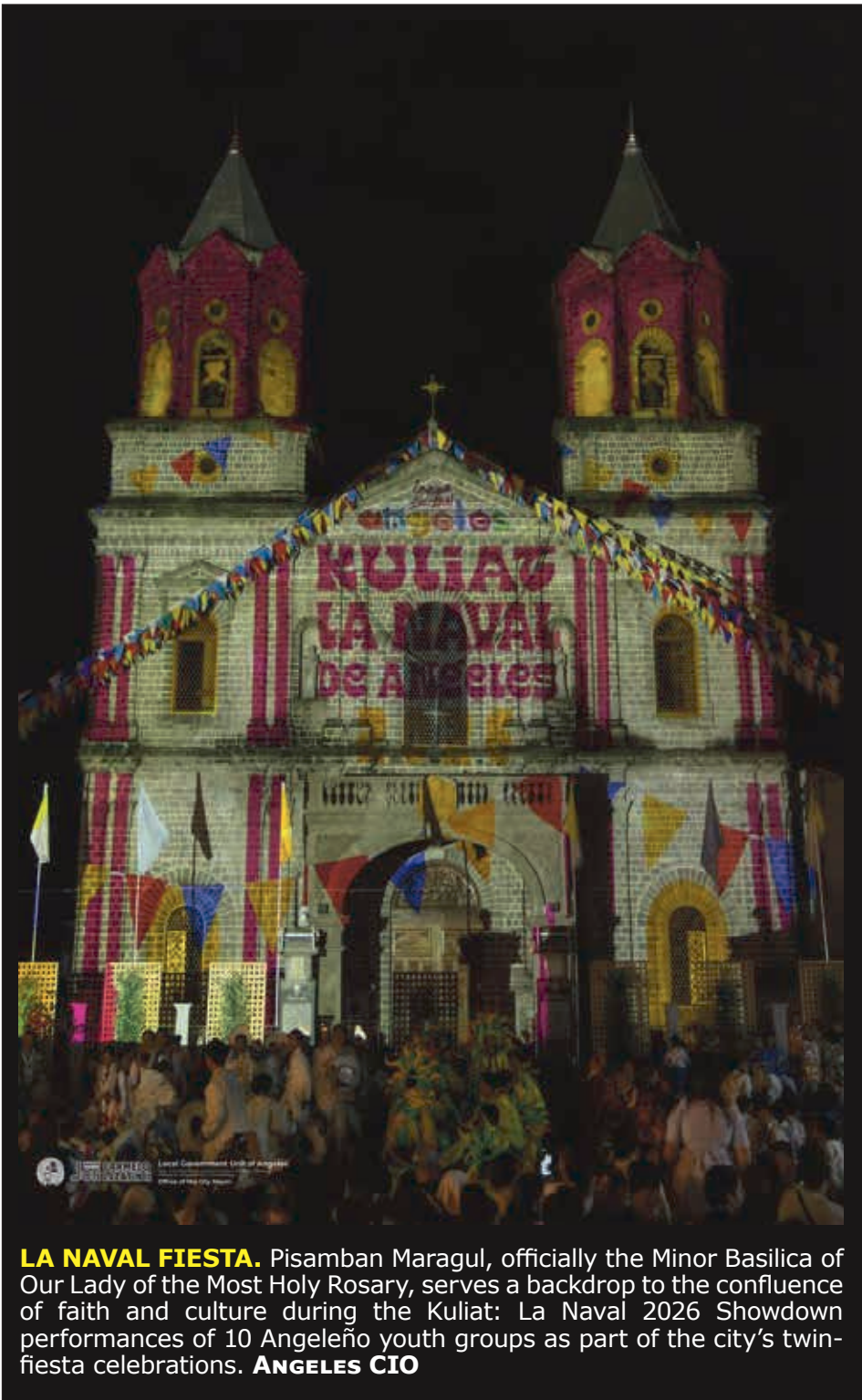


CL economy grows 4.5%



LA NAVAL FIESTA. Pisamban Maragul, officially the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, serves a backdrop to the confluence of faith and culture during the Kuliat: La Naval 2026 Showdown performances of 10 Angeleño youth groups as part of the city's twin-fiesta celebrations. **ANGELES CIO**

Service sector accounts for P1.24-T

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO – Growing by 4.5% in 2025 – higher than the national growth rate of 4.4% -- Central Luzon's economy showed resilience amid the challenges it faced, Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) said. **PAGE 21 PLEASE**

NextGen tourism takes spotlight at NorthPhil Expo 2026



CLARK FREEPORT – A convergence of Philippine destinations, tourism enterprises, and industry stakeholders is set at The Event Centre of SM City Clark here with the 18th North Philippines Tourism and Travel Expo on Oct. 23–25.

Themed “Navigating the Digital Shift to Redesign NextGen Tourism,” NorthPhil Expo 2026, is organized by the Association of Tourism Officers of Central Luzon and co-organized and managed by the Philippine Exhibitions and Trade Corp., with the support of the Department of Tourism Region II, the Tourism Promotions Board, and the City Government of Angeles.

The role of technology and innovation in promoting destinations and transforming how travelers discover and experience the Philippines is the centerpiece of this year's edition of the event.

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CLARK WELCOME ART. Newest landmark at the Clark Freeport Main Gate by the side of SM Clark – billed as an evocation of the brand promise “It Works. Like a Dream” – now serves as a source of inspiration and amusement. Read about it in Clark’s Gateway to Opportunity on **Page 4**.



AC's infra push fuels construction growth

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO -- Infrastructure and public works projects helped drive construction activity in Angeles City in 2025, highlighting the role of government investments in improving public facilities, mobility, and access to services.

During the Provincial Products Account (PPA) Dissemination Forum, the Philippine Statistics Authority reported that Angeles City's economy grew by 3.7% in 2025, with construction emerging as one of its fastest-growing industries at 10.9%.

In her statement on the city's 2025 economic performance delivered by PSA Pampanga supervising statistical specialist Jessie Lobo, Angeles City Planning and Development Office chief Engr. Nilda Quito said construction made the largest contribution to the city's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth within the industry sector, adding 0.9% point.

She linked the performance to the implementation of various construction and infrastructure projects during the year. These included the construction, expansion, repair, and rehabilitation of government buildings, public markets, schools, health facilities, and other public structures.

Public works also covered flood mitigation, slope protection, active transport, street lighting, and other projects implemented across barangays.

Quito said these initiatives support infrastructure development, improve mobility and accessibility, and address concerns affecting communities and economic activities.

The PSA reported that the city's GDP increased from P151.22 billion in 2024 to P156.86 billion in 2025 at constant 2018 prices.

Services remained the city's largest major industry at P109.92 billion, while industry reached P46.51 billion.

While construction was among the city's fastest-growing activities, the PSA also reported that public administration and defense, compulsory social security posted the fastest growth among the city's production industries at 18.2%, followed by human health and social work activities at 16.8%.

"Sustaining development would require continued investments, improved productivity, support for local enterprises, and broader economic opportunities to ensure that the benefits of development contribute to improved living conditions for residents," Quito noted.

The city's infrastructure priorities, she added, also demonstrate how economic data can be connected to concrete development intervention, from improving public facilities to strengthening mobility and addressing risks that affect communities. **Marie Joy S. Carbungco/PIA-3**

Clark chief pushes digitalization to future-proof local governance

CLARK FREEPORT — "Digitalization, however, is not the objective. It should empower the sanggunian. It should empower the local government. We are having technology because we want to improve our governance."

Thus, Clark Development Corp. president and CEO Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera called on local legislators to harness digitalization and smart technology not merely to modernize government operations, but to transform the way people experience public service.

Devanadera made the call in her keynote address at the the Philippine Councilors League 2026 3rd Quarterly Continuing Local Legislative Education Program on Oct. 8 at the SMX Convention Center Clark here.

Some 2,100 local legislators attended the event themed "e-Legislature 2026: Empowering Sanggunians Through Digitalization, Smart Technology, and Innovative Local Policy."

Drawing from her own experience as a former local chief executive and national government official, Devanadera said councilors are no longer limited to passing ordinances and resolutions, but play a significant role in shaping the development of their communities, thereby requiring them to take a more active role in their respective development plans and in advancing policies that respond to the needs of their constituents.

Effective collaboration between the legislative and executive branches are imperative to accelerate local development, she said.

For Devanadera, technology should be guided by three principles: simplification of government processes, predictability of government services, and keeping government human.

She cited paperless legislative sessions, digital records, automated tax computation, and streamlined permitting as examples of technology in governance. These, she said, reduce waiting time, improve efficiency, and give government workers more opportunity to engage directly with the public.

"The human factor is something you cannot divorce from digitalization," she said, stressing that automation should not remove the personal dimension of public service. Instead, it should allow government personnel to spend more time understanding and responding to people's needs.

