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Four newly-appointed judges of the various trial courts jointly pay a courtesy call on Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc on March 21, 2022. In the photo are Judge Charles Javier M. Calapini of Bangui Regional Trial Court (RTC); Judge Khristy Ahnn Q. Cac-Rivera of Laoag City MTC; Judge Aries John P. Lagmay of Piddig-Carasi-Solsona MTC; and Judge Ma. Valenie G. Blando of Bangued (Abra) Municipal Trial Court (MTC). (*Photo courtesy of PGIN- CMO*)

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DOTr-PGIN to build ₱380M terminal hub

- *A modern facility project for buses, jeepneys, taxis, vans, and tricycles*

The Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte, will build the P380 million Ilocos Norte Central Terminal Hub project to solve traffic congestion in the commercial business district in Laoag, the province's capital city.

Metro Ilocos Norte Council General Manager Cipriano Martinez III said that DOTr Secretary Arthur Tugade and Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc had formally signed the Memorandum of Agreement for the project on March 16, 2022.

The transport hub will be constructed at the site of Brgy. 5, San Pedro in Laoag City.

The project design will be an intermodal terminal with multi-level platforms and

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PGIN cited as Top LGU National Vaccination Day performer

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN), headed by Governor Matthew J. Marcos Manotoc, has been awarded by the National Task Force on COVID-19 and the Department of Interior and Local Government earlier today, March 22, at the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City, for being one of the top performing local government units in the recent National Vaccination Day.

The national government led its latest mass COVID-19 vaccination drive, targeting 1.8 million Filipinos, in its

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS IN A FLASH

by Multimedia Report

Police-Ilocos Norte asked to validate report that 3 hired killers from Abra out on the loose in the province

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INPPO gives police security to five politicians in I.Norte as local poll campaign begins on March 25

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PD Col. Suriben: Politicians, civilians in Ilocos Norte deposit 271 firearms from Jan. to March online with the gun ban election '22

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Cops seize P50K-worth Marijuana leaves, Cal. 38, marked money from a high-value drug suspect in Laoag City

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Illegal parking violators in San Nicolas, I. Norte warned: Case goes to LTO for action on driver license renewal if failed to pay fine within 5 working days

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BFP says trike catches fire in Bacarra, I.Norte due to modified wiring. Owner claims damages cost P136K

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Guest Editorial:

DepEd's early registration begins

In preparation for the incoming class opening, the Department of Education (DepEd) will conduct the Early Registration for School Year (SY) 2022-2023 during the period from March 25 to April 30, 2022.

The month-long activity aims to ensure that incoming learners are registered for the next SY and help the Department better anticipate and deal with the possible challenges and concerns, as stated in the DepEd Order No. 3, s. 2018 or the Basic Education Enrollment Policy.

"All incoming Kindergarten, Grades 1, 7, and 11 learners in all public elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to pre-register to allow the Department to make necessary preparations and adjustment of plans for the incoming School Year," Education Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones said.

Briones also noted that Grades 2-6, 8-10, and 12 do not need to participate in the early registration as they are considered pre-registered.

The Department encouraged private schools to conduct their respective early registration activities in the same time frame.

"As we are set to conduct early registration, we remind our school authorities from both public and private schools to strictly implement the Kindergarten cut-off age under DO 020, s. 2018," Sec. Briones said.

Despite the lingering COVID-19 pandemic in the country, DepEd urged everyone not to be complacent and instead follow the IATF guidelines and DOH's minimum health and safety standards.

"In the context of the prevailing COVID-19 public health emergency, the conduct of the early registration shall be done remotely in areas under Alert Levels 3-5. In-person registration through parents or guardians may be allowed in areas under Alert Levels 1-2 provided physical distancing and health and safety protocols are strictly observed," Briones said.

In 2021, the Department implemented a hybrid setup for the early registration, remote for areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and in-person for areas under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ).

Last year, more than four million learners signed up for the early registration for SY 2021-2022, showing the continued support of parents for learning continuity.

Introduced to help DepEd anticipate the number of enrollees for the coming school year, the early registration scheme also ensures the right of all school-aged learners to enroll and be equally provided with quality, accessible, relevant, and liberating basic education.

Moreover, it also seeks to locate, identify, and register out-of-school youth and children, who are in conflict with the law, homeless, living with disabilities, living in off-grid communities and geographically isolated areas, and displaced due to natural disasters and armed conflicts. (DepEd)

WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

God will always forgive us

(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)

During the days of the Civil War in America, a guard was caught sleeping on duty. For that, he was sentenced to death.

When Pres. Abraham, Lincoln heard about it, he himself talked with the guard and ordered the penalty be commuted.

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His generals complained, but the president's decision remained. Because of the compassionate gesture, the soldier did his best from then on, and proved to be an exceptionally diligent, conscientious soldier.

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That true story might well illustrate the over bending compassion of the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15, 11-32) in this 4th Sunday of Lent.

Bible scholars say that the Parable of the "Prodigal Son" is a misnomer. It should be called the parable of the "Prodigal Father" because the whole story depicts the lavish love of the father on his errant son.

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This love begins when the father reluctantly yielded to the wish of his son who insisted to be free by getting his inheritance and breaking away from home.

Although the father knew the danger that lay ahead, he let him go. This gives us an insight into God's love: for love to be true it must be freely given; it cannot be forced.

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After the profligate son had spent all his patrimony in "loose living," he was despondent, broken, abandoned.

In order to keep body and soul together, the impoverished lad had to work in a piggery feeding swine.

Then the son came to his senses. For the first time he realized what a big mistake he had made. He says to himself, "I will rise and go to my father." So, he returned home.

What did the father do when he saw him coming? The father ran and threw his arms around him and kissed him.

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The loving father in the story represents God and the wayward son is every sinner, that is, us. Christ is saying that after even the most grievous of mistakes or the most degrading of sins, God is always waiting for us and, with open arms, will take us back.

In the words of Pope Francis: "God never gets tired of forgiving us. It is we who get tired of asking forgiveness from Him."

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THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

by Eduardo Teodoro "Jet" B. Ramos, Jr.

COMMUNITY FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION AS CATALYSTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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It takes a village to raise a child.

Such an old African aphorism applies not only to children but also to adults, including senior citizens. As long as we live, we all evolve and change whether we accept it or not. Change is the only constant occurrence in this world and so we have to experience change in order to grow holistically.

It is not enough that our community is able to provide us with nutritional nourishment, financial prosperity, and educational success. We all have to admit that in most developed societies, spirituality is almost becoming nil for many have been jaded by their struggles in life and thus have started relying entirely on their skills and talents just to succeed, at least by world standards.

In contrast to its more developed counterparts, developing nations (especially those that are predominantly Christian) rely more on spirituality not because they are fatalistic but because their citizens have gone through so much and are thus more resilient. One of these developing nations happens to be our beloved nation: the Philippines. Coincidentally, the entire country is riding on the crest of a wave because we are celebrating 500 years of Christianity, which has taken place since March last year.

All churches in the Philippines, whether Roman Catholic or otherwise, are expending much time, effort, and monetary resources in order to help their respective communities to not only cope with the pernicious effects of the long-standing COVID-19 pandemic but also to eradicate juvenile delinquency and crime, promote inter-faith harmony and camaraderie, assist people who need social and medical support, and help people deprived of liberty (PDLs) to redeem themselves and ready themselves for their impending release from incarceration.

One of the parishes which is actively involved in community and spiritual formation, with palpable results, is San Roque de Mandaluyong Parish. Shepherded by its parish priest, Rev. Fr. Aries C. Reyes, San Roque de Mandaluyong has been active in its involvement in helping to improve its territory, which consists of four (4) villages: Barangay Malamig, Barangay Barangka Itaas, Barangay Barangka Ibaba, and Barangay Barangka Ilaya. The various ministries and

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organizations under the umbrella of the Parish Pastoral Council work hand-in-hand in order to realize the plans and programs of San Roque de Mandaluyong. For two years now, the parish has been reaching out to parishioners and non-parishioners alike through ayuda and online Masses, as well as different spiritual formation programs and activities.

Just last month, San Roque de Mandaluyong has launched the Gintong Edukasyon scholarship program for prospective scholars. Together with the current crop of Caritas scholars, these scholars are getting to realize their dreams of obtaining higher education through the auspices of San Roque de Mandaluyong. However, for the scholars to be able to realize their full potentials, they are required to attend regular formation programs courtesy of the parish.

