng media bilang katuwang sa paghahatid ng tama, napapanahon, at makabuluhang impormasyon sa publiko.

Pampanga PIO



FIVE STARS. ONE UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE.

Another milestone shines at Swissôtel Clark as we proudly received our Five-Star Hotel Accreditation from the Department of Tourism. More than an accolade, this recognition is a testament to our constant pursuit of excellence, where Swiss precision meets authentic Filipino hospitality in every thoughtful detail and meaningful guest experience. We proudly share this achievement with our dedicated Heartists and extend our deepest appreciation to the Department of Tourism Region III, under the leadership of Regional Director Richard G. Daenos, for continuing to champion tourism and hospitality excellence across Central Luzon.

PRESS RELEASE



A NEW MILESTONE IN HOSPITALITY EXCELLENCE

Best Western Plus Metro Clark is honored to receive the Department of Tourism’s **Four-Star Hotel Rating**, marking a significant milestone in our journey of hospitality excellence. The recognition was formally presented by DOT-III Regional Director Dr. Richard G. Daenos and Tourism Regulation Division Chief Avon Timbol during the awarding ceremony for newly star-rated accommodation establishments in Central Luzon. This distinction reflects our commitment to exceptional service, refined comfort, and elevated guest experiences, values that remain at the heart of Best Western Plus Metro Clark. As we celebrate this achievement, we look forward to continuing to create memorable stays and meaningful experiences for every guest we welcome. Four stars, with more reasons to experience Best Western Plus Metro Clark. Wherever Life Takes You, Best Western is There. **PRESS RELEASE**



FIVE-STAR RATING REDUX.

Clark Marriott Hotel proudly receives the Department of Tourism’s **Five-Star Hotel Rating** for the second time, reaffirming its distinction as the first internationally branded, DOT-certified five-star hotel in the region. The recognition was presented to Juvy Agudon, Director of Sales & Marketing, and Paolo Vinuya, PR & Strategic Alliances Manager, by DOT-III Regional Director Dr. Richard Daenos and Tourism Regulation Division Chief Avon Timbol. This carries forward Clark Marriott’s commitment to excellence and the consistent delivery of its brand promise, “Wonderful Hospitality. Always.” **PRESS RELEASE**



Sun Moon Pavilion brings fresh take on Chinese, Taiwanese cuisine to Clark

BY NING V. CORDERO

CLARK FREEPORT – Traditional Chinese and Taiwanese dishes get a contemporary treatment at Sun Moon Pavilion, the newest dining venture of Midori Hotel and Casino, offering diners a different way to enjoy familiar Asian flavors. The restaurant combines traditional cuisine with modern presentation and a dining environment suited to family meals, private gatherings, and corporate functions. Its culinary team led by executive chef Max Wang draws on professional kitchen excellence

and knowledge of Chinese and Taiwanese cooking to deliver dishes that retain their traditional roots while offering a fresh dining experience. For diners looking to sample a variety of dishes, the restaurant is offering unlimited dim sum for ₱999 per person, available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday, until Oct. 31. An à la carte menu is also available, with additional menu selections planned for the coming month. Beyond its food offerings, Sun Moon Pavilion provides spaces for gatherings of different sizes. Its

main hall can accommodate around 120 guests, while a glass house can seat approximately 20. Two casitas, each designed for groups of about 12 to 14, are available for private dining and meetings. The restaurant is part of Midori Hotel and Casino's hospitality and dining portfolio, adding another venue for guests seeking Chinese and Taiwanese cuisine within the Clark Freeport Zone. Located at the back of Midori Hotel and Casino, Sun Moon Pavilion is open Tuesday to Sunday, serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Commentary...

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assistance and disaster response operations have shown the importance of this role. In Northern Luzon, PAF personnel likewise participated in search-and-rescue and relief operations, working closely with local government units, disaster risk reduction and management offices, the Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Army, Bureau of Fire Protection, Philippine Red Cross, Police, and community volunteers. These operations underscore a fundamental principle of disaster response: no institution can face a calamity alone.