She also urged local legislators to make their municipalities and cities more business-friendly, pointing to efficient permitting and lower costs of doing business as key factors in attracting investments and strengthening local economies.

Devanadera cited Clark's own experience as an example of how a well-organized, investor-responsive environment can generate employment and economic activity, with Clark currently hosting more than 1,200 locators employing about 151,000 regular workers.

Clark's digitalization efforts, such as the Business One-Stop Shop (BOSS), Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB) – Incentives Monitoring System (FIRMS), and the Business Interdependence System (BIS) reflect the integration of digital tools in advancing ease of doing business and stimulating the economy.

She likewise encouraged local governments to use technology responsibly, particularly in protecting the security and integrity of government systems and ensuring that digital solutions are user-friendly and suited to their intended purpose. **CDC-PR**



2026 CL SUBAYBAYANI AWARDS: Mabalacat City named 'Most Outstanding Performer'

CLARK FREEPORT – For its "extraordinary vision, unwavering dedication, and exemplary leadership in the pursuit of excellence in local governance ...," Mabalacat City has been recognized as the Most Outstanding Performer – City Category in the 2026 Central Luzon SubayBayani Awards of the Department of the Interior and Local Government. Mayor Atty. Geld Aquino received the recognition during the awarding ceremonies held at Widus Hotel here on Oct. 8. **PUNTO NEWS TEAM/PHOTOS: MABALACAT CITY NEWS**



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Flats by HUE: A new dimension of urban living rises in AC

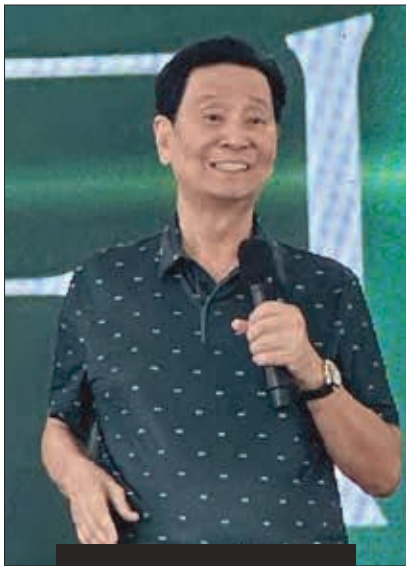


ANGELES CITY — Redefining the possibilities of modern homeownership, Hausland Urban Estates (HUE) officially unveiled Flats, its first vertical development, on Oct. 9 along Friendship Highway in Barangay Pampang here.



At the heart of this project is its overarching campaign “Live Forward” anchored on the lifestyle pillars “Live Freely, Live Confidently, and Live Together.” Set within the 14-hectare Hausland Urban Estate, Flats introduces a refreshing take on condominium living through three-storey, low-rise residential buildings designed for accessibility, convenience, and community.

Strategically located near Clark Freeport Zone, the development caters to young professionals, first-time homeowners, and investors seeking opportunities in the growing province of Pampanga. Flats combines private living spaces with shared amenities, including The Pavilion clubhouse, a swimming pool, basketball court, playpark, and green spaces.



**CHAIRMAN
WILFREDO TAN**



**PRESIDENT
AND CEO ATTY.
CHRISTOPHER
RYAN TAN**

During the launch, Hausland Holdings Inc. president and CEO Atty. Christopher Ryan Tan reflected on the company’s journey and its founder, chairman Wilfredo Tan, whose entrepreneurial spirit laid the foundation for the family’s real estate legacy. He described the move into vertical development as a strategic step toward

expanding Hausland’s reach across Central and Northern Luzon while remaining rooted in Pampanga. The company’s guiding philosophy, “Transform lands, to improve lives,” continues to shape its vision of creating developments that respond to the evolving needs of communities.

Studio units measure 30 square meters, while one-bedroom units offer 45 square meters. Broker listings indicate starting studio prices of approximately P3.6 million. HUE reported 450 signed letters of intent, with the first batch of 330 units scheduled for turnover in March 2027.

The celebration culminated in the grand unveiling of the official FLATS marker and ribbon cutting ceremony at the model building, marking a new

beginning. With Flats, HUE brings a more intimate scale to vertical living, pairing compact residences with the benefits of an established estate. More than a new address, Flats represents a forward-looking vision of homeownership—where thoughtful design, community living, and the promise of a growing city converge to create a new dimension of living in Angeles City.



To the Point

CLARK GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY

Art appreciation in prose poetry

LOVE IT. Or laugh about it.

Whichever, the Clark Welcome Art makes a conversation piece, as much inspiring as amusing.

By the freeport's main gate, twixt shopping malls: nearer SM, farther Cityfront.

V-spikes of orange – or are they upright swept wings? – undulating,

atop concrete pillars – shorter, taller; angled left, right here and there, leaning.

“Inspired by Clark’s brand promise – Clark. It Works. Like a Dream.”

Thus, was engraved in the marker at its spectacular unveiling.

From the iconic A in the Clark logo drawing; progress and the possibilities ahead, its soaring forms evoking.

By day, strength and precision conveying; by night, a beacon of movement, energy, and aspiration becoming.

More than marker a gateway identifying; verily, Clark’s continuing evolution embodying: haven for innovation and high-value industries, technology including;

aviation and tourism complementing; whence ideas, enterprise, opportunity converging.

Summed up to: “It works like a dream.” The US imperialist past and Mount Pinatubo’s havoc contextualized, Clark from the ashes, phoenix-like soaring.

So sublime, the artist’s impression sears the soul. Art for art’s sake, the end of it all.

But, in the eye of the beholder art is also defined: from the most sublime to the downright ludicrous, Clark Welcome Art also becomes:

A Jurassic find: Stegosaurus fossil, upright back plates and spiked tails intact. TOTGA from T-Rex celebrated as fact.

A kitchen leftover: What remains of the fish after dinner, not even a starving cat will bother, but enough nutrient for a Kapampangan quatrain:

**“megisan ne ing asan.
pati buntuc ampon iqui,
mesimut qng niaman.
dui na rugu ing mitagan.”**

(The fish is finished. Even the head and tail entirely eaten. Only the bones remain).

Symbols, meanings abound. All for inspiration and for fun. Make it last, make it run.

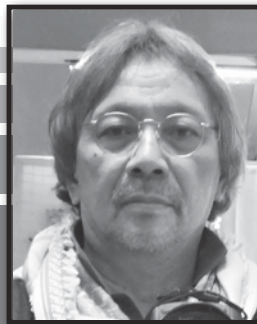
So long as into Cayetano’s P50-M kaldero at the New Clark City Athletic Stadium, the Clark Welcome Art does not turn.



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Bong Z. Lacson

Sirang plakang paikot-ikot, sintunadong tunog ang tugtog

MISTULANG HILONG-TALILONG, tila бага sirang plakang paikot-ikot sa pagtugtog ng sintunadong tunog, ‘yan si Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon. Sa tuwi-tuwina ng paglagapak ng mga flood control na palpak, sumisirit sa pag-aalburuto ito na ngang si Init-Ulo.



Pero kwidaw ka bayan: pagmasdan hindi lamang ang kanyang mga kilos at galaw; bawa’t salitang namumutawi sa kanyang bibig ay pakinggan.

Ay, puwede pa nga nating gawing tula, kanyang mismong mga kataga:

“Under warranty pa ito. 2024 project ito,

wala pang five years. Kailangan gawin ito,

ayusin ito, pero kailangang ayusin ito

nang tama, katulad ng ginawa natin sa Mindoro.

Nakapagtataka talaga kung bakit

isang taon pa lang, bumigay na ito.”

Ito ang kanyang nasambit, matapos bumulwak ang galit sa bumigay na bahagi ng San Mateo Flood Control Project sa bayan ng Arayat, lalawigan ng Pampanga nitong a-nuebe ng Oktubre lamang.

Kanya na ngang napagdiskitihan mga sheet piles o nakabaong dikit-dikit na poste ng bakal: “Papabunot na ito, papa-check natin kung tama ang sukat ng sheet piles nito. 36 meters dapat ito. Tingnan natin kung totoo nga ito. Kung mapakita na ganoon din, ganoon din ang kasong iyon [sa Mindoro], siguradong kulong lahat ng involved dito.”

Tunay na kung papansinin, dili kaya’y raramdamin, masasabi talaga natin:

si Vivencio ay tigasin.

Datapwa’t, subali’t, bakit? Lagi na lang naririnig salitang magkakatono, magkakahawig, sa tuwing si Vince ay nangangalaiti sa galit.

Katulad na lamang noong Setyembre 2025, sa Barangay Candating, sa Arayat din.

Sa mismong binansagang “face of failed flood control projects” ni Senador Ping Lacson, bumulwak sa bunganga ni Vince: “Dapat naman bunutin ang sheet piles, gusto nating malaman kung talagang 36 meters. That’s practically 10-storey building. 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.”