To provide its scholars and other parishioners with added value and spiritual nourishment, San Roque de Mandaluyong has just begun its One-Year Formation Program, aimed at helping the entire San Roque de Mandaluyong Community to achieve not only spiritual nourishment but also social mobility, professional advancement, educational achievement, and community harmony.

Led by Sis. Rose Florido, the Education Committee coordinator and concurrent Pondo ng Pinoy (PnP) parish head and PnP vicariate coordinator, the one-year formation program is also ably and actively supported by its members: Sis. Tes Llana (Restorative Justice Ministry coordinator); Sis. Eliza Calunod (Catechetical Ministry coordinator); Sis. Irene Garcia (Family and Life Ministry coordinator); Sis. Maricris Estanislao (Ministry to the Sick coordinator and PPC Secretariat head); Bro. Rollie delos Reyes (Psychosocial Services Ministry coordinator); Sis. Sere Alfonso (Parish Renewal Experience [PREX] coordinator); Sis. Emie Malaluan (Basic Ecclesial Community [BEC] coordinator); and, this columnist.

There is not one group that does a program alone because all groups headed by the formation team members are actively involved in implementing the activities under the formation program.

One of the remarkable programs is the weekly prison ministry, in which inmates of the Mandaluyong City Jail are provided with spiritual formation through Masses and talks, as well as with material needs such as hygiene kits and food. Though the Restorative Justice Ministry has been doing their mission of visiting and providing inmates with spiritual nourishment for years, such has been made more significant with the help of other organizations within San Roque.

Another commendable program is the formation program for urban partners and scholars, which is held at San Roque de Mandaluyong Parish Church. During every ayuda distribution, all recipients get to listen to short talks by members of the one-year formation program, and the presentations center particularly on spirituality and community building, as well as other values.

As for the formation for scholars, the scholars themselves are not limited to the presentation by the speakers for they are also required to render service to the parish by being members of the Divine Word Ministry (DWM) or Eucharistic Ministers of the Holy Communion (EMHC), or any other groups of their choice. They are also required to attend PREX seminars as part of their spiritual and religious development.

The BEC, with the help of the sub-parishes, has been instrumental in helping families to develop their spirituality and their knowledge of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church through activities such as street Masses, home visitation, small group sharing, and other similar activities.

Finally, as a way of helping delinquent youth to turn a new leaf and to respond to God's call to change, the Catechetical Ministry, with the help of the parish and the other organizations, ministers regularly to residents of Bahay Pag-Asa by teaching them how to read the Bible and to develop positive values.

The one-year formation program of San Roque Parish Church and the members of the parish (whether church leaders or churchgoers) are sterling examples of how spirituality and community are a perfect combination. May their tribe increase for parishes such as San Roque de Mandaluyong live, breathe, and promote community formation and spiritual transformation!

To learn more about San Roque de Mandaluyong Parish, you may visit the official Facebook page of the parish: San Roque de Mandaluyong Parish.

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GUESS WHAT, GUESS WHO!

GUESS WHAT: Hurling invectives like javelins and deliberately insulting employees are the little-known secrets of this now-deceased educator/ entrepreneur who built a conglomerate during his/her lifetime. According to my source, a former employee of our subject, there were many instances when the educationalist/academic magnate would shame his/her employees even for the slightest missteps. Our subject would spew expletives like a stevedore whenever his/her commands were disobeyed or were not met according to his/her standards. S/he would reach out for any object within his/her midst and aim an object towards a hapless employee. As a result, the turnover rate in our subject's company has been high. During his/her existence on the face of the Earth, our subject was attitudinally akin to Governor John Ratcliffe from Pocahontas or of Ursula from The Little Mermaid.

What are the lessons of the story? Treat your employees humanely and decently. Never hit your employees below the belt by being all out physical (unless you want to be like Mike Tyson). See to it that success never gets into your head. Repent from your sins before you expire.

GUESS WHO: Who is this social media influencer/musician/ thespian who is known for his/her inflated ego, unbridled hubris, and failing to at least keep his/her extramarital affair under wraps? My source, who is a character actor, told me one day that our subject has an ego much more humongous than those of the veteran cast players and that s/he has the tendency to puff himself/herself up like a peacock or a flamingo. Another issue with our subject is that s/he takes to the bottle like a lonely sailor out at sea. Karma hit our subject when s/he was charged with adultery just recently by his/her infuriated spouse, who has been crying a river over our subject's dalliances.

What are the lessons of the story? Be faithful to your spouse. Never let your ego take over your better moral judgment. Atone for your sins by repenting and changing for the better. Fame is never a license to indulge in wanton immorality.

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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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interconnectivity for all public utility jeepneys, buses, taxis, vans, and tricycles operating daily in Ilocos Norte.

It will also serve as a transfer point for commuters entering and exiting the province for their convenient and comfortable travel.

Martinez said that DOTr had presented a concept of the project to the group of PGIN officials who made an ocular visit to the Paranaque Integrated Terminal Exchange and the North Luzon Express Terminal.

He added that the MINC Office will oversee the hub when the project is operational.

The hub will collect no fees from the transport groups that will use the central terminal. — (*Blessing Angel V. Agliam, PGIN-CMO*)

Ongoing flood control structure in Vintar, I.N. seen to increase flood free land

LAOAG CITY -- To increase the number of flood free and secured land for agriculture, livestock, and infrastructures, the 507.2 meters river wall protection is being built in Barangay Tamdagan, Vintar, Ilocos Norte.

Once completed, it will reduce the occurrence of flooding and provide a resilient guard against river overflow, protecting the residents of Barangay Tamdagan living near the Bislak River.

The ongoing construction of flood control structure along Bislak River is being implemented by Department of Public Works and Highways Ilocos Norte First District Engineering Office led by District Engineer Maria Venus S. Torio. (*DPWH Region 1*)

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Some of you may object to the Father's lavish treatment of the errant son as condoning his wrongdoing.

Jesus' parable conveys that, just as a particular child who's sick needs extra special care and love, so a son who goes astray or is morally dead needs special care and attention. Thus, the father's justification: "We have reason to celebrate because your brother was dead but has returned to life."

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As we enter deeper into the season of Lent, let us avail of the opportunity to return to our "prodigal Father." All that's needed are the acceptance of our failings, confessing them in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and renewing our life. The effect of forgiveness is a deep sense of joy, relief and peace of soul.

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The lighter side. In trying to highlight the fact that the older brother in the above parable was unhappy about the return of the wayward brother, a religion teacher asked: "Who was the most unhappy when the prodigal son returned?"

A boy raised his hand and blurted out: "Ma'am, the fattened cow–because it was slaughtered for the homecoming!"

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'7 Last words.' The SVD Mission Communications Foundation, Inc. will telecast on ABS-CBN (Kapamilya Channel) the "7 Last Words" on Good Friday, April 15 at 12noon-3 p.m. Join us at the Divine Word Shrine in Christ the King Seminary, E. Rodriguez Blvd., Q.C.

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By the way, we sent out solicitation letters for advertisement placements and donations for the TV program. May we hear from you?

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ILOCOS SUR

Ilocos Sur gov't holds province-wide outreach program

VIGAN CITY, Mar. 25 (PIA) – The Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur (PGIS), through the leadership of Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson, expands its Reaching Your Areas Now (R.Y.A.N.) Capitol Outreach Program to all 32 municipalities and two cities in the province for the month of March.

Through the province-wide project, the PGIS provided farm equipment and machineries to farmers' associations, and fish feeds for the fishery sector.

Ilocos Surians also availed of the on-site services and assistances the provincial government prepared such as agricultural inputs, veterinary biologics, Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS), free consultation, medical and dental services and free medicines.

During the leg of the program conducted in Vigan City on March 18, 2022, Governor Singson said, "We immediately scheduled this long-delayed outreach program of the provincial government when our province was put under Alert Level 1."

He noted that the outreach program was supposed to be a 2020 project but was postponed due to the constraints of the coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

The outreach program had its initial kickoff in the municipality of Sigay, Ilocos Sur on March 7, 2022, and has reached the municipalities of Salcedo, Santiago, Cabugao, Sinait, Narvacan, Santa Cruz, Tagudin, and Burgos, including the City of Vigan to mention a few.

The governor expressed his gratitude to the citizenry for their

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ILOCOS SUR

DSWD FO 1 pilot tests Emergency Cash Transfer (ECT) in the entire Philippines

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) together with the World Bank implemented ECT in the Municipality of Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. It is the second municipality to implement ECT in the entire Philippines to conduct an actual trial designed to test and refine procedures on its operations manual and to evaluate the effectiveness of the project that will uplift the socio-economic conditions of the disaster victims. The study of its impact and effectiveness would help regularize ECT as one of the programs of DSWD.