The partnership between the PAF and local government units is particularly vital. LGUs possess intimate knowledge of their communities such as the families most at risk, the areas that have become inaccessible, and the immediate needs of their constituents. The PAF, on the other hand, provides specialized capabilities that can complement these local efforts, including trained rescue personnel, aviation assets, mobility, communications, and logistical support. When these capabilities converge, the result is a faster, more coordinated, and more effective response to those in distress.

In disaster situations, mobility can mean survival. When roads are submerged, bridges are damaged, and communities become isolated, air power provides an invaluable lifeline. The PAF's experience in previous typhoon responses in Northern Luzon has demonstrated how aircraft can transport food packs, shelter materials, tents, and other essential supplies to communities that are difficult to reach by land. Such missions demonstrate that air power is not solely a tool of combat or deterrence; it is also a vital capability for saving lives and sustaining communities during emergencies.

For the Air Defense Command, this broader understanding of national security carries particular significance. The defense of the nation ultimately means the protection of

AC climbs...

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people who contribute to the city's development every day.

From entrepreneurs and workers to educators, students, professionals, community leaders, government employees, and ordinary Angeleños, the city's progress is shaped by the collective efforts of its people.

The city's growing position in the global index reinforces Angeles City's potential as an important urban center in the Philippines and highlights its increasing presence in the international conversation on cities and development.

With the city now ranked No. 388 globally

its people. Safeguarding Philippine airspace is a fundamental responsibility, but readiness must also encompass the ability to support the Filipino people when disaster threatens their lives and communities. The Air Defense Command's personnel and capabilities therefore form part of a larger national effort in which defense, disaster preparedness, humanitarian assistance, and community resilience are interconnected.

The recent flooding also reinforces the importance of strengthening partnerships before disasters occur. Effective disaster response begins long before the first raindrop falls. Continuous coordination among the PAF, LGUs, national government agencies, first responders, community leaders, and volunteers is essential to preparedness, contingency planning, rescue training, information dissemination, and the prepositioning of resources.

When institutions understand their respective roles and work together before a crisis, precious time can be saved when lives are at stake.

Ultimately, the recent calamities have reminded us that the strength of a nation is measured not only by its military capabilities but also by its willingness and ability to protect its people. The PAF has shown that the uniform represents more than the defense of territory and airspace it represents service to the Filipino people.

For the men and women of the Air Defense Command, Philippine Air Force the mission remains clear: to remain vigilant in protecting the nation's skies while standing ready to support communities when disaster strikes. Because when floodwaters rise, roads disappear, and families are forced to leave their homes, the sight of an aircraft overhead can mean more than military readiness, it can mean rescue, relief, and hope.

The Philippine Air Force defends the skies, but its greatest purpose is to protect the people beneath them. And when disaster strikes, the skies can become a lifeline.

and No. 2 in the Philippines, Angeles City continues to build on its momentum while working toward stronger economic opportunities, improved quality of life, sustainable development, and responsive governance.

The Angeles City Government, together with its stakeholders and communities, will continue working to ensure that the city's growth translates into meaningful and lasting benefits for Angeleños.

From No. 488 to No. 388 worldwide, Angeles City continues to move forward—driven by the work, aspirations, and collective efforts of its people.

Pampanga ramps up...

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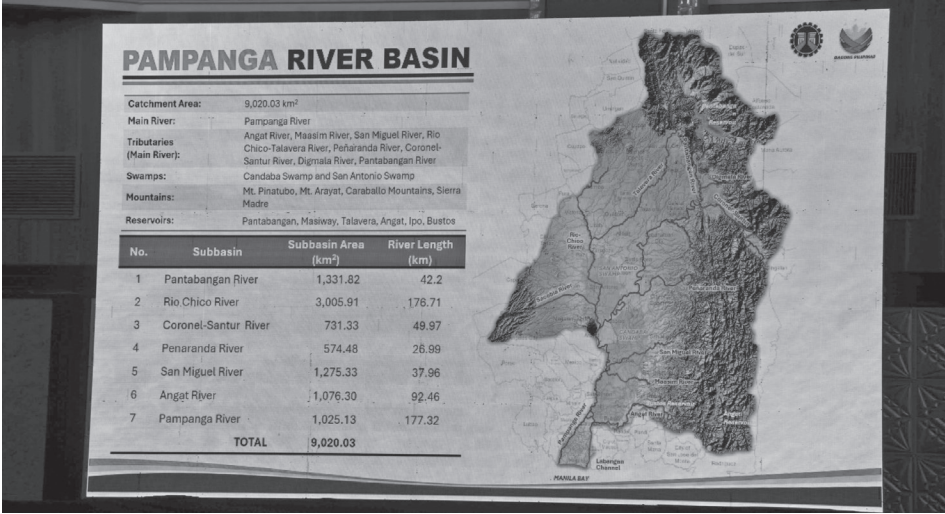
This, as the Capitol ramps up disaster preparedness as the province braces for El Niño, with officials warning of prolonged dry conditions through the first half of 2027.

