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Labor Secretary Silvestre “Bebot” Bello III (center) and his party, accompanied by Batac Mayor Albert Chua (2nd from right), visited the Batac Riverside Empanadahan in Batac City last October 17, 2021. Secretary Bello was in Ilocos Norte for the last leg of the Caravan of DOLE Programs and Services in Region 1. (Photo by DOLE ROI)

Delta variant now dominant in Region 1

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Oct. 14 (PIA) -- The Department of Health Ilocos Center for Health and Development (DOH CHD-1) said that the delta variant of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is now dominant in the region.

Dr. Rheuel Bobis, COVID-19 focal person of the DOH CHD-1, confirmed this following the receipt of recent samples sequenced by the Philippine Genome Center.

“As of Oct. 2, a total of 147 cases out of the 328 (Pls. turn to page 3)

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“Maring” spares I. Norte from serious damages

While Typhoon Maring (international name: Kompasu) hardly hit Northern Luzon on October 10-12, the province of Ilocos Norte was luckily spared from serious damages and casualties.

Initial reports in damages showed that the Ilocos Norte-Apayao road had an estimated P170 million damage and the province’s agriculture sector, over Php 80 million.

The province’s devastation was just fractions compared to the P2.3 billion and P1.1 billion losses by Typhoons “Ompong” and “Ineng” in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

The latest report showed that “Maring” left P46 million agriculture and infrastructure

damages in Cagayan; P600 million losses and 13 casualties in Ilocos Sur ; and 88,000 affected residents in La Union.

It was noted that as “Maring” Signals 1 and 2 were flashed in Ilocos Norte, the PDRRMC quickly went on red alert taking full precautionary measures to preempt any worst eventuality.

The PDRRMC had constantly monitored flood-prone and landslide-prone areas, and storm surge-risk coastal (Pls. turn to page 3)

More visitors coming in as IN’s tourism door reopens

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN), through the Ilocos Norte Tourism Office, has recorded an increased number of tourists in the province since it reopened its door to visitors last September 24 amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of this writing, a total of 229 tourists visited the province. The biggest in single-day arrival was on October 10, with 51

tourists.

Most of them came from the National Capital Region, Cagayan, Baguio City, La Union, and Pampanga.

“We’re happy to inform you that we have an increasing number of tourist arrivals in Ilocos Norte. I know that these are not impressive numbers compared to thousands before

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Flash flood sweeps away woman cum carabao, cart

BADOC, Ilocos Norte, Oct. 13, 2021--The cadaver of a 33-year-old woman who was allegedly swept away by a flash flood last Oct. 11 was finally found slumped between rocks when the river level receded at

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Coast Guard helps find drowned minor

LAOAG CITY, Oct. 14, 2021--Petty Officer II Enrico Tiburcio, deputy chief of Philippine Coast Guard-Ilocos Norte, reported their ongoing retrieve operation for the alleged drowning victim of Brgy. Metro La Paz, this city.

He said the drowning incident was reported to their PCG station at 4 p.m. Tuesday

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Guest Editorial:

DTI to public: Be the best protected consumer online

In line with the celebration of the Consumer Welfare Month this October, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in Pangasinan reminded the public anew to be the best protected consumer when shopping online.

Natalia Dalaten, officer-in-charge Provincial Director of DTI Pangasinan, advised the public to be more cautious when doing a transaction online to avoid being victimized by fraudulent offers and online scams.

Dalaten said the celebration, with the theme ‘Digital Consumer: The New Normal’, aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of consumers on their use of the internet and technology with the emergence of online transactions and as a safer means of communication.

“This theme also promotes the digital shopping experience to consumers and encourages fair conduct of business,” Dalaten said.

In order to have safer and better choices, Dalaten reminded the consumers to exercise their right to information and remember the following tips for safe online transactions.

- Before buying the product, the consumer should verify the legitimacy of the website. Check if it is secured and valid before clicking or accepting any offer;

- Consumers are also encouraged to compare the said offered products or services online or at the website with those nearby business establishments offering and selling the same produce to validate their price and quality;

- Do not give personal information;
- Be wary of too good to be true offers;
- If possible, choose cash-on-delivery (COD) mode of payment to ensure that the ordered good through online is being delivered and received in good condition before making any payments;

- Consumers should also read and take note on the given terms and conditions of online retailers particularly on how they manage online complaints and in getting sales invoice and pertinent documents;

- Lastly, read and compare the reviews of other consumers on the products or services before buying.

“Before buying any product, always think before you click because a well informed consumer is the best protected consumer,” Dalaten said. *(Elsha Marie Arguel/PIA Pangasinan)*



WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

Servant leadership

Once a priest was complaining why his bishop was naming “monsignors” again. “That’s no longer practiced,” he said.

And the bishop said to a friend, “You know, sometimes I wonder why when I give the purple attire to some priests, the faces of other priests turn either blue or green. Blue in anger and green in envy.”

That priest’s reaction is as old as Christ himself, as shown in today’s gospel (Matthew 20:17-28). We discern how human the disciples of Christ were, indeed. The gospel relates that the mother of James and John approached the Lord to allow his two sons to sit: one on his right, the other on his left in his Kingdom.

We have here clearly not only “palakasan,” (exerting influence) but also “sipsip” (ingratiating oneself for a favor)

for two “mama’s boys.”

Jesus, sensing a party squabble, called his disciples together and lectured on them. He had to repeat a fundamental theme of his teaching. The idea of authority common at that time, to which the apostles clung, was that of a monarch, “lording it over others,” a conquering leader who liberates his people from their oppressors.

“It cannot be that way with you,” Jesus stressed. “Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest and whoever wants to rank first must serve the needs of all.” The disciple must be like the Master Jesus “who came not to be served, but to serve.”

Christ’s teaching on “servant leadership” applies likewise to political candidates,

(Note: Fr. San Luis hails from Laoag City. He served as President of Divine Word College of Laoag in the 1980s. His new turf is the Christ The King Seminary in Quezon City. Thank you, Father Bel for sharing your weekly column for the Ilocos Sentinel.—Editor)

seeking various positions after filing their candidacies. Trouble is that candidates promise heaven and earth to serve, but once elected, they expect to be served – no longer service but “serve-us.” * * * One major problem in Philippine elections is that many voters sell their votes for a measly amount. They do not consider the competency, capability, and moral integrity of the vote-buying politicians. This is one major reason why our country has not progressed as it should. People should vote wisely. The country’s progress and success depend on a good leader.

Legacy of Alfred Nobel
Lately, we have been reading and hearing about the “Nobel Peace Prize” in relation to the award for press freedom received by Rappler chief

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THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

by Eduardo Teodoro “Jet” B. Ramos, Jr.

Is it victory for DepEd and distance learning modalities?

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Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Leonor Briones has recently declared that her agency has emerged victorious in terms of distance learning modalities and of implementation of measures. She made such a declaration on national television and on national dailies at the onset of classes last month, September 13 to be exact.

Such a statement, though never novel on the part of Secretary Briones, has caused so many sectors of society- especially us teachers- to be utterly jolted and bemused at the same time. Honestly, I happen to be one of the thousands of teachers/citizens who cannot fathom the national schoolmarm’s baseless pronouncements since the day she took over the reins of DepEd.

It is quite ironic that a supposedly highly educated bureaucrat/academic/researcher has uttered an illogical and fallacious statement on DepEd’s distance learning implementation. Sometimes, I shake my head in disbelief whenever I read or watch news that features Secretary Briones or any of her bootlicking undersecretaries who are as underperforming as a Chevrolet Camaro or a Ford Mustang with a 2.3-liter engine. The basic educational honchos, including the soon-to-be-retired secretary, may be intellectual behemoths

but they are actually moral leeches because they cannot face the music with grace and fortitude and they do not bother to venture out into the field to talk to teachers face to face.

Has DepEd been victorious in its implementation of distance learning modalities?