"Sa panahon ng pandemya ay naging limitado ang galaw lalo na sa payout dahil sa protocols. Inaaral po natin further kung paano natin mas mapabubuti ang Sistema, kaya 'yung lessons sa pilot implementation sa San Juan, La Union at dito sa Tagudin, Ilocos Sur will be brought to other municipalities kung paano natin itutuloy ang ECT (During the pandemic, movement was limited especially during payout due to protocols. We are further studying how we can improve the system, that is why the lessons in pilot implementation in San Juan, La Union and here in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur will be brought to other municipalities for ECT's future implementation)," explained Teresa Pamela Palma, ECT Consultant and World Bank representative.

There were 10,132 affected families by Typhoon Maring in Tagudin based on the DSWD FO 1 terminal report, hence chosen as target beneficiaries for the ECT implementation in the Province of Ilocos Sur. As of 24 March 2022, 4,939 family beneficiaries have been served for their rehabilitation and recovery after being hit by the said typhoon.

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LA UNION

SK Federation of the City of San Fernando, the 'bloodiest' SK Federation in La Union

For receiving several awards, the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) of the City of San Fernando was proclaimed as the 'Bloodiest SK Federation' during the awarding ceremony of Project D.A.R.A: "Dara ti Agtutubo, Ranud nga Ayat" on March 8, 2022 held at the La Union Provincial Tourism Office.

Aside from receiving the Highest Number of Youth Donors Award, special awards were also presented to SK President of City of San Fernando Mark Anthony A. Ducusin as the Best Project D.A.R.A. Coordinator and to SK Chairperson of Poro Aira Sanchez as the Most Active Chairperson.

They received trophies and certificates, together with PhP 300,000 worth of project funding.

Project D.A.R.A: "Dara ti Agtutubo, Ranud nga Ayat" is a joint project of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of La Union and the Philippine Red Cross La Union - San Fernando City Chapter. It is a blood donation competition among all SK Federations in the province and is open to SK members and non-members aged sixteen (16) to sixty-five (65) who are qualified blood donors. (*CGSF*)

LA UNION

Couples celebrate love through a tree-planting activity

As part of the Civil Mass Wedding Program of the City Civil Registry, 29 couples participated in the Tree Planting activity held at the La Union Botanical Garden last March 12, 2022.

The City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) identified the areas where the seedlings that will soon grow into "trees of love" were planted. This activity is sentimental for the couples because according to the City Civil Registry, the tree of love will remind the couples that they have something to look forward to whenever they see their plant every time they visit the place.

Also present in the event were City Civil Registrar Ms. Evelyn A. Guhit, City Councilor Juliana Miranda Aquino, a representative from the Office of the City Vice Mayor, CENR Officer Valmar M. Valdez, and some of his staff.

The Tree Planting activity was not just a highlight project but also a celebration of love and affection for the couples as they redirect their nourishing care towards their tree of love.

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PANGASINAN

Pangasinan town passes 'bawal bastos' ordinance

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan, Mar. 21 (PIA) – The Sangguniang Bayan of Lingayen passed Ordinance No. 109, s-2022 or the "Bawal Bastos Ordinance" that prohibits gender-based sexual harassment in public places, social media, work or offices, schools and training institutions here.

Councilor Rasel Cuaresma, committee chair on women and author of the ordinance, said it applies to the general public but more specifically to women who are prone to experiencing harassment.

"(This is for the) general public. Not only to women. Pero since target lagi ang women, parang naka-focus sa kanila (ang ordinance)," Cuaresma said.

The "Bawal Bastos Ordinance" includes catcalling, wolf whistling, sexist, homophobic and transphobic remarks or calling someone as gay or lesbian, verbal or physical sexual advances, and other kinds of harassment, persistent telling of sexual jokes, use of sexual names; and even stalking.

It also bans public masturbation or flashing of private parts, groping, or making offensive body gestures at someone and other similar lewd sexual actions.

Also, any advances, whether verbal or physical, that is unwanted and has threatened one's sense of personal space and physical safety, which may include cursing, leering, or looking with a sideways or oblique glance, which suggests lascivious interest or sly and malicious intention intrusive gazing, or taunting are prohibited.

Cuaresma said violators will be fined.

Violators will be meted a fine of P2,500 with counseling and monthly reporting to the Municipal

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PANGASINAN

PESO chiefs in PH converge in Pangasinan

DAGUPAN CITY, Mar. 21 (PIA) – For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic struck, the officers of the Public Employment Services Office Managers Association of the Philippines (PESOMAP) have met face-to-face to discuss their plans and strategies as agents of employment facilitation in the local government level.

Serving as host to this year's national gathering of PESOMAP officers was the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in Ilocos.

In coordination with the City Government of Alaminos, the PESOMAP's First Quarter Meeting was held at the First Islatel on March 15-17, 2022.

DOLE's Bureau of Local Employment (BLE) facilitated the conduct of the meeting.

Speaking on behalf of BLE Director and DOLE Assistant Sec. Dominique Rubia-Tutay, BLE Employment Service Program Management Division Chief Ana Liza Ragos expressed her sincerest gratitude to DOLE in Ilocos and Alaminos City government for graciously welcoming the PESOMAP officers, as they gather once again to reinforce the vital role of PESO managers in employment recovery.

DOLE in Ilocos regional director Atty. Evelyn Ramos, through Assistant Regional Director Honorina Dian-Baga, said the PESO managers are vital partners of DOLE in the communities, and their roles have become indispensable now more than ever.

Alaminos City Mayor Arth Bryan Celeste commended the DOLE's strong presence on the ground, as it continues to forge productive partnerships with the city's PESO, through officer-in-charge PESO manager Eleanor Bruno.

Among the agenda discussed during the meeting were: National

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PUV drivers to get accident insurance

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN), through the Metro Ilocos Norte Council (MINC), has allocated Php 1.5 million accident insurance fund for public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers in the province.

Labeled as the "MINC Transport Group Accident Insurance," the initiative aims to give benefits to all MINC-registered PUV drivers in case of accidents and death in response to the hazards they are exposed to in their job.

"Most PUV drivers are daily wage earners. They rely on their daily earnings to sustain their families. That is why they cannot afford to get sick nor be engaged in any accidents. Thus, MINC will provide and ensure a blanket of protection from all risks either by accident or death as our drivers ply the roads and provide transport services to our kakailian," Mr. Cipriano E. Martinez III, MINC General Manager, said.

To claim insurance, PUV drivers must have a MINC Identification Card, have been in a work-related accident, and be of legal age, in addition to the documentary requirements depending on the nature of the accident.

Medical expenses of minor accidents will be covered by the Provincial Government or will be compensated with Php 10,000.00, whichever is less. Similarly, in serious accidents that result in the loss of limbs, paralysis, or mental trauma, medical expenses will be covered or a sum of Php 30,000 will be provided. In the event of immediate death, the family of the deceased driver will be given burial assistance of Php 50,000.— *Blessing Angel V. Agliam, PGIN-CMO*

NEWSBIT

SSS issued notices to delinquent employers to settle their payments.

During the Run After Contribution Evaders (RACE) campaign conducted by the Social Security System (SSS), seven business establishments in Ilocos Norte were issued notice to settle their delinquencies on non-remittance of SSS constributions and non-production of employer's documents.

The employers are urged to settle their SSS legal obligations through availment of the Pandemic Relied and Restructuring Program (PRRP-3)-Enhanced Installment Payment Program.

Atty. Blesselda M. Acosta, Head of the Legal Cluster of SSS Luzon North, reminded employers to be compliant to SSS Laws. "Sa mga employers, huwag niyo nang hintayin na may mga mag-complain pa or ma-discover ng SSS na non-compliant kayo. Hindi lang ang violation ay fine kundi na rin kulong ng 6 years and one day up to 12 years. Hindi lang legal obligation yan, kundi moral obligation na rin," she said.