May pagdududa pang ipinamukha kay Edgardo Sagum ng Eddmari Construction, kontraktor ng palpak na proyekto: “Ikaw ba talaga ang gumagawa dito? Hindi mo ito sinubcon? Tsini-check ko yan engineer. Ikaw ba talaga ang gumagawa? Iba ang naririnig namin. Basta on record sinabi mo sa akin ikaw ang gumagawa. Malalaman at malalaman ko rin kung sino talaga ang gumagawa dito, kung pinahiram mo lang ang lisensya mo.”

Hindi lang sa tigas, sa tapang at tikas, kay Vivencio’y walang puedeng pumalag.

Apat na buwan ang lumipas, proyekto sa Candating ay muling pumalpak. Enero 2026, ayun, at sugod-marino sa lugar si Vivencio.

“Unang-una, mukhang hindi talaga tama ang disenyo nung flood control sa Candating, Arayat. Kung maaalala ninyo pinilit natin yung kontratista na ayusin dahil nagigiba yung mga pundasyon. Eh, ngayon, hanggang ngayon hindi nila maayos-ayos,” kanyang panimula.

“So, kailangan na tayong magdesisyon dito na talagang panagutin yung mga dapat managot diyan. Kasama na yung mga tao ng DPWH, kasama yung kontratista, and meron naring nagre-report sa atin na may links sa mga kongresista,” kanyang pagtatapos.

At doon na nga natapos, ang usapin sa Candating. Walang sheet pile na nabunot. Walang kontratistang nanagot. Walang kongresistang naituro man lamang. Lalong walang nakulong na sinuman.

Sa ganitong kaganapan, ano’ng pagkakaiba pa’ng maaasahan mula kay Vivencio sa pagpapaayos sa nasirang flood control sa San Mateo, pati na doon sa Barangay Laquios sa bayang Arayat pa rin na ang flood control ay bumigay din?

Sa asta ay angas, sa salita ay matigas, sa gawa ay ... ngawa. Optics, ‘ika nga

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Opinion

Deaf to nature's warnings

I WAS scrolling through Facebook early last week when a post showing a huge brown scar across the green slopes of the Sierra Madre caught my attention. It was disturbing, especially as every year, we continue to face flooded homes, submerged roads and ruined livelihoods.

It is frustrating and ironic how we complain about the floods, yet we keep damaging the natural world that helps protect us. Have we learned nothing from Mother Nature?

According to the Philippine Information Agency, around 12,000 trees, including smaller ones, were cut in a 15-hectare area for the operations of Dinapigue Mining Corporation in Isabela. The Mines and Geosciences Bureau said the site was outside the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park and its buffer zone, and that the company had the required permits.

The company is required to plant 100 trees for every tree cut.

But can we replace a forest simply by planting more trees?

Those 12,000 trees were not just numbers on a report. Many had taken years to grow. Mature trees hold soil, help regulate water and provide shelter for wildlife. Seedlings cannot do all these things overnight. Some may not even survive.

A hundred seedlings cannot instantly replace one mature tree. And a permit cannot erase the damage that may follow.

To be fair, we cannot blame this mining operation for floods in other parts of the country. Flooding has many causes, including extreme rainfall, climate change, poor drainage and bad land-use decisions. But forests help protect watersheds. When we damage them, we risk making vulnerable communities even more exposed.

This is what makes our situation so frustrating.

Every year, floods disrupt lives across the country. Families clean their mud-filled homes. Farmers count their losses. Children miss classes. Workers struggle to earn a living.

We call for help and promise to do better. But when the waters recede, how often do we return to business as usual?

We cannot keep blaming climate change while ignoring the damage we do ourselves. We cannot demand protection from nature while treating its natural defenses as disposable.

Mining may bring jobs and income. But who checks if the planted trees survive? Who ensures that water remains clean and rehabilitation is real? And who answers when companies fail to meet their obligations?

We already have laws on mining, clean water and forest protection. We may need stronger safeguards, but laws mean little without strict and consistent enforcement. Government must monitor operations, make findings public and hold violators accountable. Companies must prove that rehabilitation works, not merely promise it.

Nature has been warning us for years. Floods are not the only warning. Every damaged forest is another.

True, we cannot stop every storm. But we can stop making our communities more vulnerable than they need to be.

The saddest part is not that nature keeps teaching us the same lesson. It is that, after all the floods and all the losses, we still refuse to learn.



Napag-uusapan Lang
Marvel V. Garcia

'No Garage, No Car' policy Sagot sa traffic na nakaririndi

1. May panukalang batas ng inihain noon pa man sa kongresong hanggang ngayon ay di pa naabrubahan ito ay hinggil sa mga walang garaheng sasakyan na kung saan makikitang naka-park lang sa lansangan kapag ito'y naging batas medyo magiging maalwan itong daloy ng trapiko kahit saan pa mang lugar

2. Marami ang tumututol sa inihahaing batas pagkat ito'y "ANTI POOR" daw o kontra sa mahihirap subalit kung ito ang siyang paraan at tanging lunas dapat lang na maipasa upang kalsada'y lumuwag No garage no car policy pag ito ay pinatupad wala ka ng makikikitang sa lansangan ay naka-park

3. Kapag ito'y naging batas ay wala ng makikita na sasakyang araw-araw sa kalye'y nakaparada sapagkat sa totoo lang sila'y nakakaabala sa mga naglalakad at bumibiyaheng motorista isa sa nagiging sanhi ng aksidente't sakuna ay sasakyang nakahimpil sa may gilid ng kalsada

4. no garage no car policy ay sadyang napapanahon dahil lalong dumarami ang sasakyan taun-taon mga hulugang SUV ay usung-uso na ngayon pati na electronic bike na de baterya ang motor ang inihahaing batas sa traffic na usad pagong marami ang nagsasabing isang mabisang solusyon

5. Dahil kahit ang sasakyan luma man o kaya'y bago kapag walang garahe ay hindi na mare-rehistro isa sa mga requirements na hihingin ng LTO ay ang katunayang mayroong "parking space" sa bahay mo sobrang traffic sa kalsada ay malaki ang epekto sa ating ekonomiya at kabuhayan ng tao

6. Dahil sa sobrang traffic din ay dumami ang buwaya na ang tanging hangad ay ang manghuli ng motorista imbes ayusin traffic na sobrang nakakadismaya ay pangongotong palagi ang kanilang inuuna ang mga traffic enforcers di ba ang trabaho nila? ay magmando ng traffic at sa lalabag ay manita

7. Itong "no parking space act" kung sakaling maging batas sa usad pagong na traffic maaaring maging lunas ang malaking porsiyento ay maaring makabawas sa maraming sasakyang sa kalsada ay bumabagtas kapag itong panukala'y tuluyang naisabatas maiibsan ang traffic sa ating bansang Pilipinas

FEATURE

Opinion

By Asec Elmer G. Cato

Unwavering bayanihan with the Filipino diaspora

IT TAKES over an hour of steep hiking to reach the Army Patrol Base in Sitio Apia that overlooks the Wawa Dam in that stretch of the Sierra Madre in Rizal province. While the sweeping mountain views are breathtaking, the daily reality for soldiers manning this outpost—and the upland communities surrounding them—is exhausting.

Every drop of water they need to carry up from the foot of the hill is drawn from unsafe open sources.

On Oct. 9, we made that trek alongside our partners from Waves for Water and the 80th Infantry Battalion, 202nd Infantry Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army to help change this.

Thanks to the profound generosity of the Filipino diaspora—specifically Dr. Dely Go of TuGOn Amerika in the United States and Evelyn Revilla of Italtrans in Italy—we were able to turn over life-saving water filtration systems to Lt. Col. Miko Magisa and his troops.

During the turnover, our partners from Waves for Water demonstrated to the detachment just how simple and effective these kits are.

The scope of this initiative is staggering. A single kit costs only P3,300—roughly the equivalent of 300 bottles of mineral water—yet it can filter up to 3 million liters over five years, removing

99.9% of waterborne bacteria.

The filters we distributed will provide safe drinking water to nearly 500 individuals across far-flung sitios, some of which require up to three days of hiking to reach. Several forward Army detachments securing these isolated villages will also be equipped with the filters.

This mission is the latest chapter in a broader story of damayan. Our journey with Waves for Water—made possible after celebrity and fellow reservist Dingdong Dantes connected us—began in 2024 when we mobilized the Bayanihan Council of the Filipino Community in Northern Italy to aid Southern Luzon after Typhoon Kristine.

We partnered again with Waves for Water and Italtrans in 2025 for Cebu following Typhoon Tino. Just recently, we received support from Dely Go's newly formed non-profit TuGOn Amerika. To date, our kababayan abroad have funded over 500 water filtration systems for communities in need.



As an Army reservist, I am proud to work alongside the Armed Forces of the Philippines

in bringing relief where it is needed most.

Through the unwavering

bayanihan of our diaspora, we will keep working to ensure no community is left behind.