Led by Gov. Lilia “Nanay” Pineda, the forum brought together representatives from the Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, Department of Public Works and Highways, National Irrigation Administration, Department of Environment and Natural Resources–Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Education, Department of Health, and other concerned government agencies.

Discussions focused on climate change and El Niño, flood management, irrigation structures, solid waste management, disaster preparedness, and the prevention of diseases during and after calamities.

Gov. Pineda emphasized the importance of proper waste segregation and disposal, noting that garbage can clog waterways, worsen flooding, and contribute to the spread of diseases.

“Magtulungan po tayo pagdating sa segregation, dahil basura ang dahilan ng pagbaha, wala nang



madaanang tubig at ito rin ang dahilan ng mga sakit,” she said, reminding the barangay officials and residents that keeping waterways and communities clean is a shared responsibility.

The provincial disaster risk reduction and management office reported that 408 of Pampanga's 505 barangays experienced flooding during the recent southwest monsoon or habagat.

Meanwhile, Engr. Lorenzo A. Moron, weather services chief of the National Capital Region–PAGASA Regional Services Division, discussed the changing weather conditions following the official termination of the southwest monsoon.

“Kahapon [Oct. 5], officially na po tinerminate ng DOST-PAGASA ang southwest monsoon at saka iyong ating rainy season. At ngayon, nasa transition period papunta sa tag-lamig. Kung may pag-ulan man, isolated na lang iyan,” Moron said.

Government agencies are now closely monitoring El Niño and preparing for its possible effects, he said. “Kasi talagang magpe-persist ang El Niño hanggang June 2027 next year, at bago matapos ang taon ng 2026 ay aabot siya ng very strong category.”

DOST-PAGASA has warned that the ongoing Strong El Niño may intensify into a Very Strong El Niño toward the end of 2026 and

persist through the first half of 2027. The phenomenon may bring below-normal rainfall, dry spells, and drought in some parts of the country.

As part of its preparations, the provincial government is looking into the creation of an El Niño Task Force that will focus on measures to lessen the possible effects of the weather phenomenon on communities, agriculture, water resources, and livelihoods.

Barangay officials who joined the forum also received cash assistance and half a cavan of rice as additional support for barangays at the forefront of disaster preparedness and response. **Pampanga PIO/ Photos: Daniel Ombina**

CDC seeks...

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local partners.

Devanadera said Clark's locators are already organized by sector, providing a starting point for aligning requirements with local suppliers. She noted that foreign companies

often evaluate not only the final product but also production processes, requiring compliance with standards covering inputs and methods.

She added that increasing purchases from domestic suppliers

could extend Clark's economic impact beyond the Freeport. “When we buy local, we generate employment outside and growth becomes inclusive.”

The CDC chief also urged businesses to upgrade and upskill to

remain competitive. “Even those in the food industry must prepare for more competition,” she said.

“Our advocacy is for Pampanga businesses to identify their niche and be part of the supply chain.”

CDC-PR

24 Midori workers...

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World Travel Awards, a recognition Devanadera said rests not only on facilities but on service quality.

TESDA and private sector partner Gonzalo

Puyat School of Arts and Trades provided trainers and covered assessment fees, while Midori Hotel supplied training equipment and resources. CDC facilitated and

coordinated the program.

Twenty participants led by top student Ethan John Dayrit passed the TESDA National Competency Assessment for FBS NC II, while four others continue to

hold valid NC II certificates.