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased RODOLFO G. PERUCHO pertaining to the one-half (1/2) portion over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 239-B, Psd-1-009884, being a portion of Lot 239, Cad. 252, Burgos, Cadastre, L.R.C. Rec. No. F. Patent, situated in at Barrio Buduan, Municipality of Burgos, Province of Ilocos Norte, covered by TCT No. T-15878 has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold unto Sps. Artemio J. Calapini and Delia R. Calapini executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 98; Page No. 21; Book No. XXIV; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased PACITA CLEMENTE and GLORIO DICULEN, pertaining to their respective share over a parcel of land described as Lot No. 27791, Cad 398, situated at Brgy. Mabaleng, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT P-12008 has been adjudicated by their heir and simultaneously sold unto Remaly Villanueva Rosquita in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 58; Page No. 13; Book No. CXXXII; Series of 2022.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE with SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased FLORENTINO LAGUNA a.k.a. FLORENTINA LAGUNA, pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7296, situated at Barangay 21, Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-41813 has been extrajudicially settled among his heirs and simultaneously sold unto SPS. BIENVENIDO G. RAMOS and RUBY B. RAMOS as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Melchor B. Guillen; as per Doc. No. 274; Page No. 56; Book No. LXXVI; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased JIMMY M. LU, died on September 16, 2016 at Laoag City General Hospital, Brgy. 46 Nalbo, Laoag City, pertaining to a condominium unit described as 8th FLOOR LEVEL, Unit No. 1803, situated at the Paragon Plaza Condominium Project, Municipality of Mandaluyong, Province of Rizal with unit area of 52.54 sq.m., Park Area of 12.50 sq.m. or a total area of 65.04 sq.m., registered under Condominium Certificate of Title No. 008-2012003756 is a subject of Deed of Adjudication with Quitclaim executed by his legal heirs before Notary Public Atty. Isidro Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 463; Page No. 94; Book No. LXXXI; Series of 2019.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased VENANCIO P. DIRIC SR., pertaining to a parcel of land described as Lot No. 38641, Cad-398, situated at Brgy. #29 San Pedro, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by OCT P-35341 has been adjudicated by his heirs Valencia P. Diric and Venancio P. Diric, Jr. and simultaneously sold unto Spouses Venancio P. Diric, Jr. and Cheryl Diric in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 41; Page No. 10; Book No. CXXXII; Series of 2022.

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Employment Recovery Strategy (NERS) Localization Initiatives; Committee Tasking for the 23rd National PESO Congress; BLE Updates on Devolution, Bayanihan Awards II and Institutionalized PESOs; and the Public Employment Services National Certificate IV-B Assessment and Certification.

The PESOMAP officers for 2019-2022 are: President, Jonix Paniagua (Region 12); Executive Vice President (VP), Imelda Pascual (Cordillera Administrative Region); VP for Luzon, Luningning Vergara (Region 3); VP for Visayas, Norman Victor Ordiz (Region 8); VP for Mindanao, Gaudencio Abejero Jr. (Region 9); Secretary, Glenda Añinon (National Capital Region); Treasurer, Vilma Yorong (Region 7); Auditor, Divina Lagumbay (CARAGA Region); and Board of Directors namely Clemente Galiza (Region 1); Jeffrey Salmon (Region 2); Romualdo Garcia (Region 4A); Diosdado Rañeses (Region 5); Elma Bachita (Region 6); Kathleen Kate Sorilla (Region 10); Richard Rebote (Region 4B); and, Rogeneth Lianos (Region 11).

The PESOMAP officers also took an immersion tour at the Hundred Islands National Park in Alaminos City; and the Provincial PESO in Lingayen town where they benchmarked on Pangasinan PESO's best practices, through the leadership of PESO Manager Alex Ferrer. (*April Bravo/ PIA Pangasinan*)

PGIN..... ....(page 1)

fourth phase from March 10 to 12. This nationwide effort has prioritized booster doses for those in the health and economic sectors, those whose second doses are due or who have missed doses, remaining members of the target elderly population who have yet to complete their shots, and those aged 12 to 17 years old who are not yet fully immunized.

PGIN has excelled in the category of number of A2 (elderly population) doses completed. By the end of 2021, Ilocos Norte has the highest percentage with at least one (1) vaccination dose in Region 1.

Gov. Marcos Manotoc has lauded Ilokano frontliners in line with this achievement:

"We have been able to carry out our vision of a 'healthier' Ilocos Norte. We deeply thank all of our frontliners, from our medical frontliners, to our uniformed personnel, to our BHERTs, who continue to protect us in this pandemic. Thank you very much. "

According to the Department of Health-Region I, Ilocos Norte remains to have the highest number of vaccines administered among Region I provinces. As of March 04, a total of 438, 267, or 88% of the 496, 042 target population, have been fully vaccinated. On the other hand, the Province has recorded 488, 764 partially vaccinated residents. (*Edison Justin B. Deus, PGIN-CMO*)

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strict compliance of the health and safety protocols imposed during the height of the pandemic which helped the government in controlling the situation citing that Ilocos Sur is the province with the lowest number of COVID-19 cases in all of Region 1.

One of the beneficiaries from the Vigan Corn Cluster Farmers Association, Wilson Navarro said, "We are thankful to the provincial government for this annual program, for this assistance that we received. Every barangay was given machines, planters for corn and vegetables, and water pump."

The City of Candon is the final beneficiary of the R.Y.A.N. Capitol Outreach Program conducted by the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur on March 24, 2022. (*AILA T. VILLANUEVA, PIA Ilocos Sur*)

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Social Welfare and Development Office for the first offense.

Offenders for the second time will face six to 10 days of imprisonment with P2,500 penalty, while detention from 11 to 30 days will be meted out for the third offense.

The Sangguniang Bayan is still awaiting the concurrence of the Provincial Board before its implementation. (*JCR/ AMB/PIA Pangasinan*)

Republic of the Philippines
First Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 11
City of Laoag, Ilocos Norte

DARWIN RAMON VALDEZ y CACAO, Petitioner,
-versus-
MARY ANN AQUINO y PADILLA,
Respondent.

Civil Case No. 17679
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O R D E R

Petitioner moved for leave of court to effect extraterritorial service of summons by publication on respondent. He averred that respondent cannot be served with summons to his last known address because respondent is presently in Canada. He also does not know the exact address of the respondent abroad.

The Rule on Declaration of Absolute Nullity of Void Marriages and Annulment of Voidable Marriages (A.M. No. 02-11-10-SC, March 04, 2003) provides:

> Sec. 6. Summons - The Service of Summons shall be governed by Rule 14 of the Rules of Court and by the following rules:
>
> (1) Where the respondent cannot be located at his given address or his whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry, service of summons may, by leave of court, be effected upon him by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines and in such places as the court may order. In addition, a copy of the summons shall be served on the respondent at his last known address by registered mail or any other means the court may deem sufficient.

In this case, respondent cannot be served with summons to his given address.

WHEREFORE, the court grants the petitioner leave of court to effect service of summons by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines and once in a local newspaper of general circulation.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 01 March 2022 at City of Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

(SGD.) BONHOEFER V. BERNARDEZ
Assisting Judge

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
First Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 11
City of Laoag, Ilocos Norte

DARWIN RAMON VALDEZ y CACAO,
Petitioner,
-versus-

MARY ANN AQUINO y PADILLA,
Respondent.

CIVIL CASE NO. 17679-11
For
Declaration of Nullity of Marriage
x----------x

S U M M O N S

TO: **MARY ANN AQUINO y PADILLA**
#056, Magsaysay St.,
Brgy. Quirino,
3709 Solano, Nueva Viscaya

Whereas, on March 9, 2020, a verified Petition was filed before this Court, the contents of which is quoted to wit:
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P E T I T I O N

PETITIONER, in the above-entitled case, through the undersigned counsel, and unto this Honorable Court, most respectfully alleges that:

1. Petitioner **DARWIN RAMON C. VALDEZ** is of legal age, Filipino citizen, married to **MARY ANN P. AQUINO** (herein respondent) and a resident of Brgy. 18 San Pedro, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, where he has been residing for more than six (6) months prior to the filing of this petition and where he may be served with summons, notices, orders and other processes of this Honorable Court, copy of the Barangay Certification to this effect and its corresponding sketch are hereby attached as **Annexes "A"** and **"B"**, respectively;

2. The undersigned counsel for the petitioner has also verified that the petitioner is a resident of Brgy. 18 San Pedro, San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte and has been residing thereat since 1977 up to present, copy of the Sworn Statement of Counsel on Record is hereby attached as **Annex "C"**;

3. Respondent is likewise of legal age, Filipino Citizen, and married to petitioner. She may be served with summons, notices, orders and other processes of this Honorable Court at her last known address at 056, Magsaysay St., Brgy. Quirino, Solano, Nueva Viscaya;