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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 46
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AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING LOCAL EMPLOYMENT BY ENCOURAGING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS OPERATING WITHIN MABALACAT CITY, PAMPANGA TO MAINTAIN, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, A MINIMUM OF SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) OF THEIR RANK-AND-FILE WORKFORCE TO BE COMPOSED OF RESIDENTS OF THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR SECURITY OF TENURE, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, INCENTIVES, EXEMPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mabalacat City in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Mabalacat City Local Employment Promotion and Preferential Hiring Ordinance of 2026."

HON. MARCOS T. CASTRO JR.

HON. GERALD GUTTRIE P. AQUINO

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is hereby declared the policy of Mabalacat City to promote inclusive economic growth, generate employment opportunities, reduce unemployment among local residents, and ensure that economic activities within the City contribute directly to the welfare and prosperity of its inhabitants.

Pursuant to the Constitution, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and other existing labor laws, the City Government shall encourage business establishments operating within its territorial jurisdiction to prioritize the employment of qualified Mabalacat City residents while respecting the constitutional rights of employers, workers, and the principles of merit, competence, and equal opportunity.

SECTION 3. LEGAL BASES.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to:

1. Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution;
2. Article XIII, Sections 1 and 3 of the 1987 Constitution;
3. Sections 16, 444, 458, and other relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 7160;
4. The Labor Code of the Philippines;
5. Republic Act No. 11058 or the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Law;
6. Other existing labor and employment laws.

SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES.

This Ordinance seeks to:

1. Increase employment opportunities for qualified residents of Mabalacat City;
2. Encourage businesses to invest in local human capital;
3. Reduce unemployment and underemployment;
4. Strengthen collaboration between businesses and the City Government;

HON. MARCOS T. CASTRO JR.

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5. Promote sustainable local economic development;
6. Protect employees' labor rights and security of tenure.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

1. Business Establishment – Any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, cooperative, branch office, industrial locator, economic zone enterprise, commercial entity, contractor, subcontractor, service provider, educational institution, hospital, hotel, restaurant, mall, and all other enterprises engaged in lawful business operations within Mabalacat City.
2. Rank-and-File Employee – An employee whose duties are neither managerial nor supervisory in nature, as defined under the Labor Code and existing jurisprudence.
3. Resident of Mabalacat City – A Filipino citizen who has maintained actual residence within Mabalacat City for at least six (6) months immediately preceding application for employment and possesses proof of residency.
4. Qualified Applicant – A person who possesses the education, skills, training, experience, licenses, certifications, and competencies required by the position.
5. Local Hiring Ratio – The percentage of rank-and-file employees who are qualified residents of Mabalacat City.
6. Security of Tenure – The right of employees not to be dismissed except for just or authorized causes and only upon observance of due process.

SECTION 6. COVERAGE AND SCOPE.

This Ordinance shall apply to all business establishments operating within Mabalacat City employing at least ten (10) employees.

The following are exempt:

1. National government agencies;
2. Government-owned and controlled corporations, unless otherwise allowed by law;
3. Foreign diplomatic missions;

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4. Businesses with highly technical or specialized positions for which no qualified local applicants are available;
5. Other entities exempted by law.

SECTION 7. LOCAL HIRING REQUIREMENT.

Covered business establishments shall endeavor to maintain at least seventy percent (70%) of their total rank-and-file workforce as qualified residents of Mabalacat City.

The seventy percent (70%) requirement shall not be interpreted as:

1. An absolute prohibition against hiring non-residents;
2. A basis to terminate existing employees solely due to residency;
3. A mandatory replacement of incumbent employees.

Whenever no qualified local applicant is available, the employer may hire qualified non-residents.

SECTION 8. PRIORITY REFERRAL MECHANISM.

Prior to external recruitment, covered establishments shall coordinate with the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Mabalacat City and provide notice of available rank-and-file positions.

The PESO shall have at least fifteen (15) calendar days to refer qualified local applicants.

SECTION 9. SECURITY OF TENURE.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall diminish or impair the rights guaranteed under the Constitution and the Labor Code.

Employees shall enjoy security of tenure and shall not be terminated, demoted, transferred, or otherwise prejudiced solely to achieve compliance with the local hiring ratio.

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Termination of employment shall only be allowed for just causes or authorized causes under existing laws and after observance of procedural due process.

SECTION 10. NON-DISCRIMINATION.

Employers shall not discriminate against any applicant or employee on the basis of sex, age, disability, religion, ethnicity, political affiliation, civil status, or place of origin.

Preference shall only apply among equally qualified applicants.

SECTION 11. ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT.

Covered establishments shall submit an annual Local Employment Compliance Report to the City Government through PESO containing:

1. Total workforce;
2. Number of managerial, supervisory, and rank-and-file employees;
3. Number of Mabalacat resident employees;
4. Number of non-resident employees;
5. Vacant positions and corresponding qualifications.

SECTION 12. VERIFICATION.

The City Government, through PESO and the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO), may conduct inspections, validation, and audits for compliance purposes.

SECTION 13. INCENTIVES.

Business establishments that consistently maintain at least seventy percent (70%) local employment for three (3) consecutive years may be granted incentives subject to existing laws and availability of funds, including:

1. Recognition award through a Certificate of Recognition;
2. Priority inclusion in local investment promotion programs;
3. Streamlined administrative processing where legally permissible.

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SECTION 14. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Within sixty (60) days from effectivity, the City Mayor, through PESO, BPLO, the City Legal Office, and other concerned offices, shall promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

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

APPROVED, this 8th day of July 2026, at Mabalacat City, Pampanga.

APPROVED:

HON. IGNACIO MIGUEL M. MORALES II
City Councilor

HON. TIMOTHY PAULA LLANOS DEE
City Councilor

HON. VICTOR RENE V. ONG
City Councilor

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COMPANY NAME: DONGGWANG CLARK CORPORATION
ADDRESS: Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Developer
POSITION: Golf Course Maintenance Manager (Clubhouse Department)
JOB DESCRIPTION:
1. Responsible for assisting with all operational tasks. Coordinates with land-scape design project, grounds and maintenance.
2. Oversees all aspects of golf course, staff management, equipment maintenance, while adhering to safety regulations and industry best practices.
3. Oversee and supervise personnel, handle problems and promote good customer service.
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Speak fluently in at least two languages (Korean and English Language).
2. Confident and has a capacity to make logical decisions.
3. Ability to work under pressure in fast-paced environment.

PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT: SunValley Projects (Jose Abad Santos Avenue, CFZ, Pamp.)
SALARY RANGE: Php 60,000.00 to Php 70,000.00
NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL: KIM, JEWOO (South Korean)
ODE County Bldg. C.M. Recto Highway,
Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Intendedperiodofemployment:one(1)year

Application may be sent to: jhoanne.c.torres@gmail.com (Jhoanne C. Torres – Assistant Manager, Business Operations Department) Tel. No. 045-499-1166

Donggwang Clark Corporation hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Golf Course Maintenance Manager (Clubhouse Department). The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. (If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.

Any Filipino jobseeker 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 DOLE – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga after this publication. Please inform DOLE – Region III, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national.



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

WE ARE HIRING

Assistant Administrative Manager (1 vacancy)

Job Description:

- Assist in overseeing and coordinating the daily administrative operations of the school.
- Support the implementation of administrative policies, procedures, and office systems to ensure efficient operations.
- Coordinate with different departments to facilitate communication and the timely completion of administrative tasks.
- Prepare, organize, and maintain school records, reports, correspondence, and other official documents.
- Assist in managing schedules, meetings, appointments, and other administrative activities.
- Monitor office supplies, equipment, and other resources and coordinate purchasing requirements as needed.
- Provide administrative support to the school management and assist in special projects and school activities.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management, or a related field.
- Relevant experience in administrative management or office administration is an advantage.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Strong organizational, time-management, and multitasking skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and general office systems.
- Demonstrated leadership, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills.
- High level of professionalism, attention to detail, and confidentiality.