The initiative forms part of continuing efforts to strengthen service standards and workforce readiness in Clark's hospitality sector. **CDC-PR**

Tarlac City...

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tubig o nearly no water. Kaya sabi nga, ipa-pilot natin ito dito sa Tarlac.”

This comes as Laurel inspected National Food Authority (NFA) facilities in Tarlac province, including the NFA Tarlac branch in Barangay Aguso,

Tarlac City, as part of the government's preparations for the possible effects of El Niño, particularly on food security, rice supply, and support for farmers.

Meanwhile, city officials also urged residents to conserve water, maintain sufficient water supplies for

their daily needs, monitor official advisories, and work with the city government to ensure the safety and welfare of every Tarlaqueño during El Niño.

The coordinated preparations of the local and national agencies support the government's

efforts under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to strengthen food security, ensure adequate rice supplies, and protect the welfare of the people amid the possible impacts of El Niño. **Ara Jamica R. Reparejo/PIA-3**

PFEX 2026...

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that pieces created by local artisans were incorporated into her own corporate building.

“I fell in love with the craft and I am an advocate of Kapampangan craftsmanship for many years. I've seen a piece of wood smoothly turned into something that will attract all of us, truly these furniture makers have genuine love for what they do. That's when I understood that this province does not only make furniture, but creates heirloom and extraordinary pieces,” Tan shared.

PFEX 2026 overall chairman Tan emphasized that the exposition serves

as a bridge between local consumers and the talented makers behind some of the country's finest furniture pieces. “We usually do this in Manila, but we thought that it's about time to let Kapampangans know that the furniture they buy from the expos in Manila are made by their fellow Kapampangans.”

He encouraged visitors to experience the exhibition beyond simply viewing displays — but to engage with designers and manufacturers, discover their creative process, and explore customized possibilities for their spaces.

Adding to the design

experience is the DTI booth, which highlights enterprises under the agency's Wearables and Homestyle sector. Participating businesses from Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac, and Zambales showcase locally made furniture, home accents, and handcrafted creations that embody Filipino artistry.

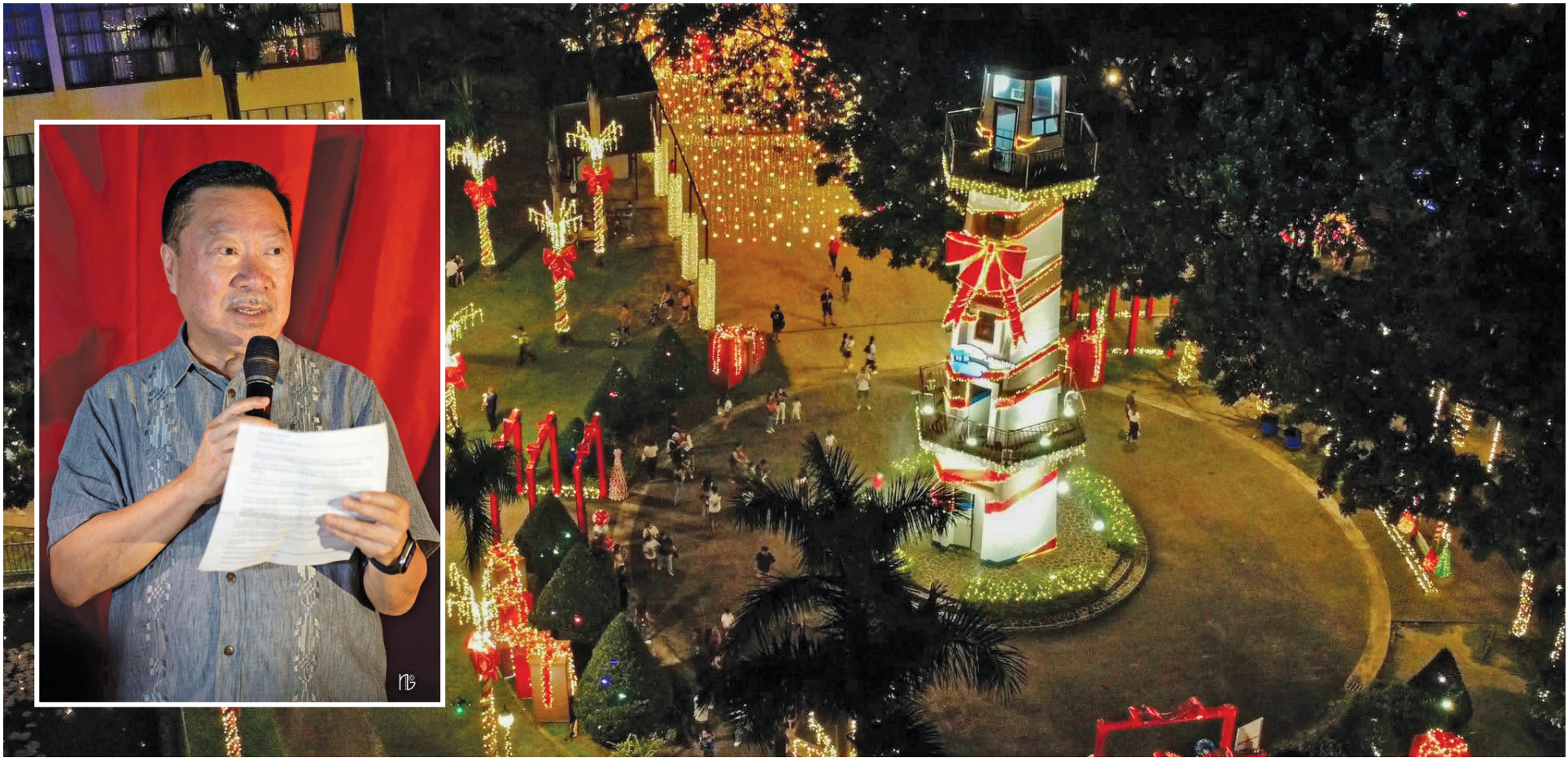
Among the featured Pampanga enterprises are Bayong Kultura, Chrislai Furnicraft, D4A Homecraft, and Luthier Guitars, alongside other regional makers such as Haspi Furniture of Bataan and Gracias Amor Rattan of Tarlac.