4. Petitioner and respondent tied the marital knot on **April 1, 2003** in Quezon City, copy of their Marriage Certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is hereby attached as **Annex "D"**;

5. It was during college that petitioner and respondent met each other at the campus of Far Eastern University in Manila. Petitioner courted the respondent for six (6) years until he finally got her sweet yes. During their sweetheart period, they had a love hate relationship because of respondent's closeness with the opposite sex that triggered jealousy on the part of petitioner;

6. Respondent is also a nagger, manipulative, and controlling. Early on petitioner already knew that respondent is hard to handle because of her hard-headedness. She also manifested provocative and irrational behaviors like she being a fault-finder. Although it was a roller coaster-ride due to their frequent fights, arguments, and momentary break ups, petitioner managed to keep their relationship because of his love for the respondent. They lasted for five years until petitioner proposed marriage;

7. At first, respondent did not want to get married because she had plans of going abroad. Petitioner however, convinced respondent by supporting her financially to finish a caregiver course;

8. In 2002, she completed her course in caregiving and immediately filed her application for Canada while they planned to get married;

9. After the wedding, the new couple stayed at petitioner's family house. Petitioner worked while respondent stayed home while waiting for her application. It was blissful marriage for the couple for the first week but just the same, they fought on the same issues. Her closeness to her male friends and flirty behaviors persisted even if they were already married. She became irritable especially when her husband, the petitioner, was around. She also refused to do household chores while her husband goes to work leaving their house dirty and messy;

10. Petitioner tolerated her behaviors believing that it was an adjustment period for both of them. He was hopeful that his wife will someday turn into a better woman, but their daily life became miserable because they fought almost everyday. They argued over simple and trivial things because of her irate disposition;

11. Petitioner tried every approach to manage his wife but he failed to do so. There were times that they do not talk to each other even for days, and it was the petitioner who would say sorry to her most of time. She also started to reject sexual life by making lame excuses;

12. After several months of being married, respondent finally got her working visa. She promised the petitioner that she would immediately file petition for him as soon as she qualifies to do so. In return, petitioner swore to become a faithful husband in her absence;

13. Respondent left for Canada in May 2003. However, just two weeks after she arrived in Canada, petitioner noticed that she no longer communicated with him. Thus, he made his best effort to call the respondent even if it was expensive. In spite of petitioner's longing, respondent exhibited disinterest in talking to him. It came to a point that she no longer answered his telephone calls or deliberately rejected them;

14. Just after two months of staying in Canada, respondent became more evasive until she revealed that she met someone in her workplace. Subsequently, petitioner began to hear rumors that respondent was having an affair with one "Suguitan" in Canada, but he ignored it and remained faithful to his wife;

15. Admittedly, he bacame anxious with the idea that his wife was fooling around. Then one day, respondent blatantly told the petitioner that she is no longer interested with their marriage because she was already in love with someone else. It was a heart-breaking experience for the petitioner to have been rejected by his wife so many times just because of another man. He experienced depression and loss of interest in working because of his situation. Respondent's painful words kept on resounding on his mind. He wondered why his wife just gave up with their marriage so easily after years of courtship and engagement;

16. Eventually, petitioner was informed by reliable sources that respondent married her boyfriend in Canada. He later on discovered that when respondent applied, she declared herself as single. This discovery led petitioner into a conclusion that respondent never intended to consummate her marriage with him. He realized that from the very beginning, respondent never respected the essence and sanctity of their marriage. She remained insensitive, unfaithful, irresponsible, evasive and rejecting while petitioner kept on chasing her back to his arms;

17. This time, petitioner already realized that respondent already came to a point where she no longer wish to preserve their marriage. Petitioner already lost his love, respect, and confidence to the respondent who kept on jeopardizing their marital vows. For the petitioner, it is no longer rational to remain married with the respondent, because she already have three children with her bigamous husband in Canada;

18. Verily, the marriage of the petitioner and respondent was only a paper marriage, never ever nurtured by them to bloom to its fullest purpose of establishing a conjugal family life. It is never existed within the spirit and meaning given by law. Their marriage was already doomed even before it started;

19. The foregoing facts and circumstances clearly manifest that herein respondent is suffering from psychological incapacity before, during and after the celebration of their marriage and such incapacity prevents her from being able to fulfill her basic marital obligations to the petitioner in accordance with the provisions of Article 36 of the Family Code, and which incapacity shall be proven by a psychologist during the course of the trial;

20. Petitioner and respondent do not have any common child nor any common property of considerable value that may be the subject of dissolution; and

21. A copy of this petition shall be furnished to the Office of the Solicitor General at 134 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City, and the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, Marcos Hall of Justice, Laoag City within five (5) days from filing and to file proof of service within the same period, pursuant to Sec. 5 (4) of A.M. No. 02-11-10-SC.

WHEREFORE, the above premises considered, petitioner most respectfully prays that after due notice and hearing, judgment be rendered declaring the marriage contracted by the petitioner and respondent null and void from the very beginning on the ground of psychological incapacity as provided for in Article 36 of the Family Code of the Philippines.

Petitioner also prays for such other reliefs as may be deemed just and equitable under the foregoing premises.

Laoag City, Philippines. March 9, 2020

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By:
(SGD.) MICHAEL M. GARCES
Roll of Attorneys No. 54898 - 4/30/2008
I.B.P. Lifetime No. 0990697
P.T.R. No. 2043648 - L.C. 1/2/20
MCLE Compliance No.V - 0005282, January 8, 2015

VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I, **DARWIN RAMON C. VALDEZ**, of legal age, married, Filipino citizen, and a resident of Sition1, Brgy. 18 San Pedro San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, after having been sworn to in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state:

That I am the petitioner in the foregoing Petition;

That I caused the preparation of this Petition;

That the contents hereof are true to the best of my personal knowledge and based on authentic documents;

That I certify that no case of the same nature and cause of action or issue was filed before any tribunal, regular court, administrative, or quasi-judicial body that has jurisdiction hereof, and if known, shall notify this court within 5 days upon notice.

Done this MAR 09 2020 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

(Sgd.) DARWIN RAMON C. VALDEZ
Affiant

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF LAOAG) s.s.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this MAR 09 2020 at Laoag City, Philippines, **DARWIN RAMON C. VALDEZ** exhibiting to me his PDL No. A03-95-035336, valid until 2024-08-30 with picture as competent proof of his true identity.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL on the date, year and place above-mentioned.

(SGD.) ATTY. MICHAEL M. GARCES
Notary Public
Until December 31, 2020
Not. Com. Serial No. 2018-14
Roll No. 54898 - 4/30/2008
Lifetime I.B.P. No. 015844
P.T.R. No. 2043648 - L.C. 1/2/20
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Whereas, on October 27, 2021, counsel for the petitioner filed a Manifestation and Ex-Parte Motion (Motion for Leave of Court to Publish).

Whereas, on March 1, 2022, the Honorable Bonhoefer V. Bernardez, Assisting Judge of this Court, issued an Order approving the same.

NOW THEREFORE, Mary Ann Aquino y Padilla is hereby summoned through publication and required to file with the Regional Trial Court, Branch 11, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, her answer to the complaint filed against her in the instant case within **thirty (30) days** from the last publication of this summons, serving copies thereof upon the petitioner, through his counsel Atty. Michael M. Garces.

Mary Ann Aquino y Padilla is reminded of the provision in the IBP-OCA Memorandum on Policy Guidelines dated March 12, 2002 to observe restraint in filing a motion to dismiss and instead allege the grounds thereof as defenses in the answer.

WITNESS, THE HONORABLE BONHOEFER V. BERNARDEZ, Assisting Judge of this Court, this 9th day of March, 2022 at Laoag City, Philippines.

(SGD.) AIMEE FORTUNE I. YADAO
Clerk of Court V

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased BENITO P. MANUEL pertaining to a bank deposit with PNB-Laoag Branch with Acct. No. 223160166696 has been adjudicated by his heir Maxima T. Manuel in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Richard L. Tumaneng; as per Doc. No. 463; Page No. 94; Book No. IV; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE OF PORTIONS OF A PARCEL OF LAND

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ERNESTO GAPPI pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 729-C, Psd-012805-022792, being a portion of Lot 729, Cad-398, Batac Cadastre, LRC Rec. No. N-523, situated at Brgy. Aglipay, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by TCT No. T-19937 has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold a portion of said lot equivalent to 131 sq.m. (new referred as Lot 729-C-2) and 91 sq.m. (now referrred as Lot No. 729-C-2-3) unto Glocelyn Balbas Salmasan in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; as per Doc. No. 433; Page No. 88; Book No. CDXXIV; Series of 2021.