Place of Deployment:

Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga

Qualified applicants can send their resume to eu nice_ricanor@stpaulclark.com	
Company/Employer	Name of Foreign national intending to apply for the position
Saint Paul American School	Name: Enkhee Myagmarsuren
Address: Bldg. N2574 Clark Center, Berthaphil, JASA, Clark Freeport Zone, Pamp.	Address: Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Nature of business:	Nationality: Mongolian
Education	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 Assistant Administrative Manager. 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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Third Judicial Region
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Hall of Justice Building
City Hall Compound, Angeles City
rtc1angocc@judiciary.gov.ph

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

-versus-

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

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

Debtor/Mortgagor,

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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,

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

PORTION OF:

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

LOCATION:

STA. MARIA, MABALACAT, PAMPANGA, LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE DIRECTION

ADJOINING LOT (S)

1-2

NE

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

2-3

SE

LOT 11, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

3-4

SW

LOT 26, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

4-5

SW

LOT 27, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

5-1

NW

LOT 9, BLOCK 71, PCS-03-021923

XXX

XXX

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
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(2) Lot 10 Block 71 SMDC Cheerful Homes, Brgy. Sta. Maria and Bundagul, Mabalacat City, Pampanga

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STA. MONICA PAWNSHOP, INC.
Notice of Public Auction
Date: **October 16, 2026**
Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Contact no. 09421-101-0840

Branches Covered:
B. Mendosa Jr. Brgy. Sta. Monica, CDP
Sta. Monica Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
St. Francis Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Jumbo Jumbo Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Sindalan Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Apolo Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Bukay Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
San Marcos Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Mangrove Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
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DM Guagua Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
PB Guagua Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Masantol Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Sta. Dominga Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Panao Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Solapangan Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Mawaga Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
B. Mendosa II Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Floridablanca Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Lubao Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
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Baliwag Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Makolas Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
PB Makolas Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Cebu Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Sta. Rita Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Pierler Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Manting Parolaya Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Greenfield Square Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
San Roque Dava Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Dinalup Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Paniquan Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP
Caban Branch: 104 N. East Commercial Center, Brgy. Talaanan, CDP

ALL UNREDEEMED LOANS GRANTED BY SMPI ON AUGUST 15, 2026, ARE ALREADY SUBJECT FOR AUCTION. Lending and financing services are provided by SMPI. All loans are subject to the terms and conditions of the SMPI. Please visit the SMPI website for more information on the auction. SMPI. 10, 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



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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
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 CATACUTAN** filed with this office a petition in the **CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH of ROBERTO SOTTO CATACUTAN 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 CATACUTAN** 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 BONDOC DE GUIA** who was born on **NOVEMBER 4, 1955 at SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA** and whose parents are **JOSE DE GUIA AND MARCIANA BONDOC**.

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

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 ltocovintagevehicle@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

COMPANY NAME: DONGGWANG CLARK CORPORATION
ADDRESS: Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Developer
POSITION: Golf Course Supervisor (Game Team)
JOB DESCRIPTION:
1.Responsible for assisting with all operational tasks. Coordinates with landscape design project, grounds and maintenance.
2.Oversees all aspects of golf course, staff management, equipment maintenance, while adhering to safety regulations and industry best practices.
3.Oversee and supervise personnel, handle problems and promote good customer service.
QUALIFICATIONS:
1.Speak fluently in at least two languages (Korean and English Language).
2.Confident and has a capacity to make logical decisions.
3.Ability to work under pressure in fast-paced environment.
PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT: SunValley Projects (Jose Abad Santos Avenue, CFZ, Pamp.)
SALARY RANGE: Php 60,000.00 to Php 70,000.00
NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL: JUNG, JAEHOON (South Korean)
ODE County Bldg. C.M. Recto Highway,
Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Intended period of employment: one (1) year

Application may be sent to: jhoanne.c.torres@gmail.com (Jhoanne C. Torres – Assistant Manager, Business Operations Department) Tel. No. 045-499-1166

Donggwang Clark Corporation hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Golf Course Supervisor (Game Team). The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. (If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.

Any Filipino jobseeker 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 DOLE – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga after this publication. Please inform DOLE – Region III, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 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 **MARITESS TOLENTINO CHICO** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction for child's date of birth from **FEBRUARY 22, 1971 to FEBRUARY 21, 1971**; child's full name to read as **MARITESS TOLENTINO CHICO** in the certificate of live birth of **MARITESS TOLENTINO CHICO** born on **FEBRUARY 21, 1971 at MEXICO, PAMPANGA**, whose parents are **ROGELIO GOZUN CHICO** and **IRENE T. TOLENTINO**.

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 11 & 18, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ANTONIO DIZON ESTACIO** who died on June 6, 1993 at Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga and **FRANCISCA GARCIA ESTACIO** who died on June 6, 1994 at Dau, Mabalacat City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Deed of Donation on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 188286-R (31554-M)

"A parcel of land (Lot 34, Block 6, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-171670, being a portion of lot 50, Mabalacat Cad., LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty Nine (259) Square Meters, more or less; x x x"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 188287-R (31555-M)

"A parcel of land (Lot 35, Block 6, of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-171670, being a portion of lot 50, Mabalacat Cad., LRC Cad. Rec. No. 132), situated in the Barrio of Dau, Mun. of Mabalacat, Prov. of Pampanga; x x x containing an area of Two Hundred Fifty Nine (259) Square Meters, more or less; x x x"

before Notary Public Atty. Norma U. Tobias-Pagaduan, as per Doc. No. 1107, Page No. 31, Book No. XXX, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **EMILY TIATCO BERNARDO** who died at the Sta. Teresita General Hospital, 100 D. Tuazon Street, Quezon City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Share and Deed of Donation on her estate; and more particularly described as the one half ½ share in the house and lot located in 7-16 Sampaguita Drive, Town and Country Homes, Pulung Bulu, City of San Fernando, (Capital), Pampanga, with an area of One Hundred Fifty Square Meters (150), as described in T.C.T. No. 528505-R of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Jose Adrian M. Dayrit, as per Doc. No. 1191, Page No. 26, Book No. VI, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **SANDRA MATUCAN LOPEZ** of legal age, Filipino, widow and resident of Blk. 19 Lot 3 Bulaon Resettlement, Bulaon City of San Fernando, Pampanga; and heirs of **JAIME CATACUTAN LOPEZ** who died on May 29, 2020 at Ricardo P. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital Bulaon Resettlement, Bulaon City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his/her estate; and one of the awardees of the house and lot located at Blk. 19 Lot 3 Bulaon Resettlement, Bulaon City of San Fernando, Pampanga, awarded by National Housing Authority; before Notary Public Atty. Janice C. Tiglao, as per Doc. No. 103, Page No. 22, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **NADYNE DIZON CASERO** of legal age, Filipino, widow, and with residence at 2-10 Pacimar Estate, Pulung Bulo, Angeles City, Pampanga; and heirs of **MARK LEONARD DAVID CASERO** who died on April 14, 2024; executed an Affidavit of Self Adjudication on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 1, Blk. 5 of the Cons. & Subd. Plan Pcs-03-002422, being a portion of the cons. lots of all lots of Blks. 12 to 28 & 30 to 59 & RD. Lots 20 to 57, Pcs-03-001964, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Bos. of Pulung-Bulu/Telabastagan, Municipality of Angeles and San Fernando, Province of Pampanga; containing an area of One Hundred Seventy One (171) Square Meters; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2023020803; before Notary Public Atty. Mycarol Bondoc, as per Doc. No. 7536, Page No. 84, Book No. 94, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BENITO A. TIATCO** and **PAULINA QUIAMBAO TIATCO** who died on December 29, 2019 and January 12, 2017 in City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Absolute Sale on his/ her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land Lot 76, Psd-70723, being a portion of lot 18-B-1-C (LRC) Psd-13612) of the subdivision plan LRC Rec. No.) situated in the Barrio of San Jose, Angeles City; containing an area of Two Hundred Sixty Three (263) Square Meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 43491; before Notary Public Atty. Mikee Andrea B. Guevarra, as per Doc. No. 411, Page No. 83, Book No. XCVI, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **FERFIDIA TOLENTINO DOLOM** who died on January 08, 2024 in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Medical Center, Brgy. Saguin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; Whereas, at the time of her death, the decedent is an AWARDÉE/ OWNER of a house and lot located at Block 17 Lot 26 Bulaon Resettlement City of San Fernando, Pampanga, granted by National Housing Authority; before Notary Public Atty. Janice C. Tiglao, as per Doc. No. 83, Page No. 18, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **GLENN MARTIN SANTOS** who died on April 02, 2022 at Arayat, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate; and that the deceased left a Motor Vehicle more particularly described as follows;

MAKE and TYPE: TOYOTA VIOS 1.3 XLE CVT-EK-026-2021
ENGINE NO.: 1NRX631644
CHASIS NO.: PA1B18F31L4128383
PLATE NO.: CBL5407

before Notary Public Atty. Amado L. Santos, as per Doc. No. 443, Page No. 90, Book No. 310, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **DOMINADOR CHANTENGCO LAYUG** who died on January 09, 2012 at Angeles City and **JUANITA FERNANDEZ LAYUG** who died on May 19, 2020 at Porac, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TCT NO. 30771
(EMANCIPATION PATENT NO. 00788864)

LOT: 51, Psd-035414-061780 (AR)
PORTION OF LOT: 712, Porac Cadastre
LOCATION: Pulung Santol Porac, Pampanga
AREA: Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven (25,477) Square Meters More or Less.

before Notary Public Atty. Michael Angel M. Mapiles, as per Doc. No. 109, Page No. 20, Book No. LXX, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that **MARISSA VIRAY CRUZ** of legal age, Filipino, married to Alex P. Cruz and resident of Barangay Anyatam, San Ildefonso, Bulacan, Philippines; and heirs of heirs of **TEODORO VIRAY** who died on April 20, 2009 and **AURORA LAGMAN VIRAY** who died on April 29, 2024; executed an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication with Deed of Absolute Sale on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 24080

LOT: Lot 10, Psd-03-076453 (AR)
PORTION OF LOT: Lot 2, II-6652
LOCATION: Barangay Mapaniqui, Municipality of Candaba, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon
AREA: Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five (8,835) Square Meters, more or less.

before Notary Public Atty. Cedric F. Vanguardia, as per Doc. No. 325, Page No. 66, Book No. V, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **ULPIANO BOGNOT CATAP** who died on August 02, 2005 and **ROSARIO GUIAO CATAP** who died on February 11, 2001; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Share on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 14 of the subdivision plan Psd-71490, being a portion of Lot 1699 of the cadastral survey of Porac, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No), situated in the Bo. of Sta. Cruz Porac, Pampanga; containing an area of Two Hundred Eighty (280) Square meters; and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 94810-R; before Notary Public Atty. Michael Angel M. Mapiles, as per Doc. No. 100, Page No. 20, Book No. XCVII, Series of 2026.