Beyond its impressive

displays, PFEX 2026 also opens conversations on the future of furniture design through industry talks covering manufacturing innovations, technology, sustainability, and emerging trends shaping the interiors landscape.

A celebration of creativity, culture, and craftsmanship, PFEX 2026 proves that Pampanga is not only a home of culinary excellence and vibrant traditions — but also a destination for world-class design and Filipino-made elegance.

PFEX 2026 runs until October 3, open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at SMX Convention Center Clark.



Magic of Christmas unwrapped Lakeshore Philippines

BY NING V. CORDERO

MEXICO, PAMPANGA — Christmas comes alive at Lakeshore Philippines as it welcomes the most wonderful time of the year with Wrapped Christmas Park, an annual holiday attraction designed to bring joy, hope, and laughter to families and visitors.

On October 1, set against the picturesque backdrop of The Lakeshore here, Wrapped Christmas Park transforms the community into a festive destination where the spirit of Christmas can be felt in every corner. More than a seasonal attraction, it offers an inviting space for families and friends to gather, create memories, and celebrate the simple joys of the holidays.

"Tonight let us unwrap hope after the storm, joy after the waiting, gratitude for the blessing. We welcome you to being part of this journey and now after all the waiting let us start unwrapping Christmas," NSM Group of Companies chairman Architect Nestor S. Mangio said during the grand opening.

With its festive atmosphere and Christmas-inspired surroundings, the park captures the warmth and wonder of the season—reminding everyone that Christmas is not only about the decorations and celebrations, but also about togetherness, gratitude, and sharing happiness with others.

Whether visiting with loved ones, enjoying a leisurely day out, or simply taking in the holiday atmosphere, guests are invited to experience the magic of Christmas at Lakeshore.

Wrapped Christmas Park is open daily from 10 a.m. onwards at The Lakeshore, Mexico, Pampanga. Entrance is P 50 per head.

This Christmas, Lakeshore Philippines invites everyone to unwrap the season with joy in their hearts, hope in their spirits, and beautiful memories to take home.

Photos by Gerald Gloton and Nelson Gonzales