Jesus Christ, it’s a resounding NO!
These are the reasons why DepEd’s so-called victory is a total blasphemy against our educational stakeholders and our nation:

1. We are forever at the mercy of internet connection. Even though Globe, PLDT, and Converge have been churning out their publicity materials proclaiming that they have improved their services, we cannot take their declarations as gospel truth. There are still so many learners and teachers who perch on rooftops, climb trees, or even troop to mountains just to get good signals.

2. Teachers are constantly inundated with paperwork (even if DepEd has said that everyone will go paperless). I have been listening to sob stories of teachers who have been juggling their professional, personal, and moral responsibilities. Most of them have been feeling burned out because they have been working slavishly, often

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detected variants in the region are delta variant," Bobis said.

Of this number, Ilocos Norte has the most number of delta cases with 49 followed by Pangasinan with 43 and Dagupan City with 25 cases. Ilocos Sur has 20 while La Union now has 10.

Other variants of concern in the region are Alpha- 99; Beta -79; and Theta -3.

Bobis said all variants of concern particularly the delta variant are highly transmissible which may have caused the recent surge of COVID-19 cases in Region 1.

With this, the DOH CHD-1 has called on the provincial and local governments to continue with the implementation of strict border control

protocol, granular lockdown for areas with COVID-19 cases, and immediate identification of delta cases.

Bobis also stressed on the importance of speedy contact tracing of the delta cases up to the third generation to thwart the spread of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, he urged the public to continue on strictly following the minimum public health standards in fighting the dreaded virus.

"BIDA Solusyon Plus is very effective against COVID-19 whether the original strain or any variants of concern," Bobis said.

As of Oct. 12, the DOH CHD-1 reports 87,029 total confirmed cases and monitors 11,530 active cases. (Joanne Namnama Dilim/PIA La Union)

Flash flood.....(page 1)

Brgy. Balbaldez, this town.

P/Lt. Vivina Tanacio, the town deputy police chief, said the body was positively identified by the victim's father as that of Emily Yadao y Ancheta, married, of Brgy. Nagrebcan, this town.

Investigation showed that the victim and three companions were crossing

the river homeward aboard an animal-drawn cart when the flash flood occurred under bad weather.

The strong current swept the victim away together with the carabao and cart

Her companions managed to swim safely towards the river bank. (tri-media report)

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towns.

It likewise prepositioned emergency equipment such as ambulances, dump trucks, and rubber boats, as well as readied relief goods, food packs, and medical supplies.

At the Provincial Capitol, Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc

directed, through memos, all mayors to have alternative evacuation centers for calamity victims, (sites were far from COVID-19 isolation facilities).

As of October 14, the PDRRMC reported one fatality, one missing, and one injured, all related to the typhoon effect." (PGIN-CMO)

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executive Maria Rezza, first Filipino recipient of it. What's the story behind this most prestigious of all awards?

In the year 1888, a man who invented dynamite had become very rich by selling guns and ammunition for killing people. One morning, he walked up to read his own death notice in the newspaper.

Actually, it was his brother who had died but a reporter had mistakenly written his life and obituary.

Now for the first time the man saw himself as the world saw him: the "dynamite king" and nothing more.

Horrified, he regretted what he had invented and decided to erase the bad image people had of him. Before he died, he left a substantial fund in the bank, the interest of which would be used to establish and support the prizes to be awarded for outstanding contributions in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, the economic sciences and the pursuit of world peace and development.

That is the story of the Swedish chemist-industrialist BERNHARD ALFRED NOBEL. Instead of being remembered as a

"merchant of explosives" and "dynamite king," he left behind a more noble legacy as a "man of peace."

Your preoccupation may not be dealing with explosives like that of Alfred Nobel but it could be trading and marketing dangerous drugs or engaged in corrupt practices. Are you part of the solution to society's numerous problems or a part of the problem? * * * How about you? What's your legacy when you leave this world? Will you be remembered for something good or bad? Will your family and people, who know you, be proud or ashamed of you? Will the Lord God admit you into His heavenly Kingdom?

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at the mercy of DepEd and of their respective district superintendents and school supervisors. DepEd, remember that teachers are supposed to teach and do research, not perform extra paperwork!

3. Learners constantly complain about internet connection and module contents. This is a very valid sentiment because there are not just one or two learners, but hundreds of thousands who are economically-challenged and who have to resort to contending with modules that are not only error-filled but also semantically and pragmatically deficient. DepEd has been in hot water millions of times yet they do not bother to clean up their act wholeheartedly.

4. The implementation of BrigadaEskuwela is taking a toll on teachers' health. I have nothing against BrigadaEskuwela itself for it is a very noble cause and I have been a part of it several times and up to the present. The problem I see, though, is the way BrigadaEskuwela is being implemented by DepEd. So much paperwork needs to be done and the higher-ups at the Central Office do not bother to be considerate. DepEd must provide teachers leading the BrigadaEskuwela in their respective schools with much time to complete all paperwork, especially reports.

5. Teachers are being asked to attend meetings and accomplish tasks even beyond working hours. Sacre bleu, Secretary Briones! Don't you know the concept of work-life balance? This goes for you as well, DepEd undersecretaries, regional office directors, and school district superintendents! You are all reincarnations of Ramses and all other pharaohs who have rendered the Israelites utterly useless after being sold into slavery for hundreds of years!

6. Our learning materials are at most sub-standard. We cannot expect modules to be valid both at face value and at what the contents are. Yes, our module writers are generally very competent and fluid in their writing. However, the problem is in quality control. Yes, quality control is one of the culprits, apart from the time frame given to write the modules, the system of distribution, and other similar issues.

7. We have a DepEd Secretary who purports to see the light (but actually does not). Secretary Briones and undersecretaries, why don't you listen to our teachers' and learners' concerns with all your heart? Could you please get off your high horses and go out into the field to see what is actually happening in terms of implementing your distance learning modalities? You need to be hit hard by the realities you see because you are primarily responsible for helping to implement reforms in education. Start within your own backyard, for Christ's sakes!

8. We have a traditional media that downplays teachers' and learners' problems with distance learning. With the exception of PTV-4, Sonshine Media Network, Inc., UNTV, DWIZ 882, CNN Philippines (to a certain extent), Manila Bulletin, Manila Times, Manila Standard, The Daily Tribune, and DZRH, most traditional media outfits try to soften their stance on the quality of basic education by downplaying the problems that teachers and learners face whenever they are utilizing the different distance learning modalities. Instead of focusing on the real problems, these media outfits take advantage of teachers' and learners' problems by focusing on sensational issues just to gain media mileage and more viewers (and ultimately advertisers). Jesus Christ, I would not be shocked if one day, Joseph Pulitzer or KaDoroy Valencia would turn in their graves and cast aspersion on the current top brass of DepEd!

Those, ladies and gentlemen, are the top eight reasons why DepEd has not emerged totally victorious in their implementation of distance learning modalities!

I hate to spoil the fun on your birthday weekend, Secretary Briones, but may the good Lord give you more decades to sort out the education-related mess you have made or exacerbated in your almost six years as DepEd Secretary!

If you have suggestions in terms of the education-related topics that you want me to feature, please feel free to send me an email to edteo.ramos@yahoo.com or to coachjet.inspirations@gmail.com and I will reply to you as soon as I receive your email.

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Coast Guard....(page 1) prompting them to help retrieve the victim's body. He added that they braved onto the high seas as part of the retrieve operation but their aluminum boat was no match to the giant waves forcing them to sail back ashore, he said. To exert all efforts, the Coast Guard said it had alerted the province's coastal towns to help find the victim's body in case it washed away in their area. (tri-media report)

ILOCOS SUR



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Ilocos Sur agri, infra damages due to 'Maring' reach P2-B

VIGAN CITY, Oct. 17 (PIA) - - The cost of damage in the agriculture and infrastructure sector in Ilocos Sur due to the onslaught of severe tropical storm 'Maring' has reached more than two billion pesos, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) reported.

A total of P1.083 billion partial value loss in the agriculture sector and P1.4 billion estimated rehabilitation cost in the infrastructure sector were recorded in the province as of 6:00AM on Sunday.

There were 12 reported casualties as per the assessment of the PDRRMO.