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

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

IN RE: PETITION FOR COMMISSION
AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN
THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO,
PAMPANGA

Notarial Application No. 26-72

ATTY. JESSA CLAIRE M.
PANGILINAN,

Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of the above-named petitioner shall be held on October 29, 2026 at the courtroom of Branch 45, Regional Trial Court, City of San Fernando, Pampanga at 11 o'clock in the morning. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

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

ROBERT ALEXANDER R. MALIG
Executive Judge

Copy furnished:

Atty. Jessa Claire M. Pangilinan
Blk. 126 Lot 13 Bulaon Resettlement
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Punto! Central Luzon: October 11-17, 2026

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **PATRIA G. OCAMPO** who died on May 16, 2023 and was a resident of Imus City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on her estate; and was the rightful owner and the awardee of a parcel of land with an area of ninety-nine (99) square meters more or less, granted by the Republic of the Philippines, Office of the President, Mt. Pinubo Commission, through the National Housing Authority; as evidenced by the Entry Pass No. 00835, which is attached hereto and made an integral part hereof as Annex B, located at Block No. 95 Lot No. 15, NHA/MPC Resettlement Area, Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga, with Tax Declaration No. GR2020-12-0020-05906 issued by the Municipality of Mexico, Pampanga; before Notary Public Atty. Lowie O. Santiaguel, as per Doc. No. 177, Page No. 37, Book No. III, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SERAFIN M. SUMERA** who died on January 12, 2022 in Porac, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Adjudication and Waiver/Assignment of Hereditary Rights on his estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of agricultural land with improvements, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 042-2021025172, containing an area of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six (3,986) Square Meters more or less, with estimated value of Three Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (P398,600); before Notary Public Atty. Victor Gabriel D.M. Carreon, as per Doc. No. 358, Page No. 73, Book No. MCMXVII, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. WILLIAM JR. BENDICIO EVANGELISTA** and **OFELIA SORIANO MANALAC** who died on February 28, 2024, at Block 3 Lot 25 Phase II Bulaon Resettlement City of San Fernando, Pampanga and on November 14, 2025 at Ricardo P. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, Bulaon Resettlement City of San Fernando, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his/ her estate; Whereas, at the time of their death, the decedent are an AWARDÉE/OWNER of a house and lot located at Block 3 Lot 25 Bulaon Resettlement City of San Fernando, Pampanga, granted by National Housing Authority; before Notary Public Atty. Janice C. Tiglao, as per Doc. No. 80, Page No. 17, Book No. LXXV, Series of 2026.

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

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **VIRGILIO PUNSALAN LAWINGCO** who died on December 29, 2018 in Angeles City, Pampanga and **RICARDO C. LAWINGCO** who died on March 14, 2025 in Angeles City; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

1. Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI) Angeles City Branch, Joint Bank Savings Account No. 0763-020398 with a balance pf Php 118,219.21 as of October 2, 2026 and still accruing;

2. Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI) Angeles City Branch, Joint Bank Savings Account No. 0763-024202 with a balance pf Php 1,782,564.03 as of October 2, 2026 and still accruing;

before Notary Public Atty. Willie B. Rivera, as per Doc. No. 1400, Page No. 79, Book No. CLII, Series of 2026.

Punto! Central Luzon: October 11, 18 & 25, 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 **RUBY RODRIGUEZ GUTIERREZ** filed with this office a petition in the **CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH** of **MA. RUBY RODRIGUEZ GUTIERREZ to CHANGE CHILD'S FIRST NAME** from **MA. RUBY** to **RUBY**; who was born on **14 JANUARY 1970** at Pandacaqui, Mexico, Pampanga, and whose parents are **ELADIO B. GUTIERREZ** and **FILIPINAS B. RODRIQUEZ**.

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 EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES JOSE INFANTE DAVID** and **VIRGINIA SIGUA DAVID** who died on September 02, 2018 in Magalang, Pampanga and August 8, 2026 in Angeles City, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights and Special Powers of Attorney on his/her estate; and more particularly described as a parcel of land (Lot 25, Blk. 25 of the cons-subd. plan, Pcs-03-008811, being a portion of Lot A to C, Psd-03-077695 and lots C to J, Psd-035411-050700 LRC Rec. No), situated in the Bo. of Sta Lucia, Mun. of Magalang, Prov. of Pampanga; containing an area of Seventy Two point Fifty (72.50) sqm.; covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 562631-R; before Notary Public Atty. Joanne D. Vitug Evangelista, as per Doc. No. 293, Page No. 46, Book No. IX, Series of 2026.

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

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPOUSES VICENTE S. DE DOTE** and **FILIPINAS N. DE DOTE** who died on April 04, 2000 and September 30, 2005 respectively both in Guagua, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate; and more particularly described as follows;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 18326
Book 92, Page 126 of the Reg. of Deeds of Pampanga

Lot: B, Psd-03-5408-056416 (AR)
PORTION OF LOT: 39, Psu-21381
LOCATION: San Jose, Apunan, Lubao, Pampanga
BOUNDERIES: SE., along line 1 to 7 Prop. Of Agapito Mendio, Simeon Mallari, Mateo de Mesa & Apolinario Montemayor
AREA: Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty (23,440) Sq.M.
Said land is declared for taxation purposes under TD. No. GR2020-07-0015-00066 w/a Market Value of P 350,970.00 and an Assessed Value of P 70,190.00

before Notary Public Atty. Federico T. Macabangun, as per Doc. No. 174, Page No. 36, Book No. VI, Series of 2022.

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

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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 –

CHARITY FE EBARLE ARROYO,
represented by KRONRYL HERBERT
EBARLE ARROYO, Attorney-in-Fact,

Debtor/Mortgagor.

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FC NO. 2025-0163

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

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.

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S. 62°32' W

9.00 M.

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N. 27°28' W

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N. 27°28' W

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N. 62°32' E

9.00 M.

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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-mentioned parcel of land for their information and protection.

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

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

Angeles City, March 10, 2026.

NOEL C. SERRANO

Sheriff IV

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.
REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT UNIT
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DANIEL M. CONCEPCION
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CHARITY FE EBARLE ARROYO
represented by KRONRYL HERBERT
EBARLE ARROYO, Attorney-in-Fact
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.

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

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Third Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court

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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

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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.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order be furnished the Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC), 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:

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- 7. Mike Kenji Sinoda O. Ponio
Petitioner
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Cutcut, Angeles City

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



A Sweet New Stop Awaits at SM City San Fernando Downtown

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga – Shoppers and food lovers have a new reason to visit your most-loved mall, SM City San Fernando Downtown, with the opening of Famous Belgian Waffles.

Known for its freshly made waffles and wide selection of sweet and savory flavors, the popular brand brings its crowd-favorite offerings closer to Kapampangans. Whether you're craving rich chocolate-filled treats or classic ham and cheese favorites, there's a waffle for every taste and occasion.

Located on the 2nd Level of the mall, the newest food destination adds to the vibrant dining choices available at SM City San Fernando Downtown, giving shoppers another tasty reason to enjoy the many experiences that make Funtown Closer to You.

Drop by Famous Belgian Waffles today and discover your next favorite snack. From quick bites to satisfying treats, there's always something to look forward to at your most-loved mall, SM City San Fernando Downtown.