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

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ELISEO JR. M. BARUT** has filed with this office a petition for Change of First Name from **ELISEO HILARIO JR.** to **ELISEO JR.** in the birth certificate of **ELISEO HILARIO JR.** who was born on **August 12, 1962** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Eliseo Hilario** and **Maria Macadangdang**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 1, 2022.**

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

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RA 9048 No. 10.1 (LCRO)
Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Badoc

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JOYBEL TAMAYO BUENO** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **"JEFFRY"** to **"JEFFREY"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JEFFRY AGAPAY** who was born on **August 10, 1968** at **Badoc, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Juan Agapay** and **Alejandria Tacbian**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **March 28, 2022**.

(Sgd.) IRIS GAYLE SALVADOR-BATALLONES
Municipal Civil Registrar

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE with PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CARIDAD URBI TUZON pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 10731-A, situated in Barrio San Pedro (05), Laoag City, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-16492; that an improvement was erected on said lot covered by Tax Declaration No. 17-0011-00117 is the subject of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate with Partition executed by her heirs before Notary Public Atty. Sandro Marie N. Obra; as per Doc. No. 330; Page No. 66; Book No. XX; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF A PARCEL OF LOT

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased RUBEN T. GALANO pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2451, Gss 1-000001, situated at Brgy. Nagbacalan, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-63175 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs and simultaneously sold a portion of said lot equivalent to 426.5 sq. m. (now referred as Lot No. 2451-B) unto Spouses Gloria Galano Lacambra and Bryan Lacambra as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Ernielineo B. Labrador; as per Doc. No. 194; Page No. 39; Book No. XXXV; Series of 2019.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CARIDAD L. IPALARI pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 10924-B of the subdivision plan Psd-01-032044, being a portion of lot 10924, Cad. 195, Laoag, Cadastre, L.R.C. Cas. Rec. No. 1221, situated in the Barangay No. 9, Sta. Angela, Laoag City is the subject of Deed of Adjudication executed by her heirs before Notary Public Atty. Sandro Marie N. Obra; as per Doc. No. 123; Page No. 26; Book No. VII; Series of 2021.

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Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Batac City, Ilocos Norte

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CFN-005-2022 (RA 9048)
CCE-0039-2022 (RA 10172)

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 2013 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **CESAR D. ULIT** has filed a petition with this office, a petition for change of first name from **"CONSTANCIA"** to **"IMELDA CONSTANCIA"** and correction of date of birth from "**9 19 59**" to "**SEPTEMBER 29, 1959**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CONSTANCIA DICOLEN ULIT**, born at **Batac, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Emilio Ulit** and **Casimira Dicolen**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **March 27, 2022**.

(Sgd.) LORLYN FLORDELIZ P. ULIT
City Civil Registrar

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Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Batac City, Ilocos Norte

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-0044-2022 (RA 10172)

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 2013 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **JUSTINE CAMILLE MACUGAY TOLENTINO** has filed a petition with this office, a petition for correction of sex from "**MALE**" to "**FEMALE**" in her Certificate of Live Birth, born on **30 November 1999** at **Batac, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Ruel Namnama Tolentino** and **Leilani Noguera Macugay**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **March 27, 2022**.

(Sgd.) LORLYN FLORDELIZ P. ULIT
City Civil Registrar

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"Ang ECT o kahit anumang budget ay marami po talagang kulang kasi makikita mo pa lamang iyong ibang pangangailangan kaya sana po iyong hindi mabibigyan ay huwag po sumama ang loob. Ang mga hindi mabigyan ngayon ay maaari pong matulungan sa ibang paraan. Kami po sa DSWD ay humahanap po ng makabagong paraan para mas mapabilis na makapagbigay ng tulong. Magtulungan po tayo dahil ang tagumpay ay nakasalalay po sa ating lahat na parte ng isang pamilya (The ECT or any other budget is not enough because you will still see the other needs so I hope those who will not be given now will not be upset. We at DSWD are looking for new strategies to expedite the process in providing help. Let us help each other because the success of it will depend on us as part of a family)," said Regional Director Marie Angela S. Gopalan in her message.

The creation and implementation of ECT in Region 1 by the DSWD FO 1 provides unconditional cash to support the response to, recovery, and rehabilitation of families affected by disasters. The DSWD FO 1 is the first to implement ECT in the entire Philippines. The pilot testing enhanced the operations manual of the program which is planned to be regularized as one of the programs of DSWD to augment assistance to qualified families affected by disasters. : (*By Nicole Kasandra A. Lipawen, Information Officer II*)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Batac City, Ilocos Norte

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-0031-2022 (RA 10172)

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 2013 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **MARK NIEL LASATEN MALAPIT** has filed a petition with this office, a petition for correction of sex from "**FEMALE**" to "**MALE**" in his Certificate of Live Birth, born on **17 Feb 1988** at **Batac, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Noel L. Malapit** and **Elsa S. Lasaten**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **March 27, 2022**.

(Sgd.) LORLYN FLORDELIZ P. ULIT
City Civil Registrar

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DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased LORENZO VIGILLA RALLECA pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot 1 Blk. 19, Phase II, Psd-00-042763, with improvement thereon, located at 29th St., Airmens Village, Pasig City, covered by Tax Declaration No. C7-183-09184; that the improvement erected thereon is covered by Tax Declaration No. C7-183-09184 has been adjudicated by his legal heir Lorly Javier Ralleca-Pascua as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Melchor B. Guillen; as per Doc. No. 120; Page No. 25; Book No. LXXVII; Series of 2022.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND QUITCLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ARSENIO L. REBOLLIDO pertaining to his SHARE over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1978, CAD-621-D, situated at Brgy. San Roque, Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. CARP-2020000453 has been adjudicated by his legal heirs and simultaneously quitclaimed in favor co-heir Alex Nelson Rebollido as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 515; Page No. 104; Book No. CXXIX; Series of 2021.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SPOUSES ALFREDO LAYAOEN and MARIA SIBUCAO; AND ELMER S. LAOAYEN pertaining to their respective SHARES over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 616 of the Cadastral Survey of Batac, Cadastral Case No. N-1-IV, LRC Cadastral Record No. N-523, situated in Barrio No. 9, Aglipay, Municipality of Batac (City of Batac now), Province of Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-3505 is the subject of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate executed by their heirs before Notary Public Atty. Sandro Marie N. Obra; as per Doc. No. 341; Page No. 70; Book No. VI; Series of 2021.

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MARCELINO ABEL and DIONISIA ANCHETA ABEL pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 10275, situated in the Barrio of San Guillermo, Municipality of Laoag (Laoag City now), covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 23186 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs and simultaneously sold a portion of said lot equivalent to 105 sq. m. and referred to as the SHARES of co-heirs Fulcedo Abel and Marilou A. Ventura unto Sps. Jonathan Baptista and Melody A. Baptista as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 126; Page No. 27; Book No. CXXXIII; Series of 2022.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Regional Trial Court
FIRST JUDICIAL REGION
Branch 19
Bangui, Ilocos Norte

IN RE: PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF JOAN JAMIAS-ABAD,

JOANNE JAMIAS-ABAD,
Petitioner,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF PAGUDPUD, ILOCOS NORTE, THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED HEREIN,
Respondents.

SPEC. PROC. NO. 3071-19
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ORDER

Filed with this Court is a Petition for Correction of Entries in the Certificate of Live Birth of Joan Jamias-Abad.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court orders that the petition be set for hearing on April 21, 2022 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before the Court in session at Bangui, Ilocos Norte, where this Court is holding sessions.

Let a copy of this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Ilocos Norte so that all concerned may appear on or before the scheduled hearing and show cause, if any there be, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of the petition with its annexes be furnished the Civil Registrar General, Manila, the Solicitor General of the Philippines, 134 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati, Metro Manila, the Provincial Prosecutor of Ilocos Norte and the Local Civil Registrar of Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner, for their information and guidance.

SO ORDERED.

Given in chambers this 14th day of March 2022 at Bangui, Ilocos Norte.

(SGD.) CHARLES JAVIER M. CALAPINI
Executive Judge

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Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Dingras

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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 **RESLY BAUTISTA** has filed with this Office, a petition for Correction of Clerical Error in his Birth Certificate particularly in the Sex column from **"FEMALE"** to **"MALE"**, who was born on **December 7, 1996** at **Dingras, Ilocos Norte** unto parents **Egleserio Villanueva** and **Rosita Bautista**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **April 3, 2022**.