Thirteen deaths were initially reported during the press conference of the provincial government on Wednesday but according to the PDRRMO, as per their coordination and confirmation with the municipal DRRMOs, some casualties were not

related to the onslaught of the typhoon.

Casualties were recorded in the towns of Sta. Maria with six, Tagudin, Sta. Cruz, and Suyo with two each, and Salcedo and San Emilio town with one death each.

At least five residents are also missing in the towns of Suyo, Narvacan, Tagudin, Sta. Maria, and Santa.

The combined personnel of the PDRRMO and the Ilocos Sur Police Provincial Office said they continuously conduct search and retrieval operations for those reported missing.

A total of 56,943 families or 171,362 individuals in 327 barangays were affected by the typhoon.

Of which, 106 families or 328 individuals are being served outside evacuation while 299 families or 453 individuals are being served inside evacuation of 25 municipalities affected.

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La Union placed under a state of calamity due to 'Maring'

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Oct. 16 (PIA) -- The province of La Union has been placed under a state of calamity after Severe Tropical Storm "Maring" destroyed over P360 million in agriculture and infrastructures.

In a regular session on Tuesday, Vice Governor Mario Eduardo C. Ortega and Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) members unanimously approved SP Resolution No. 1413-2021 after the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC), headed by Governor Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III, reported on the estimate cost of damages brought about by the typhoon earlier this week.

As of Oct. 14, partial data from the PDRRMC showed that majority of

the reported losses were on agricultural products, with an estimated value of P300.9 million, infrastructure damages of P63 million, and livestock and poultrys pegged at P5 million.

A total of 259 villages; 38,812 families; 135,881 individuals; and 4,263 houses were affected. Flooding and power outages hit the majority of barangays.

Incidents were recorded from 17 municipalities of the province namely Rosario, San Juan, Bauang, Sudipen, Tubao, Pugo, Naguilian, Santo Tomas, Ago, Bangar, Bagulin, Santol, San Gabriel, Luna, Bacnotan, Balaoan, and Burgos.

In addition, two people were hurt, and three people are still missing. There were

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the pandemic. With our current situation, this is not bad at all," Xavier R. Ruiz, Officer-in-Charge of the Ilocos Norte Tourism Office, stated.

"We can see the trend that people from our neighboring provinces and regions are excited anew to visit our province. As usual, most of them would stay on the white beaches in Pagudpud for staycations while others would go around the province for sightseeing," Ruiz added.

Recently, the "Come IN Online Travel Sale" was relaunched by the INTO to provide exclusive deals and bigger discounts to tourists who will book their trip in Ilocos Norte from October 1 to December 31, 2021.

"Through the 'Come IN Online Travel Sale,' we were able to encourage tourism establishments, composed of mostly accommodation establishments and travel agencies in the province, to participate. Fortunately, we've been getting positive feedback and we have been receiving travel inquiries and bookings so we're really expecting to have a steady, safe, and sure increase in tourists arrival now and until the Christmas season," Ruiz remarked.

It may be noted that Ilocos Norte was the first province in the Philippines awarded the World Travel and Tourism Council Safe Travels Stamp for adopting globally recognized health and safety protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, non-high-risk individuals

below 18, fully-vaccinated individuals above 65 years old, and individuals with comorbidity, along with fully vaccinated pregnant women, are now welcome to travel to Ilocos Norte.

Department of Tourism officials said the said individuals are now allowed to travel in areas under general community quarantine (GCQ) and modified general community quarantine (MGCQ), after the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) released the new guidelines allowing interzonal travel for these individuals under Alert Level 4.

"Kids, seniors, and even pregnant women are already allowed to travel in Ilocos Norte. However, as of now, we're still requiring health protocol tests. This is to further ensure the safety and protection not only of our tourists but of the entire community as well. Also, for the record, we have no single tourist-related case of COVID, hence, our goal is to have safe tourism activities in Ilocos Norte," Ruiz explained.

Since October last year, INTO had recorded visitors numbering almost 353,000 a day; locals, nearly 4,000 tourists; and APORs and staycation visitors, nearly 121,000.

So far, over 86% of the province's total primary tourism workers were already inoculated with the anti-COVID vaccine. - (Stewart C. Ocampo, PGIN-CMO)

DOLE Sec. Bello leads Vax Rollout for 10k construction workers in Pangasinan

Labor Secretary Silvestre "Bebot" H. Bello III leads the rollout of the vaccination for 10,000 workers in construction industry in Pangasinan, in a kick-off ceremony held on October 15, 2021 in Pangasinan Training and Development Center, Lingayen, Pangasinan.

Sec. Bebot Bello addressed the first batch of vaccinees -- composed of 1,279 workers in various construction firms -- as he emphasized DOLE's strong thrust in empowering workers as builders of the steadfast post-pandemic recovery of the nation.

"Ang mga manggagawa sa construction industry ang larawan ng pagiging malakas, masipag at matapang nating mga Pilipino. Pinadapa man ng pandemya ang ating ekonomiya, tayo ay babangon at susulong, upang magtagumpay muli," the Labor Secretary said.

Joining the delegation of Bello are TESDA Secretary Isidro Lapena, Usec. Renato Ebarle, Usec. Ana Dione, Usec. Benjo Benavidez, Asec. Dominique Rubia-Tutay, Dir. Karen Trayvilla, Dir. Rolly Francia, Admin. Hans Leo Cacdac of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, and Admin. Bernard Olalia of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

Pangasinan Gov. Amado "Pogi" I. Espino III and Lingayen Mayor Leopoldo Bataoil, meanwhile, extended their gratitude to the DOLE for choosing Pangasinan to be one of the 15 pilot provinces in the country for the mass vaccination of construction workers.

The activity is in line with the commitment of the National Employment Recovery Strategy (NERS) Task Force to facilitate vaccines for workers under the "Reform. Rebound.

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ILOCOS SUR

DPWH starts repair of typhoon-damaged bridge in Ilocos Sur

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Oct. 13 (PIA) -- The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has started the installation of a temporary steel bridge over the collapsed Bayugao Bridge at the Manila North Road in Brgy. Sagat, Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur due to severe tropical storm Maring, on Oct. 13, Wednesday.

An alternate route of seven-eight kilometers long in Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur has also been placed for travelers and residents along the affected area while the construction of temporary bridge is on-going.

Road advisory released by the agency's Ilocos Sur Second District Engineering Office (DEO) notified the public that the detour is only passable to light vehicles up to 10-wheel drive vehicles that are not loaded.

Engr. Josephine Oamar, DPWH focal

person for Disaster Risk Reduction Management and chief of Maintenance Management Section, said their Department promptly deployed bridge engineers who evaluated the damage of the typhoon to Bayugao Bridge on Oct. 12.

"Upon assessment, we have sourced the bailey panels and accessories that are now in transport from La Union and Pangasinan," Oamar said in a press briefing on the latest updates on the typhoon conducted on Tuesday by the regional disaster council and the Philippine Information Agency.

She added that the DPWH provided immediate response for the clearing operations of major road obstructions, landslides and mudslides, and requested assistance from contractors near the sites that are inaccessible to its personnel.

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DSWD CCAM Cash for Work benefits 2,000 residents in Anda, Pangasinan

The Municipality of Anda is very vulnerable to climate change being an island located in the province of Pangasinan, and needs to implement adaptation and mitigation measures to lessen or avoid the negative impacts to its residents especially those living in the coastal areas.

With this, the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office 1 (DSWDFO 1) through the Risk Resiliency Program-Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Disaster Risk Reduction (RRP-CCAM DRR) Cash for Work (CFW) Program has benefited 2000 residents who received P2550.00 each for rendering 10 days of work.

According to Anda Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer Jowey C. Celzo, "DSWD FO 1 has been our partner in providing social protection and welfare services to our

constituents, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank DSWD for their continued support despite the challenges that we are experiencing because of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"The program did not only provide additional income to augment the needs of their families, but also created awareness on the importance of preserving and taking care of our environment," said Celzo.

Further, Celzo added that the local government conducted a Climate Change Forum prior to the start of the program to increase the awareness of the beneficiaries on the different environmental issues.