COMPANY NAME: DONGGWANG CLARK CORPORATION
ADDRESS: Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
NATURE OF BUSINESS: Developer
POSITION: Assistant Manager (Marketing Department)
JOB DESCRIPTION:
1. Utilize marketing and sales tools; coordinate with other team leaders' projects.
2. Supports the Marketing Manager in contributing to the overall management and upkeep, direct and support creative development for the projects.
3. Facilitate company social media accounts to custom audiences and segmentation with clients.
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Speak fluently in at least two languages (Korean and English Language).
2. Confident and has a capacity to make logical decisions.
3. Ability to work under pressure in fast-paced environment.
PLACE OF DEPLOYMENT: SunValley Projects (Jose Abad Santos Avenue, CFZ, Pamp.)
SALARY RANGE: Php 70,000.00 to Php 80,000.00
NAME OF FOREIGN NATIONAL: LEE, JAETAEK (South Korean)
ODE County Bldg. C.M. Recto Highway,
Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga
Intended period of employment: one (1) year

Application may be sent to: jhoanne.c.torres@gmail.com (Jhoanne C. Torres – Assistant Manager, Business Operations Department) Tel. No. 045-499-1166

Donggwang Clark Corporation hereby declares that the above-named foreign national is able, willing, and qualified to perform the services and job description for Assistant Manager (Marketing Department). The company has the intention to employ the said foreign national and apply Alien Employment Permit with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. (If there are any objections or inquiries, please contact the concerned DOLE Regional Office.

Any Filipino jobseeker 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 DOLE – Region III located at Matalino cor. Mahusay St., DMGC, Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga after this publication. Please inform DOLE – Region III, if you have any information on criminal offenses committed by the foreign national.

Lost, Laughing & Loving Japan

A birthday journey through the unexpected

BY GERALD GLOTON



OSAKA: FOLLOWING THE NEON

My introduction to Osaka was impossible to miss. Dotonbori was already alive when we arrived — its towering signs glowing above a constant stream of pedestrians, restaurants calling for attention and the river quietly cutting through the center of the spectacle.

Then I saw the Glico Man. The famous running figure has become one of Osaka's most recognizable symbols, and for a Filipino visitor, the image carries an intriguing connection. It is said to have been inspired in part by Filipino sprinter Fortunato Catalan.

I knew immediately that I needed the photograph. But Osaka is not a city one simply photographs. It is a city one tastes. Much like Pampanga, where food is inseparable from identity and hospitality, Osaka wears its culinary reputation proudly.

We ate Kobe beef, Ichiran ramen, gyukatsu, takoyaki and matcha treats. At Kuromon Market, we sampled gyoza featured in the Michelin Guide, then continued wandering through stalls, izakayas and local diners.

I found myself appreciating not only what we ate, but how food seemed integrated into everyday life. Even convenience stores offered surprisingly fresh and appetizing meals.

Then came Shinsaibashi-Suji Shopping Street, where the challenge was no longer deciding where to go but deciding when to stop.



NAGOYA: WHEN TRAVEL BECAME WORK

Nagoya gave me another reason to be in Japan. From the sidelines, I had the privilege of covering and witnessing #AlasPilipinas Women's Volleyball at the 2026 Asian Games.

For me, the experience carried a different weight. I was no longer simply traveling with a camera. I

was documenting Filipino athletes representing the country thousands of kilometers from home. The Philippine squad finished ninth in the tournament, closing its campaign with a victory over Hong Kong. But from my position on the sidelines, the final ranking was only one

WE TOOK the wrong train in Japan, and somehow, it became one of the best things that happened to us.

It was already late in Okazaki. My feet were aching from hours of walking, the day's itinerary had long been abandoned, and I was beginning to wonder where two Filipino travelers could possibly spend the night.

A few kind locals came to our rescue. They directed us to a 24-hour manga café, where we managed to rest for less than a thousand pesos. It was not the accommodation I had imagined when I planned my first trip to Japan.

It was the kind of travel story I wanted to bring home. I chose Japan for my birthday month, a long-held dream finally becoming a boarding pass, and traveled with my fellow September baby and cousin, Jamee. As first-time visitors, we were determined to see as much as we could, walking until our feet hurt and riding trains until station maps looked like puzzles. Eventually, we took the wrong train.

But somewhere between Japan's perfectly timed trains, endless walks, busy stations and unexpected detours, I realized that the country was not meant to be experienced simply by

THE KID IN ME CAME ALONG FOR THE TRIP

Japan also reminded me that travel can temporarily suspend adulthood. I became fascinated with gacha machines. I tried claw machines. I stopped for anime. And, of course, Pokémon.

There was something wonderfully disarming about being surrounded by characters and collectibles that had occupied some corner of my childhood.

For a few moments, the itinerary did not matter. Neither did the next train. I just wanted to see what was inside the machine.



rushing from one landmark to another. Sometimes, the best stories happen in between. That became the story of my first Japan.

In Osaka, I found a city that seemed to communicate through neon and food.

In Nara, I watched deer wander through a landscape where nature, history and tourism have learned to coexist.

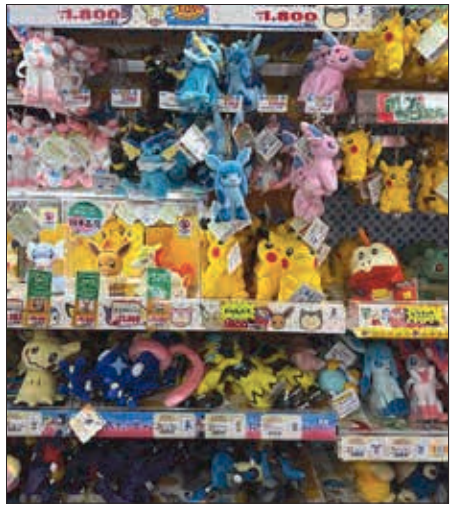
In Nagoya, I traded the role of tourist for that of a media practitioner, covering Filipino athletes competing on the Asian stage.

In Kyoto, I walked through streets where centuries-old temples and traditional architecture continue to exist alongside contemporary life.

And everywhere, there were small discoveries that never appeared on the itinerary.

A convenience-store meal that deserved more attention than expected. A neighborhood diner. A gacha machine that refused to let me walk away. A Pokémon display that briefly transformed me from an adult traveler into an excited child. A stranger who stopped to help us when we were lost. A sunset that lasted only minutes.

These were the moments that gave the journey its texture.



NARA: SHARING THE CITY WITH DEER

In Nara, the energy changed. The city felt slower, greener and older. And the deer were everywhere.

They moved through parks and pathways with an ease that suggested they knew they belonged there. Visitors offered shika senbei, and the deer approached with varying degrees of patience. Watching them, I found myself thinking about coexistence.

In Nara, wildlife is not separated from the cultural landscape. People, animals, temples and tourism occupy the same spaces, creating an experience unlike anything I had encountered before.

With the Cervantes family and friends, we visited Todaiji Temple, where the enormous wooden hall houses the colossal Great Buddha.

Inside, golden bodhisattvas stand beside the Buddha, while one of the massive golden shibi ornaments once used on the temple roof is preserved for viewing. The scale was impressive. But what stayed with me was the continuity...the sense that history here is not merely something to study, but something still woven into daily life.



Pasalubong Avenue

New home for Pampanga delicacies unveiled at Nepo Mart

ANGELES CITY — Every destination has a story to tell, and at Nepo Mart, a new chapter of local heritage unfolds with the launch of Pasalubong Avenue—a thoughtfully reimagined space where the richness of Pampanga's local products meets the people, traditions, and stories behind them.

Officially launched on Oct. 9 at the Nepo Mart building in Nepo Center, the new destination marks a milestone in the relaunch of one of Angeles City's historic retail establishments. Presented by Nepo Mart and JDN Realty Group, Pasalubong Avenue gives renewed purpose and identity to the familiar landmark, transforming it into a showcase for local craftsmanship, cultural pride, tourism, and entrepreneurship.

Guided by the vision "One Destination, Many Local Stories," Pasalubong Avenue goes beyond the conventional pasalubong shopping experience. It invites visitors to discover the character of Pampanga through its homegrown products and the enduring enterprise of local vendors whose businesses have flourished for decades.

Behind every delicacy, handcrafted item, and proudly local creation lies a narrative of perseverance, family tradition, and a community's determination to preserve its identity. By bringing these products and their makers together under one roof, Pasalubong Avenue creates a meaningful connection between heritage and commerce—allowing visitors to take home not just a product, but a piece of Pampanga itself.



A landmark reimagined

For generations, Nepo Mart has held a distinctive place in the retail history of Angeles City, remembered as the first store in the city to sell PX goods. Its legacy reflects a period when the establishment became part of the city's evolving commercial landscape.

Today, that legacy takes on a new direction.

With its renewed and refreshed identity, Nepo Mart looks toward the future by placing local enterprise and cultural storytelling at the heart of its destination. Pasalubong Avenue represents a shift from the familiar retail experience toward a more immersive celebration of place—one that recognizes the value of local products not only as commodities, but also as expressions of community, creativity, and cultural continuity.

Strategically located along Catalina Street at Nepo Center, in front of Newpoint Mall, the avenue is poised to welcome shoppers, tourists, and visitors seeking a more personal encounter with Pampanga's distinctive offerings.