(Sgd.) ELIZA B. ATIENZA
Municipal Civil Registrar

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& March 28-April 3, 2022 Ilocos Sentinel*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MARTHA C. PLAN pertaining to a bank deposit with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Laoag City Branch with Savings Acct No. 00-5-05236-545-2 has been extrajudicially settled among her heirs and simultaneously quitclaimed by heirs Amelita Victoria P. Durian and Melba P. Amurao in favor of co-heir Emilia P. Matute in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Valarie O. Birosel; as per Doc. No. 478; Page No. 97; Book No. LXXIX; Series of 2022.

*Mar. 21-27, Mar. 28-April 3, & April 4-10, 2022*Ilocos Sentinel*

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased CLAUDIO COROTAN, pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5768, situated at Brgy. Bengcag, Laoag City, covered by Original Certifiate of Title No. 12655 has been extrajudicially settled among his heirs the 1/2 share of the aforesaid property as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 6; Page No. 3; Book No. CXXXIII; Series of 2022.

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Publication Notice
R.A. 10172
Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Pinili

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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), a notice is hereby served to the public that **NEVA JANE RIVERA DALIGCON** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Correction of Date of Birth (LCRO copy)** from **"25 JANUARY 1988"** to **"02 JANUARY 1988"** in the Birth Certificate of **NEVA JANE PAGATPATAN RIVERA,** who was born on **January 02, 1988** at **Pinili, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Jose Rivera** and **Presentacion Pagatpatan**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 4, 2022**.

(Sgd.) LIEZLE JOY V. PAGDILAO
Municipal Civil Registrar

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R.A. 10172
Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Badoc

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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), a notice is hereby served to the public that **ELVIRA AURELLANO IDICA** has filed with this Office, a Petition for **Change of First Name** from **"ELVIE"** to **"ELVIRA"** and **Correction of entry in Date of Birth** from **"Mar. 21, 1963"** to **"MARCH 31, 1963"** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ELVIE F. AURELLANO** who was born on **March 31, 1963** at **Badoc, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Gabriel Aurellano** and **Mercedes Fagarang**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **April 4, 2022**.

(Sgd.) IRIS GAYLE SALVADOR-BATALLONES
Municipal Civil Registrar

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& March 28-April 3, 2022 Ilocos Sentinel*

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased GERONIMO M. ULEP pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 21073, situated at Brgy. San Pablo, San Nicolas, covered by T.C.T. No. T-17062 has been adjudicated by sole heir Estefania G. Ulep and simultanesouly sold unto Michael John B. Bernardino, Mark Lawrence Bernardino and Maria Cecilia Bernardino as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Luciano R. Caraang; as per Doc. No. 162; Page No. 33; Book No. 201; Series of 2022.

*Mar. 21-27, Mar. 28-April 3, & April 4-10, 2022*Ilocos Sentinel*

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased VICTORINO V. BUMANGLAG, pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 5323-H, Psd-01-036756, AR VLT, being a portion of Lot 5323, CAD 445-D, situated at Barangay Suba, Municipality of Paoay, Ilocos Norte, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. TC-1595 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Federico Bumanglag Salem, Venancia Agustin Bumanglag, Ceasar D. Bumanglag and Leizel Rosario Bumanglag Gabriel and simultanesouly sold unto Jasmin Joyce D. Pascual a portion of said lot equivalent to 6,430 sq.m. as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 58; Page No. 13; Book No. CXXXIII; Series of 2022.

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Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Solsona

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CLIFFORD FAHIGAL DUMLAO** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from "**CLIFFORD QUINTIN**" to "**CLIFFORD**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CLIFFORD QUINTIN FAHIGAL DUMLAO** who was born on **September 09, 1963** at **Solsona, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Constante C. Dumlao** and **Venancia A. Fahigal**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **March 28, 2022**.

(Sgd.) ARLENE EDITHA M. VILLALOBOS
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of San Nicolas

NOTICE TO THE OF PUBLIC

In compliance with Section 5 of R. A. 9804, a NOTICE is hereby served to the public that **ELVIRA NAVARRO DIZOR** has filed with this office a petition for the change of first name from "**ELVIE**" to "**ELVIRA**" in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ELVIE NAVARRO**, who was born on **December 21, 1969** at **San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Emiliano Navarro** and **Renita Castillo.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file is written opposition with the Office not later than **March 28, 2022**.

(Sgd.) ROSEMARIE B. ANTOLIN
Municipal Civil Registrar

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH PARTITION

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased SERVANDO MIGUEL, pertaining to two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 13056 and 13057, both situated at Brgy. San Matias, Laoag City, both covered by Original Certificate of Title No. 21820 is the subject of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Partition executed by his heirs before Notary Public Atty. Antonio R. Cajigal; as per Doc. No. 370; Page No. 75; Book No. LXVIII; Series of 2019.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ERWIN FERNANDO R. ALOG, consisting of two (2) bank deposits with Eastwest Bank located at Rizal Street, Laoag City with account nos. DDa 200021167346 and SDA 200041389205 has been extrajudicially settled among his heirs Maria Cleofe D. Alog, Aldwyn Blass Justin D. Alog and Erwyn Fernando D. Alog II as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Ed Von Allan F. Cid; as per Doc. No. 442; Page No. 90; Book No. 18; Series of 2022.

*Mar. 7-13, Mar. 14-20 & Mar. 21-27, 2022*Ilocos Sentinel*

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased MELENDRINA N. REYES and ROSENDO REYES, pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 9616, Cad-577-D, situated at Brgy. Parparoroc, Vintar, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P-62815 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs Jem N. Reyes and Mely Rose Reyes Calon and simultanesouly sold unto Paul A. Mata as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Nestor T. Corpuz; as per Doc. No. 393; Page No. 80; Book No. XXII; Series of 2022.

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On Women's Month, DOLE RO1 refreshes Women Group on Labor Rights

In celebration of the 2022 National Women's Month, the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office 1 has reached out to various women groups across the region, to refresh and update them on labor rights as a way sustainably empower women as an indispensable sector of the labor force.

DOLE Regional Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos said these women groups should be continually apprised with the developments on employment concerns, to prevent women workers from vulnerabilities in the workplace.

"Embedded in our mandate to uphold industrial peace is the persistent call towards gender equality and women empowerment in the workplace," RD Ramos said.

DOLE RO1's field offices on various schedules have reached out to women associations on various orientations on Republic Act 9710, or the Magna Carta of Women; and on DOLE programs and services. DOLE also gave out health kits to the women stakeholders.

In Pangasinan, DOLE Eastern Pangasinan Field Office led by Chief Mary Antonette Avila met with 30 women from the Salud Rural Improvement Club of Natividad, Pangasinan on March 4; Central Pangasinan Field Office led by Chief Agnes Aguinaldo oriented 25 members of the Inabaan Women's Association in San Jacinto, Pangasinan on March 14; and the Western Pangasinan Field Office led by Chief Darwin Hombrebueno gathered 30 mothers from Mother's Club Association of Palma in Basista, Pangasinan on March 24.

In La Union, DOLE La Union Field Office led by Chief Veronica Corsino met with the women members of the Papaya Producers Association in Suguidan Sur, Naguilian, La Union on March 10.

In Ilocos Sur, 30 women from the Indigenous Peoples (IP) community in Cervantes, Ilocos Sur received from DOLE Ilocos Sur Field Office led by OIC Chief Charity Ubilas.

In Ilocos Norte, beneficiaries were the women members of Samahang Kababaihan ng Barangay and the Rural Improvement Club of Bacsil South, Laoag City. Ilocos Norte Field Office OIC-Chief Janelyn Martin led the awarding.

The 2022 National Women's Month celebration centers on the theme, "WE Make CHANGE Work for Women."

Earth Hour 2022: Sampulna calls on Filipinos to adopt 'new normal' lifestyle in environmental stewardship

As the world observes the annual Earth Hour event on March 26, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Acting Secretary Jim O. Sampulna urged Filipinos to go beyond the symbolic switching off of lights for an hour by making environmental stewardship a part of their "new normal" lifestyle.

"Apart from safeguarding ourselves from the COVID-19 virus under the new normal, let us also create a norm that puts our planet and, ultimately, our people first. Sustainability should already be a lifestyle and a common goal for each Filipino," Sampulna said.