Moreover, the program paved the way for the establishment of the community vegetable gardens and compost pits, rehabilitation of materials

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Laoag Mayor Michael Marcos Keon (left) welcomed Labor Secretary Silvestre “Bebot” Bello III during his visit in Ilocos on October 16, 2021 for the Awarding of DOLE Programs and Projects to Laoag City and other local government units in Ilocos Norte. Mayor Keon said that Laoag was a recipient of a Certificate of Eligibility and Livelihood Assistance check amounting to P3,250,000 for 25 beneficiaries of the Banca Project and another 25 beneficiaries of the Negokart Project. Secretary Bello also awarded the check for the TUPAD Program of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte for the 146 beneficiaries, 80 of whom are from Laoag. (Photo by LC CMO)

CAMPUS NEWS

MMSU grad lands 8th in Fisheries Technologist Exam

BATAK CITY -- A graduate of the MMSU College of Aquatic Sciences and Applied Technology (CASAT) emerged as the number eight topnotcher in the October 2021 Fisheries Technologist licensure examination.

Michael Jay A. Tabuy, a 2018 Bachelor of Science in Fisheries graduate, is the only MMSU passer who took the exam for the first time this year, exhibiting 83 percent passing rate.

He is among the 211 new fisheries technologists in the country who registered 29.51 percent national average.

A total of 715 graduates from various schools in the country took the examination on October 6-7.

The Professional Regulation Commission and the Board of Fisheries administered the examination. They released the results on October 13. (MMSU FB)

SDCB and CGB launch Herd Schooling

BATAK CITY -- The Schools Division of the City of Batak (SDCB) and the City Government of Batak (CGB) launch herd schooling in four (4) pilot barangays: Palpalicong, Mabaleng, Pimentel and Baay.

Herd schooling, a joint initiative of the SDCB and CGB, is a learning program wherein learners belonging to a small community are gathered in a safe space and taught by a hired teacher who also belongs in the same community. The herd schooling serves as a localized version of DepEd’s limited face-to-face classes. It aims to help strengthen the knowledge and skills gained by our kindergarten and grade 1 to 3 learners in home schooling.

Teachers will be hired by the CGB on a job order status. They shall be monitored and assisted technically by SDCB personnel. They shall be using materials focused on the following skills: reading, writing, arithmetic and values education.

The Herd Schooling was launched simultaneously in the four pilot barangays on October 15, and will be pilot-tested from October 18 to December 18, 2021. The launching was led by Schools Division Superintendent, Dr. Joel B. Lopez and SDCB officials together with City Mayor, Engr. Albert D. Chua and the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Barangay officials shall ensure the safety and security of everyone involved in the program, including the venue and the observance of proper health protocols. (cgb)

DSWD partially distributes 27,518 relief packs to TS Maring affected families

The Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office 1 (DSWD FO 1), as a frontline agency, is now on-the-move in distributing family food packs (FFPs) to the different local government units (LGUs) which were severely affected by the onslaught of tropical storm (TS) Maring.

The DSWD FO 1 initially distributed a total of 20,018 FFPs in the province of La Union with breakdown as follows: 500 for Naguilian; 602 for Bagulin; 1,700 for Aringay; 718 for Sto. Tomas; 79 for Sudipen; 1,000 for San Juan; 1,500 for San Gabriel and Bacnotan; 5,000 for Bauang and Luna, with the highest number of affected families at 10,800 to respond to the immediate need.

While in the Province of Ilocos Sur, the agency distributed 7,500 FFPs, as follows:

500 FFPs each for the towns of Tagudin, Sta. Cruz, Sta. Lucia, Narvacan, and Candon City; 1,000 FFPs for Santa and Vigan City; and 3,000 FFPs for Sta. Maria.

The said distribution in both provinces totaled to 27,518 FFPs.

“According to initial reports, La Union is the most affected among the provinces in the Ilocos region, that is why relief augmentation was centered here,” said DSWD FO 1 Regional Director Marie Angela S. Gopalan.

RD Gopalan said that the Provincial Government of La Union requested a total of 55,000 FFPs to date.

“Requests of LGUs for augmentation are still subject to a review which involves the assessment and/or validation of declared eligible affected families. DSWD follows a process to allow us to systematically and

strategically respond to the urgent needs of our beneficiaries especially when an impact of a disaster is significant,” she explained.

In addition, a Rapid Disaster Assessment Needs Analysis or RDANA is being conducted in the region to determine the extent of damage caused by TY Maring.

The Ilocos Region has recorded a total of 121,675 affected families or 511,852 persons, as of 16 October 2021.

Meanwhile, RD Gopalan personally checked and monitored the situation of the affected families, and handed over the FFPs to the beneficiaries in Aringay town.

In an interview with a 73-year old affected individual and a former tricycle driver Jaime Tatunay of Barangay Samara in Aringay, he said, “We are very happy that DSWD went down to

us to provide relief packs because we were not expecting this. This is a big help in our food needs and we want to thank the LGU and DSWD for showing their concern for the families here.”

Another beneficiary 76-year old widow Virginia Dulay of the same barangay said, “Life is hard here and I was very worried that I will have no food to eat after the surge of the typhoon but because of this relief pack, I do not have to worry. I am very grateful to DSWD for this act of regard for us.”

The cost of assistance provided by DSWD FO 1 is at Php 8,770,980.00.

“DSWD FO 1 is very committed to assist all affected LGUs and their constituents, and we assure our beneficiaries of a ‘Maagap at Mapagkalingang Serbisyo,’” RD Gopalan closed. (By: Anne Hazel Fajardo-Flores, Social Marketing Officer III, KALAHI-CIDSS/ Social Marketing Unit)

DOLE Sec. Bello.....(page 4)

Recover: 1 Million Jobs for the country. DOLE Regional Office 1 Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos expressed her thanks to the Provincial Government of Pangasinan, Philippine Constructors Association and the Pangasinan Constructors Association for their concerted efforts in assisting the DOLE industries, under a policy realize this milestone environment that would help create jobs all over D. Marbella)

Agri-fishery sector in R1 suffers ₱1.5B loss due to TS Maring; DA to assist affected farmers

LA UNION - The Department of Agriculture is set to release P50 million under the Quick Response Fund (QRF) to rehabilitate areas in Ilocos region devastated by TS Maring.

This is apart from the P80.8M worth of buffer stock from the DA Ilocos region ready to be distributed to typhoon-affected farmers.

Said amount covers

the provision of hybrid and certified rice seeds, corn seeds, fertilizers, and livestock livelihood assistance (chicken, goat and cattle), drugs and biologics, plus feeds.

As of writing, the total estimated damages in the agriculture and fishery sector climbed to P1.516 billion with crops recording the highest losses of 63,430 MT amounting to P1.164

billion due to intense rain and flooding. Palay incurred the highest loss share of 96.55%.

For the livestock sector, initial damage was recorded at P76.9 million, P133.8 million for the fisheries sector, and P140.6 million in infrastructure (irrigation systems).

DA-RFO I team consist of Field Operations Division and PMED

staffs, in coordination with the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) are conducting Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) activity to further assess actual damages on field and be able to provide appropriate interventions.###

BBM seeks more benefits for Teachers in 2022 polls

Former Sen. Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos, Jr. said on Monday that as Board of Election Inspectors (BEIs) in the upcoming 2022 elections should have more benefits given the increased risks of working during a pandemic.

Marcos, who previously called for the inclusion of non-medical frontliners as recipients of Special Risk Allowance (SRA) benefits, is now also making a similar appeal to the government on behalf of the teachers.

"Matindi ang susuungin na peligro ng mga teachers natin sa paparating na halalan. Mas marami ang inaasahang boboto at pahahabain rin ang oras ng pagboto. Ang lahat ng ito ay sapat na dahilan upang bigyan rin natin sila ng benepisyong kahalintulad ng SRAs para sa mga medical frontliners," Marcos said in Filipino.

Marcos noted the increased number of voters and the expected lengthening of voting hours mean higher risks for teachers working in the polling precincts.