Where local stories find a home

A defining feature of Pasalubong Avenue is the participation of local vendors who have spent decades building their businesses and preserving their craft. Their presence brings authenticity to the destination, highlighting the people whose livelihoods and legacies contribute to the province's vibrant entrepreneurial landscape.

In bringing these enterprises together, Pasalubong Avenue creates a shared platform for established local businesses while opening opportunities for greater visibility and appreciation

of homegrown products.

The concept also underscores the role of local commerce in tourism development. As travelers increasingly seek experiences that reflect the character of a place, destinations such as Pasalubong Avenue offer an opportunity to discover Pampanga through its makers, flavors, traditions, and stories.

The result is a destination that celebrates the familiar while presenting it in a renewed light—where the act of buying pasalubong becomes an encounter with local identity.



A vision for cultural discovery

The ceremonial launch featured welcome remarks from commercial spaces manager Rocky Torres, followed by a message of support from JDN Realty AVP for administration Maribel Ronquillo, and a special message from city

deputy tourism officer John Montances. The program also included a presentation introducing Pasalubong Avenue, a video feature titled "The Pasalubong Vision," and a tourism message from the Angeles City Tourism Office.

Featured in the program video was Miss Nepo 2026, Arielle Cabatana, whose participation highlighted the new destination's vision of connecting local heritage with a wider audience.

The ceremonial ribbon cutting, held toward the close of the program, formally marked the opening of this new chapter for Nepo Mart and its commitment to providing a home for local products and the stories that give them meaning.

One destination. Many local stories. A heritage worth taking home.





DEPDEV DIRECTOR
ESGUERRA



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“Pinapakita ng mga resultang ito ang patuloy na sigla at katatagan ng ating mga lokal na ekonomiya sa kabila ng mga hamong kinaharap noong 2025, kabilang ang pandaigdigang krisis sa langis, mga sakuna, at mga isyu ng korapsyon,” noted DEPDev Region 3 director Nerrisa Esguerra during the Provincial Product Accounts Dissemination Forum held in Sta. Roza, Nueva Ecija recently.

Citing Philippine Statistics Authority data, Esguerra said most provinces and highly urbanized cities contributed to the regional growth, with Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, and Bulacan as the largest contributors.

Nueva Ecija posted a 7% growth rate, the fastest among economies in the region, while Tarlac and Pampanga also outpaced the national and regional

growth rates.

Esguerra said the region's agriculture, forestry, and fisheries sector recovered from a 0.4% contraction in 2024 to a 3.9% expansion in 2025, supported by increases in palay, livestock, poultry, and fisheries production.

Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, and Bulacan accounted for nearly two-thirds of the region's agricultural output, with Nueva Ecija among the region's top agricultural producers.

However, Esguerra pointed out that agricultural output remains below its pre-pandemic level, while farmers and fisherfolk continue to face risks from adverse weather, flooding, animal diseases, and other production challenges.

Given these challenges, she emphasized the need for continued investments in farm mechanization, climate-resilient technologies, irrigation

systems, post-harvest facilities, and stronger value chain linkages to translate agricultural growth into sustained gains, income, employment, and food security.

The industry sector, meanwhile, grew by 2.3% in 2025 and accounted for 41.8% of the regional economy, with manufacturing, construction, utilities, and mining and quarrying all recording growth.

Bulacan and Pampanga collectively accounted for more than half of the region's industry output.

Esguerra said the region must continue attracting investments that generate quality jobs, deepen local supply chains, and promote innovation to enhance industrial competitiveness.

She also stressed the need for government agencies and local government units to work together to reduce the cost

of doing business, improve regulatory efficiency, accelerate digitalization, and ensure the timely delivery of strategic infrastructure projects.

The services sector, for its part, remained the largest contributor to the regional economy in 2025, accounting for 48.2% of total output and growing by 6.5% to approximately P1.24 trillion.

Pampanga, Bulacan, and Nueva Ecija made substantial contributions to the sector's growth, driven mainly by wholesale and retail trade, education, real estate, transportation, and other service activities.

As the economy becomes increasingly digital and knowledge-driven, Esguerra underscored the need to invest in digital infrastructure, workforce development, and technological innovation.

She likewise highlighted

the importance of helping micro, small, and medium enterprises, which comprise more than 99% of enterprises, participate in digital markets and integrate more effectively into regional and global value chains.

Looking ahead, Esguerra identified climate resilience, agriculture modernization, high-value industries, MSME productivity, digital transformation, workforce upskilling and reskilling, and strategic infrastructure and logistics as key areas for continued attention.

She further emphasized the role of LGUs in translating national and regional development plans into programs and projects, noting that local governments serve as important touchpoints for citizens, businesses, investors, and government agencies. **Maria Asumpta Estefanie C. Reyes/PIA-3**

NextGen tourism...

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Participating provinces and local government units include Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Palawan, Laguna, and Camiguin. The expo will also feature the Department of Tourism Regional Offices of

Calabarzon and Mimaropa, alongside industry stakeholders Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority and Clark Development Corp.

Visitors can explore provincial and destination pavilions showcasing travel services, tourism products, local attractions, arts and crafts, souvenirs,

and regional delicacies, offering a diverse look at the Philippines' destinations, culture, and travel experiences.

Further strengthening the event's industry participation is Philippine Airlines, the country's flag carrier, as the Official Airline Partner. The partnership

highlights the importance of air connectivity in making destinations more accessible and supporting tourism development across the country.

Beyond showcasing destinations, NorthPhil Expo 2026 aims to strengthen collaboration among government tourism

offices, local government units, private enterprises, and tourism organizations while encouraging travelers to discover more of the Philippines.

With Clark serving as a gateway to Central Luzon and nearby destinations, the expo provides a platform for tourism stakeholders

to connect, promote the country's diverse offerings, and explore innovative approaches to the future of Philippine tourism.

NorthPhil Expo 2026 runs from Oct. 23-25, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, at The Event Centre of SM City Clark, Pampanga.

PR/Punto Lifestyle

Lost, laughing...

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part of the story.

I saw the discipline behind every movement, the concentration between points and the physical and emotional demands of competing at that level. Most of all, I saw what it meant to carry the Philippine flag into an international arena.

Then, when the work was done, our own adventure began.

We took the wrong train.

It was late. We returned to Okazaki Station and started looking for somewhere to stay. Fortunately, locals pointed us toward a 24-hour manga café.

Less than a thousand pesos later, we had somewhere to rest. I have stayed in better places. But I doubt many of them will ever make as good a story.

KYOTO: WHERE THE PAST REMAINS PRESENT

Kyoto felt different from the moment we arrived.

At Yasaka Pagoda, formally Hokanji Temple, the city's history seemed to rise directly from the streets. The present five-story structure dates to 1440 and stands approximately 46 meters high. Tradition traces the temple's origins to Prince Shotoku, while its ancient foundation is believed to hold a reliquary associated

with Buddha's remains.

Yet Kyoto's story is not frozen in the past.

Nearby, the Starbucks at Ninenzaka occupies a repurposed traditional Japanese home. The contrast was striking. A global coffee chain inside a 100-year-old traditional Japanese townhouse, surrounded by historic streets and architecture.

In Kyoto, the old and the new

did not seem to compete. They simply found a way to live beside each other.

We also witnessed a mochi-pounding experience, taking part in the rhythmic process of turning steamed rice into the soft, chewy treat.

And once again, I was reminded that some cultural experiences are best understood by participating in them.



THE STORIES BETWEEN THE STOPS



Looking back, I remember the landmarks, but I remember the

spaces between them just as vividly: the endless walks, the train platforms, the station maps, the convenience stores, the tiny restaurants, the unexpected kindness of strangers, the laughter after realizing we had boarded the wrong train, and the quiet moments when there was nowhere we needed to be. Perhaps that is what first journeys are supposed to do: give us enough of a place to understand that we have barely begun to know it.

THE LAST LIGHT OVER DOTONBORI

My most enduring image of Osaka did not come from its brightest sign or most famous landmark. It came quietly beside the Dotonbori River, as the city buzzed around me. The sky darkened, the neon grew brighter, and the last light of sunset slipped across the water, turning it gold. I stood there and watched, knowing the moment would last only seconds. There was no grand attraction, just the river, the city and the final light of the day. Yet somehow, it became the photograph I did not know I had been waiting for.

My first journey to Japan gave me more than the places I had planned to see. It gave me food worth remembering, temples worth pausing for, athletes worth documenting, strangers worth thanking and

mistakes worth laughing about. It allowed me to be a journalist, a photographer and a traveler, but also, for a while, simply a child fascinated by Pokémon and gacha machines. Most of all, it taught me to leave room for the unexpected, because sometimes the wrong train, an unplanned stop or a fleeting sunset becomes the story we remember most.

I came to Japan during my birthday month with a dream I had carried for years. I left with a camera full of stories, a heart full of gratitude and the realization that I had only begun to know the country. There is still so much of Japan waiting beyond the next station, the next street and the next horizon.

And now, I have every reason to return.



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