The Philippines submitted on April 2021 its Nationally Determined Contribution to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change where the country pledged a projected greenhouse gas emissions reduction and avoidance of 75 percent, of which 2.71 percent is unconditional and 72.29 percent conditional, for the period 2020-2030.

Sampulna emphasized that this "ambitious goal" cannot be achieved with the government doing the work alone and if people continue their unsustainable practices that significantly harm nature.

To combat some of the country's pressing environmental challenges, Sampulna committed to pursue the enforcement of the country's environmental laws like the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, and Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004.

Under his leadership, the DENR will also continue to strengthen its National Greening Program while protecting 8.7 million hectares of forests and conserving the country's protected areas and biodiversity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems.

"Climate change is no longer a foreign term for all of us. With all the typhoons and disasters we have experienced in the past, I hope that Filipinos are already conscious and responsible towards taking care of the environment," Sampulna said.

He also cited the importance of collective individual actions to combat climate change by encouraging Filipinos to use bicycles and mass transport vehicles, and to carpool to go to places amid the current local fuel price hike in the country.

Sampulna also reminded the public to conserve water, especially during the dry season.

Moreover, for the next elections, he encouraged Filipino voters to choose leaders who will prioritize climate change mitigation.

"Apart from these, individuals can contribute in saving the planet by eating more sustainably, not wasting food, reducing plastic usage, being energy-sufficient, being a conscious consumer, being supportive of the government's environmental programs, being environmental ambassadors in their sphere of influence," he said.

Sampulna urged Filipinos to take part in the Earth Hour event on March 26 by switching off computers, television sets, air conditioning units, and non-essential lights from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Earth Hour movement, which is organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature, started in Sydney, Australia in 2007 and has become an annual symbolic action around the world, spreading to over 7,000 cities and 180 countries and territories. #

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and engaging platform for our jobseekers," RD Ramos said.

For the first two weeks of March, six job fairs have already been successfully staged in various towns in Pangasinan. Said activities have generated 12 Hired-on-the-spot (HOTs), while many others were near-hires and were considered for further evaluation.

Hundreds of local and overseas job opportunities will be up for grabs in the other job fairs scheduled this March.

Eager jobseekers are enjoined to catch these scheduled job fairs, to wit: Pangasinan PESO Complex, Lingayen, Pangasinan (March 24); Union Christian Colllege, City of San Fernando, La Union (March 29),; Municipal Covered Court, Rosales, Pangasinan (March 31); Doña Carmen Park, San Manuel, Pangasinan (April 1); Doña Victoria Elementary School, Dagupan City (April 5); 3rd Floor Royal Mall, Bayambang, Pangasinan (April 6); Pangasinan PESO Complex, Lingayen, Pangasinan (April 6); Municipal Gym, Anda, Pangasinan (April 8); Municipal Covered Court, Natividad, Pangasinan (April 8); Municipal Gymnasium, Tayug, Pangasinan (April 19); and, City Plaza and Museum, Dagupan City (April 23).

Jobseekers are advised to bring copies of their resume, and be in proper business attire. They are also reminded to observe the minimum public health standards such as wearing of face masks and frequent handwashing or sanitation. (*by Justin Paul D. Marbella)*

PRO1.....(back page)

and all the candidates in Region 1 to be united have a safe, accurate, fair, and free elections 2022," said Obinque.

During the launching of the Padyakan sa PRO1, at least 468 bikers composed of the operatives from the PRO1, army, AFP, BFP, NBI, PDEA, Navy, COMELEC, and Fun Cycle Club of La Union participated in the 35-kilometer bike run.

According to Police Lieutenant Colonel Abubakar U. Mangelen Jr., different legs of "Padyakan" activities are set in the provinces of Region 1 following the launching of the event at the PRO1 headquarters.

Meanwhile, Obinque announced that the start of the campaign period of local elections in the region on Friday was generally peaceful. However, he said that all police officers remain on alert status to anticipate the possible occurrence of any untoward incident in the election period. (*Freddie G. Lazaro/ PIA-1*)

DAR grants.....(back page)

so that you can use it for a long time. The materials used are from France, the metals are the same as those used for the famous Eiffel Tower," Cruz said.

Some of the 1,365 residents and the 287 individuals from different farmers institutions who are beneficiaries of the said project were present during the turnover ceremony.

The Silag Bridge will also benefit residents of the Municipality of Pilar in the Province of Abra, who according to Salvador A. Cadorna, chairperson of the Maynganay, Cabaroan, Tinaan (MACATI) Rang-ay Farmers Agrarian Reform Cooperative, often transport their products in Santa Maria.

The TPKP project that has a length of 34.20 Linear Meters of double lane steel bridge and 27 meters approaches without sidewalk was constructed within five months and 15 days. (*AILA T. VILLANUEVA/ PIA Ilocos Sur*)

LEGAL NOTICE

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of deceased ORLINO ASUNCION, SPOUSES LEO ASUNCION and RUFINA BORJA, and ALEX B. ASUNCION pertaining to their respective shares over a parcel of land designated as Lot No.19327, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-13904, situated in the Barrio of Babayugan (now Brgy. 60-B, Madiladig), Laoag City is the subject of a Deed of Adjudication with Sale executed by their heirs before Notary Public Atty. Francisco A. Musni; as per Doc. No. 266; Page No. 55; Book No. CXXIII; Series of 2021.

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The Ilocos Norte provincial library turns anew as a beehive of student activities after a lull due to the COVID pandemic. The INPL is headed by OIC librarian Eric Coloma. (*Photo by INPL*)

DAR grants ₱6.8-M bridge for Ilocos Sur, Abra residents

VIGAN CITY, Mar. 14 (PIA) -- Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Bernie F. Cruz led the formal turn-over of the P6.8 million Silag Bridge in Santa Maria, Ilocos Sur in his two-day visit in the province.

This project is under the Tulay ng Pangulo para sa Kaunlarang Pang-agraryo (TPKP) program of DAR in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Sta. Maria and implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

During the ceremony held on March 7, Undersecretary for Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Office (FASPO) Virginia N. Orogo; Assistant Secretary for Support Services Office Lawyer Milagros Isabel Cristobal; Officer-in-Charge Undersecretary for Finance, Management and Administration Office (FAMO) Lawyer Lucius Jun Jun G. Malsi; DAR Ilocos Regional Director Primo C. Lara; DAR Region XI Director Joseph H. Orilla; and Municipal Mayor Brigido C. Camarillo, Jr., joined the DAR Chief in the Turn-Over Ceremony of the Silag Bridge, along with representatives from the DPWH and Major Bethuel N. Barber, the Executive Officer of the 71st Infantry Battalion, 7th Infantry Division of Philippine Army.

"Pinapakiusap lang po natin na sana alagaan natin itong tulay at hindi natin pabayaan nang sa ganon ay matagal nating mapakinabangan. Mula po sa France itong materials, gaya ng metal na ginamit sa sikat Eiffel Tower. We hope that the you (farmers) take care of this bridge and cherish it

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Various F2F Job Fairs Slated in Region 1

As the COVID-19 restriction protocols in Ilocos Region now steadily eased down, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Regional Office 1 has approved the conduct of various face-to-face job fairs by various local government units in the region for March and April 2022.

As of March 22, 2022, the DOLE RO1 has issued Job Fair clearance to at least nine LGU-sponsored and -organized job fairs slated this March, eight for April, and seven other schedules scattered all throughout the year.

DOLE RO1 Regional Director Atty. Evelyn Ramos said the resumption of face-to-face job fairs is a celebration of the reinvigorated thrust of DOLE to strengthen its partnerships with the LGUs, through their respective Public Employment Services Office (PESO), in fulfilling their shared mandate on employment facilitation.

"While our experiences with the virtual job fairs taught us many lessons, we recognize that the face-to-face format remains to be the most effective

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PRO1 launches "Padyakan" for SAFE 2022

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Mar 26 (PIA) - - - The Police Regional Office 1 (PRO1) launched today the Padyakan sa PRO1 for Secure, Accurate, Free and Fair National and Local Elections (SAFE) 2022 at the Grandstand of the Camp Brigadier Oscar Florendo here.

Police Brigadier General Westrimundo D. Obinque, the PRO1 regional director, said the Padyakan sa PRO1 is not only promoting health awareness but strengthening the partnership of the concerned agencies and people's groups for the attainment of peace, progress, and prosperity on or before and after the elections.

"With the successful conduct of this event, this will boost the partnership the diferent concerned agencies for achieving the peaceful and successful May 9, 2022 polls. Let me make the change to call on the electorates

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