"Mas malalantad sa peligro ang mga guro natin sa 2022 elections dahil bukod sa inaasahang mas marami ang botante, inaasahang dadagdagan

rin ang oras ng pagboto," Marcos said.

"Mangangahulugan lamang na tataas ng more than 100% ang exposure at peligro na pagdaraan ng ating mga guro," Marcos added.

Comelec Chair Sheriff Abas said recently that there are already 63 million voters for the upcoming 2022 elections. This figure is still expected to climb after the poll body allowed a one-month extension of voter registrations.

The poll body also said that there is a high probability that voting hours for next year's elections may extend from 8 to 10 or 12 hours.

The former senator also appealed to the government to restore the hazard pay to teachers serving as BEIs every election after the Commission on Elections (Comelec) admitted last month that the hazard pay for teachers was not included in its proposed budget for 2022.

"Mas kumplikado at mas maraming kaakibat na panganib ang eleksiyon sa darating na taon dala ng pandemya, kaya't tayo ay nananawagan sa pamahalaan na mapondohan ang taunang hazard pay na binibigay sa mga guro na nagsisilbi bilang Board of Election Inspectors (BEI)," Marcos said.

DEPED, DOH commit to create culture of handwashing in schools and communities amid COVID-19 pandemic

The Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Health (DOH) renewed their commitment to promote handwashing in schools and communities, together with other health measures, to ensure safe school reopening and reduce disease transmission in public settings.

To mark this renewal, DepEd and DOH, in collaboration with UNICEF and WHO, co-convened the 2021 Global Handwashing Day Symposium: "Malinis na Kamay para sa Kinabukasan ng Bayan" to feature good practices on promoting handwashing across schools, communities and workplace settings amid the pandemic.

This year's joint celebration of the GHD follows the issuance of the first Joint Memorandum Circular between the DepEd and DOH on the "Operational Guidelines on the Implementation of Limited face-to-Face Learning Modality" in support of the piloting of school reopening in 120 schools.

"Even before the pandemic, DepEd has already encouraged handwashing habits for our learners through our Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) program. As we embark on piloting face-to-face classes, DepEd recognizes that safe return to school requires in particular, among other measures, observance of handwashing practice. Amid the challenges of this pandemic, our

commitment to create a culture of handwashing in schools remains strong. We call on our partners in the local government and private sector to support improvement of facilities and sustainability of supplies in schools," DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones says.

Aside from helping prevent COVID-19 transmission, handwashing with soap also prevents other diseases. Studies have shown that handwashing can reduce diarrheal diseases by 30% [i] and acute respiratory infections by up to 20% [ii]. A recently released State of the World Hand Hygiene report shows that an estimated half a million people globally die each year from diarrhea or acute respiratory infections which could have been prevented with good hand hygiene [iii]. In the context of the Philippines, handwashing supports the reduction, prevention and elimination of stunting among 30% of children under five [iv].

"DOH recognizes the importance of handwashing, not just in the context of the pandemic but in reducing other infections. There is much to gain health-wise in doing the simple act of handwashing with soap. We at the DOH are committed to promoting proper handwashing behaviors to make it a sustained habit amongst Filipinos. We call on other government agencies, local government

units, civil society and private sector partners to also encourage proper handwashing practice across different settings," DOH Secretary Francisco Duque III says.

One of the ways that both DOH and DepEd are encouraging handwashing behavior is through the use of behavioral nudges or simple cues in the environment that can encourage healthy behaviors. In a collaborative study led by DepEd and UNICEF in Zamboanga del Norte, handwashing practice of students increased by 17.3 percentage points due to nudges that lead to handwashing stations. Nudges used include footprints leading to handwashing stations, posters, eye stickers and arrows pointing to soap [v].

Building on the results of that study as well as global evidence on nudges, DOH, in partnership with UNICEF, launched the WASH o'clock campaign to remind people to wash their hands during critical moments and as they move about in their communities. The campaign includes installation of signages and public handwashing stations to nudge people to wash their hands in markets, malls, transport hubs, government offices, churches and

health centers.

"Prompting and reminding people to wash their hands is an effective strategy to improve hygiene practice. We are happy seeing this approach applied not just in healthcare settings but in schools and communities to better integrate the habit in people's daily lives," says WHO Philippines Representative Dr. Rabindra Abeyasinghe.

Among child health interventions, handwashing programmes have similar cost-effectiveness to that of immunization and oral rehydration therapy [vi]. However, only 4% of countries reported that they have sufficient funding to reach their national hygiene targets [vii].

"Having a costed national hygiene plan would pave the way for other sectors and partners to join efforts in accelerating our progress and creating a safer future for children in the Philippines. We commend the collaboration between DepEd and DOH for being the driving force in promoting the practice of hand hygiene and help ensure that children grow in healthy environments," UNICEF Philippines Representative O y u n s a i k h a n Dendevnorov says. ###

DPWH starts.....(page 4)

The recent bulletin of the agency reports that clearing operations will continue on roads that are still unpassable due to flooding, landslide, and damaged pavement and scoured base brought about by the strong winds and heavy volume rain.

'Maring' is currently outside the Philippine Area of Responsibility but the DPWH continuously monitors their areas through the district maintenance engineers, maintenance point persons, and quick response assets. (Aila T. Villanueva/PIA Region I)

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The provincial government, along with various national government agencies and private groups and organizations, are

providing food packs and other basic necessities for the affected residents. (Joyah Mae Quimoyog/PIA Ilocos Sur)

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recovery facilities and mangrove areas, and improvement of road lines through canal digging.

He also said that several socio-civic activities were also conducted such as tree planting and coastal clean-up drives which were actively enjoined by the beneficiaries.

Barangay Batiarao Chairperson Maximo Catabay said, "We have many indigent families in our barangay, and we are very grateful of DSWD's program because it helped many of our residents."

"This program did not only provide additional income for our families to be used to purchase basic needs, but it also made us aware of the importance of taking extra care of our environment,"

added Barangay Batiarao Beneficiary and Self-Help Group Facilitator Jenalyn Abordo.

A total of Php 5.1 million of payout were distributed to the 18 barangays.

The DSWD RRP-CCAM-DRR CFW is a program which aims to strengthen the resiliency of both natural systems and the urban built environment, as well as reinforce the adaptive capacities of vulnerable groups and communities in the country by providing the beneficiaries with temporary employment. (By: Anne Hazel Fajardo-Flores, Social Marketing Officer III, KALAHI-CIDSS/ Social Marketing Unit)

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased VICENTE ALEGADO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7682, situated at Brgy. 19 Masintoc, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Tax Declaration No. 20-022-00719 has been adjudicated by his legal heir and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Galen Pobre and Josephine Pobre in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 222; Page No. 46; Book No. CDXXII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES ERNESTO OLARTE and MILAGROS CASTRO OLARTE pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 14366-C-2-A of the subdivision plan Psd-12812-022582, being a portion of Lot 14366-C-2, Psd-1-020455, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1204, situated in the Brgy. 29, Sto. Tomas, City of Laoag, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2017001761 has been extrajudicially settled among the legal heirs Ernesto C. Olarte, Jr. and Frances Florence Olarte Tanicala as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. John Paul V. Ramos; Doc. No. 472; Page No. 95; Book No. XLIX; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FLORENDO PADAYAO, SR. pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5532, Cad-445-D, situated at Brgy. Nanguyudan, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Tax Declaration No. 14-030-01652 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto John Lois U. Padayao in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Regie T. Pascua, CPA; Doc. No. 277; Page No. 057; Book No. VIII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CLEMENTE BALA JR. pertaining to his share over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 3712, situated at Brgy. Catuguing, Municipality of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 022-2020000228 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Josefa Cabel-Bala and simultaneously sold unto Florinda Gagat Domingo in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; Doc. No. 2211; Page No. 173; Book No. XVI; Series of 2017.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MARIA PAMBID pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 29073, situated at Bgy. Payao, Batac City, covered by OCT No. P-23581 has been adjudicated by her legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto VICTOR B. GABION in an instrument executed before Notary Public ATTY. WINDELL D. CHUA; Doc. No. 233; Page No. 48; Book No. CLXXXIV; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES PEDRO MADULI and CLAUDIA LOPINTO-MADULI pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 14194 and 14195, both situated at Brgy. 16 S Quiling Sur, Batac, Ilocos Norte, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-8838 has been adjudicated by legal heir DALMACIO L. MADULI as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci A. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 496; Page No. 101; Book No. CCXCV; Series of 2015.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES PABLO J. JUAN and EUFEMIA JUAN pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 26136 and 27603, both situated in the Barrio of Vira (now Brgy. 54-B, Camangaan), Laoag City; covered by Original Certificate of Title Nos. 21712 and 13580, respectively, has been adjudicated by their legal heir Lucila Juan Hogman in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; Doc. No. 199; Page No. 41; Book No. CXXVII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CAMILO BATARA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 309224-A, Psd-01-056360, being a portion of Lot 30924, Cad. 398, situated at Barrio Cubol, Batac City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-3927 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto Ernesto P. Bumanglag, Jr. in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 19; Page No. 5; Book No. CDXXII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased HARRY C. TIU pertaining to his share over parcel of land designated as Lot 6, Blk. 1, Psd. 01-067961, being a portion of Lot 4064-B-1, Psd-01-00799, L.R.C. Rec. No. 1151, situated at Brgy. Aramiw (formerly Gabu), Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 021-2013000079; and a residential house erected on the abovesaid parcel of land covered by Tax Declaration No. 17-0070-00407 has been adjudicated by his spouse and legal heir Delia C. Tiu and simultaneously sold said properties unto Spouses Peter Albano Alborno and Yogie Dichoso Alborno as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; Doc. No. 87; Page No. 19; Book No. CXXVII; Series of 2021.

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SUPPLEMENTAL DEED OF ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES PEDRO MADULI and CLAUDIA LOPINTO-MADULI pertaining to six (6) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 13339, 13921, 14100, 13904, 14053 and 13321, all situated at Brgy. 16 S Quiling Sur, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title Nos. P-37531, P-8836, P-16695, P-16696, P-8837 and P-37532, respectively; all registered under the name of Pedro Maduli; that the above-described properties of Pedro Maduli were not included in the Deed of Adjudication by Sole Heir dated June 3, 2015 notarized by Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo of his heir DALMACIO L. MADULI due to failure to state all properties of the deceased in the said Deed of Adjudication hence, the above-described properties was adjudicated by heir through this Supplemental Deed of Adjudication by Sole Heir as per instrument executed before Notary public Atty. Kira M. Espino, Doc No. 9; Page No. 2; Book No. IX; Series of 2015.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased AMANDO RUIZ pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot 10817-B-1 of the Cadastral Survey of Laoag, situated in Brgy. 10, Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-16256 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Eddie Y. Ruiz and simultaneously sold unto Edeline Angel C. Fernandez in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Jason Bader Ll. Perera; Doc. No. 251; Page No. 68; Book No. 390; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH QUITCLAIM AND WAIVER

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MARIA SIMEONA M. GANITANO pertaining to a bank deposit at Philippine National Bank - Laoag Branch under Savings Account No. 223160180276 has been extrajudicially settled among her heirs Amelia G. Dichoso and Benjamin A. Ganitano and simultaneously waived all rights and interest in the aforesaid bank deposit unto co-heir Benjamin A. Ganitano as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. John Paul V. Ramos; Doc. No. 140; Page No. 28; Book No. L; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SIXTO GARCIA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 14302, situated at Brgy. 16 San Marcos, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-6488 has been adjudicated by his legal heir and simultaneously sold unto Charmilen Duldulao Silvestre in an instrument executed before Atty. Notary Public Erme S. Labayog; Doc. No. 179; Page No. 36; Book No. LXXXVIII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE AND PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased GREGORIO PAMBID and ESTELITA DAGUIO pertaining to four (4) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 1704, 1705, 1666 and Lot No. 6, Block 33, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-4250, Original Certificate of Title No. O-4250, Original Certificate of Title No. O-4113 and Transfer Certificate of Title No. 135488, respectively; that the first two lots are located in Brgy. Ricarte, Batac, Ilocos Norte, the third lot is located in Brgy. Cangrunaan, Batac, Ilocos Norte, while the last lot is located in Brgy. 436 Zone 044, Sampaloc, District, Manila was the subject of Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Sale and Partition executed by their heirs before Notary Public Atty. Joel R. Garcia; Doc. No. 78; Page No. 17; Book No. CVII; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased IRENEO JAVIER pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4437-B, situated at Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Currimao, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by his legal heirs JOSEFINA S. JAVIER, IRENEO JAVIER, JR., REGGIE J. LABANGCOC, ERIC S. JAVIER and RONNEL S. JAVIER and simultaneously sold unto RCG Realty Holdings Corporation represented by Chairman of the Board Annabelle C. Go in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 177; Page No. 57; Book No. CCCLXXXI; Series of 2019.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased NOEL G. DUMAGUING pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 6383-G, situated at Brgy. Naguilian, Municipality of Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. CARP2018000091 has been adjudicated by his heirs as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Von G. Pastor; Doc. No. 353; Page No. 51; Book No. VI; Series of 2021.

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no deaths reported. of Typhoon Maring, the provincial government, in partnership with the public and private sectors, quickly set up a donation drive to pool additional resources to aid in the recovery of the affected towns. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., donors can drop off cash or in-kind donations at the La Union Agri-Tourism Center. (Joanne Namnama Dilim/PIA La Union)

The provincial government continues to conduct recovery efforts such as relief operations, infrastructure restoration, road clearing, and damage assessment. As of writing, a total of 18,998 relief packs were distributed in highly-affected areas. Seeing the impact

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SARRAT NAMNAMA MULTI-PURPOSE
COOPERATIVE (SNMPC),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

LYDIA LACUESTA MADAMBA,
Mortgagor.

EJF CASE NO. 16-2021
For: Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage
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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SALE

"Upon Extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by SARRAT NAMNAMA MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (SNMPC), with principal office at Sta. Rosa, Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, against LYDIA LACUESTA MADAMBA, with residence at Brgy. 27 Lincoln St., Laoag City, to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness in the total of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P120,000.00) ONLY, plus accruing interest, penalty and other charges thereon from the said date up to the foreclosure sale, sums as are due from the Borrowers/Mortgagors under the Mortgage Deed, the undersigned or his duly authorized Deputy sell at public auction on **November 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** at the main entrance of Laoag City Hall, Laoag City, to the highest bidder, for cash and in Philippine Currency, all rights, shares and participation which the mortgagor/s have or might have had in the hereunder described real property together with all the improvements found thereon, to wit:

MORTGAGED PROPERTIES

Tax Declaration No.: 029-00130
Property Index No.: 101-03-029-02-000
Location: Brgy. 27 Lincoln St., Laoag City
Lot No. 21674-Part
Area: 240 square meters
Owner: Lydia Lacuesta Madamba
Brgy. 27 Lincoln St., Laoag City
Boundaries:
North: declared as whole Irrigation Ditch
South: 21673
East: 21680, 21675
West: Lincoln St.

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the property hereunder above-described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the scheduled date, it shall be held on **December 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** without further notice.

Laoag City, October 6, 2021.

ZALDY P. DE LA CRUZ
Provincial/City Sheriff Ex-Officio

By:
(Sgd.) SHEMAINE MARIE A. SANTIAGO
Sheriff-In-Charge

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MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with Section 5 of R. A. 9804, a NOTICE is hereby served to the public that **JOSEPHINE D. DUMAYAG** has filed with this office a petition for the change of first name from "**ARSENIA**" to "**MYRNA**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ARSENIA DUMAYAG**, who was born on April 17, 1956 at San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Felipe Dumayag and Encarnacion Dumayag.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with the Office not later than **October 18, 2021**.

(Sgd.) ROSEMARIE B. ANTOLIN
Municipal Civil Registrar

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AND CITY SHERIFF
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF ILOCOS NORTE
MARCOS HALL OF JUSTICE
LAOAG CITY

RANG-AY BANK (A Rural Bank) INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

DANTE BONOAN, JR., TROY VALENTINO B.
GARMA AND DONABELLE HONORATA B. GARMA,
Mortgagors.

RE: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate
Mortgage under R.A. 3135 as amended

EJF NO. 17-2021

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

"Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by RANG-AY BANK (A Rural Bank) INC., San Fernando City, La Union, against DANTE BONOAN, JR., TROY VALENTINO B. GARMA and DONABELLE HONORATA B. GARMA of Brgy. 53, Rioeng, Laoag City, to satisfy the mortgaged indebtedness which as of May 31, 2021, amounts to TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX and 34/100 (P 2,304,956.34) only, excluding foreclosure expenses and other charges accruing from the filing of the application in accordance with the stipulations in the said mortgage contract, and the expenses of this foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at public auction on **November 18, 2021 at 10:00 in the morning** at the main entrance of San Nicolas Municipal Hall, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, to the highest bidder, for cash and in Philippine Currency, all rights, shares and participation which the mortgagors DANTE BONOAN, JR., TROY VALENTINO B. GARMA AND DONABELLE HONORATA B. GARMA, have or might have had into the real properties together with improvements now existing or which may hereafter erected or constructed thereon, to wit:

LIST OF MORTGAGED PROPERTIES

KATIBAYAN NG ORIHINAL NA TITULO
BLG. CARP2015000190
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN
REHIYON BLG. 1_CENRO LAOAG
KALOOB NA PATENTE BLG. 012820-14-55300

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated at Brgy. San Jose, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, registered in the name of Dante Bonoan, Jr. and a resident of Brgy. San Baltazar, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte.

PAGLALARAWANG TEKNIKAL:
LOT 2332-A, CCS-1-00045

TIE LINE: N-58-23 W. 248.14 m. from BLLM Cad 307-D
San Nicolas Cadastre to corner 1 of Lot 2332-A
THE N C E

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1 - 2	N 18 - 55 E	1.85 M
2 - 3	N 29 - 09 E	13.77 M
3 - 4	N 38 - 24 E	6.62 M
4 - 5	S 67 - 26 E	13.20 M
5 - 6	N 24 - 08 E	4.33 M
6 - 7	S 61 - 26 E	19.72 M
7 - 8	S 30 - 18 W	26.52 M
8 - 1	N 61 - 53 W	31.83 M

AREA: EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE (805) SQUARE METERS.

POINTS REFERRED TO: All points are marked on the ground by old by old P.S. cylindrical concrete monuments.

BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

Publication Notice
R.A. 10172

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-0026-2021 RA 10172 Date: September 20, 2021

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2013 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **Marinelle M. Sebastian** has filed with this office, a petition for correction of entry in the sex column from "**Female**" to "**MALE**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **RHEINN MARK MADULI SEBASTIAN** at Banna, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Marinelle B. Maduli and Erickson C. Sebastian.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 19, 2021**.

(Sgd.) JUDY RABAGO MADES
Municipal Civil Registrar

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NW LINES 1-2-3 By Lot 2333 CAD 307
NW, NE LINES 3-4-5-6-7 By Lot 2334-A, Ccs-1-00045
SE LINE 7-8 By Trece Martinez Street
SW LINE 8-1 By Calle Vecinal

BEARINGS : TRUE
SURVEYED BY : MARIANO BATOON
DATE OF SURVEY : March 12, 1978
APPROVED ON : March 14, 1978
COVERED BY : FPA NO. (012820-635)

TAX DECLARATION NO. 2014-19-009-00263
(PIN NO. 003-19-009-07-012)

A residential lot situated at Brgy. 3 San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte with an area of EIGHT HUNDRED FIVE (805) SQUARE METERS. Declared in the name of DALE S. BONOAN.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **November 25, 2021**, without further notice.

Prospective buyers may investigate for themselves the property hereunder above-described and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

October 4, 2021, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

ZALDY P. DE LA CRUZ
Clerk of Court VI &
Ex-Officio Provincial and City Sheriff

By:
(Sgd.) NICOMEDES C. CANTORNA
Sheriff IV
RTC, Branch 12, Laoag City

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RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)
Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Banna (Espiritu)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R. A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **DOLORES B. ABARA** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**LOURDES**" to "**DOLORES**" in the birth certificate of **Lourdes Querting Balinong** who was born on July 24, 1961 at Banna, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Quirino Balinong and Coleta Querting.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **October 19, 2021**.

(Sgd.) JUDY RABAGO MADES
Municipal Civil Registrar

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION
WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FRANCISCO IGNACIO, TIBURCIO IGNACIO and ANGELA IGNACIO pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 7018 and 7021, both situated at But-tong (now Brgy. 49-A Darayday), City of Laoag, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 14360 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Julie, George, Napoleon and Rufo Jr., all surnamed Ignacio and simultaneously sold Lot 7018 unto Marilyn Bautista Daquioag while Lot 7021 unto Spouses Claro L. Gonzales Jr. and Agnes I. Gonzales as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Erme S. Labayog; Doc. No. 361; Page No. 73; Book No. LXXXIII; Series of 2021.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION
WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ESPERIDION D. ARELLANO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 25704 CAD 398, situated at Brgy. 18 Magnuang, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT 35373 has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Rolando B. Bunnao and Lilia D. Bunnao as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Von G. Pastor; Doc. No. 245; Page No. 55; Book No. IV; Series of 2021.

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DENR engages kids, youth in solid waste management activities

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) launched Friday its nationwide Solid Waste Management Advocacy Campaign to spur behavioral change towards the environment and mobilize the public, especially children and young people, on the proper handling and disposal of solid waste.

Through the DENR's Strategic Communication Initiatives Service (SCIS), the campaign was developed to fast track its collective and ultimate objective of a healthier, greener, and cleaner Philippines amid the growing environmental threats in the country and the world.

"Creating a better and healthier environment through efficient solid waste management is one of the biggest challenges that we, at the DENR, are faced today," Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said during the campaign launch on Oct. 15 at the DENR Central Office.

"We really need the support of the people, especially our youth

sector. It is important, therefore, to impress to them that unless we do something right today by diligently practicing sound solid waste management, the future will be bleak," he added.

To spread awareness and encourage public support to the campaign, the DENR will strengthen partnerships and collaborations, technology, as well as information, education and communication.

"While this program is intended to be a whole-of-nation approach, we designed this to be more focused on the youth who would later serve as our environmental champions," said Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units (LGUs) Concerns and SCIS Supervising Undersecretary Benny D. Antiporda.

Included in the DENR's solid waste management campaign is the Basura Buster, a free, web-based game application for children ages 5 to 8 years old.

The application,

which can be downloaded on Android devices through the Google Play Store, allows players to earn points by properly segregating different kinds of trash in an educational and entertaining way.

Through its social media accounts, the DENR also hopes to influence behavioral change through a series of videos that show proper solid waste management practices in day-to-day situations.

These include segregating garbage, bringing of own eating utensils in restaurants, and selling trash for cash or "Pera sa Basura."

The SWM Advocacy campaign was launched via a blended platform with officials and personnel of the DENR Central Office, regional and field offices, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices, Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices, bureaus and attached agencies.

Department of the Interior and Local Government Assistant Secretary for Special Concerns - Local Government Sector Atty.

Odilon L. Pasaraba and Mother Earth Foundation chairperson and National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) Alternate Representative of non-government organizations Sonia Mendoza have also expressed their support through video messages.

Also present were representatives from the NSWMC, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, LGUs, and other stakeholders.

Meanwhile, as part of the Manila Bay rehabilitation, the DENR-NCR in partnership with the Basic Environmental Systems & Technologies Inc. will bring the recently-launched Trash to CashBack program to the DENR-NCR field offices in Metro Manila.

The Trash to CashBack program has set up a drop-off center called "My Basurero Eco-Community Center" at the DENR National Ecology Center in Quezon City where the public can exchange segregated and recyclable waste for environmental points that can be converted to consumer goods by partner outlets.###

NEWSBIT

One-year-old baby drowns off stream

DINGRAS, Ilocos Norte, Oct. 13, 2021--This tragic incident is blamed on apparent negligence?

A one-year-old baby girl allegedly crawled unnoticed and drowned off a stream at Brgy. Barong, this town, police said.

P/Capt. Joseph Calderon, the town police chief, reported that the mother allegedly entrusted her baby under the care of two young siblings while she went to a nearby stream to launder their clothes.

He said the baby probably crawled on the ground towards the stream unnoticed by the siblings, who maybe were just playing around.

Hours later, the mother returned home to give milk to the baby.

She was shocked and worried to find out that the baby was missing.

She quickly scoured the area and found the victim's body floating in the water, some 100 meters away from their house.

No further details of how the victim fell off the brook. (tri-media report)

Man quarrels wife, then he hangs self

BACARRA, Ilocos Norte, Oct. 16, 2021--Is this the bitter impact of loneliness amid the COVID pandemic?

A man, who was apparently gripped with loneliness, hanged himself after a quarrel during an overseas phone call with his wife working abroad.

P/Major Dionisio Baldillo, the town police chief, said the victim, whose name was withheld, was found dead hanging using a rope that he looped around his neck.

Major Baldillo said the victim was rushed by responders to the hospital where an attending doctor declared the man dead on arrival.

Investigators ruled out foul play in the incident.

Independent observers shared that suicide cases soared in this province even before and during the existing contagion. (tri-media report)

DA allots.....(back page)

livestock to higher ground, For rice, some 141,635 and pruning of fruit trees, metric tons (MT) worth among other needed P2.08 billion in Regions precautions. 1 and 2 were harvested,

As a result, more than while corn farmers in P2.86-billion worth of rice Region 2 were able to save and corn were saved due to 55,654 MT worth P779.15 said early warning system. M. ### (RTDC)

DA Ilocos Region recognizes winners for the Kabataang Agribiz Challenge

72 out of the 109 aspiring young entrepreneurs were awarded today during the Young Farmers Challenge Provincial Level Awarding with 26 youth beneficiaries from the province of Pangasinan, seven from La Union, 26 and 13 from Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte, respectively.

The declared provincial winners will receive P50,000 cash per youth awardee and all are qualified as contenders for the regional search on November 15-19.

During the regional search, three winners will be selected who will then forward to the next and last stage which is the National Search for Best Business Model Canvas. Regional winners will receive P150,000 each and P300,000 for the winners at the national level.

Called the "Young

Farmers Challenge: Kabataang Agribiz", this program was initiated by Senator Imee Marcos and supported by the Department of Agriculture with the guidance of DA Sec. William D. Dar.

The program seeks to lure back young individuals to engage in agri-fishery based enterprises by providing financial grant assistance to winners which they can use as start-up capital for the implementation of their BMC.

Prior to the awarding, said participants showcased their Business Model Canvas to a panel of judges for their review and evaluation.

The young agribiz aspirants wowed the judges with their interesting and innovative agri-enterprise proposals that showed promising agribusiness ventures.

The evaluation criteria are the following: Entrepreneurial attitude; innovativeness; revenue stream of the business proposal; and value addition.

Due to the existing pandemic, the awarding was done virtually and livestreamed thru DA & Rafis Ilocos Region FB page and account.

PUBLICATION NOTICE R.A. 10172

Republic of the Philippines
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Province of ILOCOS NORTE
Municipality of BACARRA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 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 **LARNIE G. DAFUN** (document owner) has filed with this office a petition for Correction of Clerical Error in the **GENDER/SEX** from **MALE** to **FEMALE** and **CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from **LARRY** to **LARNIE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LARRY GALIZA** born on **October 14, 1970** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Basilio Galiza** and **Estela Galiza**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **October 29, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **CLEMENTE S. GALIZA, Ph.D.**
Municipal Civil Registrar

October 11-17, 2021
& October 18-24, 2021* Ilocos Sentinel

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased **TEODORO SONGA** and **FRANCISCO CASTILLO** pertaining to their respective shares over a parcel of land designated as Lot 16110-B of the subdivision plan Psd-58836, being a portion of Lot 16110, Laoag Cadastre, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 1181), situated in the Barrio of Vira, City of Laoag, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 11703 was the subject of Deed of Self-Adjudication and Absolute Sale executed by their legal heir Maria S. Castillo, duly represented by virtue of a Special Power of Attorney in favor of her Attorney-in-Fact **Virginiano G. Garo**, before Notary Public Atty. **Brian Jay Corpuz**; Doc. No. 478; Page No. 96; Book No. XXIII; Series of 2017.

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Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc and Vice Governor Cecilia Araneta Marcos led the launching of the "I'm IN LUV" travel fair on October 8, 2021 at Robinsons mall in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte. The 3-day event showcased the best tourist attractions of Ilocos Norte and La Union. This strategic partnership between two premier destinations in the North is a big boost to the revival of the local tourism industry. (Photo courtesy of PGIN-CMO)

PRO1 inks MOU with Radio Mindanao Network

Camp BGen Oscar M Florendo – PRO1 Regional Director, PBGEN EMMANUEL B PERALTA, signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Radio Mindanao Network, Inc. (RMN) thru i-FM radio, represented by the Station Manager Mr. Mark Espinosa, in a ceremonial signing of MOU, later today at Camp Florendo, PRO1.

The said MOU endeavors to promote a campaign to prevent and control crimes through optimized public information of PNP's plans, programs, projects and accomplishments and help improve the image and credibility of the PNP.

Through this, the PNP will co-produce a radio segment ISUMBONG MO SA PRO 1, a localized version of the PNP's

program Rektang Konek Aksyon Agad, that will be aired in the said radio station thrice a week (every Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays). This includes the broadcasting of PRO1's projects and operational accomplishments.

PBGEN PERALTA expressed his gratitude to the management of said radio network for providing an avenue for PRO 1 to showcase their

accomplishments in the different law enforcement operations, PCR activities, other undertakings conducted in the region, and the preparations of the forthcoming national elections. Likewise, Mr. Mark Espinosa of RMN, thanked PRO1 for being committed to delivering public service particularly in the delivery of real news and information to the people. ###

DA allots initial P822 M to help farmers, fishers affected by "Typhoon Maring"

The Department of Agriculture (DA) has allotted an initial P822-million (M) worth of various interventions to assist farmers and fisherfolk affected by "Typhoon Maring" that caused damage to major crops, livestock and fishery products, mostly in Northern Luzon (Regions 1, 2, and CAR).

"We will continue to provide our typhoon and flood-affected farmers and fisherfolk in Northern Luzon and other areas with immediate aid and much-needed assistance to recover and start anew after the damage and loss in their livelihood and income," said agriculture secretary William Dar.

Of the total P822-M assistance, P650 M is allotted for provision of emergency loans to affected farmers and fishers under the SURE Calamity Loan Assistance Program through the DA-Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC). Each affected household can borrow P20,000, at zero interest, no collateral and payable in 10 years.

Aside from the agricultural loan, the DA has allotted P172 M under its Quick Response Fund (QRF) for the rehabilitation of affected areas in Regions 1,2 & CAR.

These interventions are over and above the regular assistance provided by the

DA to farmers and fishers affected by typhoons and other natural calamities. Ready for distribution are: close to 169,000 bags of certified rice seeds, 16,600 bags of certified corn seeds, and 1,480 kilograms of assorted vegetable seeds; drugs and biologics for livestock and poultry; as well as indemnification for affected farmers/fishers from Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC).

As of October 13, the estimated damage to agriculture has amounted to P692 M with 32,392 farmers and fisherfolk affected. Damages and losses recorded were mostly on rice (P498 M), corn (P120 M), high value crops (P56 M), livestock and poultry (P6 M), and fisheries (P12M).

The damage could have been more massive had it not been for the early DA advisories and early warning system, as instructed by Secretary Dar, that enabled farmers and fishers to harvest early their crops and fishery products.

Due to early planting and harvesting, about 60 percent of the wet season rice crop was already harvested. Farmers were also forewarned to save their respective crops and livestock, including harvest of mature crops, draining of field to avoid flooding, securing

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